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Students have more time to pay back loans

WASHINGTON (AP) — Starting today, college students will be able to pay back their federal loans over 30 years, instead of 10, or choose other new repayment plans.

The options should make it easier for graduates who don't make high salaries to repay their loans, officials say. And that should lower the default rate, saving the government money.

The changes are part of a program proposed by President Clinton and passed into law last year. It calls for the federal government to finance student loans directly, instead of through banks and other private lenders that add their own fees to the loans.

The direct-loan program is expected to save the government \$4.3 billion over five years, Education Secretary Richard Riley said.

"The program makes borrowing simpler and more affordable," Riley said in a statement. "Clearly, today marks a major milestone in reforming financial aid programs for students."

The government is phasing in the direct-loan program, beginning at 104 colleges in

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the 1994-95 school year. Students at those schools can apply for the new direct loans right away through their schools.

But all students with federal loans will benefit, because students at any college can transfer their existing loans into the new program, said Bill Galston, Clinton's deputy assistant for domestic policy.

Borrowers with low incomes can choose a 25-year payback plan with monthly payments of between 4 percent and 15 percent of their salaries. After 25 years of repayment, any remaining debt would be forgiven.

Others could choose a 30-year payback

plan, or the traditional 10-year loan.

Some critics worry that students who opt for the long-term repayment schedule won't understand what they are getting into.

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"Most students at 17 or 18 years old don't have the information to understand what they are talking about paying over a lifetime," said association staff member Deepak Pateriya.

But, Galston points out, graduates could switch payment plans later if they choose. And the program includes counseling to help students choose the right loan.

During the 1994-95 school year, the government will extend \$1 billion in direct loans, making up 5 percent of the nation's new student loans.

By the 1998-99 school year, at least 60 percent of student loans will be direct from the government, the Education Department said.

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Limbaugh opponents call for orange juice boycott

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — The 2.2 million-member National Education Association voted Monday to boycott Florida orange juice if state officials renew their \$1 million, six-month contract with conservative talk show host Rush Limbaugh.

"The man denigrates teachers, he denigrates minorities, he denigrates women," Arlene Pavay of California said, urging support of the boycott at the NEA's annual convention.

Jeff Wright, president of the Florida Teaching Profession-NEA, asked the nearly 10,000 teachers and school employees attending the convention to deliver a message to Limbaugh and his supporters. "We must now stand together, shoulder-to-shoulder and say 'no more.' If you choose Rush Limbaugh, we choose not to buy Florida orange juice."

But some NEA delegates expressed concern that a boycott would give Limbaugh ammunition to attack the nation's largest teachers union. Others argued that if they go after orange juice, they also should boycott Limbaugh's other sponsors.

"Don't martyr Rush," said Rob Jones, a delegate from Vir-

ginia. "Not only is Rush wrong, Rush is not worthy of our wrath."

The vote on the motion was close. NEA President Keith Geiger first called for a voice vote, and then asked delegates to stand to indicate their position. He declared the motion approved.

The \$1 million awarded to Limbaugh is part of a \$17 million advertising campaign for Florida orange juice funded by an excise tax on growers and shippers. Limbaugh's contract expires in mid-August.

The National Organization for Women, the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People and the National Federation of Business and Professional Women's Clubs are among those who have called for a boycott.

Limbaugh was never intended to be the spokesman for Florida citrus but only a program on which Florida citrus is advertised, Ron Sachs, spokesman for Florida Gov. Lawton Chiles, said Monday. He said it was up to the Florida Department of Citrus to decide whether to renew Limbaugh's contract.

Asked whether the governor had taken a position on the con-

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tract, Sachs said, "It's not a political product, it's a citrus product."

As of mid-June, the Department of Citrus had received more than 26,500 phone calls, letters and faxes about the Limbaugh contract, with opposition running 4-1.

No one answered the phone at the Department of Citrus offices Monday.

Limbaugh could not be reached for comment either. No one answered at the radio net-

work that syndicates his show, and a security guard at Unitel Video said no one connected to Limbaugh was available.

Earlier this month he defended his role as orange juice spokesman and charged that the controversy was a result of "liberals, both in government, in special interest groups like the militant National Organization for Women and the press."

Ric Stephenson, an NEA delegate from California, objected that a boycott would put the NEA "at the mercy of a mean-spirited and opportunistic hater-monger."


He proposed instead that Geiger write a letter to the Department of Citrus expressing the union's "deep concern" with the choice of Limbaugh as a spokesman and asking that his contract not be renewed.

Stephenson's motion was rejected by voice vote.

Other spokesmen for Florida orange juice have been just as controversial as Limbaugh. Anita Bryant was fired in 1980 because of her opposition to gay rights. Burt Reynolds' one-year contract was not renewed because of the publicity over his split with wife Loni Anderson.

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