

\$576 billion spending package ratified by Senate for fiscal '87

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Senate on Thursday ratified a record half-trillion-dollar spending package to operate the government in fiscal 1987 but stubborn disputes over side issues held the compromise short of final enactment.

President Reagan had to sign stopgap legislation to prevent a government shutdown during the day. Federal spending authority was expiring again at midnight Thursday.

The Senate, by voice vote, approved the House-Senate agreement on the \$576 billion spending plan, which the House had approved Wednesday night and Reagan has endorsed.

The measure trims Reagan's military spending request but also holds the line in domestic pro-

grams, freezing most and allowing only a few select increases. The broad compromise left a few items in disagreement to be settled separately by the two chambers. The Senate quickly rejected one of the House add-ons, a labor protection measure.

Efforts to resolve the issues in disagreement were delayed when the Senate, after approving the overall plan, became bogged down in sometimes-angry disputes over local concerns.

Sen. Alfonse D'Amato, R-N.Y., was fighting attempts by Sen. Barry Goldwater, R-Ariz., to cut off production of the T-46A trainer jet being built on Long Island, N.Y.

Sen. Alan Dixon, D-Ill., battled Sen. James

Abdnor, R-S.D., to keep alive plans for a new federally financed building in Chicago.

Congress needed additional time to nail down the details, and as a result, the Senate gave final approval to the additional stopgap bill, lasting until midnight Thursday. A similar stopgap measure had expired at midnight Wednesday.

White House spokesman Larry Speakes said the president, who has expressed impatience with congressional delays, was signing the latest stopgap because lawmakers were moving toward enactment of the long-term bill.

With less than three weeks before the elections, lawmakers also were under political pressure to finish up their Washington business.

Nigerian honored as 1st African to win Nobel Prize in literature

STOCKHOLM, Sweden (AP) — Wole Soyinka of Nigeria, a master of poetic drama who writes in English from the myth and ethos of his people, was named Thursday as the first African to win a Nobel Prize in literature.

The Swedish Academy of Letters called him a writer "who in a wide cultural perspective and with poetic overtones fashions the drama of existence."

Soyinka, 52, is an impassioned social critic who was jailed in the late 1960s during the Nigerian civil war. He expressed hope Thursday that the award was not given "because I

have been a vigorous critic of my government and others. I don't want to think for a single moment it's because of my political stand."

Also Thursday, the Nobel Memorial Prize in Economic Science was awarded to American professor James McGill Buchanan for theories advocating strict rules to keep national budgets balanced. Buchanan, 67, filled a gap between pure economics and political science with his work, the citation said.

Announcement of Soyinka's selection as the literature laureate was the sixth and final one this year.

The dramatist, poet, novelist and

essayist was quoted by the Nigerian newspaper *Vanguard* last month as saying he prefers the less notorious literary awards.

"I don't like the Nobel thing," Soyinka told the interviewer after becoming the third African ever to win honorary membership in the American Academy and Institute of Arts and Letters. "I like the ones (where) you are sitting quietly and the letter comes. This kind of award nobody bothers about because there is no money involved."

This year the prizes established and endowed by Alfred Nobel are worth about \$290,000.

Former Axis powers to sit on council

UNITED NATIONS (AP) — For the first time since their defeat in World War II, the three former Axis powers of Germany, Italy and Japan were elected Thursday to serve together on the U.N. Security Council.

Also elected by the General Assembly were Zambia and Argentina.

The three former Axis powers will sit, as of Jan. 1, at the circular council chamber with the Allies — the United States, Britain, France, the Soviet Union and China, which are permanent council members.

The council has 10 non-permanent members which are geographically distributed and serve two-year terms. Five are elected each year.

Germany and Italy replace Australia and Denmark as representatives of Western Europe. Japan replaces Thailand as an Asian member. Zambia replaces Madagascar from Africa and Argentina replaces Trinidad and Tobago from South America and the Caribbean.

On the first ballot, each received more than the 103 votes needed, representing two-thirds of the 154 votes cast in the 159-member assembly.

American wins Nobel Memorial in economics for budget theory

STOCKHOLM, Sweden (AP) — American James M. Buchanan won the Nobel Memorial Prize in Economic Sciences on Thursday for theories advocating firm rules to keep national budgets balanced.

Buchanan, a 67-year-old professor, holds that economic "fine tuning" by politicians often doesn't work, because public officials usually act in their own self-interest.

The Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences cited Buchanan's work in a

field called the "new political economy," or "public choice," which applies economic analysis to political problems and fills a gap between traditional economic theory and political science.

Buchanan, along with colleague Gordon Tullock, founded the Center for Study of Public Choice at George Mason University in Fairfax, Va., where Buchanan teaches.

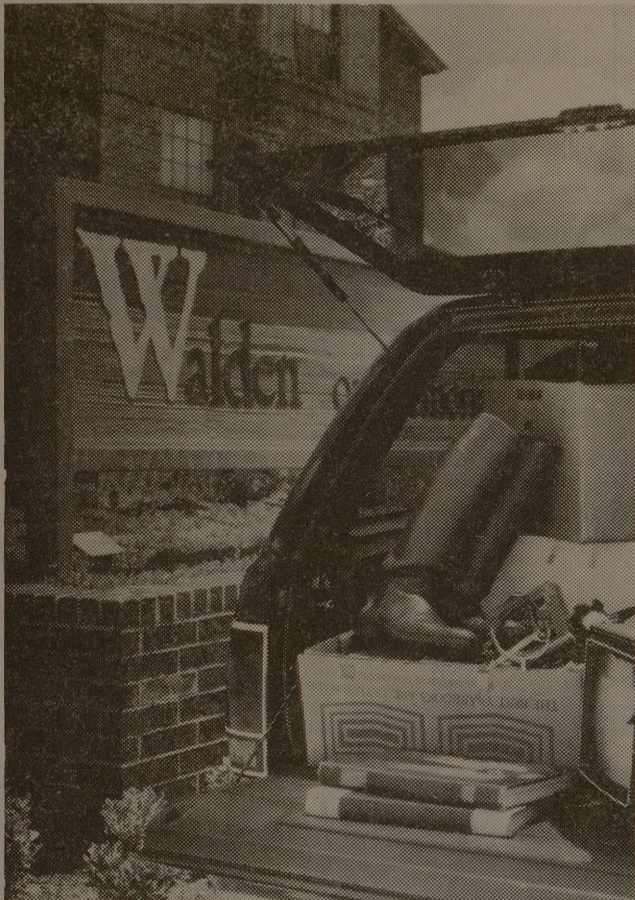
"His analyses are fundamental and important to understand what

has occurred in the West in recent years, how the budget explodes when there is not enough (public) demand to balance it," said Ingemar Stahl, a member of the Nobel economics committee.

The academy said Buchanan and like-thinking economists refuse to accept the traditional idea that public authorities can use mechanical methods to correct economic problems.

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