

Pentagon creates art accounting weapon

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WASHINGTON — The Pentagon has created a paper weapon, a new class of submarine, the Navy says exists only for accounting purposes.

It saved the Pentagon \$11.2 billion in the final quarter of '82, but only on paper.

Similarly, the quarterly Budget Acquisition Report to Congress released by the Pentagon Tuesday is laced with other bookkeeping maneuvers designed to show defense costs have been brought under control, resulting in savings of \$18.4 billion from the third to the fourth quarters of last year.

The attempt by the Pentagon to depict cost savings when the tag of some weapons usually increased seemed certain to infuriate Congress at a

time when a bipartisan effort is under way to cut the defense budget by as much as \$30 billion for fiscal year 1984.

The Pentagon is required by law to make quarterly reports to Congress on the cost of major weapons to keep tabs on price increases.

The most glaring discrepancy in the report was the Trident, a \$1.2 billion nuclear-powered submarine. Fifteen Tridents are to be built, three of which have been completed.

The first eight subs of the class are to be fitted with the C-4 missiles and later with the D-5 missiles and the remaining seven with the D-5 only. The Pentagon controller designated these seven the Trident II and eliminated the Trident I from the report even though both are

the same submarine.

The newly created sub has no cost history and, therefore, no cost increases could be shown. Yet the total cost of the Trident submarine program went up \$2.8 billion to \$31.2 billion between the third and the fourth quarters.

The report said there was a net decrease in costs of \$11.2 billion which was a result of a schedule stretch out and a quantity reduction of seven ships.

"There's no new submarine," Kelso said. "It is one program. The Navy has not cut back (on the 15 Tridents it wants to buy) and has not introduced a new type of sub."

Kelso agreed the appearance of the Trident II for the first time anywhere was for accounting purposes only.

"That's all it is," Kelso said.

Jobs measure delays could disrupt benefits

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WASHINGTON — The \$4.6 billion jobs bill, the first recession-relief measure of the 98th Congress, has won basic approval from Congress but hit a snag Tuesday.

It could disrupt unemployment benefits in 27 states and District of Columbia.

The Senate Tuesday night gave initial approval to the over-kill by an 82-15 vote, but after debate sent the package

back to the House to work out differences on how to distribute the money.

The next step was up to the House Wednesday. If it concurs with the latest Senate effort, the bill goes to President Reagan for his expected signature, but perhaps not in time to prevent disruption of jobless benefits in 27 states and the District of Columbia.

The lopsided Senate vote

came just hours after the House voted, 329-86, in favor of the compromise bill worked out in a House-Senate conference committee, but 277-132 against the formula for distributing the money to states and localities worked out by the conferees.

It insisted on its original version that would allocate about \$2 billion to localities with an unemployment rate exceeding 9 percent.

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Gasoline leads price decline

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WASHINGTON — Gasoline prices falling at the pump pulled consumer prices down 0.2 percent in February, and food and housing costs held steady to account for the second monthly overall decline in the government index in more than 17 years, the department said.

The drop in the Labor Department's Consumer Price Index for February, after seasonal adjustment, canceled the 0.2 percent increase for January to produce a zero rate of inflation for the first two months of the year.

Gasoline prices dropped 6.7 percent, part of an enormous 10.8 percent decline in the last four months.

Auto financing costs dropped 2.7 percent, the seventh consecutive monthly decline, the department said.

Both factors pulled down the major category of transportation prices 1.6 percent in February while food and housing costs did not change at all.

The Consumer Price Index for February, before adjustment to show changes beyond routine seasonal patterns, was listed at 293.2, equivalent to a cost of \$293.20 for the government's sample "market basket" of goods and services that cost \$100 in 1967.

The department said the purchasing power of the 1967 dollar remained at 34.1 cents, the same value as in January.

If the drop in fuel prices had not been included, the overall index would have risen a moder-

ate 0.3 percent, the department said.

Clothing costs went up 0.5 percent, reflecting the slowdown of sale prices for winter merchandise and the introduction of more expensive spring wear, the department said.

Medical care costs kept escalating at a double digit annual rate, with February's overall medical costs climbing 0.8 percent.

While the subcategory of prescription drugs and medical supplies was up 0.3 percent, doctors raised their prices a full 1 percent and hospital charges jumped 1.6 percent in the single month.

A narrower index covering prices typically paid by wage earners and clerical workers, also went down 0.2 percent after seasonal adjustment.

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