

Success ends Wednesday

# Budget, energy, treaty issues await Congress

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WASHINGTON — Congress has adjourned for the year. However, there are enough major issues awaiting

lawmakers when they return from their August recess Wednesday to keep them in session until January. The most immediate need is final adoption of a budget resolution

which sets spending limits for fiscal year 1978 which starts Oct. 1. A 1974 law says the resolution must be in effect by Sept. 15. Of greater public interest is the

Panama Canal treaty and President Carter's major lobbying effort to get Senate ratification. The two treaties are to be signed Wednesday. Sen. James Allen, D-Ala., chair-

man of the Senate Judiciary Separation of Powers subcommittee, will open hearings on the treaties Thursday with Ronald Reagan, a foe of the pact, as the first witness.

Senate Democratic leader Robert Byrd is still pondering whether to put off the canal issue until next year to avoid threatened filibusters that would block work on the House-passed energy bill, which congressional leaders promised Carter would be finished this year.

All but four of the 13 regular appropriations bills needed to keep the government operating in the new fiscal year have been sent to the White House. Under the 1974 budget law, work on the remaining four must be completed by Sept. 12.

The House must decide what to do about the most sensitive of the pending money measures, the \$60.1 billion Labor-HEW bill with its abortion issue. The House voted to stand by its ban on the use of federal funds for abortions which the Senate rejected in favor of its provision to allow such funding under certain conditions.

The issue of building B1 bombers has held up final action on the \$111.1 billion defense money bill. The Senate voted to delete the bomber money after Carter ordered a halt in the production but the House had earlier put the funds in the measure and must now decide

whether to go along with Carter and the Senate.

Funds for the District of Columbia and the foreign aid appropriations also await final Congressional action. The latter carries a ban on aid to nations not meeting recognized human rights standards, a restriction Carter thinks is too stiff.

Speaker Thomas O'Neill has pledged to push through the House this year the bill to increase the

minimum wage from its current \$2.50 an hour level to \$2.65 an hour and include automatic annual increases. The measure faces heavy Republican opposition in the House and Senate.

## Aid to battered women tripled

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WASHINGTON — Wife beating has become so serious the federal government is almost tripling funds for shelters, hot lines and counseling for battered women.

The government is taking a hand in a problem that apparently has been widely misunderstood by physicians, the victims' families and women themselves, the Law Enforcement Assistance Administration (LEAA) reported yesterday. The LEAA said it is helping finance 12 programs of counseling and seven others providing shelters and phone lines to give women ad-

The programs received \$1.3 million over the past three years, a spokesman told UPI, but "as an indication of more LEAA emphasis, we are putting aside \$1 million for the next fiscal year."

Legislation being considered by Congress would provide \$60 million over the next three years for emergency shelters and counseling for victims of domestic violence.

"When we say battered wives, we're talking about close to five million women a year who suffer injuries at the hands of their husbands," Rep. James Howard, D-N.J., said last week.

The new LEAA report said many physicians fail to understand the problem.

One woman was quoted as saying, "I told my gynecologist that my husband was extremely violent and I was mortally afraid of him. Guess what the doctor said? I should relax more. He prescribed tranquilizers."

Peggy McGarry, director of a "woman against abuse" project in Philadelphia, said, "Almost universally, doctors prescribe tranquilizers. We've taken hundreds of tranquilizers from women who arrive at our shelter."

McGarry said some well meaning

persons advise women to stay with abusive husbands for their children's sake.

"It's outrageous," she said. "You should see what happens to the children."

P.J. Marschner, director of the Center for Women Policy Studies in Washington, believes it is important to break a "cycle" in which some sons of wife-beaters grow up to be wife-beaters.

"Kids in these families are a big problem," she said. "The boys are incredibly aggressive, mimicking their fathers in the way they act toward women."

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