

Congress goes out partying as the government goes broke

WASHINGTON (AP) — Opting instead for an evening of political partying, Congress abandoned its race against the clock Thursday to keep the government from going broke upon the midnight start of the new fiscal year.

But negotiators for the House and Senate reached agreement on a compromise spending measure they said would win swift approval on Friday, and a Reagan administration spokesman said there probably would be no interruption of regular government operations.

Although agreement on the compromise bill came several hours before the midnight deadline, congressional leaders decided against a late-night session to pass the measure on an evening when major social events were scheduled for both Democrats and Republicans.

The Democratic Party had a \$1,000-per-person fundraising dinner that many members of Congress were expected to attend. And President Reagan invited the entire Congress to a barbecue at the White House in what amounted to a counter-event dominated by Republicans.

The stopgap spending plan

will keep the entire government in business until Dec. 17, thereby assuring a post-election session of Congress in which lawmakers will debate the regular money bills that have not yet been approved. Only one of 13 regular bills has cleared Congress, and it is still awaiting Reagan's signature.

For domestic programs, the catch-all measure generally is within the budget that Congress set for itself several months ago, meaning many programs will be frozen at roughly the 1982 levels.

On defense spending, it calls for roughly \$6 billion below the amount contained in the budget Congress approved last summer, and about \$17 billion below Reagan's original request of last winter.

The interim measure temporarily prohibits purchase of the first five MX missiles, which the administration wants to buy, and blocks any spending on the second of two new nuclear aircraft carriers Reagan wants to build. Construction of the B1 bomber may proceed, however.

The interim measure also calls for substantially less in foreign aid than either Reagan or the Republican-controlled

Senate voted for, about \$9.7 billion. The Senate recommended \$11.1 billion, while Reagan asked for \$11.6 billion.

House speaker Thomas O'Neill, D-Mass., did not mention either social function when he told reporters that negotiators for the two houses estimated that no compromise bill would be ready for floor action until shortly after the midnight deadline.

"We'll pass that tomorrow so I don't think there will be any effect" on government operations, he said.

Edwin Dale, a spokesman at the Office of Management and Budget, said no disruptions in operations were likely, as long as the compromise that is reached is acceptable to Reagan.

Dale said all government agencies were notified earlier in the day to prepare to begin "shutdown" operations on Friday.

But he said that if the compromise measure appears to merit Reagan's approval, agencies will be told Friday to continue business as usual. In any event, he said, all federal workers are expected to be on the job on Friday.

Jo Federigo's
CLASSIC ITALIAN CUISINE

Lunch • Friday • 11:30 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Dinner • Sunday - Thursday • 5 p.m. - 10 p.m.
Friday & Saturday • 5 p.m. - 12 p.m.

259 East 5th Avenue • 342-8488 • (Inside The Granary Bldg.)

HARVEY
By Mary Chase

Oct. 1 & 2

HELD OVER
From Summer Shows

Fri. & Sat.
Curtain 8 pm

General Admission \$5.00
UO Student/Senior \$3.25
Non-UO Students \$4.00

Robinson Theatre • 686-4191

"Welcoming You to Sunday Worship"

9:30 - Informal Celebration
11:00 - Traditional Worship

1376 Olive Street
Carpool - 345-8764 or 344-4219

Ministers: Bill Walker, Alan Burr
Campus Ministries: Stu Shaw (Wesley Center)
For more information call: Tom Kirk (Student Coordinator) 343-5892

THE LOST DUTCHMAN

The Lost Dutchman
535 Main St., Springfield
747-0307

535 Main St., Springfield
747-0307

\$1.00 OFF

Country Style BBQ Buffet
(Sunday-Monday)
\$5.95

All you can eat
Or any dinner
(Tuesday-Saturday)
Prices start at \$4.95
Not valid with any other offer
Expires November 1, 1982

Featuring High Energy Rock Bands
Sept. 27 thru Oct. 2

"ESSENCE"

Starting Oct. 4

"FAIR WARNING"

Live music 7 nights a week
9:15 p.m.-2 a.m.
Monday—2 for 1
Tuesday—Dollar night
Wednesday—Ladies night
Thursday—Mens night
Sunday—Spin and win

Water deactivates bomb

BAYTOWN, Texas (AP) — A bomb exploded Thursday at a Gulf Oil Co. petrochemical plant as it was being deactivated, authorities said. Four other bombs were found in the apparent extortion attempt and safely deactivated.

No injuries were reported as the explosion occurred while authorities used a water cannon on the device, said the Texas Department of Public Safety. No details of the operation, or the composition of the bomb, were released.

The five devices were being deactivated at the sites where they were discovered on the plant grounds when the bomb exploded, according to Sgt. W.D. Marsh of the department.

Authorities were continuing to search for other bombs, Marsh said. The facility makes petrochemical components

used in plastics, cleaning materials and solvents, all highly volatile.

Gulf completed its shutdown at the Cedar Bayou facility Thursday after receiving a bomb threat earlier in the week. Company officials and authorities refused to comment on reports of a warning that 10 bombs would be detonated if a demand for up to \$15 million was not met within 120 hours.

The deadline would be about noon Sunday.

An unofficial source said the bomb threat was in a seven-page letter that specified the location of one of the 10 bombs and said four others could be found easily. The Baytown Sun reported. The source said those were the five bombs found.

The source said a federal bomb squad found the bombs to be "very sophisticated and modern," possibly operated by

remote control and sensitive to touch, shock and electricity. Each device would have cost \$18,000 to \$20,000 to build, the source said.

The Baytown Sun source said the letter demanded \$17 million. The Houston Chronicle reported that a plant employee who requested anonymity said a supervisor told him the demand was for \$15 million.

About 1,100 employees normally work at the plant eight miles north of Baytown and 30 miles east of Houston, but the only ones remaining at the plant were those "needed to do such jobs as required surveillance of plant systems, security and necessary maintenance work," Gulf said.

Gulf said "several suspicious devices" were found after the bomb threat was received Tuesday afternoon.

LAKEVIEW STABLES

RIDING PROGRAM

★Western ★English ★Jumping
★Indoor and Outdoor Arenas
★25 Well Trained School Horses
★Carpools available

Instructor **Sue Pruitt** ★ **20 hours \$75**

For registration and schedule ★ Call 688-7980

SCHEDULE ★TRAIL RIDES ★HAY RIDES ★BARN DANCES

27837 Royal Ave. LAKEVIEW STABLES 688-7980

TRACK TOWN PIZZA

The Only Thing That Surpasses Our Pizza Is Our Personality

We have sandwiches and a salad bar too!

FREE DELIVERY

Across from the Dorms
1809 Franklin Blvd., Eugene, OR

484-2799