

GOP sees impeachment inquiry within two weeks

WASHINGTON (AP) — Republicans intend to bring a formal inquiry of impeachment to the House floor within the next two weeks, GOP sources said Tuesday.

Democrats renewed talk of a lesser sanction for President Clinton, perhaps a censure along with a financial penalty.

The maneuvering in Congress unfolded as the White House, after digesting nearly 3,200 newly released pages of Kenneth Starr's evidence, lashed out at the independent counsel for ignoring "all reasonable standards of fairness in preparing and drafting" his highly publicized report to lawmakers citing evidence of impeachable offenses.

In particular, Clinton's lawyers wrote the Judiciary Committee contending that Starr's report included 150 pages of "gratuitous and graphic sexual details." At the same time, attorneys David Kendall and Charles Ruff wrote, Starr excluded this statement that Monica Lewinsky made before the grand jury: "No one ever asked me

to lie and I was never promised a job for my silence."

Several Republican sources, speaking on condition of anonymity, said work had begun on drafting the terms of an impeachment inquiry, legislation likely to empower the panel to conduct its own investigation of the facts in the case. It was not clear whether the Judiciary Committee would be limited to investigating matters contained in Starr's report, or would be authorized to range more broadly, perhaps into other areas Starr is probing, or perhaps into alleged campaign fund-raising violations.

It is likely that some action will be taken before Congress adjourns, said one Republican aide. Other officials said the likeliest time for a vote on the House floor was the week after next. Congress has set Oct. 9 as its target adjournment date.

The disclosure came as Republicans on the Judiciary Committee met to review the panel's work thus far and plan its next steps.

Anti-abortion groups ready to file lawsuit against city

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The new forum for debate of protesters' rights will be U.S. Federal Court, anti-abortion leaders said Tuesday.

One day after the Lincoln City Council voted to override a mayoral veto of an ordinance to restrict anti-abortion protesters outside Westminister Presbyterian Church, anti-abortion groups are ready to file a lawsuit against Lincoln regarding the measure, claiming it is unconstitutional.

While the ordinance, passed on Sept. 15, will not take effect until next week, the office of the attorney representing Rescue the Heartland, an anti-abortion group, said the suit may be filed against the city of Lincoln as early as today.

Larry Donlan, the leader of Omaha's Rescue the Heartland, said he was dismayed by the council's decision.

But, he said, challenging the ordinance in federal court and soliciting an injunction to stop enforcement of the ordinance are new ways his group can attempt to continue protest

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ALAN PETERSON
attorney representing Westminister Presbyterian Church

against Winston Crabb, a Westminister Church member who performs abortions in Lincoln.

Nebraska Right to Life also is considering involvement in the suit, Executive Director Julie Schmit-Albin said.

Though NRL is not associated with Rescue the Heartland, she said, NRL "still (views) the override as an infringement on our pro-life speech."

Schmit-Albin said NRL focuses on lobbying efforts and distributing pre-election literature about abortion, as well as organizing peaceful protests outside abortion clinics.

She said the group's rights to organize its political campaign might be threatened if further city ordinances are passed restricting protesters' rights.

Alan Peterson, a Lincoln attorney

representing Westminister Church, said the church would not be directly implicated in the lawsuit.

"We want to make sure the city attorney's office either gets outside counsel to defend itself or takes some similar action," he said.


For now, Donlan said, Rescue the Heartland is planning a Sunday morning vigil outside Westminister Church and is looking at protesting in Dr. Crabb's neighborhood.

Donlan said the new ordinance, once enforced, will give Rescue the Heartland an opportunity to refocus its efforts in Lincoln.

Increased attention from the public has not set back his group, he said.

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"Unless they bring attention to

themselves by their behavior, we're not going to go out of our way to identify them as non-students," Swanson said.

If someone fails to produce proper identification, they will be asked to leave the posted area, he said.

Swanson said he will report back to the Union Board before Thanksgiving break with information on how the policy is working.

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Some of the passers-by glanced at the shanty and walked on, he said, while a few made donations.

Greg Ludvik, a freshman broad-

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