

Finance Chief Mum About Debt Ceiling

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Sen. Harry F. Byrd, D-Va., said today he has not decided what stand to take on President Kennedy's stop-gap proposal to raise the national debt ceiling to \$309 billion.

Byrd, chairman of the Senate Finance Committee and a staunch economy advocate, said he was "very doubtful" about another hike of the debt limit, but had not decided whether to oppose it.

The 75-year-old senator said he would wait until Treasury Secretary Douglas Dillon brings his case to the finance committee before making a decision, Dillon testifies Thursday.

The House passed the bill to bring the limit to the record high of \$309 billion during July and August. Republicans voted almost solidly against it. The Senate, however, is expected to approve the bill with little difficulty.

There were indications that the finance committee would hear only Dillon and then clear the measure for Senate action without change. Senate Democratic Leader Mike Mansfield, Mont., said it would be taken up on the floor Monday.

Other congressional news:

Pay: The House Rules Committee considered legislation providing that women must get the same pay as men for doing the same

work. House Democratic leaders seemed confident the Senate-approved bill would clear the Rules Committee quickly. They said the bill would be called up for floor action Thursday.

TFX: The Senate investigations subcommittee called a former Pentagon civilian employee to testify on the controversial TFX fighter plane contract. The witness was Al Blackburn, who resigned from his Pentagon job some months ago. He was closely associated with the design competition and series of bids on the contract.

Russians Plan Spacewoman

BOGOTA, Colombia (UPI) — Two visiting Soviet technicians said Tuesday Russia hopes soon to put the first spacewoman into orbit.

M. Filippov and M. V. Roman-tchenko, delegates to an international communications conference here, told a press conference the Kremlin plans to end male domination of space.



BIT O' BEAUTY — This espaliered apple tree of Rome Beauty variety is a mass of beauty at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Martin, 1111 Pacific Terrace. The terraced yard was planned by the famous Thomas Church, nationally known gardener, 23 years ago and present flower and shrub and tree arrangements are the same as they were then. With the exception of lawn care, Mrs. Martin, above, is chief gardener. Five tall weeping birches dominate the upper terrace. Patio and terrace walls are red brick.

Sale Of Buck Lake Timber Scheduled By BLM

Approximately 3,143 million board feet of pine, fir and cedar timber located about four miles south of Buck Lake in Klamath County will be sold during an oral auction sale, 9:30 a.m., Thursday, June 13, at the Bureau of Land Management warehouse area, Armory Drive in Medford, the BLM has announced.

At the same time and place, bids will also be received for about 365 million board feet of the same species of timber which was blowdown in various parts of Jackson and Klamath counties

since last winter. In the latter sale, the successful bidder will be required to cut and remove the logs within six months following the awarding of the contract. Nearly 97 per cent of the estimated sale volume consists of recent windthrow, snags and other dead or damaged trees, the BLM has announced.

Approximately 2.9 per cent of the estimated sale volume consists of logs cut and decked along the road leading into the BLM Surveyor Recreation site in Sec. 21, T. 38S, R.3E. The average log contains 229 board feet.

The winning bidder will be required to post a \$500 deposit.

In the sale covering the Buck Lake area (Miners Creek), the successful bidder will be allowed 30 months to cut and remove the timber.

The contract will contain special regulations regarding road construction, road maintenance, logging methods, prevention of erosion, falling of snags, slash disposal and the submission of a written logging plan outlining the location of spur roads and landings and logging methods and schedules.

Less than two per cent of the estimated sale volume consists of dead or damaged trees.

In each of the two sales, the purchaser will pay the Bureau of Land Management a maintenance fee of 10 cents per million board feet per mile.

Maintenance fees are to be paid before the beginning of operations in the contract area, except that if maintenance fees total more than \$300 the purchaser may elect to make installment payments.

The purchaser will be required to provide a deposit of \$3,400.

Details on the two timber sales follow by species, approximate number of merchantable trees, estimated volume (MBF), appraised price (MBF), and estimated volume times price:

Miners Creek—Douglas fir, 344, 473, \$20.20, \$9,554.60. Ponderosa pine, 51, 92, \$24.15, \$2,221.80. Sugar pine, 209, 436, \$22.10, \$9,635.00. Western white pine, 31, 24, \$32.45, \$778.80. Incense cedar, 5, 2, \$7.90, \$15.80. White fir, 2,502, 1,430, \$4.75, \$11,925.00.

\$8,792.50. Shasta fir, 768, 683, \$6.60, \$4,540.80. Keno Road Blowdown—Douglas fir, 25, 31, \$20.30, \$629.30. Ponderosa pine, 29, 44, \$16.45, \$811.80. Sugar pine, 7, 11, \$17.40, \$191.40. Incense cedar, 3, 1, \$8.50, \$25.50. White fir, 518, 432, \$4.75, \$2,052.00. Shasta red fir, 14, 19, \$7.40, \$140.60. Western white pine, 24, 27, \$25.20, \$680.40.

Top Soviets Reported Ill

MOSCOW (UPI) — Two of Premier Nikita Khrushchev's top deputies, Anastas Mikoyan and Frol Kozlov, today were reported ill. Mikoyan's illness was disclosed Tuesday night. Informal sources said he has been in the hospital since early this month after coming down with influenza April 27, when he went to the Arctic Circle city of Murmansk to greet Cuban Premier Fidel Castro.

Kozlov is more seriously ill. The

34-year-old party secretary and Presidium member has been out of action since mid-April with what is understood to be a brain hemorrhage and partial paralysis. Observers said that for all practical purposes, Kozlov, once considered Khrushchev's heir apparent, is finished as a major figure in Soviet politics.

Mikoyan, on the other hand, is recuperating and is expected to be back on the job shortly.

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