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### World news

## House rejects Reagan's plan to sell Saudi Arabia missiles

WASHINGTON (AP) - The House followed the Senate on Wednesday and voted 356-62 to reject President Reagan's plan to sell missiles to Saudi Arabia, a strong vote that suggested enough strength to override a presidential veto in the House.

It would take 289 votes in the Democraticcontrolled House to override Reagan's promised veto of the "disapproval resolution." The Senate voted 73-22 late Wednesday against the sale, six more votes than the 67 needed to over-

Even though votes on veto override efforts frequently are closer than the original vote, House Minority Leader Bob Michel, R-Ill., had acknowledged before the vote that he was "not all that confident" Reagan could win a veto fight in the House.

And the chief House opponent of the sale, Rep. Mel Levine, D-Calif., said: "I think when it comes down to the override, we'll have the votes to win. We're pretty close to having enough votes locked up.'

However, both houses - not just one would have to override Reagan's veto to block the sale, raising the likelihood that the final showdown on the issue will be fought in the Republican-controlled Senate where Reagan would have to sway only a handful of opponents to win eventual approval for the sale.

Never before has Congress rejected a weapons sale. The closest previous fight was in 1981, when Congress narrowly approved the sale of AWACS radar planes to the Saudis. Those planes are to be delivered next month.

The deadline for congressional action is today, the last day of a 30-day period that began last month when the White House formally notified Capitol Hill of the planned sale.

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#### Slight radioactivity detected in Oregon; amount declining

PORTLAND (AP) - The amount of radiation reaching Oregon from the Soviet nuclear accident declined on Wednesday, a state health official said.

State Health Division spokesman Art Keil said samples collected for the 24-hour period ending at 9 a.m. Wednesday showed radioactivity in the air declined, and none was detected in surface drinking water.

The lack of rainfall in the state during that period made measurement of contamination in rain impossible, he said

Keil added that the first samples of milk had no contamination, but extremely low levels of radioactivity were found in grass clippings.

Public health officials announced Tuesday that rain collected downtown Monday contained 654 picocuries of iodine-131 per liter, which is about a quart.

The officials said that level of radioactivity would be equivalent to the dose received in a chest X-ray if an adult drank slightly more than two quarts of rainwater.

Federal drinking-water standards permit only three picocuries of radioactivity per liter under normal conditions. but allow higher levels for short periods.

lodine-131 is a radioactive element produced by nuclear tests, explosions or accidents. It loses half its radioactivity every 8.1 days.

Keil said airborne radioactivity in the latest sample declined to 0.0046 picocuries of iodine-131 per cubic meter of air, equivalent to 35 cubic feet. Monday's sample measured 0.0076 picocuries.

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