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**PERRY CRITICIZES CONGRESS, POMBO ON CRIME BILL STALL;
CALLS FOR BILL'S RECONSIDERATION**

STOCKTON -- Flanked by key community leaders on the steps of the San Joaquin County Court House, Congressional candidate Randy A. Perry said it is unfortunate that U.S. Representative Richard Pombo, R-Tracy, along with the House of Representatives gave in to gridlock and turned their backs once again to strong community law enforcement, female victims of crime and tougher death penalty statutes with their "no" vote on the rule on the Omnibus Crime Control Bill. Because the procedure was voted down, the entire package will not be considered for approval by the House.

Perry was joined in his criticism of Congress by Stockton Mayor Joan Darrah; Stockton Vice Mayor Floyd Weaver; San Joaquin Deputy Sheriff Rinda Weber; Jennet Stebbins, Vice Chair of the Board of Trustees for the Stockton Unified School District; Sandra Davis, Founder of the Mothers Against Gang War; Christine Muok, representing "My Sister's House," a battered women's shelter for which she is trying to get funding; Margaret Burroughs from the Stockton Black Chamber of Commerce; and Maria Rocero, director of the Domestic Violence Unit of the Women's Center of San Joaquin County.

"Local communities have long been crying for flexible, effective federal funding and programs to make our streets and communities safer for families and children. The Crime Bill would have gone a long way toward making that goal a foreseeable reality," Perry said.

Perry called on Congress and Congressman Pombo, specifically, to resurrect the Crime Bill and not be influenced by a narrow band of special interests that is holding the bill hostage.

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CRIME BILL

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8/12/94

Crime bill defeat may hurt health plan

By David Espo
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The House's decision to shelve crime legislation represents a striking setback for President Clinton and the Democratic leadership just when they need it least — with health reform and midterm elections bearing down on them.

Poll after poll shows anxiety over crime to be topic one on the minds of voters this summer, and so the crime bill may yet reemerge in different form and clear Congress this fall.

But when the gavel fell Thursday on the 225-210 vote that blocked the measure's passage, it underscored anew the difficulty Clinton has had in enacting his program in a Congress under the control of Democrats.

"If they decide to go down the same narrow, partisan, liberal road, I think that they will frankly lose their health bill in the same manner as they lost" on the crime bill, House GOP Whip Newt Gingrich said moments after the vote.

Some Democrats were swift to criticize Republicans, only 11 of whom — out of 178 — voted in favor of the procedural motion that was essential for crime-bill clearance. "It's more of a serious blow to the Republican Party, which clearly now is on the record as not being willing to step forward and deal with the issue of crime," said Rep. Kweisi Mfume, D-Md., chairman

Perry blasts Pombo over his 'no' vote

By Trip Jennings
The Record

Thursday's congressional defeat of the sweeping, \$33 billion anti-crime bill kicked the local congressional campaign into high gear as Democratic House candidate Randy Perry blasted Rep. Richard Pombo for his vote against the bill.

Pombo, R-Tracy, cast a 'no' vote during Thursday's procedural vote that would have defined the form and length of debate on the anti-crime bill. Rep. John Doolittle, R-Rocklin, also voted 'no.'

The House defeated the procedural issue 225 votes to 210, thus killing any chance for the crime bill to be approved.

Perry, a Stockton resident who is challenging Pombo in the Nov. 8 election, works for the Peace Officers Research Association of California and accused Pombo of costing Stockton new police officers.

A clause within the bill pays for 100,000 new police officers across America, 50 percent of whom, Perry said, would have gone to cities with populations greater than 100,000 people, a



POMBO:
Questions bill.

category including Stockton.

"I've walked this district, and all I'm hearing is that people are sick and tired of crime," Perry said. "Today was our congressman's chance to do something, but he followed the same old grid pattern."

Pombo, however, defended his vote by saying the bill was a "wasteful, pork-laden, election-year charade."

"It was portrayed as tough on crime," Pombo said. "The truth is that it's a social-spending bill."

Pombo said roughly \$9 billion was spent on what he termed questionable programs, such as a \$10 million grant to a university in the district of Democratic Judiciary Committee Chairman Jack Brooks, or a \$40 million program, Pombo said, that would have paid for midnight basketball leagues and dance

classes in urban public housing.

"I voted against it so it would go back to the conference committee," Pombo said. A conference committee consists of senators and House members who hammer out an agreement on a bill.

"I'm on that committee, and I'm going to fight to make it tougher on crime," Pombo said, adding that the conference committee may start as early as today.

As for his vote's being along party lines, Pombo said the Democrats number 256 members in the House and could have passed the bill easily.

"If they can't get their own party to support it, something's wrong," Pombo said. "Another thing, the crime-bill conference report wasn't printed until this morning. It was over 1,000 pages. There were only five copies made."

"Anybody, any representative, any candidate who talks with authority on this bill is a fool," Pombo said. "I was on the conference committee, and I don't know what's in it. I'm still finding out."

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Stockton mayor blasts Pombo crime bill vote

By Ann Schuyler
San Joaquin News Service

STOCKTON — Stockton Mayor Joan Darrah blasted Rep. Richard Pombo's vote against a national crime bill during an appearance with Democratic congressional challenger Randy Perry.

"Mr. Pombo showed no consideration for the real problems of this county," Darrah said Friday. "We need his help in this community. Crime is the No. 1 problem."

Pombo, who represents all but the very southern corner of San Joaquin County, voted with 224 others to keep the \$33 billion anti-crime bill from coming to a vote Thursday.

Pombo said his vote helped force the crime bill back into negotiations for legislation that is leaner and tougher on crime. Pombo said the bill would not have delivered as promised because it was overloaded with pork barrel programs. The bill will go back to the conference committee next week for revisions and will probably pass with an overwhelming majority, Pombo said.

According to Pombo, the bill's promise to put 100,000 police officers on city streets was whittled down to 20,000 by the time the bill goes into final negotiations. The bill would have benefited major metropolitan areas like Chicago, San

Francisco, Los Angeles and Detroit and would have left rural areas out, Pombo said.

Randy Perry, Pombo's Democratic challenger for the 11th District seat, lambasted the Tracy Republican's vote during a press conference on the steps of the county courthouse Friday. Perry was backed by the presence of Darrah, Stockton Councilmember Floyd Weaver and about 10 community activists.

"Congress and Mr. Pombo have failed to show any vision or leadership for our children," Perry said. "This is a giant step backwards."

Perry said the pork barrel Pombo refused to is essential programs that Stockton and the county need, like funds to battle domestic violence. Perry, 35, is a Stockton resident and a lobbyist for the Peace Officers Research Association of California.

Pombo said Perry's criticism is a "partisan attempt to use crime as a campaign issue rather than fighting for what's good for the 11th district, which is a crime bill that's tough on crime and not tough on taxpayers."

Pombo said he supports funding for domestic violence. He said he voted during the conference committee for a provision in the bill that gives cities blocks of money to spend on crime prevention.



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NEWS RELEASE

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MOORHEAD SURVEY FINDS CRIME IS NUMBER ONE ISSUE; BUT INCUMBENT VOTES AGAINST CRIME BILL

Altadena -- When residents of California's 27th Congressional District went to their mailboxes yesterday, they found a newsletter from 22-year incumbent Congressman Carlos Moorhead which contained results of the incumbent's recent constituent survey. The survey revealed that crime is the number one issue among residents and that they overwhelmingly support enlarging the border patrol and putting more police on the street.

But when residents sat down to watch the evening news, they discovered that their Congressman voted against the Crime Bill, ignoring the top concern of his constituents.

Challenger Doug Kahn, an Altadena businessman running against the 22-year incumbent in the fall election, said he would have supported the Crime Bill, and called Moorhead's vote purely political. "After 22 years in Congress, Moorhead has lost touch with our community, and now he listens to party leaders and special interests in Washington," Kahn said. "He listens to the National Rifle Association, which gave him a \$500 contribution just a few months ago.

"He voted against banning semi-automatic assault weapons, more police, and against a stronger border patrol. In fact, Moorhead claims credit for an amendment to the crime bill to increase the border patrol. But in the end, he voted against the bill. He's a typical politician, talking out of both sides of his mouth."

According to Moorhead's survey, 44.4% of respondents said crime, more than any other issue, was the most important problem in our area. More than 92% said they supported a stronger border patrol, and 85% said that putting more police on the street would improve the crime situation.

"Carlos Moorhead has been in Congress too long. He doesn't hear what we say anymore," Kahn continued. "We are afraid to walk down our streets and he voted against 10,000 new police officers for California. He voted against \$39 million for battered women's shelters in California. He voted against \$125 million for anti-gang activities in California. He voted with the National Rifle Association, and against banning semi-automatic assault weapons.

"It's time for new ideas and a new approach. When I'm elected, I'll listen to the voices in our community, not the special interests in Washington."

The results of Congressman Moorhead's survey follow.

WIDOWHEADS

1994 Results of 27th Congressional District Poll

While the 1994 27th Congressional District Opinion Poll was not the most scientific sampling of public attitudes in the district, it was unquestionably the largest. Thousands of residents took the time to answer 23 questions and return those answers to my Rayburn office, and hundreds of others added extra comments. As you might suspect, they are varied. A small sample: "Thanks for asking our opinion." "A high school graduate should be able to fill out his federal and state income tax forms, write a job application and maintain a checking account." (#4) I do not care. Because I have no telephone and cable television." "In response to #9, I chose the economy as the major problem because when people can't get decent jobs, it leads to the other problems of crime, violence, frustration and drugs." "I know that you most likely will not read this but I do have a question: Why can't we each keep the health insurance we have now?" "By way of summary: there is no current health plan. The insurance policies are frauds; literally, they stink. HMO's are the most inept group of service-ers that ever perpetrated a fraud on needy human beings." "Kindly remove my name from your mailing list." (Sorry, there are no specific names on a postal patron list. It's cheaper that way.) "Some of these questions are too complicated for a simple answer." These are just a few of the many comments I received. I also realize the inadequacy of a simple "Yes" or "No" to weighty questions. I understand the problem almost every time I vote "Yes" or "No" on complicated legislation. Thanks to everyone who took some of their valuable time to respond and write. The results make interesting reading.

1. Do you (a) favor or (b) oppose enlarging the Border Patrol to a point where it would have effective control over U.S. borders? a. 92.5% b. 7.5%
2. Would you (a) favor or (b) oppose a fee for vehicles crossing U.S. land borders in order to fund expansion of the Border Patrol? a. 82.5% b. 17.5%
3. Do you think the number of immigrants entering the United States is (a) too high, (b) about right, or (c) too low? a. 90% b. 9.1% c. .9%
4. Do you (a) favor or (b) oppose allowing local telephone companies into video services in order to provide competition to cable television companies? a. 82.2% b. 17.8%
5. If all employers had to provide health insurance coverage for all their workers, do you think this would cause employers to (a) create jobs, (b) eliminate jobs, or (c) make no difference? a. 2% b. 77.6% c. 20.4%
6. Would you (a) favor or (b) oppose your Member of Congress supporting cuts in federal spending even if that means cutting programs which you like? a. 82.5% b. 17.5%
7. On the whole, are you (a) satisfied or (b) not satisfied with the quality of health care available to you and your family? a. 76.3% b. 23.7%
8. "Three Strikes and You're Out" is a concept that would mandate life imprisonment without parole for a criminal who is convicted of committing a third violent crime. Would you (a) favor or (b) oppose putting this concept into federal law? a. 87.3% b. 12.7%
9. What do you think is the most important problem facing our area today? (a) Health care, (b) Unemployment, (c) Economy, (d) Crime and violence, (e) Immigration, (f) Deficit, (g) Drugs a. 2.7% b. 9.3% c. 8.6%
d. 44.4% e. 19.3% f. 10.5%
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10. Some people have suggested that the minimum wage be increased to help people in low-paying jobs keep up with the cost of living. Other people feel that an increase in the minimum wage would increase costs to business, decrease jobs and weaken the economy. Do you (a) favor or (b) oppose increasing the minimum wage? a. 40.5% b. 59.5%
11. Would you (a) support or (b) oppose an increase in taxes to help pay for Clinton's health care plan? a. 19.2% b. 80.8%
12. Do you think the Congress (a) should or (b) should not have the power to prevent a President from sending U.S. troops to participate in U.N. missions? a. 66.3% b. 33.7%
13. Do you think the power of special interests to influence government will be (a) reduced or (b) not reduced if Congress passes a bill to create a system in which taxpayers pay part of the costs of political campaigns? a. 25% b. 75%
14. In general, do you think it is better for the (a) same political party to control both Congress and the presidency so they can work together more closely, or do you think it is better to (b) have different political parties controlling Congress and the presidency to prevent either one from going too far? a. 32.8% b. 67.2%
15. During the next 12 months, do you think the economic conditions of this country will get (a) better, (b) become worse, or (c) stay about the same? a. 26.6% b. 28.8% c. 44.6%
16. From what you have heard of it, do you think Clinton's health care plan, if it is passed by Congress and implemented, would require a (a) big increase in taxes or (b) not? a. 83.4% b. 16.6%
17. One of the anti-crime initiatives is to hire more police officers and put them on the street. Would this improve the crime picture a (a) great deal, (b) somewhat, (c) very little or (d) not at all? a. 34.7% b. 50.3% c. 17.8%
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| 18. Right now, which is more important for Clinton to focus on: (a) domestic policy or (b) foreign policy? | a. 81.7% | b. 18.3% | | |
| 19. From what you have heard or read, do you (a) favor or (b) oppose the Clinton Administration's health care plan? | a. 26.6% | b. 73.4% | | |
| 20. How well do you understand the way your own health care would change under the Clinton plan? (a) Very well, (b) Fairly well, (c) Not too well, (d) Not at all well. | a. 23.1% | b. 30.1% | c. 27.1% | d. 19.7% |
| 21. In formulating environmental rules and risks, should a federal agency be required to consider cost benefits? (a) Yes, (b) No | a. 76.9% | b. 23.1% | | |
| 22. The federal government frequently forces states to carry out certain policies in areas such as immigration and environment without providing funds to implement and administer the policies. Do you (a) favor or (b) oppose the idea of unfunded federal mandates? | a. 11.1% | b. 88.9% | | |
| 23. If a federal policy diminishes the value of private property, should the government reimburse the property owner? (a) Yes, (b) No | a. 85.2% | b. 14.8% | | |

Clinton vote shoots down crime bill

Clinton administration, House Democratic leadership

dale. "People would be outraged if they knew what was in this. The Democrats have included so many dumb things in this bill."

Clinton, while clearly upset, nonetheless exhorted the leadership to revisit the matter and try to produce a crime bill now.

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the bill, which would also have built new prisons and paid for 100,000 additional police officers around the country. And only one of the state's 30 Democrats — Rep. Maxine Waters of Los Angeles — voted against it.

"I just couldn't go home and sell a bill that has as much social spending in it as this one," said Rep. Carlos Moorhead, R-Glen-

crime measure would be resurrected in this session of Congress. "Anyone who thinks we can produce a new crime bill in the month remaining is smoking something," said a disappointed Rep. Charles E. Schumer, D-N.Y., who had steered much of the legislation through the House.

All of California's 22 Republican representatives voted against the bill, which an angry Clinton called "a procedural trick orchestrated by the National Rifle Association, then heavily pushed by the Republican leadership," left both the White House and Congress stunned. And it dimmed the chances that a comprehensive

Health bill delayed

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A move to bring the bill to the floor defeated 225-210, with 58 Democrats going against their party. Their president to derail a \$30 billion package that contained a ban on the sale of 19 assault weapons, which was strenuously opposed by gun proponents. Death penalty provisions in the bill were opposed by liberals and African Americans.

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Clinton plans to battle back

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"We can do better than this," Clinton said after the vote, "and I want the Congress and the House to go back to work tomorrow and figure out how to save the elements of this bill."

In a signal that Clinton was determined to fight back, the White House announced abruptly that he would travel to Minneapolis today to address the National Association of Police Officers.

Some critics contended the bill included massive social spending. Supporters, however, argued the spending charges were overblown. Without the \$7 billion for community crime prevention programs, they claimed, crime could never be reduced.

Rep. Matthew Martinez, D-Monterey Park, voted for the bill despite a history of supporting the NRA and voting against gun control laws.

But Rep. Jay Kim, R-Diamond Bar, said he voted against the bill because it "greases the revolving door for convicted

criminals. This crime bill would have hired two new social workers for every police officer on the beat."

With many Americans ranking crime as their top concern, and with the entire House up for election in November, failure to produce a bill could prod voters to sweep out the incumbents, most of whom are Democrats.

Moreover, the loss of the crime bill deprives the House leadership of much-needed momentum for its foundering health care legislation. Representative Newt Gingrich, the Republican whip, warned that if the Democrats continued on what he described as a narrow partisan road, "they will frankly lose the health bill in the same manner they lost this."

Of course, the president and his allies may yet find a way to revive the bill.

The vote showed, furthermore, that the arrival of Leon Panetta as chief of staff has not yet galvanized the White House operation on Capitol Hill. Panetta, the former Congressman from Monterey, worked the corridors, made the calls, predicted a narrow victory and then failed to pull it out.

— Staff writer Christopher Rosche in our Washington Bureau contributed to this N.Y. Times News Service story

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By Katherine Q. Seelye
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WASHINGTON — In a startling defeat for the House Democratic leadership and an embarrassment for President Clinton, the House shelved the administration's anti-crime bill yesterday on a procedural vote.

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This went out w/ a WP article on NRA lobbying members.

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Calvert Flip-Flops to Block Crime Bill

Takano Says Calvert Voted to Put Gun Lobby Interests Before Riverside County

Riverside - Congressional Candidate Mark Takano took Rep. Ken Calvert to task today for voting against considering the most sweeping package of crime legislation ever considered by Congress. "Ken Calvert voted against the wishes of the law enforcement community, against the hopes of crime victims and against the interests of those of us living in Riverside County where there were 20,362 violent crimes in 1992," said Takano. "Especially disturbing is the appearance that he did so to appease the gun lobby which had made this vote into a litmus test. Ken had previously voted to support the crime bill but now flip-flopped to oppose it."

"Once again, Ken Calvert has sacrificed common sense for the sake of ideology. By voting against the assault weapons ban in the bill, he voted against three-strikes-and-you're-out and against putting another 100,000 cops on the street. He's gone off the deep end with this vote."

Calvert's vote came today as the House defeated a rule making in order the consideration the Omnibus Crime Bill (the Conference Report on H.R. 3355). With the defeat of the rule, passage of the Crime bill is in serious jeopardy.

Anti-gun control forces had lobbied furiously to prevent consideration of the Crime bill in order to defeat an assault weapons ban contained in the bill.

The Crime bill included provisions to put 100,000 more cops on the streets, impose a three strikes and you're out life imprisonment provision, expansion of the death penalty and innovative crime prevention programs.

Ken Calvert has accepted \$4,950 from the NRA in the 1994 campaign cycle and accepted another \$4,950 from them in 1992. He has voted to oppose a ban on assault weapons (5/5/94) and voted against the Brady bill to require a five-day waiting period before the purchase of a handgun to allow local enforcement officials to perform background check on the purchaser (11/10/93). His original vote to support the crime bill came on 4/21/94 when the House originally considered the bill before sending it to the Senate.

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House derails crime bill

Democrats to postpone action on health care

By Mike Lofqvist
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON

House Democratic leaders — after being stunned by lawmakers' rejection of their and President Clinton's crime — decided last night to postpone action on health care reform.

House Speaker Thomas Foley and Majority Leader Richard Gephardt emerged from a meeting last night with White House Chief of Staff Leon Panetta and other top aides to Clinton and told reporters they could not begin debate next week on health care.

Instead, Foley and Gephardt said, the House next week would concentrate on the crime bill, which suffered a dramatic 225-210 vote defeat yesterday on a parliamentary move.

It was the third time in four years that important crime legislation had been stifled or scaled back at the last minute.

A move to bring the bill to the floor was defeated with 58 Democrats going against their party and their president to derail a \$30 billion package that contained a ban on the sale of 19 assault weapons. The assault-weapon ban was strenuously opposed by gun proponents,

while death penalty provisions were opposed by liberals and blacks.

The move, which an angry Clinton called "a procedural trick orchestrated by the National Rifle Association, then heavily pushed by the Republican leadership," left both the White House and Congress stunned. And it dimmed the chances that a comprehensive crime measure would be resurrected during this session of Congress.

"Anyone who thinks we can produce a new crime bill in the month remaining is smoking something," said a

How they voted:

"Yes" vote is in favor of allowing debate on the package on the House floor.

► Ken Calvert, R-Corona, NO

► Al McCandless, R-La Quinta, NO

► Ron Packard, R-Oceanside, NO

► George E. Brown, D-San Bernardino, YES

► Jerry Lewis, R-Riverside, NO

disappointed Rep. Charles E. Schumer, D-N.Y., who had steered much of the legislation through the House.

Clinton, while clearly upset over the loss, nonetheless exhorted the leadership to revisit the matter and try to produce a crime bill now. "We can do better than this," he said in an appearance at the White House after the vote, "and I want the Congress and the House to go back to work tomorrow and figure out how to save the elements of this bill."

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Luby Blasts Frank's Crime Vote

5th Congressional District candidate Tom Luby blasted Rep. Gary Frank's vote to kill crime bill today. Franks was the sole Connecticut vote against the bill which would have added 100,000 more police to the streets, thousands of prison beds, a tough "three-strikes-and-you're-out", and taken dangerous assault weapons out of the hands of criminals.

"Gary Franks unwillingness to stand with the people of Connecticut on this critical issue is symbolic of the job he's done in Washington," Luby said.

"I've met people from across the district who are terrified to go outside their homes," Luby said. "This is about more than politics - it's about doing what's right."

Luby attacked Frank's lack of attention to his home district and his frequent trips throughout the rest of the country as reasons for his vote.

"Gary Franks has been out-of-touch and out-of-state for the past four years," Luby said. "We need a leader who will bring Connecticut values and common sense to Congress."

While many Republicans in Congress voted to kill the crime bill, political observers considered a "no" vote on the crime bill to be political suicide in New England where the problem of violent crime has gotten progressively worse. With all 3 Democrats (DeLauro, Gejdenson, & Kennelly) and the other 2 Republicans (Johnson & Shays) voting for the bill, Franks stood alone in the Connecticut delegation.

"Gary Franks sealed his political fate today," Luby campaign manager Shaun McNally said. "The voters from across the district know that we need real solutions to our crime problem - Gary Franks has failed that test."

Luby is facing State Senator James Maloney in this September's Democratic primary. He will then face Gary Franks in a November 8th General Election.

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MALONEY TO FRANKS: YOUR GUILTY OF KILLING CRIME BILL

(Danbury, August 11) -- 5th District Congressional candidate Jim Maloney today sharply criticized U.S. Rep. Gary Franks for derailing the federal crime bill by voting to block the bill from coming to the House floor for a vote. Franks' vote against the rule -- which was narrowly defeated in the House 225-210 -- prevents a vote or even debate on one of the most sweeping crime prevention efforts ever considered by Congress.

"I am outraged by Gary Franks' vote," said Maloney. "Franks talks tough on crime. But talk is cheap. Today Franks showed his true colors by voting to kill the crime bill with procedural maneuvering. Franks voted against 100,000 additional police officers on our streets; against a ban on assault weapons, against 3-strikes-and-your-out lifetime sentencing. Simply put, Gary Franks showed today that he is not serious about fighting crime."

Maloney said that Franks' excuse for voting against the crime bill -- that it had too much "pork" -- was sheer fabrication. "The only pork here is the hogwash Franks is feeding us. This crime bill is one of the toughest, most comprehensive measures to fight crime in decades. Nearly two-thirds of the bill's funding would put more police on our streets and build more prison space. The bill also contains millions for prevention of domestic violence. Police officials nationwide have endorsed the bill because it contains real crime fighting tools, not 'pork.'

Maloney pointed out that the real reason Franks voted to kill the crime bill is because it contained a ban on assault weapons, a measure opposed by the National Rifle Association. "That's what the National Rifle Association wanted," said Maloney, "and that's what Gary Franks gave them. Gary has been bought by thousands of dollars of NRA campaign contributions, and today he sold out the American people to deliver on his debt to the NRA."

"I strongly support the ban on assault weapons as a critical piece of the crime bill," continued Maloney. "Gangs use these dangerous guns for drive-by shootings. Our neighborhoods are being terrorized. Our police are being out-gunned. We must ban these efficient killing machines now."

Maloney said he would keep the pressure on Franks to resurrect the assault weapons ban and the crime bill. "We cannot permit groups like the NRA to stand in the way of the crime bill. I challenge Gary Franks to take a tough stand on crime: bring back the assault weapons ban; bring back the crime bill."

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Crime bill scuttled by House vote

Democrats left red-faced

By DAVID LIGHTMAN
Washington Bureau Chief

WASHINGTON — Democratic Party officials expected Thursday's vote on the \$33.2 billion crime bill to be "the vote of the year," the one that would not only be a strong, sensitive response to voters' fears, but would bury a generation-old image of the party as soft on crime.

Instead, the House, despite a 78-seat Democratic majority, buried the crime bill, killing it on a 225-210 procedural vote to cut off additional debate.

It was a stinging defeat for the Democrats and President Clinton as well as for Connecticut and its cities and towns. The state stood to gain at least \$223 million for a wide range of crime programs, including extra police protection, over the next six years.

Now, there is nothing — no bill, no money, no ban on 19 assault

weapons and copycat models, no new programs for domestic violence.

"I worked my heart out and did everything I could," Clinton said. "On this day, the [National Rifle Association] and the Republican leadership had their way."

Rep. Barbara B. Kennelly, D-1st District, a chief deputy majority whip, said Democrats hope to revive parts of the bill quickly, notably those dealing with the gun ban, mandatory life imprisonment for three-time felons and more money for police and preventive programs.

"We can't give up," she said.

But her task will be difficult. Thursday, many had the same view as Rep. Gary A. Franks, R-5th District, the only one in the six-member Connecticut delegation in the House to vote against the rules that would have allowed debate on the

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bill to continue.

the sentiments of his GOP colleague, Franks branded the bill "pork" and ridiculed its social service programs, such as money to create midnight basketball programs.

"Congress is stooping to a new low," said Franks. "It used to create make-work programs. Now it creates make-busy programs."

Democrats, on the other hand, had pleaded with fellow members for days to send voters a message that House members cared about fighting crime.

Chief Deputy Majority Whip Bill Richardson, D-N.M., told everyone it was "the vote of the year," and House Speaker Thomas S. Foley, D-Wash., in a rare floor speech, pointed his finger and insisted, "This is a truly crucial and seminal vote."

That kind of talk won over most of the Connecticut delegation, as Kennelly; Sam Gejdenson, D-2nd District; Ross L. DeLauro, D-3rd District; Christopher Shays, R-4th District; and Nancy L. Johnson, R-6th District, voted to proceed.

But defections by nine Democratic members of the Congressional Black Caucus, as well as conservative Democrats opposed to the gun ban, gave the GOP assault enough ammunition to kill one of Clinton's top priorities.

Dead is a bill that was a collection of programs and policies with something for almost everyone.

It had major new programs to help curb domestic violence; authorized the federal death penalty for several crimes, including treason and certain carjacking crimes; and funded prisons and boot camps. It mandated life in prison for people convicted of three felonies. And, it contained pet programs Connecticut lawmakers had been pushing for years.

Hartford Police Chief Joseph F. Croughwell Jr., said he was "devastated" when he heard the bill was defeated.

prehensive crime bills to combat crime. "The bill covered everything from rehabilitation to prevention and fighting."

If the bill had passed, the Hartford department would have been able to increase its police force of about 500 by 20 percent, he said. "I just can't believe it [that the bill was defeated] when the majority of the people think crime is the No. 1 concern."

It was a stinging defeat for a president who wanted to reverse an image born 26 years ago, in the days of Republican Richard M. Nixon and American Independent Party candidate George C. Wallace, who effectively painted themselves as champions of law and order.

The day ended with Sen. Christopher J. Dodd, D-Conn., faxing a statement to the media imploring constituents to "urge families, police and everyone whose quality of life is at stake to call their representatives and demand that Congress pass this crime bill."

Flashpoints

The yearlong debate on control had always proceeded two intertwined levels — one political, one substantive.

The major debate flashpoints were the gun ban and the Racial Justice Act; controversy over those measures put the bill in early trouble.

The racial justice provision, approved by the House but rejected by the Senate, would have required courts to consider whether there was discrimination in death penalty sentences — whether blacks, for instance, were more prone to be sentenced to death than whites in a particular community?

The act was stripped from the bill, and most of the 38 members of the Congressional Black Caucus wanted it back. Joining them were conservative Democrats who disliked the gun ban.

Party officials thought they had quelled the black caucus revolt, and in the end, some 28 black House members agreed with Rep. Mel Reynolds, D-Ill. "When you get the National Rifle Association aligning with the black caucus, you have to realize something is wrong," he said.

But the loss of 10 other votes hurt, especially that of Chief Deputy Majority Whip John Lewis, D-Ga.

"This crime bill imposes an unacceptable moral cost with the expansion of the death penalty," he protested.

Even when Democrats thought they had worked out problems with racial justice and the gun ban, another popped up. It was a familiar Republican theme — the Democrats want to spend money to solve problems, and they want to spend it not on tough cops, but on coddling criminals and creating big new programs back home.

"This bill could have been a lean, mean crime-fighting machine," said House Minority Leader Robert H. Michel, R-Ill. "But there are too many election year goodies, trinkets and gift wrapped spending programs piled on it. It now looks like Santa Claus wearing a sheriff's badge."

Looking for a fight

The politics were simple.

"One reason Bill Clinton was elected is because he was perceived as not being soft on crime," said

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■ Allow a \$33.2 billion crime bill package to come before the chamber for a vote. A "yes" vote was to debate the package on the House floor. A "no" vote was to block further consideration.

	YES	NO
Kennelly (D-1st Dist.)	✓	
Gejdenson (D-2nd Dist.)	✓	
DeLaure (D-3rd Dist.)	✓	
Shays (R-4th Dist.)	✓	
Franks (R-5th Dist.)		✓
Johnson (R-6th Dist.)	✓	
* not voting		

Sen. Joseph I. Lieberman, D-Conn., "and it's important for the Democratic Congress to follow through."

That kind of talk was enough to make House Republicans, known for their feisty ways, steel for a fight.

There was intense pressure at GOP caucus meetings to slap down the Democrats — and even many Democrats had misgivings about how expensive the bill was.

"People shouldn't look to Washington to solve crime problems," said Dodd, "but we've said it so often we've created a monster."

As a result, Congress came up with a multibillion dollar bill that "promises everyone everything," he said. "It's the gift that keeps on giving," Dodd said.

Ironically, Democrats came even as close as they did only because of some Republican help. When racial justice supporters and gun ban foes would not budge, party leaders turned to moderate Republicans for help.

Shays and Rep. Marge Roukema, R-N.J., had 11 GOP votes Wednesday; they were unable to pick up the extra ones they knew they needed. They could not counter a total of 58 Democratic votes against continuing debate.

"We lost 40 votes to the gun lobby," explained Kennelly.

The future

After the vote, Gejdenson Democrats would seek ways to change some votes, and perhaps resurrect some parts of the bill. Kennelly thought a new bill could surface as soon as next week.

Most, though, were still reeling from the blow. Lieberman, for instance, said, "What the House did today is a terrible abdication of responsibility," and Kennelly called Thursday "a heartbreaking day for America."

"Forget politics," she said. "The gun lobby won."

The gun lobby took credit, but insisted it did so for good reasons. "In this bill, taxpayers would spend nearly a dollar for social experiments for every dollar in prison building," said Tanya K. Metaksa, executive director of the National Rifle Association's Institute for Legislative Action.

For the moment — and probably for some time to come — Connecticut is unlikely to get the \$130 million it expected to hire an extra 1,500 police officers.

Gone for now are \$32 million for prison grants, including military style boot camps; \$22 million for cities and towns, which would have had wide latitude to use the funds for education, jobs and drug treatment; \$21 million in funding for domestic-violence programs; \$6 million for nonprofit, community-based organizations; and \$4 million to treat up to 3,600 drug-addicted prisoners in state prisons.

What was left Thursday night was a deeply embarrassed Democratic Party, losers in what is likely to loom as one of the four most politically important votes members of the 103rd Congress have made.

Like upcoming votes on health care and 1993 votes on the North American Free Trade Agreement and a deficit reduction plan that raised taxes and cut spending, what lawmakers did Thursday will be discussed and debated during the fall campaign like no other issues.

"Crime is like health care. Public sentiment is that something must be done," said G. Donald Ferree, associate director of the Roper Center at the University of Connecticut.

The Democrats know that, and that is why, Kennelly said, they will be back soon.

As she put it, "We can't let this go."

Staff Writer Maria Alvarez contributed to this story.

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Franks lone legislator from state opposing bill

By Tamara Lytle
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WASHINGTON — Rep. Gary Franks, R-Conn., split from his Connecticut colleagues Thursday by voting to stall a \$33 billion crime bill he called a "make-busy" pork program.

The vote was seen by many as a referendum on the assault weapons ban included in the bill. Franks, from the 5th (Greater Waterbury) District, is the only staunch opponent of gun controls in the Connecticut delegation.

The successful move to stall the crime bill means it may be brought back minus the assault weapons ban.

As Republicans teamed up with anti-gun-control Democrats, Connecticut Rep. Christopher Shays, R-4, tried to peel away Republicans who support gun control to keep the bill alive. Eleven House Republicans voted for the measure despite GOP leadership pressure to stop it.

"I'm very disappointed," Shays said. "I don't think it's good for Bridgeport, New Haven, Hartford or the state of Connecticut to have this bill go down."

Connecticut stood to receive millions of dollars for prison construction and for anti-crime programs, along with hundreds of new community police officers.

Franks said he opposed the social programs Democrats put into the bill as crime-prevention measures.

"In the past, Congress has passed make-work jobs, Congress has taken care of able-bodied people," Franks said. "But now, Con-

gress has started a new program, a make-busy program, complete with arts and crafts and night basketball. Is this Big Government cradle to grave?"

Jamie Shor, spokesman for Connecticut's Rep. Sam Gejdenson, D-2, said the social programs are important to keep kids busy after school and away from crime.

Connecticut Democrats, Shays and Rep. Nancy Johnson, R-6, voted for keeping the bill on track.

"She feels very strongly about getting those weapons off the streets," said Johnson spokeswoman Lisa Pelosi. Johnson also supports drug treatment for prisoners, which is included in the bill.

"Consider those who live in fear whose lives would be helped by the crime bill," said Rep. Rosa DeLauro, D-3.

One of Connecticut's leading gun control supporters, state Rep. Michael P. Lawlor, D-East Haven, blamed the House action on the National Rifle Association's high-pressure tactics. He said the gun lobby tried a similar strategy with the Connecticut General Assembly this past spring but failed.

Lawlor said the lobby got the state House to temporarily kill a gun control bill in May on a procedural motion in a special session. Gov. Lowell P. Weicker Jr. vowed to call lawmakers back to the Capitol repeatedly until they voted on the merits of the bill, which passed July 8.

"I don't think it (the NRA strategy) going to work because the overwhelming majority of people in Connecticut and in the United States are in favor of reasonable gun control," Lawlor said.

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Saturday's clippings

Franks takes heat for crime bill vote

He says measure was full of pork

By Linda Simoes Cocchiola
Republican-American

WATERBURY — The two Democratic challengers for the 5th District congressional seat criticized Republican incumbent Rep. Gary Franks on Friday for his vote to reject the president's \$33.2 billion anti-crime bill.

State Sen. James Maloney, D-Danbury, the candidate endorsed by the Democratic Party, and independent challenger Rep. Tomas Luby, D-Meriden, chided Franks for breaking ties with the rest of the Connecticut House delegation in Congress.

Franks, a two-term incumbent, was the only Connecticut member to cast a vote to keep the bill from a full vote on the House floor. That vote killed the crime bill.

"Simply put, Gary Franks showed today that he is not serious about fighting crime," Maloney stated in a press release issued Friday.

"Gary Franks' unwillingness to stand with the people of Connecticut on this critical issue

is symbolic of the job he's done in Washington," Luby said in a statement also issued Friday.

Rep. Nancy Johnson, R-6th District, drafted a letter to President Clinton Friday saying the crime bill could be rejuvenated with a lower price tag of \$26 billion. Johnson supported the bill. Her letter was signed by 11 Republicans.

Franks deferred his vote.

"Ninety-four percent of all Republicans supported my position and roughly 23 percent of the Democrats voted to kill the bill because we can do better," Franks said. "For the nation's sake, we must do better."

Speaking on the House floor Thursday, Franks said the bill was laden with pork projects and included "make-busy" programs, such as arts and crafts and night basketball. He also said it favored social workers over police officers.

"I would tip my hat off to the Congressional Black Caucus and the other liberals in Congress for having successfully orchestrated an extensive list of social spending programs on this crime bill," he said. "Lyndon Johnson would be amazed that we were able to resurrect his 'War on Poverty' in this manner."

The vote was 225-210 to block the bill from getting to the floor — with 58 Democrats join-

ing 167 Republicans in voting to sidetrack the measure.

"Republicans and moderate and conservative Democrats said to (President) Mr. Clinton, 'Take out the pork,'" Franks said in a phone interview Friday.

Franks said he wanted the bill open to scrutiny to eliminate what he considers excessive social welfare programs and multi-million dollar pork barrel projects that have nothing to do with crime but were added quietly onto the bill.

There are many aspects of the bill that Franks said he supports, including funding for more prisons and police officers.

But, Franks said, the Clinton-backed crime bill grew out of control.

"If they (Luby and Maloney) like pork, they'd love this bill because it's filled with pork — arts and crafts, basketball and things that have nothing to do with crime, things government should not be in the business of," he said.

If it had survived Thursday's vote, Franks said he would have supported the anti-crime measure.

"If the rule had passed, I would have supported the bill," Franks said. "I think we could have made this a better bill."

Andrea Foster of City News Service contributed to this report.

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Killing a criminal bill

President Clinton and leading Democrats are denouncing Republicans and the National Rifle Association for derailing the colossal \$33 billion crime bill.

The House killed the package on a 225-210 procedural vote, but it could be resurrected in some form if the House leadership wishes.

Despite the shrill cries of the White House and Democratic leaders, the opposition to the bill did not come only from the GOP. Showing the unpopularity of the measure, 58 Democrats opposed the bill for various reasons.

A number of lawmakers voted to kill the bill because of their opposition to further gun-control measures in the form of a ban on so-called assault weapons. More importantly, many lawmakers determined that the crime package was really not about law enforcement at all, but about pork-barrel politics. As House Minority Whip Newt Gingrich, R-Ga., quipped recently, the crime bill quickly became the "the stimulus package in drag," referring to the president's failed bid last year for major new spending initiatives.

In general, the largest crime bill in history was simply the largest and most unwarranted incursion of the federal government into matters with which it has no business and is largely ineffective.

As most know, the nation is in the midst of a crime epidemic, which should be fought largely by state laws. Thus, strengthening the federal death penalty and passing a federal three-times-and-you're-out (well sort of) law would do little to stop most crimes.

It promised state and local governments \$11.1 billion and \$10.5 billion for law enforcement and new prisons, respectively. Democrats said it would fund 100,000 new local officers.

But the fact is that the funding wouldn't have covered even a quarter of those new hires. Studies show that each officer costs between \$65,000 and \$70,000 a year. The

bill funded the positions at less than \$15,000. And once the funding dried up, local government would be left holding the bag. The same can be said of the proposed funding for new prisons.

Instead of crafting a proposal that might actually have aided state and local governments, lawmakers were busy contributing to their own re-election bids by loading up all sorts of goodies to bring back home for the election season.

There was \$9 billion in so-called "crime prevention" programs, \$1.8 billion of which was for urban job and education programs — as if job training and education aren't already funded at record levels.

Included in the \$9 billion was \$40 million for midnight basketball in poor urban areas, as well as dances, arts and crafts, and self-esteem courses. But talk about pork: Buried in the bill was \$10 million for a new criminal justice center at the alma mater of Rep. Jack Brooks, the chairman of the Judiciary Committee.

In some ways, the Democrats are actually savoring the defeat. It now gives them the chance to go out and say Republicans are the ones who are soft on crime. Indeed, we expect that will be the case in the 5th District, where Rep. Gary Franks will take on one of two Democratic candidates. Franks was the only Connecticut lawmaker to oppose the bill.

We don't expect, however, that the Democratic spin will hold much water.

One need only look at the littered landscape of the past 30 years to understand that Democrats, with their failed anti-crime and welfare agendas, have actually fertilized crime and moral decay. More welfare pork, gun control and ineffective federal programs are not the answer for America's crime epidemic, and voters know that.

Mr. Clinton's grand crime bill was all about the federal mugger emptying your pockets. Mr. Franks was right to oppose it.

Stop Clinton's spending

Hearing better for some

WASHINGTON — Awards time. Silver Ear awards go to people and groups that have been listening to the voice of the people. Tin Ear awards go to those who have not. Let's get started.

• A Silver Ear for U.S. Rep. Christopher Shays, R-4th District.

Because of the persistence of Shays and Rep. Dick Swertl, D-N.H., the House this week overwhelmingly passed legislation that would, for the first time in history, apply all private-sector workplace laws to Congress. The people are tired of Congress placing itself above the laws it expects everyone else to obey. This proposal, which still needs Senate approval, corrects a long-standing problem.

• A Tin Ear for Agriculture Secretary Mike Espy.

He accepted trips, tickets to athletic events and other favors from the nation's largest poultry producer, which his department is supposed to regulate. Espy says he has repaid the cost of all the goodies and

is done nothing wrong. A special prosecutor will investigate. Espy doesn't get it. The public expects a higher standard of ethics in its public officials.

• A Tin Ear to Sen. Phil Gramm, R-Texas.

Gramm proudly declared he would do everything in his power to block passage of a Democratic health care reform proposal in the Senate. Asked if he was planning to filibuster, Gramm said he never used the word. Come on, senator. The public knows a filibuster when it sees one.

• A Silver Ear to Sen. John Chafee, R-R.I.

While all but a handful of his Republican colleagues in the Senate are looking for ways to stall health care reform, Chafee is still trying to find a way to make it happen. The public should appreciate Chafee's efforts. Too bad he's not getting more help from his own side of the aisle.

• A Tin Ear to the Alliance for Managed Competition, a group of five of the nation's largest health insurers, including three based in Connecticut.

This week, the alliance embraced a

than others

This week, the agency, which builds and maintains U.S. spy satellites, had to apologize for burying the \$347 million budget for its new Virginia headquarters in other accounts. The result was that Congress had no idea what the new headquarters was costing. The intelligence community has still not gotten used to the fact that it is subject to oversight by Congress, the people's representatives.

• A Silver Ear to the town of Montclair, Va., in suburban Washington.

A week ago, Jeffrey Wynn and his family discovered the word "Jew" burned in their front yard, their mailbox uprooted and a car window smashed. Since then, however, the Wynns have been warmly embraced by their neighbors, most of them non-Jews. This expression of support is a reassuring sign that the vast majority of Americans are decent people who have no time for religious or racial bigotry.

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in Washington

• A Silver Ear to Judge Abner J. Mikva, who has signed on to be the new White House counsel.

At age 68, Mikva was eligible for a well-deserved retirement. Instead, he agreed to take a tough job at the White House, which needs all the legal and ethical help it can get. Mikva will not even get a salary, which makes his willingness to serve all the more praiseworthy.

• A Tin Ear to Rep. Craig Washington, D-Texas.

Washington has all but disappeared from his \$133,600-a-year Capitol Hill job since being defeated in a March primary. According to the Congressional Quarterly Monitor, Washington's voting score for the year is 22 percent, the lowest for a House member in five years. Stunts like that give the public every right to be cynical about Congress.

• A Tin Ear to the National Reconnaissance Office, the nation's most-secret intelligence service.



John Macdonald

health reform plan that its House sponsors said would leave 10 percent of the nation — more than 25 million people — uninsured in 2014. The public has to be wondering if that is the best the insurance industry can do.

• A Tin Ear to U.S. Rep. Gary Franks, R-5th District.

Earlier this year, Franks voted for the House version of the crime bill. Thursday, he backed a procedural move that blocked final consideration of the measure. Still, Franks said he would have voted for the bill had it cleared the procedural hurdle. The public, which wants congressional action on crime, can see through this politically motivated smoke screen.

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Bad idea in Beaumont?

Democrats privately acknowledged they may have to cut back some programs to keep the Republican line. One likely candidate is \$10 million to establish a criminal justice research and education center at Lamar University.

The Beaumont, Texas, school is in the district of House Judiciary Committee Chairman Jack Brooks, D-Texas. Many Democrats said Friday they did not even realize that was in the bill. Brooks defended the project Friday, saying, "Just because it's in Beaumont doesn't mean it's a bad idea."

Of the bigger items, the most vulnerable initiatives are police corps and law enforcement scholarships, the local partnership act and certain youth programs.

The scholarships of up to \$10,000 per year would be offered

in return for a four-year commitment to serve on a state or local police force. Many argue such incentives are unnecessary.

The partnership act believed to be in jeopardy would provide \$1.8 billion — including \$22 million to Connecticut — during the next five years for education, job and substance abuse programs.

"That's going to be a target," said Shays, because many lawmakers dislike the idea that local governments would have wide discretion in deciding how to spend the money.

The third set of under-the-gun programs would provide cultural alternatives for youths at risk and gang members. They include the midnight basketball programs, which supporters see as a way to get gang members off streets and into safer environments.

Such programs miss the point, said Rep. Gary A. Franks, R-5th District. What's needed is a stronger incentive for families to stay together, for parents to be responsible.

"Fathers should be responsible for knowing where their children are and what they're doing," he said.

"They don't know what it's like to live in cities," said Rep. Barbara B. Kenneddy, D-1st District, a chief deputy majority whip. "Just as I don't have people driving around my district with guns in the back of their small trucks."

Democratic leaders estimated they lost about 40 votes because of the gun ban; thus, removing it from the bill would seem to assure its passage. But that maneuver is not that simple. There was a widespread belief in Congress that the National Rifle Association helped defeat the gun ban, and many do not want to accept the idea that the NRA beat them.

Probably the most offended was Rep. Charles E. Schumer, D-N.Y., who has led the fight for the gun ban. Schumer vowed to bring back the crime bill largely intact, with the ban, next week, a move House leaders would not rule out.

"We don't think compromise is necessary," Schumer said.

He said he thought Clinton's attitude would help his cause. Clinton has reiterated that any crime bill must have certain provisions that include the extra police, life sentences for third-time felons, the assault weapons ban and prevention programs.

Even if Clinton drops his bid for a gun ban, he could face a new challenge on the \$8 billion the bill would spend on prevention programs.

Republicans and some Democrats remain upset at the spending. Friday Rep. Nancy L. Johnson, R-6th District, Rep. Christopher Shays, R-4th District, and nine other moderate Republicans sent Clinton a letter raising concerns about the money.

"Surely there is an opportunity to do a better job of integrating new programs with existing efforts in order to reduce the overall cost of the legislation," they said.

Clinton picked up the support of 11 Republicans Thursday, including Johnson and Shays, and it is crucial that he retain that support if another bill surfaces.

There were serious discussions about finding the eight votes that could turn Thursday's defeat around, but that would mean making concessions that could lose support elsewhere.

On the Republican side, party members sent a letter to President Clinton urging him to seek bipartisan support for a new crime bill. Many Democrats, however, scoffed at the idea of dickering with the very people who had scuttled 18 months of work.

What to tell constituents?

So, as legislators left for the weekend, they were not sure what to say to constituents about how they were dealing with what polls say is voters' top concern.

They could tell them that if a bill can be salvaged, some parts are likely to remain intact.

They could tell them that if a bill can be salvaged, some parts are likely to remain intact.

Connecticut originally stood to get at least \$223 million over six years; it is unlikely it would get that much in a new bill.

What the state is expected to get is \$130 million to help pay for 1,500 police officers over six years. It is also likely to see \$22 million for prison construction; \$17 million to help pay for police, prosecutors and victim services related to domestic violence; and \$4 million for shelters for battered women and their children.

Before any of that can happen, though, the gun ban issue must be resolved. Many legislators were willing Friday to remove the ban from the bill.

"The weapon ban is important, and it would be my first choice to have it in," said Rep. Sam Gejdenson, D-2nd District. "But even that ban had some holes. Getting the rest of the bill in place is very important."

He and other Democrats sat through a closed-door caucus Friday and heard conservative members argue why the gun ban was a problem. Gun ban supporters emerged convinced that gun ban foes were not budging.

Deal might add police in state

By DAVID LIGHTMAN
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5/13

WASHINGTON — Connecticut probably will not get the entire \$223 million that Congress' crime bill once promised, but the state still stands a decent chance of getting money for 1,500 new police officers and prisons — if lawmakers can resurrect the crime bill.

But that is an enormous "if." Friday, there was little agreement in Washington about how to reassemble Congress' delicately crafted, \$33.2 billion blend of crime prevention and protection programs.

The bill came crashing down Thursday when the House vote 225-210 not to let debate proceed. House leaders hoped for a new vote next week, but there was little consensus on what they could vote on.

"Different people like different parts, and if you take out some prevention money to please conservatives, you make it less likely liberals will be with you," said

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Sen. Joseph I. Lieberman, D-Conn. Ultimately, the Senate must vote on whatever the House approves.

The mood at the Capitol Friday was one of confusion and among lawmakers still trying to figure out why it was so easy to throw the political grenade that shattered their bill.

Most of the talk in the House involved removing the ban on assault weapons and "copying" weapons from the bill and seeking a vote on the rest. But many liberals disliked that idea.

Vice president stumps for Gejdenson

Second District Congressman facing tough re-election battle

By Lisa Marie Paris
Associated Press

VERNON — Vice President Al Gore was the star attraction Friday at a rally to drum up support for U.S. Rep. Sam Gejdenson, who narrowly won a sixth term two years ago and faces an equally tough fight this election year.

Dubbing him everything from "Mr. Export Promotion" to "Mr. Defense Conversion," Gore urged the crowd to return Gejdenson to Washington to help further the Clinton administration's push for universal health care, an anti-crime package, funding in Congress and economic programs.

"Sam Gejdenson has been leading the way toward a sensible approach that solves these problems," Gore said. "Let's make sure he's there to finish the job."

Gejdenson, 46, won his sixth term in 1990 by less than 4,000 votes despite outpacing his Republican opponent, Edward W. Munster, with \$1 million to Munster's \$190,000.

This year, around, he is in a rematch with Munster. But unlike 1990, Gejdenson was unable to secure a cross-endorsement from a Connecticut Party. The party occupies the top line on the ballot and drew in about 40,000 of his 123,000 votes.

Instead, he's embroiled in a three-way race that includes ACP candidate David Bingham, a physician from Salem.

Gejdenson told reporters that he would have taken the ACP endorsement again if it was offered. Nevertheless, Gejdenson said he believes he benefits politically by having a third candidate on the ballot.

"The people may have a disagreement with me now have two places to go. That divides the opposition," he said.

His campaign attracted about 500 people — who paid \$5 for tickets — to an asphalt parking lot overlooking a set of boxing cages and go-carts. Afterward, about 125 people paid at least \$250 each to attend a private fund-raising reception.

So far, Gejdenson's campaign has raised about \$590,000. It had \$130,000 on hand during the last reporting period in late June. It was not immediately known how much Friday's events raised for the campaign.

Gore's visit came the day after the U.S. House of Representatives scuttled the Clinton administration's efforts to pass an anti-crime bill. It was killed on a procedural motion by a 215-210 vote.

Both Gore and Gejdenson expressed optimism that the package will eventually gain passage.

In perhaps his most passionate moment during the rally, Gore said he needed Gejdenson to stay in the House to ensure that the crime package and other similar initiatives — such as health care reform — are enacted.

"Maybe they don't understand how serious crime has gotten in this country," Gore said of members of Congress. "Maybe they're so out of touch, they don't understand how you feel."

"It is time that Congress puts politics aside and partisanship aside, and help the American public fight against violent crime," he said. "Sam Gejdenson led the way in favor of this anti-crime bill."

The bill would have banned 19 assault-style weapons, mandated imprisonment for three-time felons and funneled about \$223 million for Connecticut alone for a wide range of crime programs, including extra police protection.

Five of Connecticut's six House members voted in favor of the package. U.S. Rep. Gary Franks, R-Conn., was the lone opponent out of the state's delegation.

"We're obviously frustrated," Gejdenson said of the outcome, noting that 77 percent of the House's Democrats and 6 percent of its Republican members voted in favor of the bill. "If we can just break that up on either side, we can pass it."

Besides putting the spotlight on Gejdenson's re-election effort, the rally allowed Gore and Gejdenson to highlight changes they say have tak-



Vice President Al Gore campaigns Friday in Vernon, stumping for health care, the crime bill and Rep. Sam Gejdenson.

en place since Clinton took office in early 1993.

The deficit has been reduced 40 percent, there's growing peace in the Middle East and 4.1 million new jobs have been created. Still, the administration has struggled in its efforts to pass the crime bill and health-care reform.

However, some Democratic candidates across the country have been reluctant to link themselves too closely with Clinton. Indeed, Clinton's own pollster, Stanley Greenberg, has suggested that members of Congress

not closely to Clinton during their campaigns.

But such repudiations do not appear to crop up with Gore.

"Al Gore wasn't in that," said Democratic gubernatorial candidate William E. Curry, who also uses Greenberg for polling. "Al Gore is a universally respected and admired by the American people."

Gejdenson said he would have so much qualms having Clinton stump for him as well. Earlier this year, Clinton touched down in Norwich — also part of Gejdenson's sprawling

Protesters treatment

By Strat Douthat
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HARTFORD — Two protesters gathered outside state Capitol Friday to denounce what they claimed was an inadequate police response to the death of a 14-year-old Hispanic girl.

The protest, which began at the Capitol and proceeded to the Superior Court, was organized by the city's community-based Hispanic Health Council.

Demonstrators said the protest was spurred by inadequate response to the recent death of Lydia Benitez, a 14-year-old who drowned in a section of Farmington River in Bloomfield in July.

A small army of law enforcement officers was on hand responding to a State Capitol alert that members of Hispanic gangs would take part in the protest.

But most of the march passed to be women and children who said they were friends of the girl whose body wasn't recovered until July 11, three days after she drowned.

"The police didn't do what Eddie Dipini, the guy that took them an hour and a half to respond to our 911 and when they came they bring any divers although we knew somebody had drownded in the river."

Dipini was among the men who marched through streets chanting, "No Just Peace," and "Stop To Against The Poor."

State Rep. Elis Castro, 1 found, joined the protest. So the heavy police presence typical of the way to view the Hispanic community.

"Do you see any gang bangers here?" she asked a reporter.

"Do you see any violence?" On Thursday, Sgt. P. Murphy, who heads the special police force, issued a warning that rally participants

Local officials, activists decry crime bill death

By Karla Schuster

Register Staff 8/13

Local officials and community activists fired back at Congress Friday, charging lawmakers who killed the Clinton crime bill with putting politics before safety.

"Young people are getting killed every day of the week and these people (lawmakers) have the audacity to turn their back on them?" said Guilford Police Chief Kenneth Cruz, president of the Connecticut Police Chiefs Association.

Joan Carroll, a Fair Haven community activist, said she was furious at Congress' action.

"Let them come and live in my neighborhood for a week and then let's see how they vote," said Carroll. "It's obvious that they're not aware of what's going on. They've got to be ignorant."

Carroll attributed the bill's defeat to the powerful gun lobby and lawmakers "who have no conscience."

An angry President Clinton on Friday took his case to the National Association of Police Organizations in Minnesota and vowed to fight to resurrect some form of the bill.

The House of Representatives Thursday blocked the \$33.2 billion crime bill from coming to the floor by a 225-210

margin.

Democratic lawmakers resolved Friday to resuscitate the measure, discussing whether to tinker with the ban on assault-style weapons and scrap some crime-prevention projects that had been ridiculed by Republicans as "pork" spending. Majority Leader Richard Gephardt said the House would take up the bill again late next week.

Republicans worried aloud that they would be blamed for killing the legislation. Separately, they asked Clinton to meet with them to craft a compromise. However, Democratic leaders worked furiously to line up enough votes from among 58 Democrats who deserted on Thursday.

New Haven Mayor John DeStefano Jr. also blasted Congress, saying the vote Thursday by the House of Representatives will deal a bloody blow to the nation's cities.

"There were a lot of provisions in that bill that were important to New Haven and other urban centers," DeStefano said Friday.

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Is midnight basketball "pork" or crime prevention? See Page A12

High School student and president of the Young Adult Police Commissioners, said he's hoping the bill will eventually pass. "Our city is in economic trouble; we need all the help we get," he said. Rodriguez said he's familiar with the effect of crime in Haven. "I have friends and families who've been victims, and talked to the people committed crimes," he said. "The crime would put 60 more cops in Haven. We need that." The Associated Press contributed this story.

the bill would provide will be sorely missed in the Park City. But Cafferty also laid blame at Clinton's door, saying the president — despite his fierce lobbying — didn't get the job done. "I'm disappointed that we're not going to get that help, that manpower. What we need is another Abe Lincoln or Franklin D. Roosevelt — they had the doggedness and tenacity for this fight," Cafferty said. "But I'm optimistic that we'll get some kind of crime bill because people want it. There's a hue and cry for safer streets." August Rodriguez, a Career

Chief Cruz spent Friday working the phones and crafting a letter to his organization's membership urging all the state's police chiefs to follow Clinton's lead. One of his first calls was to U.S. Rep. Gary Franks, D-S, a Republican from Waterbury and the only member of the state delegation to vote to kill the crime bill. "There's going to be a lot of them (lawmakers) coming back home who'll be asked to justify what they did and I wish them well," Cruz said. Bridgeport Deputy Police Chief Robert Cafferty, a 44-year veteran of that force, said the extra cops

Continued from Page A1 "By defeating this bill, Congress leaves cities once again without any real means to address the criminal and urgent problems we are facing," he said. "To say that I am disappointed is an understatement." The six-year legislation would have put 100,000 more police officers on the street, supporters say, and banned many assault-type weapons, provided billions for prisons and crime prevention, made more than 50 additional crimes subject to the death penalty and allowed life sentences for some third-time felons.

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YATES: LINDER'S VOTE ON CRIME BILL IRRESPONSIBLE

Comer Yates, candidate for the 4th Congressional District, today called incumbent John Linder's vote against allowing the Crime Bill (HR 3355) to be considered before the full House of Representatives "irresponsible."

"Linder claims to represent the people of the 4th District," Yates said, "But in truth he represents the NRA (National Rifle Association). This is a striking example of how out of touch he is and how he is not listening to the citizens he supposedly represents," said Yates.

"Linder's vote is against 100,000 additional police officers, the 'three strikes and you're out' life imprisonment provision for career offenders, and a ban on 19 specific assault weapons. By voting 'no' on a procedural motion, he has denied the opportunity for Congress to simply discuss anti-crime legislation," Yates said. "He has caved in to the NRA." The NRA has contributed \$12,450 to Linder since 1991.

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"As the NRA's standard bearer, Linder has violated the principles of democracy by voting against the procedural motion which would have allowed Congress to debate this decade's critical crime legislation," Yates said.

The House defeated the procedural resolution measure by a vote of 225-210 on Thursday. Further action on the crime bill is pending.

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SOME DEMOCRATS BITTER

Gingrich scores a win
with an unlikely teamBy Jeanne Cummings
WASHINGTON BUREAU

Washington — House Minority Whip Newt Gingrich (R-Ga.) was beaming after holding his troops in line and delivering a staggering blow to President Clinton's \$33 billion crime bill. But it was a moment of triumph that ended with him being shouted down from the podium by frustrated Democrats.

Rep. John Lewis, an Atlanta Democrat and a member of the House Democratic leadership, who voted against his own party, was so conflicted he didn't stay on the House floor to witness the tumultuous final outcome because he didn't want to be swarmed by colleagues begging him to change his mind.

"I didn't tarry," he said.

The Georgia delegation Thursday became a mirror image of the unusual House alliance of Republicans, gun control opponents and a handful of black lawmakers that delivered a stinging setback to the president's anti-crime legislation.

All four Georgia Republicans voted against the motion that would have cleared the way for a final vote on the crime package. Gingrich of Marietta, John Linder of Duluth, Mac Collins of McDonough and Jack Kingston of Savannah.

In floor speeches, Republicans objected to the inclusion of about \$8 billion in crime prevention programs. But Democrats charged that the real source of opposition was the assault weapons ban, which passed by a two-vote margin earlier this year and was fervently opposed by the National Rifle Association.

The weapons ban was clearly the driving force behind many of the Southern and Western Democrats who also blocked the final vote on the bill. Rep. Nathan Deal of Georgia said

But perhaps the most bitter blow to Clinton came from a small group of Congressional Black Caucus members who opposed the expansion of the death penalty and the deletion of an anti-discrimination clause.

Lewis, who has based his opposition to the legislation on his objections to the death penalty, was among those the president simply could not persuade to clear the way for final passage.

The two men spoke on the phone earlier this week. Lewis recalled: "There were long periods of silence. It's been very difficult for me."

The remaining members of the delegation, all Democrats, voted for the defeated motion: J. Roy Rowland of Dublin, Don Johnson of Royston, George "Buddy" Darden of Marietta, Sanford Bishop of Columbus and Cynthia McKinney of Lithonia.

As House Speaker Thomas S. Foley (D-Wash.) took the chair to announce the 225-210 vote that shelved the crime bill for now, Republicans let out a shout of celebration.

With backslapping colleagues crowded around him, Gingrich, who is due to move up next year to House GOP leader, went to the podium and began speaking: "On behalf of the Republicans . . ." he said, before being drowned out by objections from Democrats.

The minority whip walked away waving his arms in frustration.

A few moments later, House Majority Leader Richard Gephardt (D-Mo.) canceled the rest of the day's business and then yielded Gingrich time to speak.

"All I wanted to say earlier is that this is one of several serious national issues we are trying to deal with here," Gingrich said. "I don't think we should leave to-



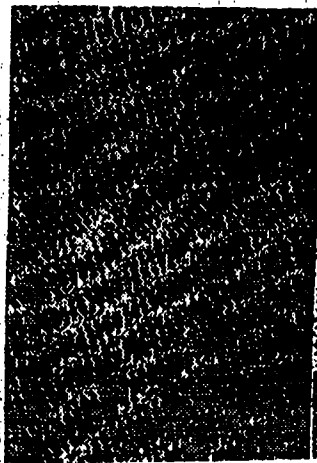
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Clinton immediately scheduled a Minneapolis trip for today so he could attend a convention of the 200,000-member National Association of Police Organizations in an effort to revive the bill. He also will hold a morning Cabinet meeting, hoping to regain momentum for his health reform legislation.

An unlikely coalition of Republicans, gun control opponents and black lawmakers prevailed 225-210 in a parliamentary move that prevented the House from voting on the crime bill.

House Speaker Thomas S. Foley (D-Wash.), emerging from a four-hour meeting with White House officials after the vote, said late Thursday, "We hope next week we'll be voting on the crime bill."

Foley said he planned to discuss with committee leaders "how the bill will come up again."

The legislation would have provided \$33.2 billion for an additional 100,000 police officers as well as prisons, crime prevention and an especially controversial ban on assault-style guns.

Moments after the House rejected a "rule" that would have allowed for a yes-or-no vote on the bill, Clinton went before reporters. "They have failed the American people," he said.

The president's opponents included 167 Republicans and 58 Democrats. Voting for the bill were 198 Democrats, 11 Republicans and one independent. While lambasting the gun lobby and Republicans, Clinton seemed to defend black lawmakers whose opposition was based on qualms about capital punishment.

The NRA, which in May lost a House vote on a firearms ban by just two votes, called Thursday's action a "step ahead for real safety and genuine security."

The House bill was a compromise with negotiators from the Senate, which had passed its own version.

Senate Minority Leader Bob Dole (R-Kan.) congratulated the House for its "bipartisan courage in defeating the bloated, soft-on-crime conference report."

"Now it's time to get back to work and craft a real crime bill for America," he said, "one that emphasizes the prison cell rather than the pork barrel as the most effective way to prevent violent crime."

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Winekauf to Leach: Who are you representing?

On the day the largest, most-comprehensive piece of crime legislation ever presented to Congress was blocked procedurally on its way to the floor, 1st District Congressional candidate, Glen Winekauf, charged his opponent, who voted no, with playing partisan politics and caving in to the pressures of the Republican National Committee.

Jim Leach was one of 38 Republicans who, in May, voted in support of legislation that would ban 19 types of assault weapons. These 38 Congressmen were threatened this week in a resolution being circulated by members of the RNC. This resolution proposed cutting off all campaign funding for these 38 members because of their vote.

"Obviously, his party's threats worked on Jim Leach," said Winekauf. "This is just another example of how Leach has put partisan politics ahead of the people of our district."

"Today Jim Leach turned his back on the people of eastern Iowa," said Winekauf. "He did not have enough courage to vote for the interests of the people of the 1st District. Instead, he caved in and voted with Newt Gingrich and members of the Republican Party who would rather stop positive change for partisan reasons."

"The Crime Bill is critical because it focuses on prevention," he added. "Law enforcement is important, and this bill will bring more police officers to the streets. Its passage is crucial because it would empower local communities to solve their own problems and it would give them the resources to do it."

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Winekauf Urges Congress to Support Crime Bill

On the day the U.S. House of Representatives will cast a critical vote on the future of the Crime Bill, 1st District Congressional candidate, Glen Winekauf, endorsed the U.S. Congress' Crime Bill Conference Report and called on Iowa's congressional delegation to vote yes on a key rule to permit the Crime Bill to come to a vote.

"The reason why this bill is good for Iowa and America is that it is not the people in Washington saying this is how you solve your local crime problems - it empowers local communities to solve their own problems and it gives them the resources to do it," Winekauf said.

Winekauf claimed the vote today is likely to be the most crucial vote the Crime Bill will face and criticized his opponent, Jim Leach, for failing to provide leadership on the bill. "Jim Leach won't even take a position on this bill when the people back home are fighting a war against crime in their local communities. Leach is once again sitting on the fence and not providing much needed leadership to help the people of Iowa's 1st District," Winekauf said.

"This bill means Iowa will receive a minimum of \$44 million for more than 500 additional police officers, \$20 million for prison grants with the potential for an additional \$14 million for prison's if Iowa meets the 'Truth in Sentencing' targets set up by the bill," Winekauf said.

Winekauf went on to say, "While these additional funds for police officers and prisons will be a big boost to our efforts to capture and punish criminals in Iowa, the most important elements of the bill may be its efforts to bolster community based crime fighting efforts and prevention programs."

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Winckauf pointed out how the community based grants will provide the much needed additional dollars to help outstanding programs like the Quad Cities' Building Safer Communities for Youth and Families initiative.

"If we are to be successful in our efforts to reduce crime in this state and this nation it must start at the local level. The report by the Crime Bill Conference Committee recognizes the importance of community based efforts and has provided for funding of programs targeted toward our nation's youth with anti-gang grants, the President's Youth Employment and Skills crime prevention program and drug treatment programs," he said.

"Our representative in Congress should be providing the much needed leadership and assistance to our local communities in the battle against crime. Crime is affecting our schools, our elderly citizens, our businesses, our families and our children. Providing security for the people of eastern Iowa will be a priority for me in Congress." Winckauf said.

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Every House member cast a vote Thursday, which rarely happens. The unexpected defeat came as 58 Democrats joined all but 11 Republicans who opposed taking a final vote on the bill.

Most Democratic dissidents were rural.

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conservatives who, backed by the National Rifle Association (NRA), oppose the bill's ban on 19 assault-style weapons and similar models. To take any other political position, Rep. Charles Wilson, D-Texas, said, would be "just like putting a gun in your mouth in rural Texas."

"We can do better than this, and I want the Congress and the House to go back to work tomorrow and figure out how to save the elements of this bill," Clinton said. "This is about the American people. It is their No. 1 concern."

NRA lobbyist Tanya Metaksa said the

administration failed because "Americans want precisely the opposite of what politicians offered them. We want prisons, not parks; police, not empty promises; crime fighters, not social workers."

House Democratic leaders, caught off guard, appeared uncertain about their next step. They could return the bill to a House-Senate conference committee for revisions, but House Judiciary Committee Chairman Jack Brooks, D-Texas, seemed to rule out that option for now in favor of trying to pressure some Republicans to change their votes. Thirty-eight of the 178 Republicans voted for the assault weapon ban when it passed the House in May.



President Clinton
NRA, GOP leadership
"had their way"

GOP pressures Leach, Grandy on crime vote

By David Lynch

Gazette Washington reporter

WASHINGTON — Rep. Jim Leach said he was not intimidated by a last-minute lobbying effort on the crime bill by the Republican National Committee (RNC).

Although he voted for an assault-style weapons ban in May, he voted to prevent the crime bill from coming to the floor of the House Thursday because, he said, the compromise version was different from the

legislation he voted for when it first passed the House and because the Republican House minority had little input in the final compromise.

Leach, a Davenport Republican, was among 38 Republican House members who voted for an assault-style weapons ban in May and were targeted by the Republican National Committee in a last-minute lobbying effort to get them to switch their votes.

Leach said he received a letter from the

RNC, but said "on the whole I didn't feel any pressure at all from the Republican party on this issue."

Rep. Fred Grandy, R-Sioux City, the only member of the Iowa House delegation to vote to bring the crime bill to the House floor, said Republican leaders attempted to intimidate him into opposing the legislation. Grandy said the bill was the "best bill we could get, and I wanted to be able to vote for one crime bill in eight years."

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as necessary to overcome the opposition. "We can't let a small group of the American people they want and what they ed," Biden said.

And House Judiciary Committee chairman Jack Brooks, D-Texas, said it would be "very difficult to go back to conference (with the Senate). It's almost impossible."

Unbreachable Right

The House Democrats who bolted the president were largely from rural districts where gun ownership is considered an unbreachable right and the NRA is deeply entrenched.

But the opponents also included 10 of the Congressional Black Caucus' 38 Democratic members still angry that conferees had removed a "racial justice" provision that would have enabled defendants in death penalty cases to appeal their sentences if they could show racial bias in their prosecutions or trials.

High tension in the chamber accompanied lawmakers' speeches preceding the vote. So bitter were the feelings that, at the conclusion of the vote when the bill was thwarted, Democrats objected when House Republican Whip Newt Gingrich of Georgia tried to speak.

Rep. Peter Deutch, D-Fla., said the bill was "a victim of both the left and right in the House. The right opposed it because of the gun ban, the left because it didn't contain the racial justice language."

Conference Committee

Deutch, who supported the gun ban, said the bill should go back to a House-Senate conference and the assault weapons provision be removed so that it could pass the House.

Republicans were jubilant at defeating the president's initiative, but some insisted that the setback should not bury the bill.

House Minority Leader Bob Michel, R-Mich., called the measure "an unholy trinity of pork, posturing and partisanship."

But Democrats, smarting from the setback, said the partisanship was the coin of the Republicans.

"The Republicans made a decision today not to govern," said Rep. Mike Synar, D-Okla.

The most controversial item in the bill — the assault weapons ban —

On this day the NRA and the Republican leadership had their way."

— President Clinton

was the subject of intense lobbying by the NRA.

That provision would prohibit the manufacture and sale of 19 military-style semiautomatic rifles, pistols and shotguns by brand name, as well as similar weapons with the same rapid-fire, large-magazine features.

The NRA's lobbying was supplemented by the Republican National Committee, which turned its sights on 38 Republicans who voted the first time around for the gun ban.

In a letter to those members, signed by RNC general counsel David Norcross, the GOP lawmakers were subtly threatened with sanctions akin to excommunication from the party if they supported the rule bringing the bill up for final passage.

Norcross cited a resolution passed by the Alaska Republican Party, which the RNC's resolutions committee plans to consider at its January 1995 meeting.

The resolution condemned the 38 who had voted for the assault-weapon ban and proposed that the RNC "hereafter deny all Republican Party funding" to them. It also urged the party to "seek alternative, real Republican candidates for the seats of those congressmen."

House stops crime bill in jolt to Clinton

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FROM REGISTER WIRE SERVICE

Washington, D.C. — Bowing to a fierce, last-ditch assault by the National Rifle Association, the House derailed a compromise version of the \$33 billion anti-crime bill Thursday by declining to bring it to the floor.

The procedural vote was a jolting setback to President Clinton, who had lobbied many wavering members to support the measure — and a victory for Republicans who complained that it was larded with social programs disguised as crime-prevention measures.

"I worked my heart out on it and I did everything I could," an angry Clinton said afterward. "And on this day the NRA and the Republican leadership had their way."

Clinton accused crime bill opponents of engaging in a "procedural trick" that puts "the protection of particular interests over the protection of ordinary Americans."

Cabinet Meeting

Clinton immediately called a Cabinet meeting for today, hoping to ignite some momentum for his

health-care legislation.

The vote was 225-210 to block the bill from coming to the floor — with 68 Democrats joining 167 Republicans in voting to sidetrack the measure.

Voting to block further consideration were Iowans Neal Smith, a Democrat, and Republicans Jim Leach, Jim Ross Lightfoot and Jim Nussle. Voting against sidetracking the measure was Republican Fred Grandy.

What happens now is unclear.

One possibility is for House Democratic leaders to try again to bring up the measure. That would require changing the minds of at least eight House members who voted against the leadership Thursday.

Less Controversial

Another possibility is for House and Senate negotiators to try to come up with another, less controversial crime bill — perhaps by stripping the assault weapons ban from the legislation.

But Senate Judiciary Committee chairman Joseph Biden Jr., D-Del., said Thursday night he was not willing to reopen the conference committee to consider a revamped bill.

House leaders, he said, should send the bill back to the floor as

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Rep. Steve Buyer Votes to Block the Crime Bill **Dem. Challenger J.D. Beatty Questions Whose Interest Buyer Represented**

Kokomo, IN -- Howard County Sheriff and Democrat Nominee for U.S. Congress J. D. Beatty blasted Republican Incumbent Steve Buyer for voting to block debate on the most sweeping crime prevention package -- including 100,000 new police officers and "three strikes you're out" provisions -- ever considered by Congress.

"This is typical behavior for Buyer, he claims at home that he is tough on crime, but when it comes time to step up to the plate with a great opportunity to fight crime with real solutions like those in this bill - he strikes out. Rep. Buyer has caved in to Republican Congressional leaders. By voting no on a procedural motion he has denied the opportunity for Congress to simply discuss anti-crime legislation." Beatty said.

The 1994 Crime Bill Conference Report would have included provisions to put 100,000 more cops on the streets; impose a "three strikes you're out" life imprisonment provision aimed at career offenders; a ban on assault weapons; expansion of the death penalty and \$245 million in new funding for rural law enforcement.

"The Crime Bill, which Steve Buyer's vote directly prevented from coming to the floor of the House for debate, contains funding to put 2,200 new cops on the street in Indiana, \$207 million for Indiana law enforcement, \$48 million for new jails in Indiana, and \$83 million for crime prevention programs. With all of this direct assistance to Indiana, you must question whose interest Steve Buyer was representing - it certainly wasn't the interest of his constituents here in Kokomo." Beatty argued.

Beatty continued, "The Congressional leadership which Steve Buyer is set upon impressing, is very opposed to this bill. This is another example of where Steve Buyer voted with Washington instead of the Fifth District. Buyer claims he doesn't meet with lobbyists, but I wonder how many phone calls he took on this one!"

Critics claim the bill was too heavy on funding for "preventive programs" such as Midnight Basketball and Anti-Gang Grants. These programs constitute less than four percent of all funding and programs in the bill.

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"Like any legislation, this bill may contain a few programs which don't directly benefit the Fifth District. But I'm not willing to throw the baby out with the bath. Real crime fighters who are on the street need these resources immediately. Hoosiers should not be forced to live in fear because Steve Buyer doesn't like the idea of young people playing basketball at midnight." Beatty said.

"At least Steve Buyer is consistent in opposing crime fighting legislation. He voted against the Boot Camp Bill. He voted against the Brady Bill. Steve Buyer has consistently voted with his Washington Leadership and against the interests of the Hoosier Heartland," Beatty said.

Beatty concluded, "Rep. Buyer has put his personal popularity with party bigwigs and own political future above the safety and protection of his constituents. He claims that he had problems with the legislation. What problems justify a vote against debate? He voted not to discuss the bill. That is politics and gridlock not representation."

The House defeated Thursday afternoon the procedural resolution measure by a vote of 225-210. Further action on the crime bill is pending.

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REP. BUYER CONTINUES TO GET HEAT FOR CRIME VOTE OPPONENT QUESTIONS CLAIMS ABOUT "EXCESSIVE PORK"

Kokomo, IN -- Democrat Nominee for U.S. Congress J.D. Beatty called into question Rep. Steve Buyer's claims that the crime bill he supported in April "accumulated too much pork" in conference committee. Beatty pointed out that the vast majority of what Buyer called "pork" was in the first bill which he supported.

"Steve Buyer doesn't seem to be able to 'smell bacon' unless his Congressional leadership tells him it's on the stove! The pork which Steve Buyer claims to be opposed to was by and large in the original House Crime Bill - which he supported! He didn't change his tune about the bill until the Washington Gridlock Machine clicked into gear and told him to vote 'No'," Beatty said.

The \$5.5 billion difference between the April and August bills is almost entirely due (68%) to increases in law-enforcement spending. 63% of all new "social engineering" spending in the bill (\$773 million total) goes to combat violence against women, in schools, and to protect senior citizens.

Beatty continued, "Buyer claims the bill accumulated too much pork in conference, but 68% of the additional spending was to place 100,000 new officers on the street instead of the 20,000 officers in the original house bill. I have heard of cops being referred to as 'pigs' before, but this is the kind of pork I support. Steve Buyer needs to learn the difference."

A procedural motion was defeated last Thursday with a 225 - 210 vote, which prevented the crime bill from coming to the floor of the House for debate. House Democratic Leadership anticipates a second vote on the same procedure and then the actual bill later this week.

"Steve Buyer can't hide from this bill forever. His vote last Thursday may temporarily keep him from voting for or against the most comprehensive crime and law enforcement act in American history, but he will be forced to a vote sooner or later. I hope the Congress can stop it's political posturing and help bring real crime-fighting relief to America's communities," Beatty said.

J.D. Beatty is the current Sheriff of Howard County and was 1993 National Sheriff of the Year. He is a nationally recognized criminologist and has been on active duty in law enforcement for the past 24 years. Beatty lives in Howard County with his wife, Karen, and their five sons.

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Beatty blasts Buyer on his crime bill vote

By STACEY CREASY
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Howard County Sheriff and Democratic nominee for U.S. Congress J.D. Beatty strongly criticized U.S. Rep. Steve Buyer (R-5th) on Friday for voting Thursday to block debate on the most sweeping crime prevention package ever considered by Congress — the crime bill.

The crime bill was defeated in the U.S. House 225-110. The measure sought to ban 19 different assault weapons, add 100,000 police officers to the streets, provide additional funding for new prisons and rural law enforcement, expand the death penalty, add the three-strikes-you're-out law for repeat offenders, and pump money into crime prevention programs.

"This is typical behavior for Buyer," Beatty said. "He claims at home he is tough on crime, but when it comes time to step up to the plate with a great opportunity to fight crime with real solutions like those in this bill — he strikes out," Beatty said.

"Rep. Buyer has caved in to Republican Congressional leaders. By voting no on a procedural motion he has denied the opportunity for Congress to simply discuss anti-crime legislation."

In a press release following the crime bill vote, Buyer stated he voted no on the crime bill because he would like to see tougher crime legislation passed in the House.

Buyer said he did not believe the current crime bill would reduce crime in Indiana.

Buyer said Friday he has urged Speaker of the House Thomas Foley to work in a bi-partisan effort to re-draft the crime bill.

Beatty said the crime bill would have been beneficial to Hoosiers across the state by beefing up police forces, building new prisons and increasing the funding for crime prevention programs in the state.

"The crime bill, which Steve Buyer's vote directly prevented from coming to the floor of the House for debate, contains funding to put 2,200 new cops on the street in Indiana; \$207 million for Indiana law enforcement, \$48 million for new jails in Indiana, and \$83 million for crime prevention programs," Beatty said.

"With all of this direct assistance to Indiana, you must question whose interest Steve Buyer was representing — it certainly wasn't the interest of his constituents here in Kokomo," Beatty added.

"The congressional leadership which Steve Buyer is set upon impressing, is very opposed to this bill. This is another example of where Steve Buyer voted with Washington instead of the fifth district. Buyer claims he doesn't meet with lobbyists, but I wonder how many phone calls he took on this one!"

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Beatty blasts death of bill

Calls GOP leadership obstructionist

By JEFF PARROTT
Tribune staff writer

Howard County Sheriff John D. Beatty sharply criticized the U.S. House for defeating a \$33.2 billion anti-crime bill Thursday, calling it symptomatic of what Washington politics has become.

Beatty, the Democratic nominee for Rep. Steve Buyer's 5th District seat, particularly lashed out at House Republicans, who along with 58 Democrats, beat the bill in a 225-210 procedural vote.

The bill called for, among other things, 100,000 new police officers, a ban on assault-style firearms, more prison construction, a mandatory life sentence for three-time felony drug offenders and more crimes eligible for the federal death penalty.

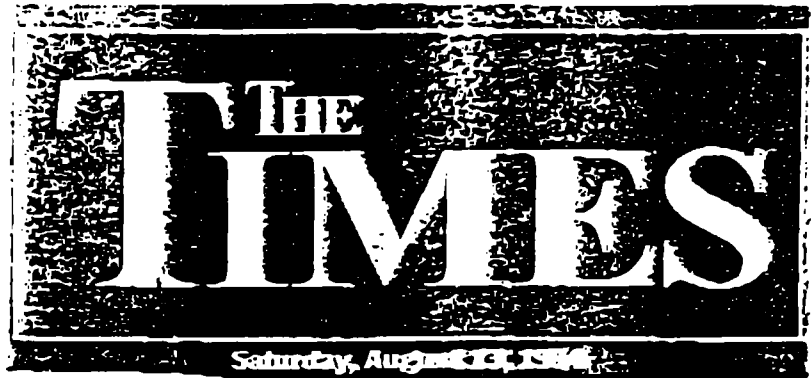
The bill's defeat, despite being lobbied for fiercely by President Clinton, is widely seen already as his worst legislative defeat thus far. It also doesn't bode well for Clinton's fellow House Democrats up for re-election in November.

"There's been an awful lot of political partisanship shown by

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the Republican leadership," Beatty said. "That was their intent. They've been obstructionist in dealing with this legislation."

Buyer, however, called that argument "a false assessment" and defended his vote to kill the bill as one "to uphold the will of the American people." He said Democrats saddled the bill with pork projects and too many social programs in a joint House-Senate conference committee, prompting Buyer and other House members to reverse their original "yes" votes when it came back up for a final tally. Buyer said he hopes the bill will be sent back to a conference committee and "strengthened." He said he'll only pass a revised crime bill that provides more funding for prison construction, restores truth-in-sentencing provisions, establishes minimum mandatory sentences for repeat drug felons and cuts out urban social programs like midnight basketball.



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Beatty attacks Buyer for blocking crime bill

BY JULIET SILPERIN
Times Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON — Signaling what will likely become a major theme in this fall's race, Democratic challenger J.D. Beatty attacked Indiana Republican Rep. Steve Buyer on Friday for voting to block the crime bill.

"This is typical behavior for Buyer," said Beatty, who now serves as Howard County sheriff. "He claims at home that he is tough on crime, but when it comes to step up to the plate with a great opportunity to fight crime with real solutions like those in this bill, he strikes out."

Buyer defended his record, arguing House and Senate negotiators weakened the bill's provisions during conference. He added that Beatty had criticized him when he voted for the House version this spring.

"He's embracing politics instead of a firm conviction of law and order," Buyer said.

Beatty said he had always supported the Clinton administration's bill. He estimated the legislation would have given Indiana 2,200 police officers, \$207 million for enforcement, \$48 million for new jails and \$83 million for crime prevention programs.

By a vote of 225-210, the House defeated a rule Thursday



Rep. Steve Buyer.
Voted against crime bill

'He's embracing politics instead of a firm conviction of law and order.'

Rep. Steve Buyer



J.D. Beatty,
Democratic challenger

'He voted not to discuss the bill. That is politics and gridlock, not representation.'

J.D. Beatty

which would have brought the bill up for consideration.

"He voted not to discuss the bill," Beatty said, adding Buyer has also voted against the Brady Bill and a measure funding boot camps. "That is politics and gridlock, not representation."

Buyer said that while he originally voted for the bill when it passed the House, the conference report watered down the bill's toughest measures.

The final bill reduced the funding for prisons by half, relaxed a requirement making prisoners serve 35 percent of their sentences, and allowed federal courts to retroactively reverse

the sentences for first-time drug offenders.

Negotiators maintained the assault weapons ban, Buyer said, while eliminating a mandatory minimum sentence for crimes committed with a gun.

"Wrong, wrong," Buyer said. "We should be going after the sinful heart."

The dispute over the crime bill could help set the tone for the rest of the 5th Congressional District race. Indiana Democratic and Republican officials alike contend crime remains a top priority among local voters.

"It's a very substantial issue," said Ann DeLaney, chairwoman

of the state Democratic Party. "Buyer's vote on the crime bill is inexplicable."

Devin Anderson, chief of staff for the state Republican Party, said the vote only reflects Buyer's commitment to a tougher crime bill. He added that voters in rural areas, like the 5th District, tend to be less concerned about crime.

Beatty has repeatedly emphasized his ability to fight crime. But Buyer argued he can match Beatty's credentials.

"Crime will be an issue he'll like to talk about," Buyer said. "Is this an issue he is going to be able to take from me? No."

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Beatty will tour the fifth district during campaign for Buyer seat

By STACEY CREAMY
P-V Managing Editor

Fifth District Democrat nominee for U.S. Congress J.D. Beatty announced Thursday he will begin a tour of the fifth district this weekend.

Beatty will hold town hall "listening meetings" to give fifth district voters the opportunity to express their concerns on issues.

"I am beginning my campaign for the fall election — but I believe it is vital to listen to people before I start to talk. American politics have failed Americans. With each passing day, more and more of us are

stripped of our faith in government, in our political process, and in our leaders," Beatty said.

"We feel our representatives in Washington are out of touch, and we are constantly bewildered that they cannot understand our concerns — or they simply ignore them."

Beatty has scheduled the listening sessions in each of Indiana's fifth congressional district's 20 counties beginning Sunday. The meetings will be held on Saturdays or Monday through Thursday evening.

The final meeting will be Sept. 1, two months before the election, in

Howard County, where Beatty has served as county sheriff for eight years.

"I am trying something with these meetings that the Washington politicians don't seem to understand. I want to come into the communities I will represent and listen. Most people have had enough of the constant partisan positioning from Congress and would like the chance to be heard. I want the chance to listen," Beatty added.

"As sheriff of Howard County, I have always had an open door policy where people could come and receive help and be heard. As a Congressman I will have the same policy. The single most important function I will serve in Congress is maintaining close touch with constituents and accurately representing their interests. A Congressman must listen in order to be heard," Beatty added.

"I hope to have good crowds at the meetings. I don't have the liberty of sending invitations at taxpayers' expense to every voter in the district like Rep. Steve Buyer. I must rely upon my campaign to spread word about these events, which makes it difficult, but definitely worth while."

Beatty will face Buyer for the fifth district congressional seat in the November election.

Meetings dates and locations will be announced the week before the session.

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Rep. Don Manzullo Votes to Block the Crime Bill Democratic Challenger Pete Sullivan Says Rep. Don Manzullo Votes in Lock Step with NRA

Congressional candidate Pete Sullivan (Roscoe-D) blasted Rep. Don Manzullo for voting to block consideration and debate of the most sweeping crime prevention package ever considered by congress.

"Rep. Don Manzullo has kowtowed to the NRA. His vote is against additional police officers, a ban on assault weapons and "three strikes you're out" life imprisonment provision. By voting no on a procedural motion he has denied the opportunity for Congress to simply discuss anti-crime legislation. Nothing is so dangerous that it can't even be considered," Sullivan said.

The 1994 Crime Bill Conference Report would have included provisions to put 100,000 more cops on the streets; impose a "three strikes you're out" life imprisonment provision aimed at career offenders; a ban on assault weapons; expansion of the death penalty and innovative crime prevention programs.

However, the NRA coerced some Congressmen into voting against a procedural motion that would allow Congress to debate this decade's most important crime legislation.

It is clear that the NRA was anxious to stop a vote on the crime bill out of concern that such a vote could be used against certain Congressmen in the Fall elections.

"Rep. Don Manzullo has put his personal popularity with the NRA, not to mention the enormous amount of financial support from the NRA, and his own political future above the safety and protection of his constituents. He claims that he had problems with the legislation. What problems justify a vote against debate? He voted not to discuss this bill. That is politics and gridlock not representation."

The House defeated Thursday afternoon the procedural resolution measure by a vote of 225-210. Further action on the crime bill is pending.

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Sullivan: Manzullo 'soft on crime'

Representative says he voted against crime bill because it was flawed

By John Roszkowski
Journal-Standard Reporter

FREEPORT — In one of the first shots of the campaign, Democratic congressional candidate Pete Sullivan on Thursday blasted incumbent U.S. Rep. Don Manzullo for voting against the federal crime bill.

Manzullo, R-Egan, voted last week against the crime bill, which passed the House 285-141. At a press conference in Rockford Thursday, Sullivan called Manzullo's opposition to the bill "perplexing and confusing."

"I think it indicates Mr. Manzullo is not serious about combating violent crime," said Sullivan, a Roscoe attorney, in a telephone interview after the press conference. "When you boil it all down, the only conclusion you can come up with is he is soft on crime. This is the most comprehensive crime bill that the

“ *The fact is he got most of what he wanted. Because he didn't get 100 percent of what he wanted, he voted against it.* **”**

Pete Sullivan, Democratic candidate for Congress

House of Representatives has ever passed and it's the largest commitment of the federal government ever to fighting crime."

Sullivan said the bill contained several strong provisions for fighting crime, such as federal grants to put more police officers on the streets, expanded use of the death penalty, additional money for prison construction and crime prevention programs, and mandatory life sentences for anyone convicted of a third felony including violent crimes and drug offenses.

Manzullo denied being soft on crime and said the House bill had some serious flaws.

"My response is the anti-crime vote was a no vote on this version of the bill because the bill eliminated mandatory minimum

sentences for persons convicted of drug trafficking," Manzullo said. "I cannot in all good conscience vote for a bill that does that. It makes eligible for early release 16,000 persons convicted of drug trafficking offenses. I believe that the only message to send to traffickers is, 'You go to prison, period.'"

Manzullo added he was concerned about various other aspects of the bill. He said the legislation failed to clearly spell out the formula by which community policing grants would be awarded and there was no guarantee cities like Freeport or Rockford would get more funding for police officers. Also, the bill contained no provisions to stop multiple appeals of convicted

murderers like John Wayne Gacy, according to Manzullo.

He said the bill still has to be voted on by the Senate and go through a House-Senate conference committee before the final version will be approved by Congress. "We're looking for something we can live with," he said.

But Sullivan said he thinks the bill already goes "a long way toward helping with the crime problem we presently face."

He said Manzullo's claim that the bill will result in the early release of drug traffickers is misleading. What it does is give judges more discretion in sentencing certain non-violent drug offenders, Sullivan said, but still provides that those individuals must serve a minimum of two years in prison.

Sullivan said Manzullo indicated in an earlier statement that "there were a lot of good provisions in the crime bill."

"The fact is he got most of what he wanted," Sullivan said. "Because he didn't get 100 percent of what he wanted, he voted against it. That doesn't make sense."

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Manzullo called 'soft on crime'

■ Sullivan zeroes in: Rep. Don Manzullo says he voted against a recent crime bill because of shortcomings in funding criteria.

By **CHRIS GREEN**
The Register Star

ROCKFORD — Democrat Pete Sullivan zeroed in Thursday on U.S. Rep. Don Manzullo's vote last week against the House crime bill, saying the vote suggests his November election opponent is "soft on crime."

Sullivan said at a campaign press conference he finds Manzullo's vote against the bill both "perplexing and confusing."

"The only conclusion that one can draw is that Mr. Manzullo is not serious about fighting crime," Sullivan said.

Manzullo's staff responded to the charge by re-issuing a written statement in which the 16th District congressman said he voted against the crime bill because of shortcomings in its funding criteria as well as changes softening sentences for drug offenders.

"The bill retroactively repeals the minimum mandatory sentence for drug offenders so that the vast majority of these drug offenders will be eligible to receive early release from prison," Manzullo said.

Sullivan said major provisions of the crime bill include:

- Authorizing \$3.45 billion in federal grants to provide for 50,000 officers.
- Expanding the number of crimes that fall under the death penalty.
- Mandating life imprisonment for anyone convicted of a

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Rep. Don Manzullo

third felony, including violent crimes and serious offenses.

■ Providing grants to states for prison construction and boot camps. The bill also includes funds for states to develop new, alternative punishments for juvenile offenders.

"The increase of police officers on the beat, expansion of the death penalty and life sentences for repeat offenders will certainly have a deterrent effect on criminals," Sullivan said.

Rockford and other communities in the 16th District are awaiting approval of applications for funding to provide for more police officers, Manzullo said.

He said Rockford already has been passed over in two rounds of funding because the city does not meet the selection criteria and may be passed over again.

"We have no guarantee the new money for funds in this crime bill will use a more appropriate formula," Manzullo said.

He also said the crime bill as written eliminates "truth in sentencing" and has no provisions to stop the multiple appeals of convicted murders.

A final version of the bill will be voted on by the end of May.

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TIERNEY SLAMS TORKILDSEN FOR HIS HOUSE VOTE TO KILL THE CRIME BILL

John Tierney, Democratic candidate for Congress in the 6th Congressional District, today called the multiple explanations of Representative Peter Torkildsen (R-Danvers) regarding his vote to kill the President's Crime Bill, "worthy of the person most likely to win this year's John Lakian Truth-in-Campaigning Award."

Tierney, a Salem attorney, stated, "Days ago I predicted that Peter Torkildsen would figure out some excuse to back out of this tough vote, and his indefensible, unbelievable and unconscionable actions proved me right."

"For example, the Salem Evening News reported that Torkildsen 'supported' the crime bill and only opposed the procedural motion needed to bring it to the floor for a vote."

"Yet, later," Tierney continued, "Torkildsen told reporters that when he went to the floor he was 'undecided' and ultimately choose to oppose the bill because it contained too much 'pork'".

"The question voters need to ponder is whether either of these explanations is really true," Tierney said. "I believe the real reason Torkildsen helped kill the crime bill was to keep his friends at the National Rifle Association happy by continuing to do their bidding."

"It is unconscionable to me," Tierney continued, "that a Congressman who admitted to abusing House franking privileges to the tune of nearly \$50,000 and whose big supporter, Bob Dole, recently held up legislation designed to restore historic buildings on black college campuses so he could grab \$3.6 million in pork for a nearly all-white college in Kansas, could suddenly be shocked that the crime bill is far from perfect."

"The sad reality," Tierney concluded, "is that Torkildsen's slavish devotion to the NRA as well as his fear of losing campaign funds from the Republican National Committee if he supported the crime bill cost the people of this country an opportunity to put 100,000 new police on the beat, remove lethal assault weapons from the streets and fund needed violence protection initiatives. It was a terrible vote, and voters won't forget or forgive it when they cast their ballots in November."

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TIERNEY HITS TORKILDSEN'S 'DO NOTHING' APPROACH TO CRIME

Democratic Congressional candidate John Tierney today charged that incumbent Peter Torkildsen's failure to do anything to move the crime bill onto the House floor for a vote is simply a back-door way to kill the measure. The crime bill is currently being held up in the U.S. House on procedural grounds. A vote is expected this week on a rule that would bring the bill to the floor for debate.

"When I read press accounts that quote a Torkildsen spokesman as saying the incumbent Republican 'has done nothing to prevent the crime bill from coming to the floor for a vote,' while professing support for the bill, I conclude that he would be perfectly happy to see the measure die," said Tierney. "If he really cared about seeing the bill become law, he would stop sitting on his hands, stand up to the nay-say instructions of Newt Gingrich and actively work to bring the bill to the House floor for a vote."

Tierney said he suspected that part of Torkildsen's do-nothing approach to the crime bill stemmed from his earlier vote against the ban on assault weapons. "He is caving to the pressure being exerted by the NRA," Tierney claimed. "He is in the tank with the extremist elements of the gun lobby. There is simply no reason for law-abiding people to have access to assault weapons. They are the firearms of choice for drug dealers and homicidal lunatics."

"There are important provisions in this bill, like the assault weapons ban, increased police funding and the violence against women act, that should be passed and sent to the President's desk," said Tierney. "If the incumbent can't bring himself to be straightforward and either admit he's against the bill or actively support it by moving the crime bill forward, then it is time for the people of the Sixth District to send someone to Congress who will fight for their interests, not sit on his hands while the business of the people is brushed aside."

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TIERNEY CALLS ASSAULT WEAPONS BAN ESSENTIAL
TO ANTI-CRIME FIGHT; LOCAL OFFICIALS JOIN HIM
IN CONDEMNING TORKILDSEN'S OPPOSITION

6th Congressional District candidate John Tierney (D.Salem) today offered strong support to the determination of House Democratic leaders to include the ban on assault weapons in the crime bill as they continue their efforts to round up enough votes to pass the measure. The bill was dealt a setback last week on a procedural vote. Published reports indicate the Republican leadership in Washington is anxious to block a vote on a crime bill that includes a ban on assault weapons out of concern that such a vote would be used against them in the November elections.

"Everyone I've spoken to in this district - from police officers to the average citizen - emphasizes how important it is to get these lethal weapons off the streets," said Tierney. "The ban is an essential component in the battle against violent criminals. It should not be deleted from the crime bill."

Tierney's criticism of incumbent Peter Torkildsen's vote against the assault weapon ban and last week's attempt to bring the crime bill to the House floor for a final vote was echoed today by local elected officials from across the district.

"It's all too easy for Peter Torkildsen to come up with excuses for not voting for the crime bill," said Peabody City Councilor and retired police officer Bob Maguire. "But the sad reality is that on two occasions he had the opportunity to stand up to the NRA and on two occasions he caved. These votes will come back to haunt him."

The Republican National Committee is considering a resolution which threatens to deny Republican Party funding to the 38 Republican congressmen who voted for the assault weapon ban in May. Republican leaders purportedly used this resolution to pressure Rep. Torkildsen to vote against the crime bill.

"I'm very disappointed in Peter's failure to do anything meaningful to fight crime," said Salem Mayor Neil Harrington. "It's yet another example of his lack of leadership and inability to help his constituents."

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"There are provisions in this crime bill that would help the entire district," said Haverhill City Councilor Gary Domoracki. "We particularly need the funds that are included in it to hire more police officers. Haverhill had to cut other necessities out of the city budget last year so we could afford to pay for five more police officers. It's important that the crime bill become law now."

Torkildsen hedges crime bill support

BY BEAN LEONARD

SALEM — U.S. Rep. Peter Torkildsen who vowed to vote in favor of the omnibus crime bill, now will not support the measure if a restriction is tacked on that bars debate on amendments of the bill.

Meanwhile, Torkildsen's press secretary, Eric Convey, scoffed Wednesday at attacks launched at the Republican congressman by his Democratic opponents, who accused Torkildsen of stalling the crime bill and not acting to expedite its passage.

Two of the four Democrats vying for the Sixth District seat, Lynn state Rep. Jeffrey Hayward and Salem lawyer John Tierney issued releases this week mocking Torkildsen for inaction on the bill.

Hayward, in his release, said Torkildsen voted to recommit the bill to committee, a move seen as an attempt to kill the measure. But Convey said Wednesday that was not the case. "There was never a vote taken to recommit. He should check his facts before he puts out a release," Convey said.

Tierney, meanwhile, says he does not believe Torkildsen really supports the measure.

"He would be perfectly happy to see the measure die," Tierney said. "If he really cared about seeing the bill become law, he would stop sitting on his hands, stand up to the nay-say instructions of Newt Gingrich and actively work to bring the bill to the House floor for a vote."

In his own release on the crime bill, Torkildsen expressed support for the measure.

"This anti-crime package represents a major first step toward fighting crime in America's commu-

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nities. Many of its provisions are long overdue in helping local and state police send the right message to criminals, especially repeat offenders. Additional funding for police and prisons, as well as expanded use of the death penalty are key steps needed to fight crime," Torkildsen said.

Specific provisions of the crime bill Torkildsen

said he favors include \$8.8 billion over six years to put 100,000 new police officers on the streets; \$8.7 billion in state construction grants for prisons and boot camps; expansion of the death penalty to include such crimes as interstate carjacking resulting in death, and violent rape resulting in death; and \$1.8 billion to implement new federal penalties for domestic violence and crimes against women.

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REP. PETER TORKILDSEN
Only Mass. Vote Against

Torkildsen defends vote against bill

BOSTON — U.S. Rep. Peter G. Torkildsen, R-Danvers, was the only member of the Massachusetts House delegation to vote against the crime bill Thursday, and his Democratic opponents wasted no time attacking him.

Torkildsen said he supports the crime bill overall despite the inclusion of the assault weapon ban but objected to the

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way the bill was being pushed through. "This was a vote on the rules, not a vote on the crime bill," he said.

State Rep. Jeffery Hayward, D-Lynn, said, "This just shows Peter is out of step. He doesn't understand the real concerns of families about safety in the streets, the increase in violent crime."

Hayward is one of four Democrats challenging the first-term Republican.

John Tierney of Salem, another of the challengers, said, "Here's a guy who says he's for the crime bill but he finds a way to kill it." Tierney said the vote will cost Torkildsen politically. "It's an issue that nobody will forget," he said.

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Torkildsen vote helps derail Clinton crime bill

By JAY KUMAR
Times staff

U.S. Rep. Peter Torkildsen yesterday helped shoot down a proposed \$33 billion crime bill and his Democratic opponents then blasted him for abandoning his support of the legislation.

An unlikely coalition of Republicans, gun-control opponents and black lawmakers prevailed 225-210 in a parliamentary move that prevented the House from actually voting on the crime bill itself.

Torkildsen was the only member

of the Massachusetts congressional delegation to vote against the measure.

This morning Torkildsen defended his vote on the measure that would have allowed the crime bill to be presented for a yes-or-no vote that night. Normally, legislators have three days to scrutinize a bill, he said.

"We need the crime bill but we didn't need everything in that bill," he said. He said he was especially opposed to a Texas legislator's amendment to the bill that would have provided \$10 million to Lamar University.

Torkildsen said he expects the crime bill to be resubmitted by late August or early September.

Meanwhile, Torkildsen's Democratic challengers strongly criticized his vote.

"I've been telling people from day one that this is his modus operandi: Say one thing and do another," said Salem attorney John Tierney, one of four challengers for the Democratic nomination. "This is an incredible thing, saying he's for the bill and then act to kill it. He's just marching to his buddy Newt Gingrich's

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tune."

The fact that many Democrats voted against the bill does not absolve Torkildsen of criticism, he said.

"We elected him. We want him to show some leadership," said Tierney. "We want him to move these packages forward."

Another challenger, former state Sen. Nicholas Costello of Amesbury, echoed those remarks.

"It clearly shows he's not representing the people of this district," he said. "This is the second time he's voted with special interests," with the assault weapon ban being the first.

Costello said the bill was "a good step forward. It puts police on the streets, which we really need, not just in the urban areas but in the suburbs."

The vote should have voters wondering about who they elected, he said.

"I felt from the very start that he wasn't representing the people in this area. The Republicans have an agenda and he's falling right in line with it," Costello said.

Another candidate, former Beverly Mayor F. John Monahan, in a prepared statement, said Torkildsen "has just sold out the people of this district to the gun lobby once again."

"His excuse is that (the bill) contains several millions of expenditures for human services. His claim is untrue. It's simply a coverup for his love affair with the gun lobby and their outrageous demands to protect weapons of war for recreational use."

Democratic challenger state Rep. Jeffery Hayward of Lynn was unavailable for comment last night.

Torkildsen said he received a telephone call yesterday from President Clinton urging him to support the bill and told the president he wasn't sure how he

would vote. After hearing debate, however, he decided to vote against the measure.

Torkildsen spokesman Eric Convey said Democratic leaders "did not want scrutiny for the measures like the \$10 million they snuck on late (Wednesday) night for a Texas college. This bill was \$5.5 billion bigger this morning than when Peter voted on it in April."

Convey said the \$10 million was added by U.S. Rep. Jack Brooks, D-Texas, to benefit Lamar University in Beaumont, Texas.

"It was that kind of add-on that led Peter to determine the bill had completely strayed from its alleged purpose," he added.

The legislation would have provided \$33.2 billion for an additional 100,000 police officers, prisons, crime-prevention measures and an especially controversial ban on assault-style firearms.

The bill's opponents included 167 Republicans and 58 Democrats. Voting for the bill were 198 Democrats, 11 Republicans and 1 independent.

Now the leadership can take the bill back to the Rules Committee and try to bring it back for a vote without restrictions or it can go back to a conference committee for discussion.

Convey defended Torkildsen's vote as a matter of conscience.

"He went to the House floor (yesterday) afternoon still not sure how he was going to vote on the rule," he said. "He decided he'd come to Washington to do what he thinks is right, not what he thinks is popular in the short-term, so he voted against the rule."

Torkildsen said it is important to point out that 58 Democrats voted against the bill.

"It's always easy to chime in with a partisan response," he said. "My constituents sent me down here to evaluate each issue on its merits. And I've done that."

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MASSACHUSETTS**Dems: Torkildsen caved in to gun lobby**By SEAN LEONARD
News staff

SALEM Republican U.S. Rep. Peter Torkildsen's vote against a motion Thursday night to bring the crime bill to the House floor continued to draw fire from Democrats Friday, while local GOP members say Torkildsen made the right decision.

Torkildsen was the only member of the Massachusetts delegation to vote against the motion, defeated 255-210, which effectively blocked passage of the \$33.2 billion anti crime package that would have placed 100,000 new police officers on the streets, expanded the death penalty, and provided millions of dollars in law enforcement grants and for constructions of prisons and boot camps.

While Torkildsen maintains he supports all of those provisions, he said he was concerned that the bill reported out of the House-Senate conference committee included too many "irrelevant spending" measures. He said Friday, however, that if the bill does come up for a vote before the end of the session, he will vote in favor of it.

Torkildsen says the primary reason he voted against the rules motion is because it would have restricted debate or amendments to the crime bill, making it impossible to strike objectionable portions of the legislation that have nothing to do with crime prevention.

Salem City Councilor and 2nd Essex state senate candidate Jane Stirgwolt, who served as chairman of Torkildsen's campaign for Congress two years ago, stood by the freshman congressman Friday.

"I have a lot of respect for the congressman for taking the position he did," Stirgwolt said. She accused Democratic lawmakers of consistently tacking on too many irrelevant spending items to major legislation. "Quite frankly, they have to stop doing business the way they do," she said.

Stirgwolt pointed out that Thursday night's vote in the House was on a procedural motion only, and said she is confident the crime bill will be enacted by the end of the year.

"I hope all of the members of Congress continue to make it a better bill ... It's very important that the crime bill is passed this year. I would hope it would come forward again, in some other form, and pass," Stirgwolt declared.

But national Democratic Party leaders, senior members of the Bay State delegation, state law enforcement officials and the four local Democrats vying for Torkildsen's seat continued to blast the congressman for his vote, accusing him of caving in to pressure from the Republican leadership and the powerful gun lobby.

"Representative Torkildsen withered in the face of Republican and special interest pressure," said Democratic National Committee chairman David Wilhelm in a release Friday.

Locally, Salem lawyer John Tierney, one of the four Democrats vying for the Sixth District seat, launched an attack on the incumbent over the crime bill vote.

They accuse Torkildsen of voting to block the bill because it included a ban on assault weapons, which the NRA opposes. Torkildsen maintains however he will vote in favor of the bill - with the assault weapons ban - if it comes before the House.

His opponents say they don't believe him.

"Days ago, I predicted that Peter Torkildsen would figure out some excuse to back out of this tough vote, and his indefensible, unbelievable and unconscionable actions proved me right," Tierney said.

Former Beverly mayor Jack Monahan, another of the Democrats vying for the Sixth District seat, also issued a release in response to the crime bill vote: "Mr. Torkildsen has just sold out the people of his district to the gun lobby," he said.

Former Amesbury state senator Nick Costello called Torkildsen's explanation for voting against the rules motion "nonsense." The good the bill would have done, Costello said, should have far outweighed the incumbent's concern about spending measures tacked to it. "He is more interested in gridlock than anything else," Costello said.

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OUR VIEW **by Nelson K. Benton III**

Torkildsen shoots self politically by casting vote against crime bill

U.S. Rep. Peter Torkildsen is expecting a lot from his constituents when he asks that they support his decision to vote against bringing the anti-crime package to the House floor due to a procedural flaw.

Residents of the 6th District, like people everywhere, are concerned about the rising tide of violence in this country and want something done about it.

The crime bill before Congress, which would provide funds for cities and towns to hire additional police officers and for states to build more prison space, and at the same time increase the penalties for the most heinous types of crime, represents a good start.

In fact, Torkildsen says he intends to vote for the measure once those procedural questions are resolved. But he insists he could not vote for a rule that would require, as is often the case, an up-or-down vote on the bill that emerged from a House-Senate conference.

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Unfortunately, from here, Torkildsen appears to have been duped once again by the National Rifle Association which objects vehemently to provisions in the bill banning certain types of assault weapons. The procedural issue was merely a convenient excuse advanced by the NRA and the Republican leadership to vote against the bill

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Even Torokildsen's fellow Republican Rep. Helen Ahlstrom of Suresbury, saw it in his and his constituents' best interests to move the legislation forward.

The congressman's insistence that he be allowed to vote against certain non-partel provisions in the bill just doesn't fly given the fact that he himself is down there spending money on projects like the South Essex Sewerage District's secondary treatment plant and the Salem Maritime National Historic Site which might be considered equally dispensable in the eyes of some of his colleagues.

Given his recent problems with use of the franking privilege, which could end up costing him both personally and in terms of political capital, Torokildsen needed a win here. But this vote was a loser.

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Torkildsen wrong on crime bill vote

The disappointment felt throughout the country on the failure of Congress to enact a long-awaited anti-crime package is being most keenly felt in our own area because of the stance taken by the 6th District's U.S. Rep. Peter Torkildsen, the only member of the Bay State delegation to oppose the measure.

His posture on this matter is plainly unacceptable and is especially difficult to justify since he had indicated earlier that he supported the legislation. On the other hand, it may be argued that his position is a consistent one, given that he was the only Massachusetts congressman to oppose a national ban on assault weapons.

By his latest action, Rep. Torkildsen not only stands as oblivious and/or unresponsive to the public safety needs of his constituents but also as insensitive to their disgust at the partisan-based gridlock that has rendered Congress ineffectual on one issue after another.

His feeble excuse that the legislation was laden by Democrats with "pork" was totally lacking in specificity and credibility. Even a candid confession that his vote was attributable to strong National Rifle Association lobbying would be preferable to the purely partisan generalizations Rep. Torkildsen so lamely offered.

The anti-crime bill was not perfect. Few measures that make their way through the Capitol Hill process are that. But as Attorney General L. Scott Harshbarger said, it was the most comprehensive anti-crime bill ever crafted. It was a bill that would have placed 100,000 badly needed policemen on the streets. It was a bill that addressed juvenile delinquency and prison construction funding.

It was something that Lynn, the 6th Congressional District and the whole country needed and deserved to have.

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Lauterer Criticizes Congress on Crime Vote

Renews Call for Taylor to "Lead, Follow, or Get Out of the Way"

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Lauterer also criticized Congressman Charles Taylor, renewing her charge that he should "lead, follow, or get out of the way."

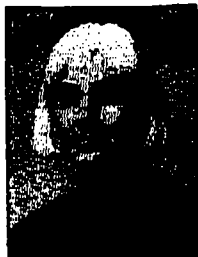
"When it came time for our Congressman to stand tall and protect us, he went out the back door," said Lauterer.

Lauterer supports the bill for its tough provisions, including:

- "Three Strikes You're Out" legislation for repeat felons
- Funding for 100,000 new police in urban and rural areas
- 60 new federal death penalties
- Habeus corpus reforms that limit death row appeals
- New rights for victims of crime
- Trying juveniles as adults in more violent felonies
- Tough federal sentences for U.S. citizens who go abroad on "child sex tours"
- Funding for crime prevention programs

Lauterer also warned against attempts to divert public attention away from larger crime issues towards the assault weapons ban. "This bill is about crime control, not gun control. I am a staunch defender of hunters' and sportsmen's rights, and I always have been," said Lauterer.

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What Real Law Enforcement Says About the Crime Bill

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"NAPO strongly supports the crime bill conference report. As law enforcement officers, it is our job to fight and now we are finally being given the help we so desperately need."

National Association of Police Organizations

"...the FOP strongly believes that the Crime Bill will benefit the citizens of this nation and provide a strong safety mechanism for our officers doing the tough job on the streets."

—Fraternal Order of Police

"We support swift passage of the Conference Report... We need to do everything possible to stop the rising crime, especially in rural America where sheriffs have the vast majority of the responsibility."

—National Sheriff's Association

"...we believe the final efforts provide a balance of programs that hold the potential for making a vast difference for our nation in reducing the crime rate. We would urge that the Crime Bill be enacted."

—National District Attorneys Association

"FLEOA urges you and your colleagues for the quick passage of this very important piece of legislation. It is important to note that laws alone don't make people safe, law officers with adequate resources do!"

—Federal Law Enforcement Officers Association

"We believe that the compromise crime bill legislation just sent forward by the conference committee is necessary and we urge all members of the House and Senate to support it and the President to sign it."

—National Troopers Coalition

"We strongly support the bill's provisions and desire to have it passed as expeditiously as possible."

—International Association of Chiefs of Police

"...the legislation contains initiatives of great help to federal, state, and local police in their quest for safer streets."

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"...with its immediate passage, the officers on the street will move forward knowing they now have the support they have needed for so long."

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"The failure of this bill to pass would represent would represent a terrible blow to citizens who are besieged by crime and violence."

—Police Foundation

"We are pleased to add our endorsement of your efforts and pledge support of the Association in implementing the provisions of the bill."

—National Association of Attorneys General

"The IBPO has long advocated comprehensive efforts to address violent crime where it occurs: at the state and local [sic]. This crime bill represents historic achievements to accomplish this goal.... We urge you to take action now."

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"PERF believes that this crime bill is a balanced and reasonable response to the crime PERF members face in cities across the country. We urge every member of Congress to support police by voting for passage of the crime bill as outlined in the conference report."

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From staff reports

Opponents in North Carolina's 12th Congressional District were quick to get their press releases and fax machines in gear Thursday night to praise or condemn Congress's defeat of the crime bill.

In Washington, Congressman Charles Taylor, a Republican, called the proposal "bogus" and said its defeat clears the way to "move on to real crime control."

In Asheville, Democratic opponent Maggie Lauterer criticized the vote. "This is not gridlock; this inaction is a national disgrace," she said.

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Patrick Combs, Democratic Candidate for Congress in the First Congressional District today blasted Doug Bereuter for his "No" vote on the Omnibus Crime Bill debated in the House of Representatives yesterday.

"My opponent has listened to special interests and chosen to oppose this historic anti-crime measure. He has the right to champion the status-quo, but rather than just reject long-sought bills, why not initiate alternatives? Once again, the incumbent has buckled under the pressure of the national Republican party and special interest. He had a chance to truly do something positive about our national crime problem. Congressman Bereuter has failed us as a representative. Moreover, our system of government has failed us because, once again, the voices of our electorate have been ignored. The people of Nebraska want action now to fight crime--not gridlock. If Nebraskans had a vote on this piece of legislation, it would have passed overwhelmingly."

"Thirty years ago, there were three police officers for every violent crime. Today, there are three violent crimes for every police officer. And this legislation protects small town America: 50,000 of the 100,000 new police officers go to towns with populations of 120,000 or less."

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"Today there are twice as many shelters for animals in the United States as there are shelters for battered women. The harsher penalties for gang-related crimes and funding school activities for at-risk youths attack these encroaching problems here in the First District."

"I support the victims of crime: abused women, our nation's youth, senior citizens and honest, law-abiding Americans left unprotected because of understaffed law enforcement. In addition, the crime bill's annual \$5 billion cost pales versus the \$300 billion annual cost of crime to taxpayers."

"As a concerned Nebraska citizen, I called Congressman Bereuter's office today to register my displeasure with his vote on this important piece of legislation. I urge all Nebraskans, who are concerned about crime, to call Doug Bereuter's office at 438-1598 and voice their disappointment."

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COMBS: BEREUTER SELLS OUT

It is a sad day in America when a national political party drafts a resolution condemning its member for voting against the party platform. The Republican National Committee in a resolution of condemnation threatened to deny 38 Congressmen of all party campaign funding if they failed to vote the party line.

... the Republican National Committee condemns those 38 Congressmen. . . and shall, hereafter, deny all Republican Party funding to any and all of those 38 Congressmen should they seek re-election.

Congressional Record, August 11, 1994 Pg. H7949

Doug Bereuter, one of the 38, buckled under this pressure by voting against the 1994 Omnibus Crime Bill. He had previously, in May 1994, voted for the assault weapons ban and cited provisions that were removed in conference committee as the reasons that he opposed the original House version of the crime bill.

Congressional Candidate Patrick Combs said, "This is a perfect example of what is wrong with our system. Partisan politics dictate votes that affect millions of people, their lives and safety."

Bereuter's vote for his campaign coffers and against the crime bill will cost Nebraska 900 police officers; \$15 million in prison grants; \$93 million in law enforcement grants; and \$28 million in crime prevention grants.

"My opponent has put his campaign fund and personal popularity with party bigwigs above the safety and protection of his constituents. He claims that he had problems with the legislation. What problems justify a vote against debate? He voted not to discuss the bill. That is political gridlock, not representation."

"When is the political nightmare going to end?" Combs declared, "It will end when we have the courage to send people to Washington who are dedicated to reforming the system. People will vote for the good of the people rather than promoting their own re-elections. People have the strength of character to vote for what is right regardless of the consequences or pressure. My opponent failed to resist this pressure and let his vote be bought by the system."

The House defeated the procedural resolution measure Thursday afternoon by a vote of 210. Further action on the crime bill is pending.

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Assault weapons ban should be retained

The crime bill had its flaws. A ban on assault weapons wasn't one of them, however.

But this small item helped bring down the \$33.2 billion crime bill last week.

The crime bill was a massive package of the punitive and the preventive.

The Washington Post lamented that late-session crime packages are often channeled to "showboat" on crime, chock full of thoughtless, vindictive provisions. This bill had plenty of that.

More bravado than bravery, many of its get-tough measures would only minimally affect crime where it hits most, since relatively few of these crimes are federal in nature and therefore reachable by federal statutes.

Particularly onerous was the expansion of the death penalty to 60 federal crimes, such as the killing of chicken inspectors.

BUT THE BILL offered some true gems, like the provision for 100,000 more police officers and other aid for crime prevention measures at a level where it would have some effect, locally. The 100,000 more cops provision was an expansion of the program through which Lincoln was recently able to add 15 more cops, so Lincolmites can appreciate the value of this program.

The modest ban on assault weapons was also a prime feature.

The shrill opposition to any form of gun control is wearing quite thin. After all, what's the use of assault weapons? It isn't hunting deer.

According to the Bureau of Alcohol, To-

bacco and Firearms many of the 19 assault weapons the crime bill identifies by name rank in the top 10 of all guns traced to criminal activity. Yet these are but 1 percent of the guns circulating in the U.S.

A ban on 1 percent of the millions of guns circulating in the United States is not confiscatory by any stretch of the imagination.

And the crime bill exempted by name nearly 700 other firearms.

Seven hundred.

ASSAULT WEAPONS are designed for rapid fire, close quarter shooting at humans. Don't take our word for it. Those are the words of the ATF. "Mass-produced mayhem" is another ATF description.

Republicans who supported the ban in a May vote were visited with a missive from the Republican National Committee. It was a resolution of the Alaskan Republican Party for the RNC to "deny all Republican funding to any and all of those 38 congressmen should they seek re-election" and to "seek alternative real Republican candidates for the seats of those congressmen."

Talk about heavy ammunition.

This kind of pressure on congressmen prepared to vote their constituents' desires (most Americans support some sort of gun control) was itself an assault.

House leaders vowed to resurrect the crime bill. If they bring it back without gun control that will be a real crime, legislation courtesy of the National Rifle Association.

Combs criticizes Bereuter's vote to kill crime bill

Democratic congressional nominee Patrick Combs said Friday that Republican Rep. Doug Bereuter "listened to special interests" when he voted to kill the omnibus crime bill in the House this week.

The House prevented a vote on the bill by defeating a required procedural motion.

"The people of Nebraska want action now to fight crime, not gridlock," Combs said.

"If Nebraska had a vote on this

piece of legislation, it would have passed overwhelmingly."

Combs said he supported the crime bill's provisions to fund 100,000 new police officers, build additional prisons and fund programs to combat violence against women.

"The harsher penalties for gang-related crimes and funding school activities for at-risk youths attack these encroaching problems here in the 1st District," he said.

Bereuter said the bill is "a costly,

big-government, throw-money-at-the-problem approach that will do little to solve the nation's crime problem."

Rather, he said, it is "a gigantic \$33 billion boondoggle (filled with) incredible examples of pork-barrel spending."

The measure "does not address many of the serious crime problems faced by so many Americans every day," Bereuter said.

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GAUL ASKS HOKE, "WHY?" Hoke Vote Puts Crime Bill in Jeopardy Hoke Still "For" Assault Weapons

"I am one of Martin Hoke's frustrated and angry constituents. He sent me, my family and 580,000 other people in the 10th District a newsletter that says he is calling for 'tough measures' on crime and then he votes against the Crime Bill and a ban on assault weapons for the second time", says Francis E. Gaul.

Gaul will call into question Hoke's truthfulness, judgement and ability to represent the people of the 10th District at NOON at 25th & Lorain in Ohio City where residents and businesses have hired two off-duty Cleveland policemen to patrol. Mr. Hoke's vote was one of 15 that helped kill consideration of a bill that would put 28 more police on Cleveland streets.

"Crime is not an issue. It is reality for many people. Martin Hoke lives in a security protected high rise on the Gold Coast. He doesn't come to the areas where his "no" vote impacts daily life. I understand the frustration of the people because it is areas like Ohio City that my office has begun to redevelop...and in order for that process to go as far as it can...people have to feel safe", says Gaul. Hoke voted against 3900 more police for Ohio.

Crime vote bombshell staggers Clinton

ANN McFEATHERS
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WASHINGTON — The stunning 225-210 defeat of the \$33 billion crime bill on a procedural vote in the House last night leaves President Clinton's legislative strategy in shambles and has badly rapped his political clout.

Until yesterday afternoon, the White House felt confident it could win a procedural vote to send the bill to the floor for a victory it felt it had won.

Controversial though it has the bill calling for 100,000 police on the streets, a three-strikes-and-you're-in-prison-with-no-recourse felony requirement, the ban on assault weapons and money for prison and prevention was the most important vote for the Clinton administration so far this year.

What makes it particularly bad for Clinton is that 58 Democrats as well as 167 Republicans voted to

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try to kill the bill. It goes back to a conference committee, but chances that it will be passed this year have diminished greatly.

Clinton lost because of pressure by the National Rifle Association, Republican leaders such as Rep. Newt Gingrich of Georgia, who viewed it as a liberal raft of new pork-barrel social spending, such as midnight basketball games and a welfare program for criminals, and blacks who wanted a controversial provision restored that purported to end discrimination in death-row sentencing.

The size of the defeat does not necessarily mean Clinton will lose other legislative priorities — primarily health care — or even that the crime bill is dead. But it is a serious loss at precisely the wrong time for the president.

It means, first of all, that his job approval rating of only 42% to 47%

depending on who is polling, is hurting him and that Democrats as well as Republicans do not feel that crossing him will bring political retribution or that helping him will be politically expedient. It is an ominous sign for Democrats who try to use the president's coattails in the November election.

An angry, visibly distraught president came to the White House briefing room shortly after the vote, calling the tally a shameful trick and a victory for special interests and a loss for the American people, especially children who are victims of violence.

His voice trembling, his face pale, Clinton was obviously trying to rein in the vitriol he wanted to unleash against those who argued that the bill was for show only and would have done little to stem the growth of violent crime.

"I believe the American people will not like viewing this as a political circus," he said. "Did I lose tonight? You bet I did, in the sense I

wanted it to pass. ... But if everybody had the security I have, we wouldn't need a crime bill."

Clinton demanded that the House not adjourn until it passes the crime measure. But members desperate to get home to campaign for the midterm elections won't stay unless a compromise can be worked out quickly.

The president is correct that crime is the No. 1 concern of voters. But in the give-and-take of legislative sausage-making, Republicans and some Democrats thought they could vote against the procedural rule on the bill and still claim they were for the measure's 60 stiffer anti-crime penalties designed to keep the 1-million-strong prison population from rising.

Gingrich said that the social programs in the bill doomed it, and that the president's determination to pass health care reform legislation this year will founder on the same shoals of do-goodism.

Clinton called for his Cabinet to convene this morning and decided to go to Minneapolis later in the day for a police convention. He hopes that the pressure of law enforcement groups and public opinion may turn the tide in the House

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and force a vote on the substance of the crime bill he thinks he could win.

Having put his words and his political weight behind the crime bill, Clinton is under the gun, so to speak, to do some fast talking to convince legislators and the public he is in control. But just as the Clinton White House needed to put its entire focus on health care, which the president says could live or die by one or two votes, it now is distracted by the vote of the crime bill.

There will be no vacation for the White House or lawmakers without action on crime and the vastly more controversial issue of health care reform, Clinton vowed.

It's a promise he may wish he hadn't made.

BACK AGAIN FOR LIMITED TIME! — **CLOSED WEDS.**

Clinton crime bill shot down in House

By **SABRINA EATON**
PLAIN DEALER BUREAU

WASHINGTON — In a startling rebuff for President Clinton and Democratic leaders, the House yesterday refused to consider a \$33 billion crime bill that would have allowed Ohio police forces to hire 8,900 more officers.

Even though the bill was a compromise of legislation that already had been approved by the House and Senate, it failed in a 228 to 210 vote. House leaders and Clinton spent weeks lobbying for its passage.

"I want the Congress and the House to go back to work tomorrow and figure out how to save the elements of this crime bill," Clinton said at a news conference after the vote.

The procedural defeat was crafted by Republicans and Democrats alike. Rep. Martin Hoke, R-10, of Lakewood, and other Republicans were upset by the measure's

■ The crime bill defeat leaves Clinton's legislative strategy in shambles. Analysis. 6-A

social programs, like midnight basketball. Rep. Ted Strickland, D-8, of Lucasville, and others opposed a ban on 19 types of assault weapons.

"I can say that I worked my heart out on it and I did everything I could," Clinton said. "And on this day, the NRA and the Republican leadership had their way."

Opponents also included 11 Black Caucus members who were upset by abandonment of a controversial racial justice provision that would have let death penalty defendants use racial discrimination statistics in their sentencing.

Among them were Rep. Louis Stokes, D-11, of Shaker Heights, a death penalty opponent who also disliked the bill's making 60 crimes punishable by death. He refused to budge even after Clinton, Attorney General Janet Reno and House Speaker Thomas Foley attempted to change his mind.

"They respected that to me, this was a matter of conscience and principle," Stokes said, predicting House leaders' next strategy would be to remove the assault weapons ban.

Proponents of the bill included Reps. Eric Fingerhut, D-19, of Mayfield Heights, Sherrod Brown, D-13, of Lorain, and Tom Sawyer, D-14, of Akron. They said they would fight to make sure a workable bill passes before the end of the year.

"I am just disappointed that the Republicans are more interested in fighting Democrats than they are in fighting crime, and that the National Rifle Association had the power that it did," Brown said.

Although the crime bill was supported by a variety of police and prosecutor's organizations, it was condemned by the trio of Republican county prosecutors running against Brown, Sawyer and Fingerhut.

Crime bill is shot down

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"They need to go back to the drawing board and to this thing right," said Fingerhut's opponent, Lake County Prosecutor Steven G. LaTourrette, echoing sentiments expressed by Lorain County Prosecutor Greg White, who is opposing Brown, and Summit County Prosecutor Lynn Slaby, who is campaigning against Sawyer.

Hoke's November opponent

Cuyahoga

County Treasurer Francis E. Gaul, supported the bill and claimed Hoke had accepted \$3,900 in contributions from the NRA in 1992. Hoke, who doesn't accept PAC money, was enraged and called Gaul's charge "one more lie from the Gaul campaign."

"Good policy always makes good politics," said Hoke, who opposed the assault weapons ban. "This was a bad bill that would do nothing to reduce the country's crime problem."

Like many Republicans, Hoke complained that the bill's agreement with Fingerhut until the night before the vote, after reviewing it, he said he concluded it was a "total rip-off."

Stunned after the vote, the Majority Leader's office canceled legislative business for the day. Republicans' assistance Democrats were pulling away.

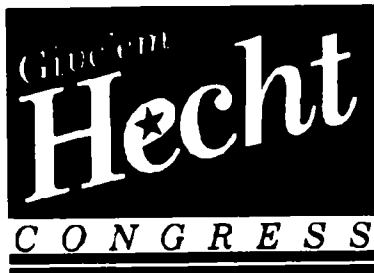
"We walk out of there every single day after suffering two or three defeats, and it's nice to show them how it feels," said Rep. Deborah Pryor, R-14, of Columbus.

HOW THEY VOTED

Ohio congressional men voted on whether to allow a \$33.2 billion crime bill package to come before the chamber for a vote.

A "yes" vote was to debate the package on the House floor. A "no" vote was to block further action.

Yea: Sherrod Brown, D-13, of Lorain; Eric D. Fryer, D-18, of Summit; Tom Sawyer, D-14, of Akron; and Martin Hoke, R-10, of Cuyahoga.



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KLUG VOTES TO KILL CRIME BILL

MADISON...The rule to bring the Crime Bill up for a vote in the U.S. House of Representatives failed to pass today, thus sending the Crime Bill back to conference committee and effectively killing the bill for the legislative session.

Democratic candidate for Congress Tom Hecht today said: "Scott Klug voted with the Republican Party leadership in Congress to kill the crime bill. If ever the Republicans gave up the crime issue, they did it today. While 11 Republicans had the courage to stand against their increasingly obstructionist party leadership, Scott Klug, unfortunately, was not one of them."

Hecht continued: "How can anyone who voted for the \$120 billion space station call this crime bill, a bill that will put more police on our streets, build more prisons and provide tougher sentencing laws, a 'porked up' bill? Scott Klug needs a reality check. Klug can no longer be believed when he says he's tough on crime. The question is: can Scott Klug be believed at all?"

"Police organizations across the country have been calling for this legislation for many months. Scott Klug's vote pits him against the wishes of law enforcement professionals, property owners, parents and every regular citizen who fears violent crime in our country. The overwhelming majority of citizens in this district wanted this bill. Scott Klug has again failed to represent us in Congress."

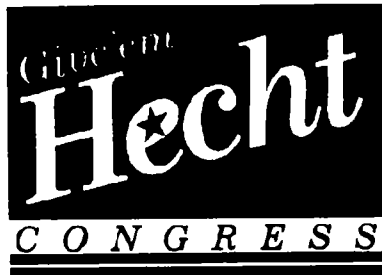
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The Crime Bill's provisions include:

- Putting 100,000 more police officers on the streets.
- A "Three Strikes and You're Out," life imprisonment provision aimed at career offenders who do the most harm to society.
- A prison grant program which will help states lock up violent offenders more quickly and efficiently as well as encouraging them to improve their criminal justice systems by adopting reasonable "truth in sentencing" provisions.
- Boot camps that provide the discipline and training necessary to deter your offenders from crime.
- Discretionary authority to prosecute hardened 13-17 year old violent criminals as adults.
- The Youth Employment Skills program which will provide young people with job training and opportunities in hard-hit, high crime areas.
- The Gang Resistance Education and Training program which is already a proven success in helping kids fight the allure of gang membership.
- Grants for programs to fight domestic violence.

"Klug has talked tough on crime. Now, he's thrown that away," Hecht said.



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A CASE STUDY IN HYPOCRISY

MADISON... "Consistency has never been Klug's strong suit," said Democratic candidate for Congress Tom Hecht today. "Congressman Klug's 'all things to all people' brand of politics has caught up with him -- again. The people I've met here in southern Wisconsin want the Crime Bill," said Hecht. "While I have reservations about this legislation, particularly with respect to the death penalty provisions and the need for more proven crime-prevention measures, I have supported this bill as a serious approach to violent crime in our country. I'm disappointed that our Congressman reversed himself under partisan pressure. Klug opposed a bill which six days before the vote, he said he supported. If anything, is tougher on crime than the original bill he voted for in April. Klug came under enormous pressure, including threats from the Republican party, to change his vote. He did so."

Hecht cited Klug's vote Thursday to kill the Crime Bill as the most recent, and egregious, example of a Congressman without a core set of principles. "Klug voted in April for the House version of the Crime Bill. At that time, the Crime Bill was a \$28 billion bill. The conference committee agreement, which Klug voted to kill on Thursday, was a \$33.5 billion bill. The difference between these two bills is due almost entirely to increases in law enforcement spending -- not the 'social engineering' Klug so despises."

"In fact, the midnight sports leagues, which Klug finds so objectionable, not only constituted just 0.15 percent of the total Crime Bill, but was actually reduced by ten million dollars between the House version and the conference committee report. Klug voted for more "midnight basketball" money in April than he voted against in August!"

“The spending increases in the ‘crime-prevention’ portion of the package (which total only \$775 million have nothing to do with ‘social-engineering’ at all. Unless, that is, Rep. Klug chooses to view grants to combat violence against women, youth employment programs and community schools as ‘social engineering’,” Hecht said.

Under the heading: “Crime Bill Nears Final Passage in Congress”, Klug’s own franked-mail propaganda itself espouses the benefits of the crime prevention programs contained in the Crime Bill Klug so recently voted to kill. In this literature, mailed to 2nd District residents in early July, Klug said: “Tougher criminal penalties are certainly key, but education, prevention and drug treatment are also important components to ending the wave of violence.” Klug goes on to say: “If we give kids new activities and programs that take up their time and their minds we can keep them off the streets and out of trouble.”

“When he wrote those lines, Klug was absolutely right,” says Hecht. “Too bad Klug didn’t have the guts to stand up to Newt Gingrich and the Republican leadership and tell them what he told the voters of the 2nd district. If it wasn’t patently obvious before, by now it’s blatantly obvious that when Newt Gingrich and the Republican leadership say ‘jump’, Scott Klug says, ‘how high’.”

Hecht noted that today’s Wisconsin State Journal cited Brandon Scholtz, Klug’s Chief of Staff, as saying that Klug would like to see “spending rolled back to the original level.” **“It must be fairly asked, what did Klug mean when he told his constituents only last week on WTSO and elsewhere that he would vote for the crime bill in it’s post-conference committee form?”** Hecht wonders. **“While I have substantive problems with this Crime Bill, I have consistently supported it as a needed piece of legislation,”** Hecht said.

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Rep. Scott Klug, a member of the congressional Fire Services Caucus, receives an honorary fire chief's helmet from Dane County Fire Chief Association Vice President Dave Bloom. Also honored: Ken Hawers (right), president of the Atadash Area Builders Association.

"NANNY TAX" GETS REVAMPED FOR THE '90s

Finally, some tax relief from Congress. The House and Senate have each approved bills to revise the "nanny tax."

That's the little-known law that requires employers to withhold Social Security taxes for household workers, even teen-age babysitters, if they earn more than \$50 in a quarter.

"From the very first day this thing blew up in the newspaper, Klug worked tirelessly behind the scenes to make sure this got done correctly." Rep. Jim Bunning

Rep. Scott Klug's "babysitter bill," which he drafted last year to change the antiquated tax threshold, has become the basis for the new law. "Everyone recognized that the \$50 tax threshold wasn't realistic," he said. "With today's cost-of-living, it's not unreasonable to pay a babysitter \$50 in just a month if parents go out to an occasional dinner and a movie."

The new House legislation raises the annual tax threshold to \$1,200 in 1994. The Senate version raises it to \$620 as a compromise between the two amounts will likely be struck in the conference committee. Both chambers did accept Klug's proposal to do away with quarterly report-

ing requirements to make filing easier as well as his proposal to index the threshold in future years to the national wage increase.

Getting the "nanny tax" revised hasn't been easy even though few opposed it. Although the House passed a similar "babysitter bill" last year, it stalled due to a procedural problem. For months it seemed it might never see the light of day.

Then this February, Klug turned the heat up again, writing a letter to Senate Finance Committee Chairman Daniel Patrick Moynihan as well as an op-ed piece for the Washington Times lamenting the fact that a year had gone by and the "nanny tax" still hadn't been updated.

Moynihan called him the day the article appeared, saying he agreed Congress had to get the legislation back on the fast-track. Within weeks of discussions with Moynihan, both the House and Senate had passed versions of the bill. In the House, Rep. Jim Bunning (R-KY), the ranking member of the Ways and Means subcommittee said, "From the very first day this thing blew up in the newspaper, Klug worked tirelessly behind the scenes to make sure this got done correctly."

At this writing, the tax revision is in the House/Senate conference committee.

I.R.S. TAX CODE DISCRIMINATES AGAINST HOMEMAKERS; Women hardest hit by unfair penalty

While Congress is moving ahead to revise the "nanny tax," Rep. Scott Klug is supporting legislation to change the tax code that discriminates primarily against women who work in the home.

The problem lies in the rules governing Individual Retirement Accounts (IRAs). If both spouses in a household bring home a paycheck, each is permitted to contribute and deduct up to \$2,000 to an IRA -- \$4,000 in total, subject to income limits. If only one spouse works, however, a married couple is limited to contributing a total of \$2,250 to an IRA.

Likewise, if a wage-earner in a one-income couple participates in an employee pension plan, there are further limits on

total IRA contributions.

"That means a one-income home may only put aside half as much in an IRA as a two-income family," he said. "When we're telling families to set aside thousands of dollars to ensure they won't find themselves impoverished in retirement, this tax law makes absolutely no sense."

In an effort to bring equal treatment to both spouses, he has cosponsored legislation to permit full \$2,000 IRA contributions by non-working spouses.

"Family members who work inside the home contribute just as much as their working spouses. There's no reason to penalize their retirement security. Instead, we should encourage them to

CRIME BILL NEARS FINAL PASSAGE IN CONGRESS

Crime continually tops national and statewide polls as the number one issue of concern for Americans. According to one poll, four out of every ten Americans have changed their way of living because of anxiety about crime.

Public outrage and frustration gave Congress added momentum to pass tougher criminal penalties this year. In April, both the House and Senate passed crime bills and a House/Senate conference is currently drafting the final bill.

"Congress has taken a broad and balanced approach to fighting crime," said Rep. Klug, who voted for the bill. "Tougher criminal penalties are certainly key, but education, prevention and drug treatment are also important components to ending the wave of violence."

Here's a short overview of the major elements of the crime bills.

MORE COPS ON THE STREETS

Of primary concern is putting more police officers on the streets. "Congress recognizes that communities beyond New York and Los Angeles need help in battling crime," he said.

The House bill authorizes \$1.4 billion to hire 50,000 new police officers nationwide and there's a similar provision in the Senate bill. Likewise, Congress authorized funds to help beef up rural law enforcement, which is also experiencing a growth in criminal activity.

"Realistically, no matter where you live in south central Wisconsin, crime rates will go up unless we give local law enforcement greater support right now."

TOUGHER CRIMINAL PENALTIES

Both chambers gave overwhelming approval to the "three strikes and you're out" proposal, which requires life imprisonment for a third violent felony.

"Statistics prove that a small number of violent felons commit the vast majority of crimes," he said. "We have to get these people off the streets, and keep them off the streets."

MORE PRISONS

House and Senate versions differ on the approach, but there's universal agreement on the need for more prisons. The House bill authorizes \$1.5 billion to help states build more prison cells.

CRIME PREVENTION AND TREATMENT

Congress also stepped up prevention, education and treatment efforts in creating the new law.

Both versions authorize funds for youth programs aimed at after-school academic, extracurricular, mentoring and supervised sports programs.

"If we give kids new activities and programs that take up their time and their minds," he said, "we can keep them off the streets and out of trouble."

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Now, it's "Pork"

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Claims it will get new chance

Klug insists 'pork' killed crime bill

By John Patrick Hunter

Associate Editor, The Capital Times

Rep. Scott Klug, R-Madison, who helped derail the anti-crime bill and deliver a major setback to President Clinton, claimed today the measure had "too much pork" and was loaded with too many "social engineering projects" to merit his support.

But Klug insisted the \$33.2 billion crime bill "is not dead, it is just sidetracked."

Klug predicted the bill will be brought up again next week, with billions of dollars stripped from the measure and made acceptable to the National Rifle Association lobby.

The Madison Republican said he had warned the House leadership "weeks ago" that he would not support a procedural vote to bring the bill to the floor if the price tag was not lowered.

"What got added in was a lot of pork projects, you know, a justice building for (Rep.) Jack Brooks of Texas and a lot of other kinds of social engineering programs," Klug said today in a telephone interview from his Washington office.

The bill also includes \$500,000 for Madison and more than \$6 million for Milwaukee to help fund crime fighting, including the addition of more police officers.

"I think they just miscalculated and they ended up with a very strange alliance of people opposed to it, primarily Black Caucus members because of the death penalty, NRA folks who were mad



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President Clinton makes last-minute phone calls Thursday in hopes of gaining support for the crime bill.

about the guns and a bunch of deficit hawks who said we don't mind spending money on crime but this has gone off the deep end."

"What you will probably see is the crime bill back next week and they are probably going to fix the money problem and sit down with some Democrats who voted no because of the NRA issue," Klug said.

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Klug said he would vote for the bill if it is stripped of some of the objectionable features that bother him.

Klug's vote drew a sharp response from Tom Hecht, his Democratic opponent in this fall's election.

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Hecht said an overwhelming majority of the 2nd District residents wanted this bill. "Scott Klug has again failed to represent us in Congress."

Another Wisconsin congressman, Peter Barca of the First District, said the defeat "puts in question whether we will be able to pass a crime bill this session. At best it will significantly delay passage; at worst there will be no crime bill."

Barca said he did not agree with all the provisions of the

measure, "but the key provisions of this bill are desperately needed to help our neighborhoods."

Tom Barrett, Milwaukee, Fifth District, like the other four Wisconsin Democrats who vote to allow the bill to come to a final vote, said he was disappointed that many of his colleagues "bowed to the pressure exerted by the National Rifle Association."

"I think that's a pretty high price to pay to appease the NRA," Barrett said.

The 9-member Wisconsin delegation split along party lines with the five Republicans voting to refuse to bring the measure to a vote and the four Democrats voting in favor of the motion.

Voting No: Scott Klug, Steve Gunderson, Thomas Petri, Toby Roth and F. James Sensenbrenner.

Voting Yes: Peter Barca, Thomas Barrett, Gerald Kleczka, and Dave Obey.

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Crime bill defeat doesn't bode well for Clinton

By David Lantier and Donald Brownstein

Los Angeles Times

News Analysis

When the history books are written, Thursday just may be recalled as the day President Clinton's luck — and with it his effectiveness — finally ran out.

For more than a year and a half, Clinton, despite being elected with only 43 percent of the vote, has managed to eke out of Congress a series of one- and two-vote victories — "Clinton landslides," his aides joked. Thursday, they stopped joking.

When the House rejected the \$33 billion crime bill and its leaders informed the White House they would probably have to wait until September even to begin floor debate on health care, the chief rationale for Clinton's presidency — that he could "break gridlock" in Washington — suffered two grievous blows.

Setbacks this large would damage any president. But for Clinton, who has held out "effectiveness" as the chief

counter to Americans' widespread questions about his character, the damage is far worse. For him, a series of legislative defeats would leave little to stand on.

Administration officials, confident that the crime bill enjoys overwhelming public support, spoke defiantly about bringing the bill back. "Voting no is the wrong side to be on on this issue," said one White House strategist. Officials also insisted that despite the scheduling setbacks, health care reform will prevail in the end. If either of those things happens, those major victories could erase much of this week's damage.

Moreover, anticipating large Democratic losses this fall, White House aides already had been laying plans for moving from a strategy based on legislative accomplishments to one based on more populist, more sharply toned, attacks on opponents.

Clinton previewed that strategy in an angry press conference after the crime bill vote — vowing to fight on and denouncing opponents for bowing to "special interests."

"I worked my heart out on it, and I did everything I could. And on this day the NRA (National Rifle Association) and the Republican leadership had their way," Clinton said. "I believe the American people will not like viewing this as some sort of political circus up here. I'm on their side, and I think we better see who's on what side."

Some aides hope that sort of approach, less tied to negotiating endless compromises through Congress, could revive Clinton's standing with voters. In any case, Clinton has little choice. "If your platform is getting stuff done and you can't get anything done, you better find a new platform," said Democratic pollster Mark Mellman.

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But even if that shift in strategy should prove effective in the future, for now Clinton strategists made no attempt to hide their gloom. "This is very bad," one. "It's beyond gridlock."

For months, Clinton and his aides had held up the advancing bill as the symbol of his ability to break gridlock with "New Democrat" ideas that bridged the divides between liberals and conservatives. Because of that, the failure of this particular legislation suggests that the institutional, ideological and partisan roots of gridlock are even more difficult to reach than the president believed.

White House officials were quick to blame the problem on Clinton's Republican opposition. But while the Republicans did run a fierce campaign against Clinton all year, they were not his main problem.

Democratic vote counters had predicted they could win if they got 10 Republican votes; 11 Republicans sided with them, and they still lost. The reason was Democratic defections, and the list of defectors illustrates Clinton's problem.

The president did suffer some losses on the left, including Rep. Maxine Waters, D-Calif., and nine other members of the 38-member Congressional Black Caucus. They said they could not support the bill, despite its extensive new spending provisions for urban areas, because it contains several new death penalty provisions.

But Clinton lost most heavily among his fellow southerners and among conservatives, for whom alliance with Clinton has become a political millstone. The unwillingness of 68 members of his own party to link arms with Clinton on a major issue resembled nothing so much as the unraveling of the last Democrat to win the Oval Office, Jimmy Carter. And the fact that many congressional Democrats have dramatically and perhaps irrevocably severed their interests from Clinton's clearly cannot bode well for the health care debate.

Some of the individual defections show how Clinton's many problems have combined into a witch's brew of political trouble.

House Foreign Affairs chairman Lee Hamilton, D-Ind., for example, is the sort of party loyalist whose vote a Democratic president ought to be able to count on in a pinch. But "he's so angry at the president on these other issues, we can't get him," a White House official said before the vote, referring to Hamilton's displeasure at Clinton's uneven leadership on Bosnia, Haiti and other foreign matters.

Similarly, Rep. Jim Cooper, D-Tenn., is the sort of moderate, southern "New Democrat" Clinton had hoped to build a coalition around. But he has been alienated from the White House on health care. He voted no. So, too, did Rep. Dave McCurdy, D-Okla., who followed Clinton as leader of the Democratic Leadership Council, the organization of moderate and conservative

Democrats.

The crime bill's defeat was remarkable not only because the House leadership almost never loses on procedural votes, but because the legislation was buoyed by two enormous tailwinds.

One was intense public concern about crime — in many states the top public concern. A recent Los Angeles Times poll

showed Americans supporting the bill 67 percent-26 percent, even after they were told about the large amounts of new spending that Republicans decried. The assault weapons ban had even wider support — 71 percent-24 percent.

The second reason that many expected the bill to pass was the huge pot of money the legislation

offered to interests all across the ideological and political spectrum: nearly \$8 billion in social programs favored by liberals, almost \$9 billion for mayors to hire police officers, \$1.8 billion to states to help pay for the cost of incarcerating illegal aliens, and \$6.5 billion for prison construction, the top crime-fighting priority of conservatives.

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NRA pressure ^{WSS} derails crime bill _{6/12}

Clinton: 'I did everything I could'

By David Hess

Knight-Ridder Newspapers

WASHINGTON — Bowing to a fierce, last-ditch assault by the National Rifle Association, the House derailed a compromise version of the \$33 billion anti-crime bill Thursday by refusing on a procedural vote to bring it to the floor.

The vote was a jolting setback to President Clinton, who had personally lobbied many wavering members to support the measure — and a victory for Republicans who complained that it was larded with social programs disguised as crime-prevention measures.

"I worked my heart out on it and I did everything I could," an angry Clinton said afterward. "And on this day the NRA and the Republican leadership had their way."

Clinton accused the crime bill opponents of engaging in a "procedural trick" that puts "the protection of particular interests over the protection of ordinary Americans."

The vote was 225-210 to block the bill from coming to the floor — with 58 Democrats joining 167 Republicans in voting to sidetrack the

Wisconsin votes

In a 225-210 vote Thursday, the House refused to allow a \$33.2 billion crime bill package to come before the chamber for a vote.

Voting to allow debate were 198 Democrats (including Peter Barta, Thomas Barrett, Gerald Keozka and David Obey of Wisconsin), 11 Republicans and one independent.

Voting against allowing debate were 58 Democrats and 167 Republicans (including Scott Klug, Steve Gunderson, Thomas Petri, Toby Roth and F. James Sensenbrenner of Wisconsin).

measure.

What happens now is unclear.

House Democratic leaders could try again to bring up the measure. That would require changing the minds of at least eight House members who voted against the leadership Thursday.

Another possibility is for House and Senate negotiators to go back to work and try to come up with another, less controversial crime bill — perhaps by stripping the assault weapons ban from the legislation.

But Senate Judiciary Committee chairman Joseph Biden Jr., D-Del., said Thursday night he was not willing to reopen the conference committee.

House leaders, he said, should send the bill back to the floor as many times as necessary to overcome the opposition.

"We can't let a small group of zealots deny the American people what they want and what they need," Biden said.

And House Judiciary Committee Chairman Jack Brooks, D-Texas, said it would be "very difficult to go back to conference (with the Senate), it's almost impossible."

The House Democrats who bolted from the president were largely from rural districts where gun ownership is considered an unbreachable right and the NRA is deeply entrenched.

But the opponents also included 10 of the Congressional Black Cau-

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cus' 38 members still angry that conferees had removed a "racial justice" provision that would have enabled defendants in death penalty cases to appeal their sentences if they could show racial bias in their prosecutions or trials.

Rep. Peter Deutsch, D-Fla., said the bill was "a victim of both the left and right in the House. The right opposed it because of the gun ban, the left because it didn't contain the racial justice language."

Deutsch, who supported the gun ban, said the bill should go back to a House-Senate conference and the assault weapons provision removed so that it could pass the House.

Republicans were jubilant at defeating the president's initiative, but some insisted that the setback should not bury the bill.

"I hope they go back to conference on it," said Rep. Porter Goss, R-Fla., who led the fight to sidetrack the bill. "The Democrats need to step back now, reconsider, then give us a slimmer version. The biggest problem I saw with the bill is that there was too much preventive stuff and too little punishment."

But Democrats, smarting from the setback, said the partisanship was the coin of the Republicans.

"The Republicans made a decision today not to govern," said Rep. Mike Synar, D-Okla. "They took a powder. They took the position that it was more advantageous politically to oppose the president than to do the bidding of the American people, who have told us time and time again that they want action on this crime issue."

The most controversial item in the bill — the assault weapons ban — was the subject of intense lobbying by the NRA.

That provision would prohibit the manufacture and sale of 19 military-style semiautomatic rifles, pistols and shotguns by brand name, as well as similar weapons with the same rapid-fire, large-magazine features.

The NRA's lobbying was supplemented by the Republican National Committee, which turned its sights on 38 Republicans who voted the first time around for the gun ban, including Rep. Scott Klug, R-Wis.

(Klug had said he would oppose the conference committee's version because it called for more spending than originally approved by the House.)

In a letter to those members, signed by RNC general counsel David Norcross, the GOP lawmakers were subtly threatened with sanctions akin to excommunication from the party if they supported the rule bringing the bill up for final passage.

Norcross cited a resolution passed by the Alaska Republican Party, which the RNC's resolutions committee plans to consider at its January 1995 meeting.

The resolution condemned the 38 who had voted for the assault-weapon ban and proposed that the RNC "hereafter deny all Republican Party funding" to them.

Rep. Charles Schumer, D-N.Y., a prime sponsor of the bill, said the "pressure was unbelievable on those Republicans who were willing to vote against these awful weapons as a matter of principle. Their arms were being twisted out of the socket."

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BEAR TO GUNDERSON: END GRIDLOCK

Says Legislation on Crime is Far Overdue

"Congress has a responsibility to protect its citizens," Democratic Congressional candidate Peter Bear of Hudson said. He urged Congress to take advantage of the defeat of a crime bill laden with political gimmicks and pass legislation that will truly put more police on the streets and imprison convicted criminals.

Bear stated, "It's time for those in Washington to lead and that includes Steve Gunderson. This most recent example of Washington gridlock gives us the opportunity to craft legislation that will protect our families and our communities."

Bear believes that a new crime bill must have community policing, monies for rural law enforcement, grants to build more prisons, strict penalties for violence against women, strong anti-gang and youth violence provisions, a mandatory sentencing provision, and the ability to try juveniles who commit murder as adults.

Rep. Steve Gunderson (R-Osseo) voted against a procedural motion on the crime bill which would have allowed this decade's most sweeping crime legislation to come to the House floor for debate.

"Rep. Gunderson has put his personal popularity with party bigwigs and own political future above the safety and protection of his constituents. He claims that he had problems with the legislation. What problems justify a vote against debate? He voted not to discuss this bill. That is politics and gridlock, not representation."

Bear stated, "The time for action is now. The crime problem in this country demands attention from those in Washington. Action should have been taken long ago. Congress' failure to act even at this late date is reason to clean house in Washington. I pledge to go to Washington and fight to help the hard-working people of western Wisconsin, who have been without true representation for far too long."

Peter Bear, 41, lives with his wife, Victoria, and their four children in Hudson. The former state Representative and state Senator currently manages state and local government affairs and community public relations for 3M.

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Challenger rips Pombo for blocking crime bill

By FRANCIS P. GARLAND
Staff writer

STOCKTON — Democratic Congressional hopeful Randy Perry and several city officials joined forces Friday to rip Rep. Richard Pombo for helping block a sweeping \$33 billion anti-crime bill.

At a gathering in front of the San Joaquin County Courthouse, Perry accused Pombo, R-Tracy, of turning his back on strong community law enforcement, female crime victims and tougher death penalty statutes with his vote Thursday.

A coalition of Republicans, gun-control opponents and others turned back the bill in a parliamentary motion that prevented the House of Representatives from actually voting on the bill.

Pombo, a member of the crime bill's conference committee, called the bill a "wasteful, pork-laden election-year charade."

Perry, a Stockton resident who currently manages governmental affairs for the Peace Officers Research Association of California, is challenging Pombo to represent the 11th Congressional District, which includes southern Sacramento County and most of San Joaquin County.

The bill, Perry said, would have provided funding for

100,000 more police officers on the streets nationwide, \$10.5 billion worth of new prisons and for numerous programs to combat domestic violence and crimes against women and children.

Perry said California has been a leader in battling crime, but Congress's action Thursday was a "giant step backward."

"We need this funding to make sure criminals get the justice they deserve," said Perry, whose list of supporters included Stockton Mayor Joan Darrah and Vice Mayor Floyd Weaver.

Pombo said he'd be happy to go back and draft a bill that will "address crime and be tough on criminals, not on taxpayers."

Pombo said he supports retaining mandatory minimum sentences, building more prisons and using punishment — and the threat of punishment — as a deterrent to crime.

Sandra Davis, a Stockton woman who helped start an organization known as Mothers Against Gang Wars, said the area needs help from its legislators.

"We're out here on the street trying to bring these men and women together," she said. "But we can't do it by ourselves. People are hurting. People are in pain."

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Iowans defend votes in House on crime bill

By David Lynch

Gazette Washington reporter

WASHINGTON — House members from Iowa defended their vote Friday against a procedural motion that would have brought anti-crime legislation to the floor, saying the so-called compromise package was loaded with social spending they did not vote for when the bill was first approved.

"I favor a tough bill on crime," Rep. Jim Leach, R-Iowa, said in a statement released by his office, "but object to the majority party's efforts to bust the budget on special programs under the guise of crime legislation."

"I have not agreed with my party's perspective on several key issues in this bill, but I believe no legislation should be brought to the floor without fair input from all sides."

Glen Winekauf, the North Liberty Democrat challenging Leach for re-election, issued a press release criticizing Leach for "his lack of leadership on the issue."

He said communities in the 1st District could have benefited from the crime-fighting funds in the legislation.

Elaine Baxter, the Iowa secretary of state who is challenging Rep. Jim Lightfoot, R-Iowa, for the 3rd District seat, charged that Lightfoot's vote was tainted by his acceptance of more than \$50,000 in campaign contributions from the National Rifle Association since he was first elected to Congress in 1974.

"It's Elaine's style to bitch and complain without offering any alternatives," Lightfoot said in an interview off the House floor Friday afternoon.

He said it is time for anti-crime legislation, and he backed Republican congressional leadership efforts to arrange for a reconsideration of the legislation, with the Republicans given an opportunity to make changes in the compromise.

Rep. Jim Nussle, R-Iowa, said

he couldn't vote for the compromise because it was "not tough enough on crime. This crime bill is too much of a 'feel good' measure that allows representatives to go home to their districts and tell people they solved the crime problem."

"In my judgment, the best way to address the core causes of crime is to strengthen families, reform welfare and effectively use deterrents," Nussle said.

Former Democratic Rep. Dave Nagle of Cedar Falls, who is running against Nussle, said he has changed his position on the crime bill after spending two years back in Iowa.

Nagle said the local law enforcement officers he has talked with tell him "they are being outgunned" by the criminals and they need help from Washington.

He now supports the gun ban and the crime bill.

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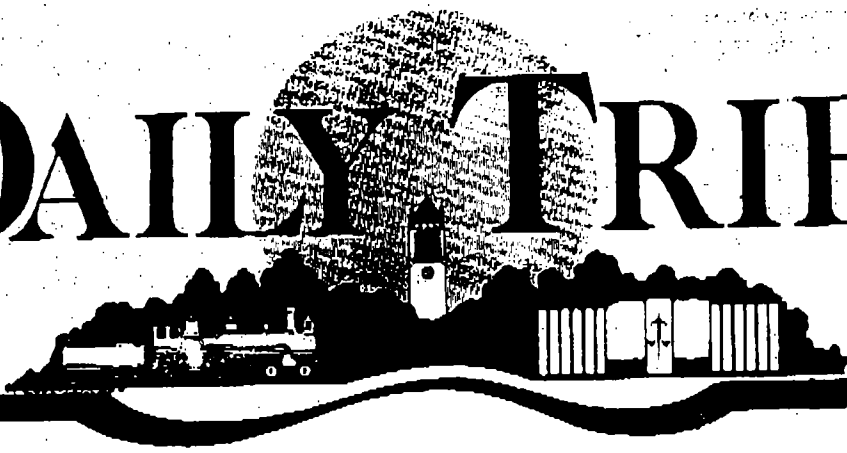
We will be issuing another press release, & holding another press conference later this week. We will send you a copy of the release. There may have been other coverage on Sat. We're trying to find what was in the Clinton and Quad City papers, we'll let you know. Also was lot of radio

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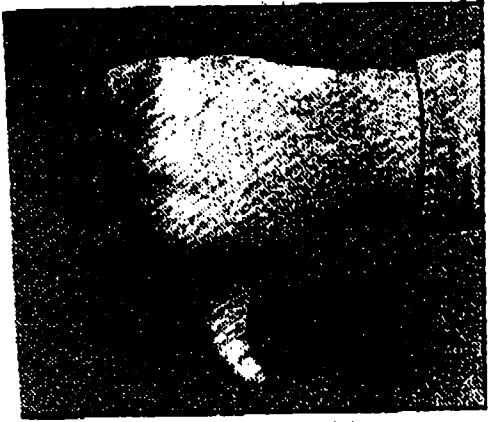


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It's a crime — Jim Ross Lightfoot talks a good game on fighting crime, but when it comes time to vote, he always sides with that gun-sellers' lobby, the National Rifle Association. His vote this week to keep the crime bill from coming to a vote in the House is just another example that he's lost touch with real people.



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Moorhead, Kahn clash on crime bill

Challenger calls vote hypocritical

By Ian Fried
Staff Writer

The federal crime bill, which failed to muster enough support for a House vote, has become a hot issue between the candidates in the local congressional race.

U.S. Rep. Carlos Moorhead, R-Glendale, said the bill he voted against on Thursday was flawed, but his opponent in the November election said the vote reflects the congressman's insensitivity to voters' needs.

Democrat Doug Kahn, who is challenging Moorhead in the November election, said Moorhead's vote is hypocritical because the congressman sponsored an amendment to the crime bill.

Stalled by a 225-205 vote, the \$33.2 billion bill would ban many semi-automatic weapons, enact a federal "three-strikes" law and provide billions for prisons and law enforcement. A switch of eight votes would reverse the outcome and permit a final vote.

Kahn claimed Moorhead was out of touch with voters, saying the congressman's vote contradicted a study done by his own office which found crime to be the most important issue among district residents.

Moorhead defended his action, saying he intended to vote for the bill at the time he sponsored an amendment to the package calling for more border patrol officers.

The veteran legislator said he opposed a final vote because too many programs had been at-

tached to the White House-backed bill, making its cost outweigh potential reductions in crime.

"You just don't spend \$33 billion on something that isn't really good," Moorhead said.

Kahn said Moorhead's argument was a cover for a partisan vote.

The Altadena businessman said Moorhead's decision shows a greater concern for lobbyists than area residents.

"It's pure intimidation by the gun lobby, and Carlos Moorhead caved in," Kahn said.

Moorhead said the National Rifle Association is only a minor contributor to his campaign and that its donation did not affect his vote.

"If you vote one way or another based on \$500, you're not much," Moorhead said.

The heat also intensified on Capitol Hill, where key Democrats including President Clinton promised a strong fight over the bill.

"This crime bill cannot die," Clinton told reporters outside the White House Friday. "Congress has an obligation to the American people that goes way beyond politics and way beyond party."

Poll after poll, Clinton said, showed crime the top worry of the American people. The survey in Moorhead's district found 44 percent of respondents feel crime is the most important problem in the area.

Republicans also expressed in-



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Carlos Moorhead

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terest in passing a crime bill.
GOP House Whip Newt Gingrich of Georgia said Republicans are prepared to go back to conference on the bill.

Moorhead said he still wants a modified bill to reach a vote.

"I hope they make some changes that will do away with the objectionable parts," Moorhead said.

News-Press wire services also contributed to this story.

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Stockton mayor blasts Pombo crime bill vote

By Ann Schuyler
San Joaquin News Service

STOCKTON — Stockton Mayor Jean Darrah blasted Rep. Richard Pombo's vote against a national crime bill during an appearance with Democratic congressional challenger Randy Perry.

"Mr. Pombo showed no consideration for the real problems of this county," Darrah said Friday. "We need his help in this community. Crime is the No. 1 problem."

Pombo, who represents all but the very southern corner of San Joaquin County, voted with 224 others to keep the \$33 billion anti-crime bill from coming to a vote Thursday.

Pombo said his vote helped force the crime bill back into negotiations for legislation that is leaner and tougher on crime. Pombo said the bill would not have delivered as promised because it was overloaded with pork barrel programs. The bill will go back to the conference committee next week for revisions and will probably pass with an overwhelming majority, Pombo said.

According to Pombo, the bill's promise to put 100,000 police officers on city streets was whittled down to 30,000 by the time the bill went to final negotiations. The bill would have benefited major metropolitan areas like Chicago, San

Francisco, Los Angeles and Detroit and would have left rural areas out, Pombo said.

Randy Perry, Pombo's Democratic challenger for the 11th District seat, lambasted the Tracy Republican's vote during a press conference on the steps of the county courthouse Friday. Perry was backed by the presence of Darrah, Stockton Councilmember Floyd Weaver and about 10 community activists.

"Congress and Mr. Pombo have failed to show any vision or leadership for our children," Perry said. "This is a giant step backwards."

Perry said the pork barrel Pombo refused to is essential programs that Stockton and the county need, like funds to battle domestic violence. Perry, 35, is a Stockton resident and a lobbyist for the Peace Officers Research Association of California.

Pombo said Perry's criticism is a "partisan attempt to use crime as a campaign issue rather than fighting for what's good for the 11th district, which is a crime bill that's tough on crime and not tough on taxpayers."

Pombo said he supports funding for domestic violence. He said he voted during the conference committee for a provision in the bill that gives cities blocks of money to spend on crime prevention.

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414-432-7826****VOTE BY CONGRESS TO KILL CRIME BILL IS SHORT-SIGHTED --
LOCAL COMMUNITIES WILL SUFFER**

Congressional Candidate Stan Gruszynski says communities throughout Wisconsin will suffer due to a vote Congress took today to block a comprehensive crime bill from going to the House floor for debate.

A majority of Congress voted "no" earlier today on a procedural motion, thus preventing Congress from even considering tough crime legislation. The bill's provisions included putting 100,000 additional police officers on the streets, enacting a ban on assault weapons, and a "Three Strikes, You're Out" provision that would have put repeat offenders behind bars for good. The bill would have provided Wisconsin with more prisons, more funding for programs to keep kids off the streets, and grants for combatting crimes against women.

"Today's vote was a setback for local law enforcement efforts," Gruszynski said. "Our communities are struggling with rising crime rates and a short-sighted Congress said no, we won't help you."

"Sheriffs, police officers and others tell me in every

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community I visit that they are overwhelmed by growing crime," Gruszynski said. "It is the responsibility of local, state and federal government to provide support for these communities. Congress talks big when it comes to fighting crime, but it has failed to deliver results."

Gruszynski notes the State Legislature was able to pass a crime package similar to this bill by bringing it to the floor, debating it vigorously, making changes, and passing it last October. "We hammered out a bi-partisan crime bill because people wanted results," Gruszynski said. "Congress should be able to do the same."

Gruszynski voted for that bill in the Legislature and led the fight for tougher crime laws by introducing and passing "Three Strikes, You're Out" legislation.

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social workers for every cop on the beat," he said.

In addition, short-term funding for 100,000 more police officers and prison construction "will leave local government holding the bag when the money runs out," he said.

Roth wants the bill sent back to conference to excise \$9 billion in "social welfare spending" like midnight basketball leagues, arts and crafts classes and self-esteem programs. He also wants taken out the \$10 million included to build a criminal justice college in the House Judiciary Committee chairman's Texas district.

Meanwhile, Roth's primary election opponent, De Pere Mayor Nancy Nusbaum, had called on him to support the crime bill, saying he has spent 16 years "talking tough but accomplishing little when it comes to helping local mayors and police departments deal with problems of rising crime, drugs and gang violence.

Stan Gruszynski, Democratic candidate for Roth's U.S. congressional seat, said Wisconsin communities will suffer because of the vote.

"Our communities are struggling with rising crime rates, and a short-sighted Congress said no, we won't help you," Gruszynski said.

Groat says it was more partisanship than special interests that killed the bill. Still, 58 Democrats joined Republicans in voting to reject it.

The National Rifle Association, which gets much of the blame, or credit, for dooming the bill, issued a statement applauding the defeat.

While the crime bill included a ban on 19 assault-type weapons, the NRA statement didn't even mention it, focusing only on the "pork" and "social experiments" aspects.

TO YOUR HEALTH: Sen. Russ Feingold, D-Wis., who says he can't vote for the Mitchell health care bill as is because it falls short on long-term care and universal coverage, has been tagged "team leader" for the floor debate on long-term care for the elderly and disabled provisions.

Wisconsin Sen. Herb Kohl, who has gained national TV exposure as one of 10 undecided Democratic senators, says he objects to the health insurance premium tax and new entitlement programs being

kee plant and move 2,000 jobs out of state spurred Feingold to introduce a bill to prevent Community Development Block Grants and other U.S. Housing and Urban Development funds from being used to help businesses move jobs from one state to another.

The CDRG program was designed to help communities with economic development.

"There is no way to justify to the taxpayers in my state that their hard-earned tax dollars are being used to move their own jobs out of state," Feingold said.

CAMPAIGN CROSSFIRE: Gruszynski campaign workers point to a big red and white sign just off U.S. 41 five miles south of De Pere that says "Toby votes against seniors 82% of the time." Seems Roth stopped at the house about a month ago and asked the owner to take it down.

He didn't. But last weekend, someone painted over "Toby votes."

Meanwhile, Nusbaum campaign workers are wondering if Roth was setting a theme for his campaign ads during two broadcast interviews last week, one on local TV and one on Wisconsin Public Radio, in which Roth equates the De Pere mayor's wealth with Kohl's millions.

The evidence? Nusbaum recently loaned \$30,000 to her campaign.

Nusbaum says she took out a second mortgage on her home to get the money. It's a common practice for candidates to loan money to their own campaigns until their fund-raising can cover it.

A "fax alert" from the state Republican Party says Clinton's pollster Stanley Greenberg is advising congressional candidates to distance themselves from the president.

According to state Republican chairman David Opitz, Greenberg is telling them to run on their own accomplishments and agendas.

"There is no reason to highlight these as Clinton or Democratic proposals," he said the advice goes.

THE VOTE IS IN: Lawmakers, especially those up for re-election, are keeping their fingers on the voting button.

According to Roll Call Report Syndicate, legislators' voting percentages are way up for the first half of this year. "so the folks back home can see they're hard at work on Capitol Hill."

Sparks fly over crime bill

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Kathy Groat, 8th Congressional District Democratic Party chairman, is upset by the failure of the crime bill this week.

It's especially troubling, she says, "When you consider that we elected President Clinton to solve some of our problems, and when he comes up with a bill, they won't let him be-

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cause of partisanship or special interests."

Groat concedes the \$33.2 billion bill, rejected 225-210 by the House of Representatives, wasn't perfect.

"I was not happy with some parts of it, for instance the death penalty for additional crimes," Groat said. "But the important thing is to have a bill and start working with it."

That's a sentiment shared by Rep. David Obey, D-Wausau, who said he "can't stand" much about the bill, but "the most important thing was that we pass the crime bill."

Rep. Toby Roth, one of 167 Republicans voting to reject it, disagrees.

Roth, who had voted for the House bill in April, said the conference committee bloated the final version with social programs and pork barrel projects. It "funds two

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