

# Denver closes one airport, opens another

**□ The new airport opened 16 months late, and investigations are underway into allegations of wrongdoing.**

DENVER (AP) — A conga line of snowplows, tugs and trucks loaded with equipment wound its way from Denver's old airport to its \$4.9 billion new one Monday, hours before the first passenger flight was scheduled to land.

Most of the 2,000 vehicles in the convoy traveled at speeds of no more than 15 mph to Denver International Airport along back roads to avoid freeway congestion. The 22-mile trip from Stapleton International Airport was expected to take about two hours.

Mayor Wellington Webb said the new airport — which is 16 months late and \$3.2 billion over budget — represents "the natural evolution of Denver's transportation history — from Pony Express to the stagecoach to railroads."

Earlier, Webb greeted the first commercial cargo flight to land at the new airport: a Federal Express plane that arrived from Memphis at 12:41 a.m., 20 minutes early.

"I think now we can put the jokes behind us," Webb said. "DIA does include airplanes."

The airport's opening has been delayed four times because of construction problems, including an automated baggage system that chewed up luggage and spit it out. It eventually was replaced by an old-fashioned tug-and-cart system at all airlines except United.

About a dozen investigations are under way into allegations of wrongdoing in the airport project, including shoddy construction.

And bondholders sued the city Monday, claiming officials concealed problems with the project. The class-action lawsuit seeks unspecified damages for investors, whose bonds lost value because of delays and cost overruns. A call to city officials wasn't returned immediately.

While the convoy over the rolling prairie around Denver was a dramatic sight, about 70 percent of the equipment was moved from Stapleton over the weekend as city workers and business owners took advantage of springlike weather.

The first commercial passenger flight was scheduled to leave the new airport for Kansas City, Mo., at 6 a.m. Tuesday, followed by the first commercial passenger arrival, from Colorado Springs, at 6:11 a.m.

# Democrats hold fate of balanced-budget amendment in their hands

**□ The Senate will vote on the amendment today.**

WASHINGTON (AP) — After a 13-year struggle, a precedent-shattering vote in the House and a month-long Senate debate, the fate of a balanced-budget amendment hinged Monday on five uncommitted Democrats. Star players in the sort of drama the Capitol thrives on, they were being coy.

"Never before have we been this close to passing the balanced-budget amendment," said GOP Sen. Mike DeWine of Ohio.

Both sides read their final lines in advance of Tuesday's vote.

Supporters held a news conference in the Capitol parking lot. Their backdrop was a gigantic tote board calculating the federal debt to 13 digits.

"The debt is the threat," said Sen. Larry Craig, R-Idaho. "We must stop building this monstrous debt that can imprison our future generations as nothing else can."

Opponents relied on behind-the-scenes lobbying by President Clinton and others to firm up the 34 votes needed to defeat the measure.

"We're not throwing in the towel by any means," said White House press secretary Mike McCurry, even as he made clear the amendment wasn't the same as having one

of Clinton's "top legislative priorities" up for grabs.

But the five Democrats one most wanted to hear from were North Dakotans Kent Conrad and Byron Dorgan, Sam Nunn of Georgia, Wendell Ford of Kentucky and John Breaux of Louisiana — said through a spokesman that they weren't ready to announce a final position.

Supporters said they need three more votes to pass and some harbored last-minute hopes they could persuade Oregon Mark Hatfield, a lone GOP opponent, to change his position.

But Hatfield's press secretary Julie McGregor, put a damper on such hopes, saying, "He won't change his mind."

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