Senate committee reviews Hatfield's finances



(AP) — Sen. Mark Hatfield (R-Ore.) told the Senate Ethics Committee Wednesday that he

failed to disclose nearly \$50,000 in gifts, forgiven loans and below-market real estate deals with friends.

Hatfield's new admission is in addition to an earlier failure to report more than \$159,000 worth of gifts and forgiven loans.

The senator has said he was sorry before. He dealt with Wednesday's revelation by issuing a written statement and

Senator fails to disclose gifts he received

The statement said he has "previously acknowledged that he devoted insufficient attention to reporting procedures in the past and pledged that he would take prompt and full remedial steps in the future.

The newly disclosed money includes more than \$30,000 in discounted farm rental rates courtesy of a former Oregon congressman from 1985-89.

Also included are \$17,000 worth of home remodeling work from the wife of a California businessman and a \$400 portable compact disc player from former University of South Carolina President James Holderman.

The ethics panel is reviewing Hatfield's finances, including his initial failure to report \$133,000 in forgiven loans from friends. They are also investigating more than \$26,000 in gifts and free travel from Holderman during a time USC was vying for federal grants.

Hatfield, ranking Republican on the Senate Appropriations Committee, said in the statement that he has completed a search of his files dating back to 1985 to be sure he did not miss any other gifts.

cept no more gifts. As a result of this review and in light of legal advice from his counsel, Sen. Hatfield has made some supplements to his financial disclosure forms," the

statement said. Most of the money in the new disclosure involves the below-market rental rates that former Oregon Rep. John Dellenback charged the senator for a farm in Tigard.

Dellenback, a longtime friend who attended regular prayer meetings with Hatfield, has lobbied Congress on occasion as head of the Christian College Co-



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Taxol brings hope to cancer patients

SEATTLE (AP) - Taxol, thought to be a powerful new cancer drug, will be made available for selected ovarian cancer patients at the University of Washington and 38 other sites across the country, a National Cancer Institute official

Dr. Michael Hawkins, chief of investigational drugs at NCI in Washington, D.C., said Tuesday there is enough taxol to treat about 500 patients, though he warned that number is "highly variable" because some patients will use more of the drug than others.

NCI, which controls the drug's distribution, will send doses to 39 hospitals that have been designed by the agency as Clinical or Comprehensive Cancer Centers.

The drug will come to the University of Washington Medical Center in Seattle under an agreement reached with the Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center, which has conducted taxol research. Taxol will be made available at the university to eligible ovarian cancer patients in Washington, Oregon, Idaho, Montana and Alaska.

Hawkins said the drug's use will be limited to patients whose ovarian cancers have resisted successful treatment by more traditional drugs. Most of such patients, he said, will probably be in the final stages of the disease.

"In this group of patients, the most you can hope is to delay the growth of the tumors," he said.

Taxol was discovered by NCI researchers. It's an extract from the bark of the Pacific yew, a tree that grows in forests in the Northwest. Harvesting the bark for the drug kills the slow-growing tree. Estimates of the number of trees available range from 13 million to 130 million, and it takes several such trees to make enough taxol for one patient.

Clinical studies have shown taxol will shrink tumors in about a third of ovarian cancer patients and up to about half of women with advanced breast

The announcement was welcomed by the family of ovarian cancer patient Charlotte Didier, who has undergone chemotherapy and surgery with no success and has waged a public campaign to make the drug available in the Northwest.

"I'm ecstatic about it. It can't be any too soon," said her husband Frank Didier

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"Taxol is Charlotte's last resort. Having access to it is what we've been striving for," he said. "Hopefully, it's not too late for Charlotte, and will help others, too."

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