

U.S. may abandon U.N. resolution

WASHINGTON, D.C. — The United States is reworking a proposed U.N. resolution designed to attract more peacekeeping troops to Iraq but probably will abandon the effort if language expanding the U.N. role fails to secure a clear Security Council majority.

Revisions under discussion with reticent governments mark a last-gasp effort to avert another diplomatic setback at the United Nations for the Bush administration. An administration official

said informal talks over the text of the final proposal, mostly in the corridors at the United Nations, could take several days.

Prospects for approval appeared bright last week after France said it would not use its veto and U.S. drafters took into account Secretary-General Kofi Annan's offer to have the United Nations help train Iraqi civil servants and oversee elections.

Subsequently, however, Annan joined forces with France and other advocates of a fast turnover

of authority by the U.S.-led occupation force to Iraqi civilians, leaving the newly installed democratic institutions for the Iraqis under U.N., not U.S., oversight.

As a result, the Bush administration faces a setback not so severe as the one earlier in the year, when the Security Council refused to authorize formally war with Iraq.

It would be a serious diplomatic defeat, nonetheless, and could inhibit countries from contributing peacekeeping troops.

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the conversation to future plans.

Foy recommended that a "very small" work group examine the specific requirements of developing and funding the body. Foy proposed that the steering committee serve this purpose and comprise two members each from the town, the University and the private sector.

Foy suggested that he and Town

Manager Cal Horton represent the town. He said UNC Chancellor James Moeser indicated his support for having University representatives take part in the group's study.

Representatives from the private sector will be appointed by the Downtown Commission.

The steering committee will give its final recommendations to the council by April 1 so the University and the Town Council can include any relative expenses in their bud-

ets next fiscal year.

Charles House, chairman of the Downtown Commission board of directors, said the council's committee will be best able to determine the needs of downtown.

"I'm very pleased with this very positive, important first step," he said. "We're ready to move forward."

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TICKETS

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fees pay for."

In his presentation to Student Congress, Justin Hunter, CAA ticket distribution chairman, cited one specific game that emphasized the need for the change. "The N.C. State game two years ago was the basis for these changes," he said. "There was a lot of red in the stands."

Hunter added that the goal of this year's policy is to keep student tickets in the hands of students and stop students from scalping their tickets. "There is really an emphasis on these tickets being student-only."

The new policy was approved unanimously by Student Congress with little discussion and no dissent.

Students also expressed confidence in the effectiveness of the new policy. "I think it is going to get more tickets to the students," said junior Matt Stephenson.

Junior Mike Steele expressed similar thoughts but added that the new policy will make it difficult for students to attend games with people who do not attend the University.

"I think it will make some students angry who have an extra ticket but can't bring one of their (nonstudent) friends or family members," he said.

But CAA officials pointed out that student tickets always have been meant for UNC students and that the policy change is designed to protect students in a year when tickets will be in high demand.

About 4,000 student tickets typically are distributed to students for each game free of charge.

Students receive these tickets by picking up a bracelet at Kenan Stadium and then standing in-line at the Smith Center on Saturday morning. A random drawing on Friday decides which bracelet number will be the starting point of Saturday's line.

Students can not claim a ticket without bringing a valid UNC ONE Card and can also pick up an additional ticket by bringing another ONE Card. But CAA officials said many students would then give away or scalp their tickets before the game.

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"The Patriot Act embodies further infringements on civil rights while attempting to legalize (doing so)," Kilpatrick said.

The Bush administration defends the act as a necessary tool to help fight terrorist organizations, ensure national security and modernize law enforcement protocols.

Daniel Pollitt, a retired professor of constitutional law, also spoke against the act at last night's meeting.

He compared the Patriot Act to the historically despised Alien and Sedition acts.

The 1798 Alien Act disenfranchised foreign-born citizens and made dissent against government, specifically the president, illegal. It was repealed in 1802.

"We're going to regret (passing the act)," Pollitt said. "Better sooner than later."

Council member Dorothy Verkerk motioned to vote after informally polling the crowd for any tinge of dissent. "I knew everyone was like, 'Yeah, let's do this,'" Verkerk said after the meeting.

Misch said the committee now is turning its attention to Hillsborough and hopes to convince that town to pass the resolution as well.

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into the minds of the U.S. public. Without trust, Bush is missing a key aspect of public approval, he said.

Experts say Bush is losing speed gained from his reaction to the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks and the swift victory over Iraq by elongating the country's occupation.

Davis said if another catastrophe such as Sept. 11 occurred, the public would "look to (Bush) and short-term support would go up."

"Bush has lost capital," he said. "A few speeches are not going to restore his bank account."

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based aid."

The Carolina Covenant, which UNC Chancellor James Moeser announced Oct. 1, will provide support for UNC students from low-income families. Funded by federal, state, University and private grants, the program will provide certain students full financial aid if they work 10 to 12 hours per week in federal work-study jobs. When fully implemented, the Covenant will cost \$1.38 million annually.

King said she applauds UNC's initiative to focus on need-based aid. "The primary incentive is to enroll a diverse class. It has to meet its demand as a public university. While they must train the future leaders of the state, they also have to attract the best and the brightest."

The Carolina Covenant is sparking similar ideas at other schools.

"Maybe it's a sign of change," Redd said. "It's potentially a trendsetter. Other state systems have been thinking about it, too, such as (the University of Virginia)."

UVA. President John Casteen III last week asked for a financial analysis report to examine the logistics of a similar initiative at UVA. Universities from 10 other states, including California and Georgia, have expressed interest in the program.

Despite the national interest, Redd said, the initiative might not help most low-income students applying to UNC, one of the most selective schools in the state.

"The problem is that very few low-income students reach the eligibility to get into schools like Carolina," he said. "It will be successful getting low-income students, but the breadth of that success will be limited."

Redd said that because low-income students don't have the same educational opportunities, the Carolina Covenant will benefit relatively few students. "When you compare \$1.38 million in the initiative compared to the billion dollars needed to fix all inequities, it's a drop in the bucket," he said.

But Shirley Ort, director of UNC's Office of Scholarships and Student Aid, said that because UNC is the oldest public university, it strives to ensure that people of all income levels can attend. "The Covenant is new, but it draws from a tradition."

Ort said that though the proposal boosts aid for low-income students, the school will not abandon other students. "We are already working on a campaign to raise more money for merit-based scholarships."

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