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# Committee OKs \$632.2 billion spending cut plan

AUSTIN (AP) — The House Appropriations Committee Wednesday approved a \$632.2 billion spending plan that one member said goes far beyond what is reasonable and will hurt — and maybe kill. The 24-4 vote set up a Friday debate in the full House on the cuts that are a key part of Speaker Gib Lewis' plan to solve the state's cash-flow crisis without a tax hike. "The strong support shown here today indicates the willingness on the part of the House to make some very drastic cuts," Lewis said. "I'd

like to challenge anyone from this point on who says there is any fat in state spending." Rep. Doyle Willis, D-Fort Worth, told the appropriations committee the cuts are too deep. He said human service program cuts would prevent scheduled hiring of more investigators for child abuse cases. "There's no doubt in my mind that if this bill passes without the people being allowed to investigate the complaints on abused children,

we'll lose four or five children that will be killed," Willis said. But when the vote was taken, with Lewis looking on, Willis voted "aye." "I'm whipped," he said. The cuts hit almost all areas of state government, including a 13 percent reduction for spending on higher education. Pleased with their work, committee members gave themselves a brief round of applause before adjourning. But State Treasurer Ann Rich-

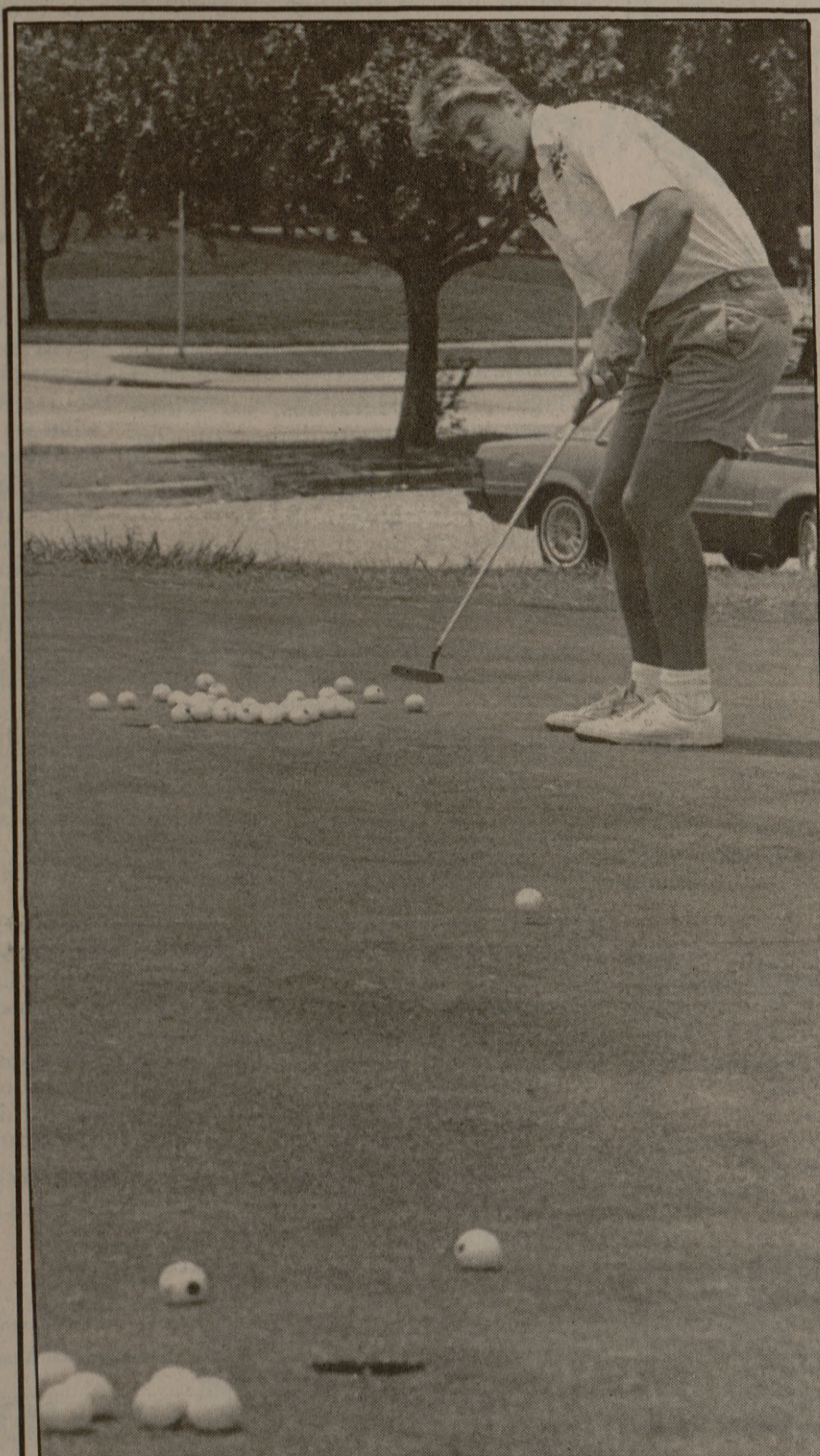
ards told lawmakers that cuts alone probably won't solve the budget crisis. She called for a tax hike to be enacted during the special session. "A program of budget cuts solves the cash-flow problem only temporarily until August 1987, and delaying revenue measures until January will be too late," she said. Lewis opposes tax hikes being pushed by Gov. Mark White and Lt. Gov. Bill Hobby, who say the service

cuts needed to balance the budget would be too severe. The total state deficit is projected to hit \$3.5 billion next August if taxes are not raised or spending cut. Lewis said a tax bill, if needed, should be considered in the regular 1987 session beginning next January. The appropriations committee, fearful of mounting opposition, Wednesday delayed action on Lewis' plan to raid the Permanent Univer-

sity Fund and Permanent School Fund for \$1.1 billion. Those funds long have been considered untouchable and crucial to education. The \$1.1 billion represents capital gains earned on the funds in the past five years. White and education officials oppose the plan. Jon Brumley, chairman of the State Board of Education, said such a policy would "rob Texas schoolchildren of a legacy promised to them more than a century ago."

## Blacks in S. Africa may vote

DURBAN, South Africa (AP) — The government said Wednesday it will let blacks vote in national elections for the first time, but only to those members of an advisory council. At the same time it reaffirmed the policy of segregated neighborhoods and schools. The worst violence since the state of emergency declaration June 12 was reported in Soweto. Schoolchildren roamed the streets of the huge black township outside Johannesburg, throwing stones and setting fires. A proposal for elections to choose a black national advisory council was one of several put before a two-day conference of the governing National Party in a search for ways of reserving white power while meeting black demands for reform of South Africa's racial policies. About 700 delegates attended. President P.W. Botha said in a half-hour speech closing the congress that there might be room for modifications in the laws segregating schools and residential areas, but he stoutly defended the principle. "No one should apologize for sending children to schools where they could be educated according to their own cultural and religious traditions," he said. Chris Heunis, constitutional development minister, said black elections would counter widespread criticism of the advisory council Botha has proposed. The government depicts the council as a forum in which the president would negotiate with black leaders on ways of sharing power. Many prominent blacks vow to join the council unless it has formal powers and African National Congress leader Nelson Mandela is invited to participate. Mandela has been in prison since 1962. The violence in Soweto was the most widespread and longlasting reported since the state of emergency banned public gatherings, authorized mass detentions without charge and restricted journalists in covering unrest.



### Puttin' Around

Photo by Anthony S. Casper  
Scott Lee, a member of the Texas A&M golf team, practices putting in preparation for a tournament this weekend. Lee says he puts in four to eight hours of practice each day and has won two of the seven tournaments he's played in this summer.

## Bullock estimates debt of \$5 billion by January

AUSTIN (AP) — Texas government will probably face a new deficit of \$5 billion in January, Comptroller Bob Bullock told a Senate committee that met Wednesday to consider proposals to raise money by a state lottery. Shortly after Bullock's estimate of the state's worsening financial condition, the lottery hearing was halted because Gov. Mark White had not opened the special session to any revenue-raising measures. "If the governor opens the call, the measure can be reset for another hearing," said Sen. Ray Farabee, D-Wichita Falls, committee chairman. Bullock testified that if a state lottery is authorized by voters this November, his office, which would administer it, could be ready for operations in 120 days. He estimated the state's general revenue fund would get \$55 million from the lottery the first year. Bullock was asked if the lottery would solve the state's estimated \$3.5 billion deficit, and he said, "Your deficit is going to be so high you need all the help you can get." However, he said he thought the state "should solve its money prob-

lems through a tax bill," preferably with an expansion of the state sales tax, which he has advocated. Bullock said that the \$5 billion figure would still be there in January, "even if you solve the \$3.5 billion or \$2.3 billion deficit, or whatever it is, before you go home." The hearing on a proposed lottery referendum was halted because Sen. Roy Blake, D-Nacogdoches, protested it was not in the governor's call for the session. About six witnesses, some for and some against the proposal, went unheard. Sen. Hector Uribe, D-Brownsville, author of the proposed constitutional amendment that would let voters decide if they want a state lottery, asked that the witnesses be heard although the committee did not take a vote. "I'm sure your witnesses will be paid another handsome fee to come back again," said Blake, insisting on his motion that the hearing be stopped. Farabee said that Blake's motion was technically correct because the governor's call for the special session

did not include any tax bill or revenue enhancement measures. In a special session, the governor has sole authority to say which issues may be considered. Uribe said once the lottery was in full operation, it would provide more than \$600 million a year "paid by willing citizens."

## Speaker's funding attacked

AUSTIN (AP) — Campaign spending reports show that House Speaker Gib Lewis received almost all of his contributions this year from people outside his district, Lewis' challenger said Wednesday. Republican K. Wayne Lee said the reports show that of \$500,000 raised by Lewis from Jan. 1 through June 30, only \$550 came from Lewis constituents in the Tarrant County district. "When you look at Gib's record, this . . . doesn't seem so unusual," Lee told a Capitol news conference. "His voting record is clearly out of line with the wishes of his constituents." The speaker acknowledged raising "quite a bit of money" outside his district, but that "every bit of it has been voluntary," he said. "I have not solicited one nickel from anybody." Lewis said some of those contributions have been from political action committees. "Hundreds of those people (represented by the PACS) do live in my district," he said. "That's just something that he doesn't understand." The speaker said he will be getting contributions from his district at a Sept. 18 fundraiser in Fort Worth. Lee's news conference was held in the Speaker's Committee Room, and five House members, all Lewis allies, attended. "Gib Lewis helped pass the largest tax increase in the history of the state of Texas while his constituents were calling for lower taxes," Lee said. Lewis backed the 1984 tax bill that raised taxes by \$4.6 billion over three years to pay for education reforms and highway improvements, which Lee said could have been made by cuts on other programs such as human services.

## Gramm-Rudman supporters seek restoration of cuts

WASHINGTON (AP) — Senate supporters of the Gramm-Rudman act said Wednesday they will use the threat of a Treasury default to force House passage this week of a plan to restore the law's automatic spending cuts. But House Speaker Thomas P. O'Neill Jr. said Democratic leaders were ready to battle the plan and that the House would meet Gramm-Rudman's deficit-reduction goals without it. The political salvoes set the stage for an intense face-off as Congress tries to leave Friday on a three-week recess, an imperative for many lawmakers in an election year.

Caught in the middle is a stopgap \$73.3 billion increase in the national debt ceiling, which the Treasury Department contends is urgently needed to avoid risk of default in early September before Congress returns. The House Ways and Means Committee on Wednesday approved the interim debt hike, needed because a long-term debt bill has already been tied up with the Gramm-Rudman language. Full House passage is expected on Thursday. But Sens. Phil Gramm, R-Texas; Warren Rudman, R-N.H.; Ernest F. Hollings, D-S.C.; and Pete V. Domenici, R-N.M., announced they would repeat their Gramm-Rudman amendment when the short-term bill reaches the Senate. "No action will be taken (to reduce deficits) unless that disciplining device is in place," said Gramm. Domenici, chairman of the Senate Budget Committee, said the automatic cuts should be attached to the short-term debt bill because they were "the best possible way to assure that we are going to control the deficit." He said delaying the decision until next month would only distract Congress from its real goal — enacting responsible deficit-reduction legislation to avoid the cuts. Gramm-Rudman calls for across-the-board cuts if Congress and the president fail to reduce deficits to pre-set limits designed to balance the budget by fiscal 1991. For fiscal 1987, which begins Oct. 1, the deficit target is \$144 billion.

## Summer exam schedule set

The Academic Operations Committee has approved a revision in the final examination schedule for 10 week classes meeting 10-11:30 a.m. and noon-1:30 p.m. due to classroom conflicts with certain 5 week classes. No revisions were necessary for 10 week classes meeting 8-9:30 a.m. or from 2-3:30 p.m. or for 5 week classes. Final examinations for these classes will be given as published in the Class Schedule 1986. The 10 week examination schedule is listed below:

August 14, Thursday, 7-9 p.m.	Classes meeting 10-11:30 a.m. (REVISED)
August 15, Friday, 8-10 a.m.	Classes meeting 8-9:30 a.m. (NO REVISION)
August 15, Friday, 12 N-1:30 p.m.	Classes meeting 12 N-1:30 p.m. (REVISED)
August 15, Friday, 7-9 p.m.	Classes meeting 2-2:30 p.m. (NO REVISION)

## Reagan maid faces charges of smuggling

WASHINGTON (AP) — First lady Nancy Reagan's personal maid was put on leave last week after she was charged with trying to smuggle munitions to Paraguay, federal officials said Wednesday. White House spokesman Larry Speakes said that Anita Castelo, 45, was put on administrative leave Aug. 7 after the White House was informed by law enforcement agencies that she had been charged in a complaint filed in the U.S. District Court in Richmond, Va. Lacy Campbell of the Richmond office of the U.S. Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms said 50,000 rounds of .22-caliber rifle ammunition destined

for Paraguay were seized Aug. 4 from a freighter owned by the Paraguayan government. The Paraguayan-born Castelo was arraigned last Friday after voluntarily surrendering and entering a plea of not guilty on charges of aiding and abetting the illegal export of munitions. She was released by the court on \$50,000 personal bond, Richmond officials said. Castelo has not been indicted. She has been charged by the federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms with aiding and abetting in the illegal exportation of munitions, and probable cause has been found to refer the charge to a grand jury that will convene Sept. 15.

## Senate approves aid to Contras

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Senate approved President Reagan's \$100 million aid package for Nicaragua's Contra guerrillas Wednesday night, after a day of legislative action that also cleared the way to act on sanctions against South Africa. The 53-47 roll call vote on the Contra aid provision also earmarked \$300 million in aid to four of Nicaragua's neighbors: El Salvador, Costa Rica, Guatemala, and Honduras. The Senate then voted 59-41 to adopt the overall \$8.2 billion military construction appropriations bill, of which the aid plan was a part. Earlier, an impasse on the two controversial foreign policy issues was broken when the Senate hurdled a series of procedural roadblocks with three roll-call votes that limited debate on both matters. That cleared the way for up-and-down votes on both measures — per-

haps in time for the Senate to meet its goal of starting a three-week August recess after Friday's session. In the first attempt to choke off debate on Contra aid, the Senate fell one vote short — 59-40 — of the 60 votes needed to end a filibuster. It then went on to vote 89-11 to limit debate on sanctions against South Africa's white minority government and eventually voted 62-37 to limit debate on Contra aid. The two issues had been linked in a complex agreement crafted by Republican and Democratic leaders. The cloture votes cut procedural knots that had threatened to keep the Senate tied up indefinitely on the two highly charged issues. Opponents of the Reagan policy, who predict aid to the Contras will cause U.S. troops to become snared in a bloody Vietnam-style war in

Central America, pleaded with other senators to hold fast. Sen. Lowell Weicker, R-Conn., said that although he opposed aiding the Contras, he would vote to shut off debate "so that the cries of South Africa might finally be heard by the U.S. Senate and the government of the United States." In two days of debate on Contra aid, the Senate rejected complaints it was giving the Reagan administration "a blank check" or that it was opening the door to sending American troops to war in Nicaragua. Amendments were rejected to scrap the aid plan altogether, to forbid the use of U.S. troops in Nicaragua, and to forbid the use of American combat advisers to train the Contras in either Honduras or Costa Rica, countries that border Nicaragua.

## Correction

A story in Wednesday's *Battalion* stated that non-resident tuition will increase next year. Actually non-resident tuition is not expected to increase next year. The Texas College and University Coordinating Board mandated last year that non-resident tuition would increase as the cost of educating that student increases. Mack C. Adams, an assistant commissioner on the board, says he does not anticipate an increase in the cost of a non-resident's education. Therefore he says their tuition would remain at \$120 next year.