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make proposals too — and say how they would pay for them.

"Last night, the voters not only voted for sweeping changes, they demanded that a more equally divided Congress work together and with the president," Clinton said, trying to explain his party's loss of its Senate and House majorities.

Asked if the GOP sweep was a repudiation of his policies, Clinton repeated that he deserved some of the blame. "I am the president," he said.

He interpreted the results as a desire by voters for "a smaller government that gives them more for their dollar." And he lamented that many of his accomplishments had not had time to change lives for the better.

"I regret that some of the people who lost are people who made this a lot better country," he said in a farewell to some of the defeated Democrats.

Had he been on the ballot, he said, he would "have been a ferocious defender of what we have done." That appeared an oblique complaint about the Democrats who deserted him in hordes and were critical of the administration instead of promoting its record.

Clinton said of the voters, "Their voice was heard. ... They are in charge. We all work for them, every one of us and we got the message. We have to think about it, analyze it, rest up and move on."

Asked about the House GOP's campaign platform, Clinton said he agreed with its call for a line-item veto,

which he said would help deficit reduction. And while he opposes other provisions, Clinton said he would try to work out his differences with the new GOP leadership.

"I want to work with them," he said, adding that tax fairness was another goal he shared with the Republicans. The question, he said, was finding a way to pay for it.

Making the morning talk-show circuit, chief of staff Leon conceded that Clinton had been stung by the magnitude of the GOP sweep, that "by no means did we expect to lose the number of seats we did in both the Senate and the House."

"He's ridden through these waves before," he said. "He knows what goes up comes down and what's down goes up."

Focusing on areas of possible compromise, Panetta said, "political reforms have to be implemented ... welfare reform" and "some portion of health care reform."

"We've got to keep the economic recovery moving in the right direction," he said. "We do have to keep deficit reduction moving downward. These are areas where at least everybody has said the same things."

With the magnitude of Republican gains in Congress evident, Clinton sent Press Secretary Dee Dee Myers onto the White House lawn just before midnight on Tuesday to say: "I think the president will certainly want to heal the wounds and close the gap between the parties as quickly as possible, because it's the future of the country and the American people that's at stake."

Guatemalan lecturer to focus on politics

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The national representative for the Guatemalan Communities of Population in Resistance will discuss the grassroots movement and its involvement in the current peace negotiation process in the Fir Room tonight at 7:30.

Vicente Ramirez Calmo, 31, will share his perspective and experiences of the grassroots democratic movement in Guatemala at a time when peace negotiations are ending the country's 32-year-old civil war.

Ramirez's visit is part of a one-month speaking tour in the west coordinated by a national coalition of Guatemala committees, Network in Solidarity with the People of Guatemala (NISGUA).

NOISE

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Due to this procedure, riots developed when police officers tried to intervene and disperse parties due to noise violations and underage drinking, Baker said.

Community cooperation, stiff fines and revisions to the law — including the doubling of fines — is helping to deter loud parties, Baker said. Fines for noise ordinance violations now range from \$350 to \$750.

However, those affected by the ordinance disagree over whether it is needed. The city's noise ordinance is excessive and should be less restrictive, according to a fraternity official.

"I think the entire campus is having a problem with the noise ordinance," said Donovan Dichter, president-elect of the Interfraternity Council. "I would like to see more lenience. I don't see a reason to slap someone with a huge citation when a warning will suffice."

Neighbors in the University district confirm the fact that there are relatively few problems with noise.

A resident west of the University said that he hasn't had any major problems with loud parties and said that the neighborhood has actually begun to get quieter since he moved into his house in 1981.

"It used to be noisier, but it

hasn't been in the last couple of years," said Steve Watson, a resident of East 19th Avenue. "There seems to be more traffic noise than student noise."

Other residents of the area agreed.

"I thought it might be a little noisier, but actually it's been pretty quiet," said Jim Barclay, a new resident of the University district.

Barclay had fears that there would be more campus noise but was surprised to find that the noise level was much lower than he expected.

The noise ordinance has affected a few parties according to Carrie Miller, a student and University district resident.

"I know people who have had parties that have gotten hundreds of dollars in fines," Miller said.

Miller added that her neighborhood is relatively quiet and that there had never been a problem living so close to campus.

"I don't agree that the fines and the number of citations are the reason we are behaving more appropriately," Dichter said.

Dichter said that fraternities have changed over the years for the better. Awareness has increased the role that the greek system plays in the communities and the greek system is, in many ways, growing up.

"Things got crazy in the 1980's ... but we just can't behave like that any more," Dichter said. "Our

system is not going to survive if we behave like that."

He disagreed that the noise ordinance and the increased fines have led to changes in the greek system, but said it was due to increased awareness of community issues. Dichter said the neighbors had expressed disapproval of loud parties and that the greek system responded in order to meet the needs of the community.

The greek system has worked with EPD to find solutions to noise problems, Dichter said. He added that many fraternities are handing out fliers to neighbors in order to make them aware that a party will be taking place. The fliers include a phone number to contact if the party becomes too loud. This gives the neighbors an opportunity to call the fraternity first, before the police are contacted, he said.

There have also been other steps taken in order to deter the number of citations. An example of this is by soundproofing.

"We have been working real hard with the police and the community to let them know that we are not the same greek system we were ten years ago and I think that the relationship has straightened as a result," Dichter said. "We are hopefully dispelling some of those fossilized stereotypes that are bluntly false now."

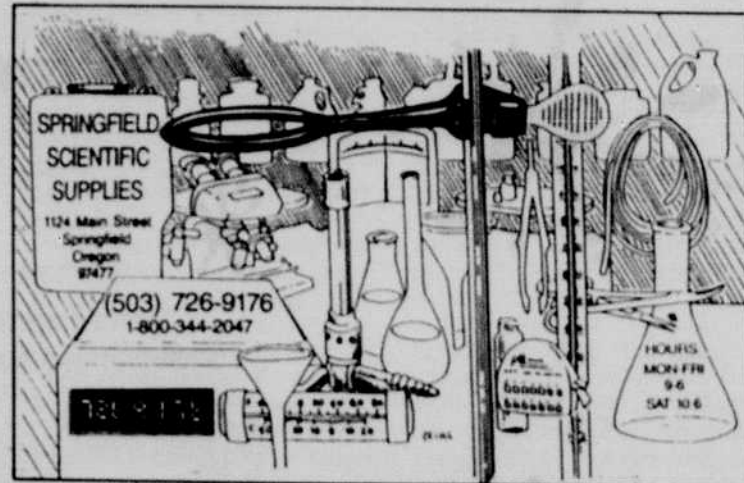
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