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# Yeltsin back, appears healthy

## Russian president's first major speech in eight months is panned by opposition.

MOSCOW (AP) — A vigorous-looking Boris Yeltsin strode back to political center stage Thursday and promised to shake some sense into a government he acknowledged is riddled by corruption and incompetence.

Four months after heart surgery and twice that long since his last major speech, the 66-year-old president went before parliament and pledged emergency measures to jump-start economic reforms he described as "stuck."

It was vintage Yeltsin: forceful, full of finger-pointing and short on spe-

cifics for curing a Russia he depicted as having gone terribly wrong.

No officials' heads rolled, as he has threatened. But Yeltsin said he would announce a political shuffling within days.

Russia is "still struggling in a flood of problems," he said in the 25-minute address, televised nationally. "We haven't been able to reach the far bank."

Yeltsin's strong showing appeared to have silenced, for now, months of talk that he is physically unfit to be president.

Even Mikhail Gorbachev allowed that his rival "looked cheerful and spoke confidently and firmly," although the former Soviet president panned Yeltsin for disassociating himself from his government's failings.

Yeltsin said he had prepared "a

package of important and urgent measures" in a bid to breathe life into an economy that has contracted for six straight years.

He also said he would begin slow but ultimately drastic reforms of Soviet-era state pension and welfare programs.

The president also reiterated Moscow's opposition to NATO's planned eastward expansion, saying it is an attempt to push Russia out of Europe.

"NATO expansion may turn out to be a fatal decision which will cost European nations too dearly," he said.

Communist Party leader Gennady Zyuganov, runner-up to Yeltsin in last July's presidential election, called the president's performance "miserable, helpless, buffoonery without any real content behind it."

# Human cloning called possible

LONDON (AP) — The scientist who successfully cloned an adult sheep in Scotland said Thursday that human cloning could be possible soon, but such research is "offensive."

Dr. Ian Wilmut told a parliamentary committee there was no reason determined researchers could not apply his technique to humans.

"I've hesitated to make predictions, but I'm sure if you really wanted to do it you could do it," said Wilmut, whose team from the Roslin Institute in Edinburgh produced "Dolly," the world's first cloned adult mammal.

Wilmut, who appeared before the House of Commons' Science and Technology Committee, said his team had used more than 1,000 unfertilized

eggs — one measure of the difficulties to be faced in cloning a human being.

"If you were prepared to make that sort of effort, then you would expect to make significant progress in one or two years," he said.

He said everyone at the institute and PPL Therapeutics, the company collaborating with them, agreed that "we would find this kind of work with human embryos offensive."

"We would support wholeheartedly the idea of prohibition in the most effective way possible," he said.

Professor Graham Bulfield, director of the institute, pointed out that in 15 years there had been no attempt to apply genetic modification to humans

despite the fact it was possible.

"The idea that you can bring back a child, that you can bring back your father, it is simply nonsensical," said Wilmut. "You can make a genetically identical copy, but you can't get back the person you have lost."

The scientists said cloning work on farm animals would continue and hoped techniques would be perfected and extended to cattle and pigs in five to 10 years.

Bulfield said cloning of cattle could be used to protect biodiversity, with cells frozen and stored to ensure breeds do not die out. British farmers need to improve the quality of their livestock to compete on the world market, he said.

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