

# White House and Congress narrow budget differences

WASHINGTON (AP) — White House and congressional negotiators narrowed differences Thursday over their budget problems with reported agreements on energy and luxury taxes and cuts in benefit programs. But key disputes remained to block a deal that would avoid bone-deep cuts in federal programs on Monday.

The two sides, racing the calendar, swapped offers into the evening, trying to put together the final pieces of a \$500 billion, five-year deficit-cutting package.

Parts of the pact tentatively agreed to were an additional 8-cent-per-gallon gasoline tax; a small tax on the energy content of all fuels and 10 percent taxes on luxury items ranging from fancy cars to electronic equipment, said one official who asked to not be identified.

The federal gasoline tax is now 9 cents per gallon. States add additional taxes on top of that.

If successful before Monday, the bargainers would allow the government to sidestep \$85 billion in spending cuts that the law would otherwise require. The slashes would result in furloughs for many of the 2.1 million federal civilian workers, including FBI agents and air traffic controllers.

Republicans were willing to accept a toned-down version of the cut in capital gains tax rates that President Bush has sought since he was a presidential candidate in 1988. The battle between Democrats and the administration over the tax has been the key barrier to a budget deal.

Capital gains — the profits from the sale of assets such as corporate stock or houses — are now taxed like ordinary income.

But Democrats seemed uncertain about whether in return, they would demand higher income tax rates on the wealthy or a limit on the tax deductions the well-to-do could take.

"I don't mean to put it in a negative way, but there is still a possibility of failure," said House Speaker Thomas S. Foley, D-Wash. "The odds are we will succeed."

Bush had argued that cutting capital gains tax rates would boost the economy. Democrats say the tax cut would benefit the rich and want higher taxes on the wealthy in return.

But the president was now willing to leave the rates constant if the increased value of an asset due to inflation is exempted, officials close to the talks have said. The proposal would apply only to property

purchased after the plan became law.

This official, like all the others who discussed the various proposals Tuesday night, spoke on condition of anonymity.

Still undecided, however, was which tax boost the two sides would agree to as a trade-off.

Republicans have proposed limiting income tax deductions

for the wealthy. In one variation of the idea, people earning more than \$200,000 annually would only be able to claim 95 percent of the deductions to which they would otherwise be entitled.

Democrats are interested in that idea, but have also advanced two other proposals, said another official who demanded anonymity.

They remain interested in raising the top-bracket income tax rate on the wealthiest Americans from the current 28 percent. People who are somewhat less well-off pay 33 percent in their top bracket.

Democrats would like to boost the top rate on the rich, but they are willing to settle for a new level below 33 percent.

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KEYNOTE ADDRESS:  
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3:30 P.M., ERB MEMORIAL UNION BALLROOM

Keynote Speaker: Mary Hatwood Futrell, noted public school educator, advocate of civil and women's rights and former president of the two-million-member National Education Association, is this year's convocation keynote speaker. Futrell is the director of the Center for the Study of Education and National Development at George Washington University.

Her address will be followed by nine seminars on the convocation theme, "A University for Everyone."

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### Gumwood Room

- 1. The Structures of Discrimination and the Individual**  
Patricia Gwartney-Gibbs, Associate Professor, Sociology  
Ronald J. Rousseau, Professor, Counseling Psychology

### Fir Room

- 2. Affirmative Action: Historical, Social, and Legal Perspectives**  
Clarence Spigner, Assistant Professor, Health  
Diane Wong, Director, Affirmative Action

### Cedar Room A

- 3. Talking About Art and Architecture: Women's Voices, Women's Visions**  
Laura J. Alpert, Associate Professor, Fine and Applied Arts  
Elizabeth Cahn, Assistant Professor, Architecture  
Linda Ettinger, Assistant Professor, Art Education

### Cedar Room E

- 4. Facing the Question of Class at "A University for Everyone"**  
John B. Foster, Assistant Professor, Sociology  
J. Dennis Gilbert, Adjunct Assistant Professor, Physics  
Risa Haberman, President, Local 85, Oregon Public Employees Union  
Office Coordinator, East Asian Languages

### Oak Room

- 5. Native Son Fifty Years Later: Two Perspectives on Teaching the Novel**  
Edwin L. Coleman II, Professor, English and Ethnic Studies  
Joseph Hynes, Professor, English

### Walnut Room

- 6. Lesbian Women and Gay Men: Our University Too**  
Sarah A. Douglas, Associate Professor, Computer and Information Science  
Dominick R. Vetri, Professor, Law

### Maple Room

- 7. Beyond Curb Cuts and Charity: Disability and the University**  
Dianne Ferguson, Associate Professor, Special Education and Rehabilitation  
Phil Ferguson, Research Associate, Special Education and Rehabilitation

### Cedar Room D

- 8. Many Women's Voices: Discussion of Maxine Hong Kingston's Novels, Chicana Poetry, and Native American Autobiography**  
Paul Dresman, Instructor, English  
Candace Glass Montoya, Instructor, English  
Robert C. Proudfoot, Assistant Professor, Teacher Education

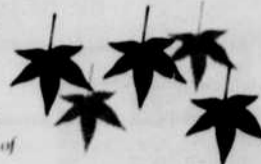
### Ben Linder Room

- 9. A Chilly Climate in the Classroom: Students of Color, Lesbians and Gays, and Athletes Speak Out About Their Educational Experiences**  
Hasani Kudura, Coordinator, Women's Center, will facilitate the panel discussion

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