Committee eyes cuts in aid to cities, states

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WASHINGTON — The House
Undget Committee, having made

OSAI, aimed at balancing the budget, "will anger many groups and many beneficiaries of federal prog-Budget Committee, having made the easy decisions, now must roll up its sleeves and decide whether to adopt controversial cuts in mail delivery, defense spending and revenue sharing.

The panel resumed work Thursday on the \$15.9 billion in recommended reductions from President Carter's January budget proposal for fiscal 1981.

The proposals by committee Chairman Robert Giaimo, D-Conn., included elimination of Saturday mail delivery, revenue sharing to the states, and cuts in defense spending, jobs and social programs, and financ-ing for food stamps and child nutri-

Wednesday with a warning the prop-

It calls for more than \$1 billion worth of unspecified cuts in defense spending, despite major opposition

to military reductions of any kind.

It also would make all members of Congress and their staff forego a costof-living wage increase scheduled for October

The biggest cut would be \$1.7 billion in no-strings-attached aid to the states - known as revenue sharing - and \$1 billion in anti-recession aid

Also \$1 billion in a 2 percent across-the-board cut in department operation and administrative costs and delays in new social initiatives Giaimo unveiled his package such as welfare reform and Medicare-Medicaid expansion that would

save another \$1 billion.

If the panel's revenue estimate spending projection, the govern-ment would be in the black by more than \$1 billion at the end of fiscal 1981, the first budget surplus in 12

The House panel, beginning its work a week ahead of the Senate Budget Committee, Wednesday went through the major budget categories one-by-one to act on Giaimo's proposed cuts.

The panel began drafting its re-commendations for the House even though Carter has not yet sent Congress his revised proposal for a balanced budget.

Carter has promised to cut \$13 billion to \$14 billion from the federal budget for the fiscal year beginning

Study says n-plant reports incomplete

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WASHINGTON — A one-year
tudy released Thursday by the Predent's Council on Environmental Quality concludes that environmenl impact statements on atomic ctors virtually ignore the risks nd effects of serious accidents.

The 66-page study, researched by he Environmental Law Institute, and that discussion of accident fects in 149 past impact statements meaningless to the average

The NRC drafters of the 1971 imact statement for the Three Mile sland reactor, for example, rejected he Interior Department's call for a letailed analysis of a possible meltown's effects on the Susquehanna iver which flows by the Pennsyl-

"The staff believes, in view of the remote possibility of the occurrence of a (most serious) Class 9 event, that the environmental risk of such and event is acceptably low and that meric discussion of these events are adequate," the document said.

Gus Speth, chairman of the preting the act. Council on Environmental Quality, said past statements "don't contain a serious candid assessment" of accident risk and potential impacts.

Impact statements, however, are required by the National Environmental Policy Act specifically to inform the public of the possible effects of proposed nuclear projects by government or industry

In a letter to John Ahearne, chairman of the Nuclear Regulatory Com-mission, Speth called for an immediate change in current practices, including a candid discussion of accident probability and impact.

Speth also urged the NRC to make the statements clearer and more accessible to the public.

For plants currently operating or Speth's Council, although it cannot invalidate past impact statements, is charged by law with intermental impact statements should be prepared on possible accidents.

Illegal pet traffic hit

United Press International WASHINGTON — The government is establishing a special investigative force to stop the smuggling of thousands of diseased birds, reptiles and animal skins into the United

day signed two agreements with four Texas-Mexican border each year.

agencies setting up a Wildlife Law Enforcement Coordinating Committee and a special Texas Task Force.

U.S. Assistant Attorney General James W. Moorman said the agreements reflect concern with the smuggling of an estimated 25,000 to 50,000 parrots and other birds, rep-The Justice Department Wednes- tiles and animal skins across the



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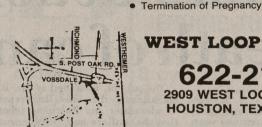
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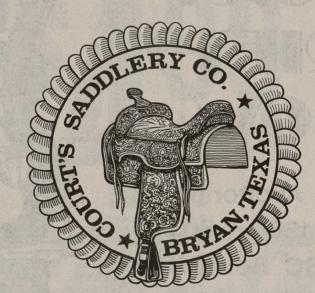
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