

# Republicans want Clinton to admit lying

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Clinton must state clearly that he lied in the Monica Lewinsky affair before the House Judiciary Committee can consider any alternative to impeachment, Republican members said Sunday. But other lawmakers warned not to ignore momentum for the lesser action of censuring the president.

One Republican who has come out against impeachment, Rep. Peter King of New York, predicted that a vote to impeach would fall short in the House and pursuing that course could perpetuate the image that Republicans put the scandal ahead of the nation's legislative needs.

"It's going to make it harder to get our agenda across. We have to show that we can lead, that we can bring an end to this," he said on NBC's "Meet the Press."

But the move to censure was complicated last week by GOP dissatisfaction with what they said were Clinton's evasive answers to 81 questions presented to him by Judiciary Committee Chairman Henry Hyde, R-Ill.

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**ARLEN SPECTER**  
Republican senator, Pennsylvania

"This censure idea without an admission on the president's part is a political cop-out," committee member Rep. Lindsey Graham, R-S.C., told NBC. "I do not want to have an unrepentant perjurer leading the nation into the 21<sup>st</sup> century."

House Majority Whip Tom DeLay, R-Texas, on CNN's "Late Edition," said, "The Congress and the House have no other option but to vote impeachment or not."

Clinton has a chance to directly confront the committee Dec. 8 when he or his representatives have been invited to testify.

One Senate Republican, Sen. Arlen Specter of Pennsylvania, said Clinton should personally appear to

defend himself.

"I think he ought to have to answer questions and be subject to examination, because the answers that he gave were evasive," he said on "Fox News Sunday."

"Let's bring the president in." After that, the committee would decide whether to recommend articles of impeachment to the full House, which could take up the matter the following week.

If 218 House members vote to impeach, action would move to the Senate, where a two-thirds majority is needed to convict and remove the president from office. With opinions split down party lines, there is little chance of that happening.

## News Briefs

### Britain denies making deal for Pinochet

LONDON (AP) — Britain denied Sunday that it is negotiating a deal to free Gen. Augusto Pinochet in return for a pledge from Chile to strip the former dictator of immunity and make him stand trial at home on charges of genocide and torture.

However, the tug-of-war over 83-year-old Pinochet intensified with human rights activists dismissing as a "cruel joke" on victims the virtual pledges by Chilean Foreign Minister Jose Miguel Insulza to have the general tried.

A spokesman for Home Secretary Jack Straw, who has until Dec. 11 to decide whether to block proceedings to extradite Pinochet to Spain, said the decision would be based on judicial, not political, grounds.

### Palestinian official walks out of talks

TEL AVIV, Israel (AP) — A stormy negotiating session ended Sunday with one Palestinian official walking out and others saying the latest Mideast peace accord was in jeopardy, mainly because of Israel's refusal to release military and political prisoners.

"Palestinians are furious about the prisoner issue, and tensions between the two sides have been building since Israel freed 250 prisoners, 150 of whom were common criminals, 10 days ago."

"This is a crisis situation, and we have asked for American intervention," said senior Palestinian negotiator Saeb Erekat.

The Palestinians had expected Israel to release so-called security prisoners — those who fought the Israeli occupation of the West Bank and Gaza Strip.

### Regulators to announce change in hospital law

WASHINGTON (AP) — Hospitals can't delay or deny emergency

room care just because a patient's health insurance plan requires permission before treatment, government regulators are ready to announce this week.

A 1986 law bars hospital emergency rooms from refusing to examine and stabilize patients who can't pay. Now, federal officials will use the "patient dumping" prohibition to ensure immediate care whether or not insurance pays.

"Despite the terms of any managed care agreements ... federal law requires that stabilizing medical treatment be provided in an emergency," said Health and Human Services Department Inspector General June Gibbs Brown.

The 1986 law was intended mainly to protect people without health insurance. However, delays while emergency room staff consult with health plans to see if insurance will pay are on the rise, regulators say. In some cases, federal officials say, patients with potentially serious health conditions have left emergency rooms after being questioned about their insurance.

# Food bank begins holiday donation drive

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Wende Baker, executive director of the food bank, said Lincoln residents contributed more than 100,000 pounds of food last year. She said the food bank hopes to equal, if not top, that amount this year.

"The need for emergency food assistance continues in our community," she said. "We need to at least match, if not exceed, last year's dona-

tions to try to keep pace with the need."

Gooch Foods and Meadow Gold Dairies co-sponsor the drive. Food collected will be distributed to more than 80 charities in southeast Nebraska. Charities receiving products include the Lincoln City Mission and the Salvation Army.

Judy Timperley, assistant administrator of the Salvation Army in Lincoln, said the food drive is beneficial.

The Salvation Army uses the food bank and other agencies similar to it year-round, she said.

Baker stressed that people need food year-round and not just during the holiday season.

"We are dependent on this drive not only for the holidays but to stock up for winter months," she said. "We need to stock up enough in December, because the demand for food does not go away."



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