

# Clinton Signs Initiative to Revamp Washington's Financial System

WASHINGTON, D.C. — The nation's capital, known for high crime and crumbling schools alongside its monuments, lost a measure of control over its own affairs Monday.

Hoping to avert an embarrassing bankruptcy for the District of Columbia, President Clinton signed a bill to set up an oversight board with broad powers over Mayor Marion Barry and the city council.

The law also allows the district to borrow hundreds of millions of dollars from the federal Treasury to help pay its bills. It requires a balanced city budget in three years.

With Barry looking on, Clinton said the seat of the U.S. government should be transformed into "a city that works." But leaders of both political parties called the assignment a daunting one.

The GOP-sponsored bill sets up a five-member board with powers that include the authority to lay off thousands of city workers. The city of 600,000 residents faces

a \$722 million annual deficit and has seemed headed for bankruptcy.

City officials complain that the former federal enclave — which has had "home rule" powers such as an elected mayor and council since 1974 — cannot tap the sources of income usually available to municipalities. For instance, the federal government pays no property taxes and Congress has blocked city efforts to tax commuters.

Barry, who was re-elected to the mayor's office last November after six months in prison for possession of drugs, had a front-row seat at the Roosevelt Room signing ceremony.

Outside, Barry said he generally supported the measure — which allows the new board to overrule his budget proposals — even though there were some restrictions he didn't like.

Barry said he viewed the new legislation as "keeping intact the office of mayor" while adding a new layer of budget responsibility.

"I'm going to work with it," Barry said.

Clinton said he would act quickly to appoint the five board members.

He also tapped former Deputy Treasury Secretary Roger Altman, who worked on the New York City bailout under then-President Carter, to be an adviser on the issue. Altman resigned from the Clinton administration amid criticism of Treasury's handling of the Whitewater affair.

Clinton, a resident in the district both as president and years ago as an undergraduate at Georgetown University, said the people of Washington "deserve to live in a city that works, that functions and that also can symbolize the very best in America."

"The health of the city and the security of its citizens have been threatened by the financial crisis," Clinton said. "I applaud all those who have come together, to work together, to begin the road back."

Democrat Eleanor Holmes Norton, Washington's nonvoting delegate to Congress, said the city had more than met the GOP-led Congress halfway in agreeing to the moves the new plan will require.

## NUCLEAR

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Union of Concerned Scientists.

The treaty also stipulated that the five nuclear powers were not to help other countries develop nuclear programs and were to pursue disarmament among themselves and to give full support to countries with peaceful nuclear programs, Weeks said.

"We believe, yes, it has worked," she said. "It created the legal norm against developing weapons. The countries that have actually built weapons after the treaty was signed were outside the treaty."

One of the main concerns of the talks is the emergence of nuclear programs in the "rogue republics" of Iran, Iraq and North Korea, Weeks said.

"The countries that haven't signed the treaty don't get to vote at this thing," she said. "Iran is a member; Iraq is a member; North Korea is kind of a special case. North Korea never did their safeguards agreement."

The "rogue republics" are a special case for the treaty because they are pursuing nuclear weapons programs despite signing the treaty, said John Cunningham, press secretary for High Frontier, an authority on missile defense.

"They want the bomb and are working for it," Cunningham said.

After the Persian Gulf War, Iraq had to abandon all its mass destruction weapons programs, Weeks said.

U.N. committee inspectors discovered evidence of the nation's nuclear programs.

Weeks said Iraq had been three to five years away from being able to produce a basic nuclear weapon before the Persian Gulf War interrupted its weapons development.

"Iraq's is mainly from intelligence we had before the Persian Gulf War," she said. "They found way more stuff than anyone had realized."

IAEA inspectors found that North Korean reactors were producing weapons-grade plutonium from spent nuclear-plant fuel rods.

"They had a couple of nuclear power reactors that were based on a very old design," Weeks said.

South Korea is leading an international consortium to provide North Korea with a different type of nuclear plant in exchange for concessions on the North's nuclear weapons program.

"They were not that great for producing a lot of electric power, but they are good for producing a lot of weapons," Weeks said.

North Korea refused to accept a coal-powered or gas-fired electric plant or a more proliferation-proof South Korean nuclear plant, she said.

North Korea's refusal to accept the South Korean plan is a political statement designed to challenge South Korean legitimacy, Cunningham said.

The North Korean reactor is dangerous because it is based on an obsolete design and because it encourages nuclear proliferation, he said.

"It's a political gambit on their part not to accept a South Korean reactor," Cunningham said. "North Korea's reac-

tor is) sort of like those used in Chernobyl, and we all know how well that worked."

In addition to the "rogue republics," other current nuclear powers might play a pivotal role in passing the treaty, Cunningham said.

"Egypt may very well end up signing the treaty," he said. "Israel's not going to sign the treaty. China has promised that it's going to sign."

Cunningham also said that France, which never signed the treaty 25 years ago, and the new republics created by the dissolution of the Soviet Union would play a critical role in the talks.

Despite U.S. involvement with the Non-Proliferation Treaty, the nation's international nuclear policy has been somewhat hypocritical, Cunningham said.

"We've turned a blind eye on Israel getting the bomb," he said. "When India starts getting the bomb, when Pakistan starts getting the bomb, we threaten sanctions."

Cunningham said he agreed that the treaty had been somewhat successful in limiting the spread of nuclear weapon technology but noted that a treaty could not be successful without strict enforcement.

He said his organization favored installing an anti-ballistic missile defense system to back up the treaty in case of unforeseen missile attacks.

"We're in favor of having the treaty extended," Cunningham said. "Depending on the type of system you use, you could probably stop all of them. It's kind of like selling insurance. Nobody wants it until they need it."

# Legislature Continues Work on 'Contract'

## Many Controversial Issues Are Not Addressed in the 8-Part Legislation Package

RALEIGH — Polls during last fall's election season, and afterward, showed that the contract legislative Republicans signed before the election had virtually no impact on voters.

The vast majority had never heard of it, and those that had heard of the contract knew almost nothing about what was in it. But they voted Republican anyway, sweeping the GOP into control of the House and near-parity in the Senate.

And what may have been a weak political document has turned into a potent governing document, especially in the House.

In eight, brief sentences the contract promised to introduce bills to cut income taxes, give the governor veto power, set term limits, establish an initiative-and-referendum system and reform state spending, the justice system, the welfare system and public education.

It didn't promise that those issues would be approved — only that they would be introduced as bills.

And the individual items themselves were so loosely worded that practically any bill mentioning the topic would qualify as fulfilling the contract.

Controversial items that some GOP candidates wanted — cutting 10,000 workers from the state payroll, anti-abortion legislation — ended up in the wastebasket. House speaker Harold Brubaker, a major architect of the contract, wanted to be sure that it hit on mainstream issues that would attract the most voters with the least controversy.

But the contract has become a potent governing document not for what it promises, but as a shield against legislation that GOP leaders want to hold in check.

Want to repeal the sales tax on food? It's not in the contract.

Want to reform the state's health care system? It's not in the contract.

Campaign finance reform? It's not a contract issue.

And while the contract as helped short-circuit debates on issues pushed by Democrats, its main use has been to keep independent, diverse Republicans from charging off after their own rabbits.

"If we didn't have it, we'd be all over the board," one Republican leader said, speaking of GOP legislators.

"There'd be no way to control it."

"We'd be lost without it," another Republican said.

"When people start flying off in all directions in caucus, it's the contract that holds everybody together. It's the one thing everybody has signed onto."

"Nobody really expected this to happen (that Republicans would take control of the House), but now that it has, the contract has become a life raft for Republicans."

Brubaker began preaching contract solidarity almost as soon as the election ended.

Over and over, asked where he intended to lead the House, he would point to the contract.

While sending a message to voters that Republicans intended to make good on what they promised, it also sent a strong message to members of his own party.

And although the most controversial items didn't make it into the contract, there are clear indications that state Republicans will continue to pursue them after the con-

tract is completed.

Brubaker has appointed a special committee on tort reform, which is likely to press the longstanding Republican wish to limit punitive damage awards against companies.

A similar measure has been put forth by U.S. Speaker of the House Newt Gingrich, R-Ga., which would significantly cut back on damage awards to prevent multi-million dollar settlements.

GOP abortion opponents are pushing for legislation which would restrict a woman's right to an abortion more than by current standards.

Legislation that would let more people carry concealed weapons is making its way through the House with support from the National Rifle Association and its allies.

Bills that would allow development in watersheds and ease environmental regulations for business and developers are heading for a House committee headed by former mortgage banker John Nichols, R-Craven.

And lots of Republican-backed measures would chip away at the power Democrats have left — like putting the Secretary of State's Office and the Labor Department under the Department of Commerce.

Both offices are now in the Council of State, a Democratic bastion for the last 100 years.

Another bill would let counties establish county police departments if approved by voters — which is a way to let Republican-controlled boards of county commissioners buck Democratic sheriffs in some counties.

Another would make all Superior Court judges run for office in their judicial districts instead of statewide — the position that Republicans, so far, have won in a federal lawsuit.

cancer cell biology program, and other professors and researchers.

A dinner and social hour will begin at 6 p.m. It will be held at the Kenan Center and will feature a second talk by Krebs and music by Della Street. Friday's session begins at 8:30 a.m. and will be chaired by Dr. H. Shelton Earp, deputy director of the Lineberger Center. It will feature speakers from the University of California and Joan Massague, Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center member and Howard Hughes Medical Institute investigator.

The Lineberger Center is part of the UNC School of Medicine and is one of 28 centers in the nation designated by the National Cancer Institute to lead the nation in laboratory, clinical and control research into cancer. All symposium sessions are free to the public. A \$20 charge — only \$10 for graduate students and fellows — covers the dinner and social hour.

against different countries in front of the International Court of Justice, the highest court in the world.

"It's an honor to argue before the International Court of Justice," she said.

Hall said she and Clerici had done their own preparation for the Manfred competition. "We definitely wanted to win, but we were just going for the experience."

## SYMPOSIUM

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tute and professors from UNC and the California Institute of Technology.

The afternoon session, "Signaling Pathways: From Surface to the Nucleus," begins at 1:30 p.m. It will be chaired by Tona Gilmer, cell biology section head at Glaxo Inc. Speakers include UNC Professor Beverly Errede, a member of the center's

## LAW

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Jessup Competition last year, we had good knowledge of international law," Hall said. "We were really delighted and surprised when John stood up and began his argument and the judges asked us questions which indicated their knowledge of inter-

national law. It was apparent from the answers given by other teams that we had more of a background with international law issues."

The reward for Hall and Clerici's victory is free transportation to compete in the International Competition in Oslo, Norway, in October. Hall and Clerici will represent the United States and will compete

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