## Budget, energy, treaty issues await Congress

ASHINGTON — Congress has for the year. However, there lough major issues awaiting

SHINGTON — Wife beating

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The programs received \$1.3 mil-

we are putting aside \$1 million for

Legislation being considered by

Congress would provide \$60 million over the next three years for emergency shelters and counseling

for victims of domestic violence.

the next fiscal year.

id-October as an adjournment keep them in session until January. adoption of a budget resolution

battered women

lion over the past three years, a spokesman told UPI, but "as an indication of more LEAA emphasis,"

One woman was quoted as say-

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

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.

Panama Canal treaty and President Carter's major lobbying effort to get Senate ratification. The two treaties are to be signed Wednesday.

Thursday with Ronald Reagan, a foe

dren's sake

The new LEAA report said many

ing, "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 univer-

sally, doctors prescribe tranquiliz-

ers. We've taken hundreds of tran-

quilizers from women who arrive at

our shelter." their fathers i McGarry said some well meaning toward women

abusive husbands for their chil-

should see what happens to 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

problem," she said. "The boys are incredibly aggressive, mimicking their fathers in the way they act

Kids in these families are a big

P.J. Marschner, director of the

"It's outrageous," she said. "You

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 Car-ter 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.

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

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

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action. The latter carries a ban on

aid to nations not meeting recog-nized human rights standards, a re-

striction Carter thinks is too stiff.

\$2.50 an hour level to \$2.65 an hour and include automatic annual increases. The measure faces heavy bia and the foreign aid appropria-tions also await final Congressional Republican opposition in the House

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## on (LEAA) reported yesterday. LEAA said it is helping fitee 12 programs of counseling for victims of domestic violence. "When we say battered wives, we're talking about close to five million women a year who suffer inven others providing shelters juries at the hands of their husone lines to give women adbands," Rep. James Howard, D-N.J., said last week.

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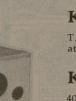
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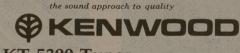
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