

Lawmakers Agree On Defense Outlay

WASHINGTON (AP)—Congressional leaders hoped to get quick final approval Thursday of a defense money bill carrying some funds and provisions opposed by the administration.

Rep. George H. Mahon, D-Tex., said he expected House passage of the \$48,136,247,000 appropriation to pay, arm and operate the nation's military might for the fiscal year which began July 1.

Sen. A. Willis Robertson, D-Va., said he would ask Senate consideration later in the day and expected speedy action there.

A Senate-House Conference Committee led by Robertson and Mahon agreed on a compromise late Wednesday which ignored personal appeals of Secretary of Defense Robert S. McNamara.

The measure carried \$362.6 million to speed development of the RS70 supersonic jet reconnaissance strike aircraft for the Air Force, more than double the \$171 million asked by President Kennedy and his Pentagon chief. In its earlier planning stages the plane was designated the B70.

It also included a mandatory directive to McNamara to keep the Army National Guard at a year-end strength of 400,000 men and officers on drill pay and a similar goal for 300,000 Army Reservists.

McNamara wrote Mahon and Robertson that if they left out the mandatory language inserted by the Senate, he would try to build toward these manpower goals.

Same Standards

But he also said that recruits for the civilian-soldier units must meet the same standards as the regular army, that their units must include the necessary military specialists, and that no surplus men and officers would be retained after the next fiscal year.

The conference group retained the mandatory provision but noted that McNamara's conditions also would be observed.

Earlier this year the secretary of defense stirred a hornet's nest of opposition from Congress, governors of the states and spokesmen for the Guard and Reserves by announcing a reorganization plan.

This would have cut the National Guard some 33,000 and the Reserves 25,000 from the strength Congress had asked and funded in the past.

Both Robertson and Mahon said the extra RS70 funds would assure development of this manned aircraft as a successor for the heavy jet B52 bombers, now mainstay of the global Strategic Air Command.

Compromise Total

They said the \$171 million asked by the President and McNamara would provide only three of the experimental aircraft and part of the sub-systems needed to make it a complete new weapon.

The House voted \$223.5 million for the RS70, and the Senate \$491 million.

Mahon said the compromise total of \$352.5 million would assure production of six of the experimental aircraft plus development of missiles, radar and other special equipment.

McNamara is not obligated to spend the extra millions on the RS70. Last year he froze some \$514.5 million of extra funds intended to continue production of the B52.

The compromise bill would provide about \$19.5 billion for the Air Force, some \$15 billion for the Navy, about \$11.5 billion for the Army and about \$2 billion for other defense agencies.



Tugman Plane

Former Eugene and Reedsport resident Tom Tugman, injured in this plane crash June 27 in Douglas, Wyo., remained in a coma and in critical condition Thursday. Doctors at the Cheyenne, Wyo., hospital, where he was taken after the crash, say he has shown some slight improvement but never has fully regained consciousness.

Tugman is the son of the late William Tugman, former editor of the Register-Guard and publisher of the Port Pempqua Courier in Reedsport. This picture was taken by amateur photographer Bob Markle, a former Eugene resident now living in California, who was visiting in Douglas at the time of the crash.

Court Rejects Plea Of Convicted Spy

LONDON (AP)—The British Court of Appeal Thursday rejected convicted spy Robert A. Soblen's plea to be set free in Britain.

The court action, however, did not assure Soblen's return to the United States.

Lawyers for the 61-year-old psychiatrist contended his detention in prison is unlawful and that he should be freed in Britain under a writ of habeas corpus.

Three-Judge Panel

The British government contested the appeal on the ground that Soblen—under sentence of life imprisonment in the United States as a Soviet spy—had entered the country illegally and should be expelled.

The hearing opened before three British judges shortly after the Israeli Interior Ministry in Jerusalem rejected Soblen's application to be admitted to Israel as an immigrant. Soblen's Israeli lawyer, Ari Ankorian, was expected to appeal the ministry's ruling to the Israeli Supreme Court.

Soblen, who has leukemia and reportedly has only a few months to live, jumped \$100,000 bail in New York and fled to Israel late last month. He entered Israel on a dead brother's Canadian passport and the Israeli government expelled him July 1 as an illegal immigrant.

He was put aboard an El Al Israeli airliner for New York. He slashed a wrist and plunged a knife into his abdomen.

He was removed from the plane in London and hospitalized. He is now almost recovered from his wounds.

Soblen cabled Ankorian to try again to get permission for him to enter Israel under the 1952 Law to Return which allows most Jews to claim a home in Israel.

Soblen also applied for political asylum in Britain.

Possible Appeals

Dismissal of Soblen's appeal does not automatically mean his deportation. His attorneys could petition the House of Lords. They could press the plea, already lodged, for the home secretary to grant Soblen political asylum. And even if all that failed, there is no guarantee that Soblen could be compelled to return to America.

The Israeli El Al airline—on which Soblen was traveling when he knifed himself—has agreed to take Soblen out of the country but has not specified where it will take him. It cannot take him back to Israel immediately because the Israeli attorney general refused earlier Thursday to admit Soblen as an immigrant.

Berserk Man Shoots Five

PHILADELPHIA (AP)—A shoe repairman went berserk with a shotgun and wounded five persons, three critically, Wednesday.

Police said the man, Leroy Lampkin, 58, chased his wife, Lavinia, 62, from their home, fired at her from their porch and hit her as she fled down the street.

Police said other shots hit James Morris, 60, on a porch across the street and three children playing in the street.

Melvin Tender, 11, was reported in critical condition. Dennis Perkins, 12, and Barry Taylor, 13, were hurt less seriously.

Police surrounded the house and ordered Lampkin to come out.

Lampkin told policemen later he and his wife had been arguing for five years. "I just couldn't take it any more," he said.

Lampkin was charged with assault with intent to kill.

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Decision Awaited On Abortion Suit

PHOENIX, Ariz. (AP)—Medical authorities Thursday awaited action on a suit to determine the legality of an abortion recommended for an expectant mother who took tranquilizers that doctors fear might deform her unborn child.

Plaintiffs in the Superior Court suit are Mr. and Mrs. Robert W. Finkbine and Good Samaritan Hospital.

The abortion, recommended for Mrs. Finkbine, a prominent Phoenix television personality who is hostess for the "Romper Room," a daily children's show, was held in abeyance while legal clarification and determination of the medical need of the operation was sought.

Named defendants in the suit were the Arizona attorney general and the Maricopa County attorney. The suit challenges the legality of the Arizona abortion laws and seeks to obtain an exact definition of these statutes.

Operation Recommended

The operation was recommended after a drug the woman took, thalidomide, was found to cause deformities in children. Mrs. Finkbine, the mother of four children, took a tranquilizer containing the substance early in her pregnancy—the most dangerous time, according to doctors.

Stephen Morris, Good Samaritan Hospital administrator, said the court action was taken to obtain an interpretation of Arizona laws as to the legality of an abortion under such circumstances.

Morris said the hospital insisted on further medical and legal determination to see if care "should be and can be given to the woman." He said legal aspects of the case prompted the suit.

"Under the proper medical recommendations," said Morris, "and if it is within the legality of the laws of Arizona, we will want to make our facilities available to this woman."

Obtained in Europe

Mrs. Finkbine obtained the tranquilizers from her husband who got them for her in Europe. They were removed from the European market when it was determined they caused deformities in children.

Mrs. Finkbine said Wednesday she doesn't know how much more of the strain she can take. "I'm right on the verge of breaking down," she said. "I don't think I could stand up another six months of wondering about the baby."

Mrs. Finkbine, married to a high school teacher, has four healthy children. Her name had been kept secret until filing of the suit made it a matter of public record.

Attorney Named

SALEM (AP)—The Oregon Civil Service Commission Wednesday re-elected Philip A. Joss, Portland attorney, chairman.

Satellite Bill Critics Start Delay Tactics

WASHINGTON (AP)—Democratic opponents of the administration's communications satellite bill Thursday launched what appeared to be the forerunner to a filibuster against the measure.

Sen. Wayne Morse, D-Ore., backed by Sen. Ernest Gruening, D-Alaska, forced the reading of Wednesday's Journal of Senate proceedings at the outset of Thursday's session.

This routine procedure is usually dispensed with by unanimous consent. The last time the Journal was read was on Aug. 21, 1961, during a fight on a civil rights amendment to an appropriations bill.

Senate debate on the bill was slated to begin in the wake of heightened public interest stirred up by the successful experiments with the Telstar communications satellite in the past week.

During the reading of the Journal, which took 23 minutes, Gruening twice asked that Reading Clerk Edward E. Mansur Jr. read "more slowly."

Morse, who had refused to tell newsmen earlier how long he would talk against the bill, had asked the presiding officer to direct the clerk to read so that members could understand what he was saying. The Journal is the official record of the previous day's proceedings.

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'Comparable' Deleted Equal Rights Bill Passed by House

WASHINGTON (AP)—The House passed a bill Wednesday aimed at equalizing pay between men and women, but with an amendment sponsors of the bill said made it unenforceable.

A voice vote sent the measure to the Senate.

As brought to the floor, the bill would have required equal pay for men and women performing "comparable work requiring comparable skill." A combination of Republicans and Southern Democrats succeeded in changing "comparable" to "equal."

Rep. Herbert Zelenko, D-N.Y., sponsor of the original bill, said such a change would make the law unenforceable. No two jobs could be considered exactly equal, he said.

Less Gloomy View

Assistant Secretary of Labor Esther Peterson, who watched the action from the gallery, took a less gloomy view. She said the definition of "equal" was still subject to court interpretation.

The amendment was offered by Rep. Katharine St. George, R-N.Y., who said use of the word "comparable" would give too much discretion to the secretary of labor in enforcing the law.

Rep. Edith Green, D-Ore., said under Mrs. St. George's amendment men and women members of Congress could not qualify for equal pay because of their jobs, while comparable, were not equal in all respects.

The amendment was adopted by a non-record, standing vote of 138 to 104.

Amendment Adopted

The same Republican-Southern Democratic combination adopted, 132 to 116, another amendment that Zelenko said would leave the bill with "just a title." It removed a provision that would have required raising the lower pay to the higher level when a violation of the law occurred.

Zelenko said the amendment, proposed by Rep. Charles E. Goodell, R-N.Y., would have the effect of depressing wages.

Still another amendment offered by Rep. John M. Ashbrook, R-Ohio, which would have made any federal equal pay law inoperative in a state having such a law, was defeated by voice vote. Twenty-two states have equal pay laws, not all equally effective.

Woman Presides

Goodell broke the solid Republican lineup on the other amendments with a speech saying Ashbrook's proposal "would negate the entire bill."

Bills to provide equal pay for men and women have been introduced in Congress for nearly 20 years, but none ever reached the floor of the House before.

Rep. Edith Kelly, D-N.Y., presided over the House during consideration of the bill, one of the rare instances in which a woman has occupied that position.

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