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Most cuts won't pass
Congress tax-minded

United Press International
WASHINGTON — U.S. taxpayers will get another tax cut, see a balanced federal budget and have Social Security tax increases rolled back if some members of the new Congress have their way. But they won't.

Legislation calling for these and other tax-related actions dominated the flood of bills introduced minutes after the 96th Congress convened Monday.

Sen. Gary Hart, D-Colo., proposed cutting individual income taxes about 29 percent by 1982 — but only if the growth of federal spending "would be slowed from its current rate of inflation plus 2 percent to a rate of inflation plus 0.5 percent."

Sen. Robert Dole, R-Kan., introduced a bill to "index" personal income tax rates — adjust them automatically to compensate for increases in the cost of living — each year for the next four years.

President Carter threatened to veto any indexed tax bill last year, on grounds it built inflation into the tax system.

Dole said his tax plan also would require the government to decrease spending over the next three years.

Rep. Larry Coughlin, R-Pa., proposed tuition tax credits for parents of elementary, secondary and university students — another proposal which died under threats of a presidential veto last year.

Sen. John Stennis, D-Miss., introduced a constitutional amendment requiring a balanced federal budget at the end of every year, and two congressmen — Reps. Tom Loeffler, R-Texas, and L.A. Bafalis, R-Fla. called for repayment of the national debt as well.

The higher Social Security taxes that hit Americans' takehome pay beginning Jan. 1 would be rolled back under legislation proposed by Rep. Barber Conable, R-N.Y.

And Rep. Bill Archer, R-Ind., vowed to repeal the limits on earnings which Social Security recipients may receive and still qualify for benefits.

Iran: trouble oil giant

United Press International
Iran's vast oil reserves, located along Russia's flank were used by Mohammed Reza Pahlavi to develop his nation into a Middle Eastern superpower with economic and political clout.

A member of the OPEC cartel — as large as Texas and Alaska — exports about 5 million barrels of oil per day at peak production, making it the world's second largest oil exporter after Saudi Arabia.

Oil revenues account for 90 percent of Iran's annual export earnings. In 1978, it had a per capita income of \$2,200, although the price of oil was rich and poor was tremendous.

The shah sought Western aid to counter any Soviet threat to independence or territorial integrity.

The West helped build a 350,000-man army into a fighting force capable of deterring Soviet expansion into the East and serving as a bulwark against Persian Gulf oil shipping.

Iran also houses key listening posts which monitor land forces and missile landings — as large as Texas and Alaska — binned — Iran is bounded by and Iraq to the West, the Gulf to the south, Afghanistan to the east, and Pakistan to the north.

A sizable proportion of the desert ringed on almost by mountains.

Much of Iran's oil used Western Europe, South Africa and Japan. Most of the oil revenues fund the shah's "White Revolution" of all aspects of Iranian life.

But the modernistic, Westernized and secular trends of Iran's leap into the 20th century.

The Shiite leaders helped the ouster of the shah.

Despite the Shah's attempted educational reform, almost 60 percent of Iran's population is illiterate.

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