

Spending bills pass under gun

WASHINGTON (AP)—Beset by internal disputes and veto threats, Congress left most of its spending work unfinished Thursday as the government closed the books on the 1999 fiscal year.

President Clinton denounced a plan to save money by slowing income-support payments to millions of working poor families.

"Let me be clear: I will not sign a bill that turns its back on these hard-working families," Clinton said at the White House.

Minutes earlier, he signed legislation keeping agencies open through Oct. 21, giving the two sides more time to battle over issues including schools and foreign aid.

Just four of the 13 annual spending bills were signed into law before the fiscal year began today. One has been vetoed, and five others face veto threats.

One legislative deadlock was broken when House and Senate conferees finally agreed on a \$8.7 billion farm-relief package after dropping a provision that would have eased the embargo on trade with Cuba.

Much of the action in the Capitol centered on legislation financing

labor, health and education programs, the biggest spending measure of the year.

The Senate spent a second, desultory day debating its \$324 billion measure. Though Democrats successfully won extra spending for social services and child care, the bill still faced a veto threat because of cuts in Clinton's proposals for hiring teachers and other efforts.

The most controversial action was in the House Appropriations Committee, which used a near party-line 33-26 vote to approve its \$316 billion version of the bill.

But first, Republicans used a party-line 32-27 tally to approve a plan aimed at letting them redeem their pledge of passing spending bills without dipping into Social Security.

The GOP proposal would spread out over 12 months what has historically been a lump sum payment to most low-income working poor under a program known as the earned income tax credit.

Campaigning in California for the GOP presidential nomination, Texas Gov. George Bush said: "I don't think they ought to balance their budget on the backs of the poor."

NU Board of Regents to vote on stadium

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"If it passes, we will go through a process of finalizing the design and begin looking at what set of agreements we want to put in place," Lewis said.

"The groundbreaking would be March 1."

Lewis said teams could begin playing in the stadium in 2001.

In other business, the board is set to vote on accepting the master

plan for the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. UNL presented its plan to the regents at last month's meeting.

A vote will also be taken to name the facilities of the forthcoming Temple block complex. If approved, the buildings will take on the name of the donors that funded them.

They include the Mary Riepma Ross Film Theater, the Weigel-Williamson Atrium and the Van Brunt Visitors Center.

Life-saving efforts earn praise

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paramedics were able to revive Williams, who was then transported to BryanLGH West, where he remained on life support until he died Sept. 17.

Despite the fact that Williams later died, Edwards said Veskrna's efforts gave him "a very real chance of survival."

Veskrna said she was about to begin directing post-game traffic at 14th and Vine streets when a bus driver called her for assistance with a passenger who had collapsed.

"It appeared as though he was definitely in distress," Veskrna said.

Veskrna, an eight-year veteran with UNL police, radioed for medical support, then began CPR on Williams.

Theisen, a bike paramedic, said he was patrolling outside the stadium when he got Veskrna's call. He said he arrived about two minutes later to

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help.

Rural/Metro public affairs director Paul Edwards said the two minutes Veskrna tried to revive Williams were vital to saving him.

"Her ability to get in at the beginning with CPR was critical," Edwards said.

Veskrna said she was assisted by a BryanLGH nurse but did not remember the nurse's name.

"I really wish she could be here today," Veskrna said.

After paramedics arrived at the

bus, Veskrna continued helping with Williams, Theisen said, until the man was placed in an ambulance.

"Her response was just outstanding, and we felt she should be recognized for that," Theisen said.

All law enforcement officials must undergo CPR training to receive a law enforcement license. Veskrna said she took refresher courses regularly and had never been forced to use her skills before.

"My training came through pretty quickly," she said.

Custodian keeps cheerfulness

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that's why I didn't like motel work."

Emeigh now works only one shift each day at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. She has cleaned Burr, Fedde, Cather, Pound and Selleck residence halls during her six years at UNL, but she says she likes all-female Smith Residence Hall the best.

"I love working for the girls," she said. "Boys are messier."

Emeigh works hard, pushing her heavy yellow plastic cleaning cart. As she mops the elevator lobby, she greets every resident who steps off

the elevator.

"They can't understand why I'm always smiling," she said. "I just care about them all. These four floors are just like my family."

Emeigh builds casual friendships with the women in Smith, giving them Halloween candy and telling them to be safe when they go out. She also tells them to get a "good night's sleep," which many don't do.

"They get up in the morning with a couple hours of sleep and are late to class," she said.

Angela Bryan, a sophomore Russian and European studies major, has lived on Smith's 10th floor for

two years. She said Emeigh is like her mom.

"Every morning I walk by her on the way to the shower," Bryan said. "She always wishes me a good day (and) knows my name. It's a very homey atmosphere."

Emeigh plans to stay at UNL until she retires in 10 years. After she retires, she plans to spend more time with her husband, George Emeigh, who works for maintenance on East Campus.

"I like cleaning because I've done it most of my adult life," she said. "I enjoy making students happy. I wouldn't really change anything."

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