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Deficit-reduction plan targets beer, cigarettes

WASHINGTON (AP) — In their search for ways to tame the deficit, federal officials are intent on taxing some of life's little pleasures: beer, cigarettes, jewelry — even your expensive new VCR.

Although any deficit-reduction plan agreed to by Congress and President Bush is likely to rely chiefly on spending reductions and less sweeping tax changes, it almost certainly would include several tax increases on consumers.

Top White House officials and congressional leaders already have reached a tentative agreement on several tax increases that would bring in \$59 billion over the next five years. Two-thirds of that would be paid directly by consumers through higher prices for alcohol, cigarettes, airline tickets and a variety of higher-priced "luxury" items.

Negotiators have been struggling since May to devise a package of spending cuts and tax increases that would reduce the budget deficit by \$50 billion during the next 12 months and \$450 billion more in the following four years. Although the biggest obstacle to agreement has been President Bush's insistence on cutting capital-gains taxes, other dif-

ferences remain. "We've made a great deal of progress but obviously not enough," Senate Majority Leader George Mitchell, D-Maine, said before negotiations resumed Thursday.

Unless agreement is reached — the law is changed — by Oct. 1, \$1.5 billion of arbitrary cuts in most general programs will be triggered automatically.

In the meantime, the leaders agreed tentatively to tax increases on alcohol, cigarettes and luxury items. Beer and wine taxes remain at 1951 levels, although the tax on liquor was raised in 1951 and again in 1985. While negotiators have said exactly how it will be done, they have agreed to tax drinkers an extra \$13.6 billion over the next five years.

The plan is expected to increase taxes somewhat less than an earlier proposal, which, for example, would have raised the \$1.96 tax on a 20-ounce pack of 80-proof vodka to \$2.54; the cent tax on a six-pack of beer to 3 cents; and the 3-cent levy on a 500-milliliter bottle of table wine to 4 cents.

The tax on a pack of cigarettes would rise by 4 cents to 20 cents a year and by an additional 4 cents in 1993.

Gulf crisis hinders Soviet peace moves

MOSCOW (AP) — Convening an international conference to resolve the various conflicts in the Middle East would clear the way for restoring diplomatic ties between the Soviet Union and Israel, a top Kremlin official told the Associated Press on Thursday.

"I think that if there is a conference on the Middle East, we shall establish diplomatic relations with Israel," Yevgeni Primakov, a senior foreign policy adviser to Soviet President Mikhail S. Gorbachev, said.

Primakov, in a Kremlin interview with the Associated Press board of directors and executives, also said his country was willing to help normalize relations between the United States and Cuba, a Soviet client state.

Primakov's remarks on the Middle East went beyond what Soviet Foreign Minister Eduard Shevardnadze said two weeks ago when proposing a peace conference to discuss the Aug. 2 Iraqi invasion of Kuwait, the Arab-Israeli dispute and the Lebanese civil war.

Shevardnadze said at the time that Moscow would reconsider relations with Israel if it participated in such a conference.

Israel and the U.S. government have been cool to the proposed peace conference, and Primakov appeared to be holding out the carrot of normal Soviet-Israeli ties to make the idea more attractive.

"The question of restoration is linked to the process of political settlement in the Middle East," he

said in a wide-ranging interview. Relations between Israel and the Soviet Union, broken after the 1967 Arab-Israeli war, have warmed since Gorbachev came to power in 1985.

Primakov, a member of Gorbachev's newly created presidential council, also warned of a war response in the Arab world if Iraqi leader Saddam Hussein demands that Israeli troops withdraw from occupied lands and Syrian troops withdraw from Lebanon before Iraq leaves Kuwait.

"Of course, this way of thinking does not satisfy us," he said. "Even in those countries whose governments are opposed to the invasion ... the people at large support that propaganda of Saddam Hussein."

"He does create some pretty serious support for himself. If we manage to make some progress on the Middle East conference and link this to the withdrawal of Iraqi troops from Kuwait, this would place him in a diplomatic 'corner,'" Primakov said.

He said the Soviet Union was unlikely to accept a request from Saudi Arabia to send troops to help protect that country from a possible Iraqi invasion.

Primakov also said the Gorbachev administration wanted to help ease tension between the United States and Cuba.

"We're as interested as we could be in Cuba becoming a factor of stability," he said. "In this situation, we are attaching a great deal of importance to its relations with the United States."

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