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UP-099

(CONGRESS)

(BY STEVE GERSTEL)

WASHINGTON (UPI) -- ADJOURNMENT OF THE FIRST SESSION OF THE 94TH CONGRESS REMAINED IN JEOPARDY FRIDAY AS A SENATE-HOUSE FEUD EXPLODED OVER TAX CUT LEGISLATION.

AFTER CONFRONTATIONS WITH PRESIDENT FORD SEEMED SETTLED AND THE WAY CLEARED FOR ADJOURNMENT BEFORE THE END OF THE DAY, CONGRESS WAS STYMIED BY A SQUABBLE AMONG CONGRESSIONAL DEMOCRATS.

BUT THE EXPECTATION REMAINED THE SENATE AND HOUSE WOULD PATCH UP THEIR RIFT, APPROVE AN EXTENSION OF TAX CUTS ACCEPTABLE TO FORD, ADJOURN, AND HEAD HOME FOR A 30-DAY HOLIDAY.

THE MOOD WAS IN SHARP CONTRAST TO THE YESTERDAY'S NEAR-DESPAIR WHEN FORD AND CONGRESS APPEARED AT AN IMPASSE ON TWO MAJOR ISSUES -- TAX CUTS AND ANGOLA -- AND CONGRESSIONAL LEADERS SPOKE GRIMLY OF CONTINUING THE SESSION THROUGH THE HOLIDAYS.

ONE MAJOR ROADBLOCK WAS SETTLED SWIFTLY, WHEN THE SENATE -- BLOCKED BY AN ADMINISTRATION-ORDERED FILIBUSTER -- PUT OFF EFFORTS TO HALT COVERT AID TO ANGOLA UNTIL CONGRESS RETURNS IN JANUARY.

"THERE IS A FILIBUSTER," SEN. HUBERT HUMPRHEY, D-MINN., SAID. "WE ARE REALISTS. I CAN COUNT. SO CAN YOU. THERE AIN'T NO BILL."

A BREAK IN THE IMPASSE OVER TAX CUT LEGISLATION ALSO APPEARED IN THE WORKS WHEN THE SENATE AND FORD STRUCK A COMPROMISE. BUT ANGRY HOUSE DEMOCRATS REFUSED TO GO ALONG WITH THE SENATE LANGUAGE WHICH PROMISED TO CUT GOVERNMENT SPENDING BY THE SAME AMOUNT AS TAX CUTS.

DEMOCRATIC LEADER THOMAS O'NEILL BLUNTLY SAID, "WE ARE NOT GOING TO RECOGNIZE THE SENATE CONSIDERATION." HE SAID THE SENATE COULD ACCEPT THAT OR NOTHING.

"THERE'S NO WAY WE ARE ACCEPTING THIS ONE," O'NEILL SAID OF THE COMPROMISE DRAFTED BY SENS. RUSSELL LONG, D-LA., AND WILLIAM ROTH, R-DEL., AND ACCEPTED BY THE WHITE HOUSE.

FORD TRIGGERED THE LONG DAY BY VETOING THE \$45 BILLION HEW APPROPRIATIONS BILL WHICH EXCEEDED HIS REQUESTS BY ABOUT \$1 BILLION BUT ALSO CONTAINED STRONG ANTI-BUSING LANGUAGE. IT WAS FORD'S 42ND VETO, OF WHICH CONGRESS HAS OVERRIDEN ONLY SEVEN.

A RESOLUTION -- PASSED EARLIER -- PROVIDES CONTINUING FUNDS FOR HEW AND OTHER AGENCIES AND PROGRAMS WHICH HAVE NOT RECEIVED FISCAL 1976 APPROPRIATIONS. THEY INCLUDE DEFENSE, FOREIGN MILITARY AID, AND THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA. THE HOUSE VOTED TO PUT OFF UNTIL JAN. 27 A DECISION ON WHETHER TO TRY TO OVERRIDE THE VETO.

BETWEEN BREAKS, THE SENATE AND HOUSE PUSHED THROUGH ROUTINE, UNOPPOSED BILLS.

THE SENATE ALSO CONFIRMED ALL THE PENDING NOMINATIONS EXCEPT THAT OF GEORGE BUSH TO BE CIA DIRECTOR. HIS NOMINATION WILL BE CONSIDERED WHEN CONGRESS RETURNS.

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UP-043

(TAXES)

(BY DON PHILLIPS)

WASHINGTON (UPI) -- A MOVE DEVELOPED IN THE SENATE TODAY TO MAKE ONE LAST EFFORT TO REVIVE A TAX CUT BILL. BUT HOUSE DEMOCRATIC LEADERS SAID IT WAS UNLIKELY ANYTHING COULD BE DONE TO PREVENT TAXES FROM RISING, AT LEAST TEMPORARILY, EARLY NEXT YEAR.

SPEAKER CARL ALBERT SAID THE DEMOCRATS WERE STICKING TO THE POSITION THEY TOOK AFTER FORD'S VETO OF A SIX-MONTH TAX CUT EXTENSION WAS UPHOLD THURSDAY: NO FURTHER EFFORTS WILL BE MADE TO PASS A TAX CUT BILL UNLESS FORD BACKS DOWN ON HIS DEMAND THAT A SPECIFIC BINDING CEILING ON FISCAL 1977 SPENDING BE ATTACHED.

SEN. RUSSELL LONG, D-LA., CALLED A MEETING OF HIS SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE TO PUSH HIS PLAN TO PASS EXACTLY THE SAME BILL THAT FORD VETOED, BUT WITH SOME NONBINDING "CONCILIATORY LANGUAGE" PROMISING TO HOLD DOWN SPENDING.

THE LONG PLAN WOULD PLEDGE "IN PRINCIPLE" TO CUT A DOLLAR FROM THE BUDGET FOR EVERY DOLLAR TAX CUT. BUT CONGRESS WOULD HAVE THE RIGHT TO RAISE OR LOWER CEILINGS AT WILL, IN EFFECT IGNORING THEIR OWN PROMISE.

BUT ALBERT SAID NO ONE HAD ANY ASSURANCES THAT FORD WOULD ACCEPT SUCH A PLAN. HE SAID HE UNDERSTOOD SOME REPUBLICANS HAD TALKED WITH FORD ABOUT THE PLAN, BUT "THEY HAVEN'T SOLD IT TO THE PRESIDENT."

"THEY HAVEN'T SOLD ME AT ALL," ALBERT ADDED.

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BULLETIN

TAX CUT

WASHINGTON (AP) -- THE SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE, WITH STRONG REPUBLICAN SUPPORT, TODAY APPROVED A COMPROMISE PROPOSAL THAT WOULD BLOCK A TAX INCREASE JAN. 1.

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WASHINGTON ADD TAX CUT (N61)

THE COMPROMISE MEASURE, WHICH WOULD KEEP THE AVERAGE WORKINGMAN'S WITHHOLDING TAXES FROM RISING, WAS SENT TO THE SENATE FLOOR FOR IMMEDIATE CONSIDERATION AFTER THE 10-1 COMMITTEE VOTE.

THE MEASURE WOULD PUT CONGRESS ON RECORD FOR REDUCING FEDERAL SPENDING. BUT THE PROMISE WOULD NOT BE IRONCLAD. FORD EARLIER VETOED THE TAX EXTENSION BECAUSE CONGRESS DID NOT COMBINE IT WITH A PLEDGE TO HALT RISING FEDERAL EXPENDITURES.

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BULLETIN

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TAX CUT (TOPS N56 & 59)  
BY CARL P. LEUBSDORF

WASHINGTON (AP) -- THE SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE, WITH STRONG REPUBLICAN SUPPORT, TODAY APPROVED A COMPROMISE PROPOSAL THAT WOULD BLOCK A TAX INCREASE JAN. 1. ONE AUTHORITATIVE SENATE SOURCE SAID THE WHITE HOUSE WOULD ACCEPT THE PLAN, BUT WOULD NOT ANNOUNCE ITS SUPPORT IN ADVANCE.

12-19-75 11:44EST

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WASHINGTON ADD TAX CUT (N56)  
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1 VOTE, THE PANEL SENT TO THE FULL SENATE FOR QUICK CONSIDERATION A SIX-MONTH TAX CUT EXTENSION, WITH LANGUAGE AIMED AT GAINING PRESIDENT FORD'S APPROVAL.

IT WOULD PUT CONGRESS ON RECORD FOR REDUCING FEDERAL SPENDING.

SEN. WILLIAM ROTH, R-DEL., A CO-SPONSOR OF THE COMPROMISE, SAID HE HAD PRESENTED THE PLAN TO THE WHITE HOUSE. WHILE HE HAS NO COMMITMENT, ROTH SAID, HE WOULD BE SURPRISED AND DISAPPOINTED IF PRESIDENT FORD DOES NOT AGREE TO THE PLAN.

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BY JIM LUTHER

12-19-75 11:39EST

UP-070

ADD 3 VETO, WASHINGTON

THE HOUSE VOTED 319-71 TO PUT OFF UNTIL JAN. 27 A DECISION ON WHETHER TO TRY TO OVERRIDE THE VETO.

UPI 12-19 12:53 PES

UP-071

(TAXES)

(BY DON PHILLIPS)

WASHINGTON (UPI) -- THE SENATE AND PRESIDENT FORD REACHED A LAST MINUTE COMPROMISE ON A TAX BILL TODAY, BUT HOUSE DEMOCRATIC LEADERS REFUSED TO GO ALONG WITH THE SENATE'S PROMISE TO CUT FUTURE GOVERNMENT SPENDING BY THE SAME AMOUNT AS FUTURE TAX CUTS.

HOUSE LEADERS SAID THEY WOULD PASS THEIR OWN TAX CUT BILL WITH THEIR OWN SPENDING LANGUAGE AND LET THE SENATE -- AND FORD -- TAKE IT OR LEAVE IT.

THE HOUSE LEADERSHIP'S REACTION TO THE SENATE-FORD COMPROMISE AT LEAST TEMPORARILY DERAILED A DEAL THAT WOULD PREVENT WITHHOLDING TAXES FROM RISING EARLY NEXT YEAR.

HOWEVER, THE FACT THAT FORD AGREED TO ACCEPT THE SENATE PROMISE TO HOLD DOWN SPENDING, PLUS THE MANEUVERING ON BOTH SIDES, RAISED HOPES A FINAL COMPROMISE WOULD BE WORKED OUT BEFORE THE DAY WAS OVER.

UPI 12-19 12:55 PES

UP-072

ADD 1 TAXES, WASHINGTON (UP-071)

THE FORD-SENATE COMPROMISE TOOK SHAPE WHEN THE SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE APPROVED THE SAME TAX CUT BILL THAT FORD VETOED EARLIER BUT INCLUDED A WATERED DOWN PROMISE IN PRINCIPLE TO CUT FUTURE GOVERNMENT SPENDING BY THE AMOUNT OF ANY FUTURE TAX CUT.

FORD GAVE FAR MORE THAN THE SENATE IN ACCEPTING THE COMPROMISE BECAUSE IT DOES NOT CONTAIN ANY SPECIFIC SPENDING CEILING, IT SAYS CONGRESS WILL FOLLOW ITS NORMAL BUDGET PROCEDURES, AND IT ALSO GIVES CONGRESS THE RIGHT TO JUGGLE BUDGET TOTALS IN ANY WAY.

WHITE HOUSE DEPUTY PRESS SECRETARY WILLIAM GREENER SAID FORD WAS "ENCOURAGED" BY THE LANGUAGE IN THE SENATE BILL, SAYING IT WAS WHAT THE PRESIDENT WANTED ALL ALONG.

SEN. WILLIAM ROTH, R-DEL., SAID ON THE SENATE FLOOR, "I'M PLEASED TO SAY THEY (THE WHITE HOUSE) WILL ACCEPT THIS." SENATE REPUBLICAN LEADER HUGH SCOTT AGREED, SAYING HE HAD "GOOD REASON TO BELIEVE THIS WILL BE ACCEPTABLE TO THE PRESIDENT."

FORD THEN TELEPHONED HOUSE SPEAKER CARL ALBERT DURING A LEADERSHIP HUDDLE TO SAY HE WAS "IN AGREEMENT" WITH THE LONG COMPROMISE, BUT THE HOUSE LEADERSHIP TURNED IT DOWN.

"WE ARE NOT GOING TO RECOGNIZE THE SENATE CONSIDERATION," DEMOCRATIC LEADER THOMAS O'NEILL SAID AFTER THE MEETING. WAYS AND MEANS CHAIRMAN AL ULLMAN AND BUDGET CHAIRMAN BROCK ADAMS THEN HELD THEIR OWN MEETING TO WORK OUT A HOUSE COMPROMISE.

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WASHN ADD TAX CUT LEAD (N181)

AT THE WHITE HOUSE, DEPUTY PRESS SECRETARY WILLIAM I. GREENER SAID ONLY THAT FORD IS "QUITE ENCOURAGED" BY THE COMPROMISE PROPOSAL "BECAUSE IT COVERS WHAT THE PRESIDENT HAS BEEN ASKING FOR." HE SAID FORD WANTS TO SEE THE FINAL VERSION OF THE COMPROMISE.

SEN. EDMUND S. MUSKIE, D-MAINE, CHAIRMAN OF THE BUDGET COMMITTEE, SAID, "THERE IS SOME FUZZINESS OF LANGUAGE AND SOME DOUBTS ABOUT IT BY SOME. BUT (THERE) ... IS THE ESSENCE OF COMPROMISE. BOTH SIDES HAVE TO BE ABLE TO CLAIM A VICTORY."4

THE THIRD SENATOR WHO CONFIRMED FORD'S ACCEPTANCE OF THE COMPROMISE DECLINED TO BE IDENTIFIED.

IN THE HOUSE, BOTH REPUBLICAN LEADER JOHN J. RHODES OF ARIZONA AND DEMOCRATIC LEADER THOMAS P. O'NEILL OF MASSACHUSETTS SAID FORD FAVORS THE COMPROMISE.

"THE PRESIDENT HAS INDICATED" HE WILL SIGN THE TAX-CUT BILL IF IT INCLUDES THE SENATE COMPROMISE LANGUAGE, RHODES SAID.

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12-19-75 12:51EST

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WASHN ADD TAX CUT LEAD (N83)

THE COMPROMISE PLEDGES CONGRESS TO REDUCE NEXT YEAR'S ANTICIPATED FEDERAL SPENDING BY AN AMOUNT EQUAL TO \$17 BILLION IN TAX CUTS, BUT THE PLEDGE IS NOT BINDING.

THE COMPROMISE WAS LESS WARMLY RECEIVED IN THE HOUSE THAN IN THE SENATE.

SPEAKER CARL ALBERT SAID AS FAR AS HE KNEW FORD HAD NOT BEEN CONVINCED OF THE IDEA. ALBERT ADDED: "THEY HAVEN'T SOLD ME AT ALL. I IMAGINE I'LL BE THE LAST ONE TO CAVE IN."

FORD VETOED THE TAX-CUT EXTENSION BECAUSE HE SAID SUCH A REDUCTION IN FEDERAL INCOME MUST BE TIED TO A CUT IN

ALBERT SAID THE HOUSE IS "NOT GOING TO PUT DOWN A FIGURE AND BIND OURSELVES BY LAW 12 MONTHS IN ADVANCE."

ASKED WHETHER HE THOUGHT THE SENATE PROPOSAL COULD PICK UP ENOUGH VOTES IN THE HOUSE TO OVERRIDE A FORD VETO, HE COMMENTED: "I DOUBT IT." THE HOUSE WAS UNABLE TO OVERRIDE FORD'S VETO OF THE TAX CUT ON THURSDAY.

CHAIRMAN AL ULLMAN OF THE HOUSE WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE SAID HE WOULD SUPPORT THE PROPOSAL ONLY IF FORD AGREED TO IT IN ADVANCE.

WHILE THE COMPROMISE PLAN CALLS ON CONGRESS TO REDUCE SPENDING BY \$1 FOR EACH DOLLAR OF REDUCED TAXES NEXT YEAR, IT ALSO SAYS THE PLEDGE WOULD NOT PREVENT THE SETTING OF HIGHER OR LOWER SPENDING CEILINGS BY NORMAL BUDGETARY PROCESSES.

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WASHN ADD TAX CUT LEAD (N77)

SEN. WILLIAM V. ROTH, R-DEL., ANNOUNCED ON THE SENATE FLOOR THAT FORD HAS AGREED TO THE COMPROMISE MEASURE, WHICH WOULD TIE A NONBINDING SPENDING CEILING TO A TAX CUT EXTENSION.

TWO OTHER SENATORS SAID FORD'S APPROVAL CAME AS THE SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE VOTED 10-1 FOR THE COMPROMISE. THE BILL WAS SENT IMMEDIATELY TO THE SENATE FLOOR.

THE SENATORS SAID THE WHITE HOUSE WOULD NOT ANNOUNCE ITS FORMAL APPROVAL IN ADVANCE.

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UP-146

ADD 5 TAXES, WASHINGTON

THE DECISION TO WAIT TO SEE FORD'S BUDGET WAS MADE IN A JOINT MEETING OF HOUSE AND SENATE LEADERS. SINCE THE CONGRESS WILL BE TECHNICALLY IN SESSION, FORD CANNOT CALL IT INTO SPECIAL SESSION.

SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN RUSSELL LONG SAID HE HAD WANTED TO PASS THE SAME BILL WITH CONCILIATORY LANGUAGE, BUT, "THEY DID NOT ACCEPT MY PROPOSAL."

HOUSE DEMOCRATIC LEADERS, ANGRY AND FRUSTRATED AT FAILING TO OVERTHROW FORD'S VETO OF A SIX-MONTH EXTENSION OF TAX CUTS, ISSUED A SERIES OF STATEMENTS CONCERNING FORD AND ATTRIBUTING HIS UNCOOPERATIVE ATTITUDE TO HIS FEAR OF OPPOSITION FROM RONALD REAGAN.

"THERE IS NO WAY WE CAN GO ALONG WITH THE POLITICAL MACHINATIONS OF A REPUBLICAN WHO IS RUNNING IN A PRIMARY IN JANUARY," SAID HOUSE DEMOCRATIC LEADER THOMAS O'NEILL OF MASSACHUSETTS.

INFORMED THAT BUDGET DIRECTOR JAMES LYNN WAS TO OUTLINE THE PRESIDENT'S PROPOSED BUDGET CUTS TO REPORTERS AT THE WHITE HOUSE, SENATE BUDGET COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN EDMUND MUSKIE SAID THERE STILL WAS NO WAY THAT CONGRESS COULD EVALUATE THE BUDGET AND APPROVE A CEILING BEFORE THE END OF THE YEAR.

FORD, HE SAID, WORKED FOR MONTHS ON THE BUDGET, AND "TO EXPECT US TO EVALUATE THAT IN 24 HOURS IS A LITTLE MUCH."

A JOINT STATEMENT ISSUED BY THE DEMOCRATIC LEADERSHIP BLAMED REPUBLICANS FOR EXPIRATION OF THE TAX BILL.

"BY WINNING THEIR BATTLE TO DENY THE NATION AN EXTENSION OF THE TAX CUTS THAT BEGAN TO PULL THIS NATION OUT OF THE WORST ECONOMIC DECLINE IN 40 YEARS, PRESIDENT FORD AND HIS BAND OF WILLFUL REPUBLICANS ARE THREATENING NEARLY EVERY AMERICAN WITH ECONOMIC UNCERTAINTY IN THE MONTHS AHEAD," THE STATEMENT SAID.

FORD VETOED THE BILL WEDNESDAY BECAUSE IT DID NOT CONTAIN A CEILING ON FISCAL 1977 SPENDING, SOMETHING DEMOCRATS REFUSED TO DO UNTIL SEEING FORD'S BUDGET. HOUSE LEADERS SLURLY REFUSED TO CONSIDER ANY NEW LEGISLATION BEFORE FRIDAY'S PLANNED RECESS FOR THE HOLIDAYS.

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HARRIS POLL

NEW YORK (AP); -- AMERICANS, BY A 38 PER CENT TO 36 PER CENT MARGIN, FAVORED CONGRESS' DECISION TO ENACT A \$15-BILLION, NO STRINGS ATTACHED TAX CUT OVER PRESIDENT FORD'S PROPOSED \$28-BILLION TAX CUT ACCOMPANIED BY A FEDERAL SPENDING CUT OF THE SAME AMOUNT, A HARRIS POLL SAYS.

FORD VETOED CONGRESS' VERSION OF THE TAX CUT BILL ON WEDNESDAY, BUT THE HOUSE FAILED THURSDAY IN AN ATTEMPT TO OVERRIDE THE VETO.

A MAJORITY OF 63 PER CENT TO 13 PER CENT BELIEVES THAT "IF THERE IS NO CUT IN FEDERAL SPENDING AS GREAT AS THE AMOUNT OF TAX REBATE, THEN THE RESULT WILL BE ANOTHER RISE IN PRICES," HARRIS SAID.

HOWEVER, THE SURVEY ALSO SHOWED THAT A MAJORITY OF 59 PER CENT TO 20 PER CENT AGREES WITH THE DEMOCRATS' CLAIM THAT "THE PRESIDENT IS PLAYING POLITICS BECAUSE THE TAX

REBATE HE FAVORS WOULD TAKE PLACE EARLY IN 1976, WHILE THE CUT IN SPENDING COULD NOT BE MADE UNTIL AFTER THE ELECTION."

NOTING THAT "THE BALANCE OF POWER IN THE COUNTRY NOW RESTS WITH THOSE PEOPLE WHOSE POLITICAL PHILOSOPHY IS MIDDLE OF THE ROAD AND WHO ARE INDEPENDENTS POLITICALLY, THE POLLSTER SAID:

"IT IS CLEAR THAT NEITHER THE DEMOCRATS IN CONGRESS NOR MR. FORD IS WINNING OVER THIS PIVOTAL GROUP ON THE TAX ISSUE WHICH DIVIDES THEM ALMOST EVENLY. . . .

"MORE LIKELY, THE RECENT TAX FRACAS ALONG THE BANKS OF THE POTOMAC WILL TURN OUT TO BE ANOTHER OF THOSE AFFAIRS THAT HAS LED 86 PER CENT OF THE PEOPLE TO WRITE OFF POLITICIANS, PRESIDENTS, CONGRESSMEN AND OTHER OFFICIALS AS BEING UNRESPONSIVE TO THE REAL DESIRES OF THE PUBLIC IN A TIME OF DEEP NATIONAL CONCERN."

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TAX-TEXT

WASH NGTON (AP) -- HERE IS THE TEXT OF THE PROPOSED TAX CUT COMPROMISE:

"CONGRESS SHARES THE PRESIDENT'S DETERMINATION TO REDUCE SPENDING LEVELS IN ORDER TO REDUCE THE NATIONAL DEFICIT.

"CONGRESS AFFIRMS ITS COMMITMENTS TO THE PROCEDURES ESTABLISHED BY THE CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET AND IMPOUNDMENT CONTROL ACT OF 1974.

"IF THE CONGRESS RECOMMENDS A CONTINUATION OF THE TAX REDUCTION PROVIDED BY THIS MEASURE FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE CALENDAR YEAR 1976, CONGRESS SHALL PROVIDE FOR REDUCTIONS IN THE LEVEL OF SPENDING WHICH WOULD OTHERWISE OCCUR BY \$ FOR EACH \$ OF TAX REDUCTION (FROM THE 1974 TAX RATE LEVELS) PROVIDED IN THE FISCAL YEAR 1977;

"PROVIDED, HOWEVER, THAT NOTHING SHALL PRECLUDE THE RIGHT OF THE CONGRESS TO PASS A RESOLUTION CONTAINING A HIGHER OR LOWER EXPENDITURE FIGURE IF THE CONGRESS CONCLUDES THAT THIS IS WARRANTED BY CHANGING ECONOMIC CONDITIONS OR OTHER UNFORESEEN CIRCUMSTANCES."

12-19-75 13:17EST

UP-084

ADD 2 TAXES, WASHINGTON

THE SENATE BY VOICE VOTE ADDED THE SIX-MONTH TAX CUT EXTENSION TO A MINOR REVENUE BILL AND THEN VOTED 82-0 TO ATTACH THE COMPROMISE SPENDING LANGUAGE APPROVED BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE. THE SENATE THEN VOTED 72-7 TO SEND THE BILL TO THE HOUSE.

REPUBLICANS PRAISED THE LANGUAGE AS A "GOOD COMPROMISE" AND SAID IT REPRESENTED THE "COMMITMENT" FORD SOUGHT TO REDUCE SPENDING NEXT YEAR.

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UP-002

CORRESPONDENTS:

HOUSE DEMOCRATIC LEADERS NOW ARE MEETING TO WORK OUT THEIR OWN VERSION OF LANGUAGE PROMISING TO HOLD DOWN FEDERAL SPENDING AFTER REFUSING TO ACCEPT THE TAX CUT COMPROMISE BETWEEN THE SENATE AND PRESIDENT FORD.

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