

Lawmaker attacks supplemental budget

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WASHINGTON — The chairman of a key House subcommittee Tuesday attacked the Reagan administration for submitting a supplemental 1983 budget request for major military items rejected by Congress only last December.

Rep. Joseph Addabbo, head of the defense subcommittee of the House Appropriations Committee, told Defense Secretary Caspar Weinberger that the \$1.6 billion request, which includes development funds for the MX and Pershing II missiles is an example of "business as usual" at the Pentagon.

Addabbo, D-N.Y., criticized the administration as Weinberger appeared to defend its record 1984 defense budget,

which at \$238.6 billion is 10 percent above 1983's budget.

"The Congress spoke in a heavy voice last year," Addabbo told the Pentagon chief. "These are all matters for which funds were denied only in December by the Congress of the United States."

It was Addabbo who led the fight last year to cut development funding for the controversial MX intercontinental nuclear missile, forcing a compromise in which the administration was told to come up with an evaluation of all MX basing plans by March 1, including the "dense pack" scheme favored by the administration.

"It's business as usual," Addabbo charged. "But you

can't have business as usual. The American public has spoken. The facts have spoken.

"What really troubles me, Mr. Secretary, is when the Congress speaks, the Defense Department closes its door, puts up the ramparts without listening," he said.

Weinberger replied it is the administration's responsibility to give Congress what it thinks is needed for the national security.

"The Congress obviously has the responsibility for deciding what they want to do," Weinberger said. "I do not think the president or the Defense Department should be condemned for telling you what we think is essential as part of our constitutional statutory duty."



An ice cream break

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Debilyn Hardway, left, with daughter, Sarah Mae, and Sheila Pace with her daughter, Marijke Ocean, enjoy an ice cream break at the creamery on campus during an afternoon stroll Tuesday.

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U.S. Customs officials said Noel Martinez, a delivery man, saw three cartons of RDX "jumbo jet charges" fall from a U.S. Customs truck near Miami International Airport about 10 a.m. Monday.

The 192 charges were in three of 215 cartons of the explosives seized on a technical violation of air-freight rules, customs spokesman Dave Woods said.

"Our officer who was moving them remembered hitting a jolt in the road," Woods said.

Customs officers seized the explosives because a Houston-based shipper, sending them to Venezuela, failed to get an export license. Cartons containing the charges are about 1 cubic foot.

The charges are about four inches long and contain 22.5 grams of the explosive. Woods said they are capable of blasting through 10 inches of steel or 16 inches of rock.

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