White House is optimistic

Budget negotiations go on

se is optimistic about negotians on a new federal spending ill, but will not rule out another vernment shutdown to combat udget busting" by Congress, a okesman said Tuesday.

"We get a feeling in our meet-ngs on (Capitol) Hill that there is ason for a good feeling about it," Larry Speakes, deputy press sec-retary, told reporters. "We hope that we will be able to work it out the satisfaction of all concerned avoid any midnight madness But, he added: "If the bill is acceptable, we cannot take

We've got to hold it down.

ly enough about budget-busting bills" to close down the govern-ment again if his demand for fiscal

restraint is not met, Speakes said. Reagan ordered a partial shutdown of government agencies last week after vetoing an emergency bill needed to restore spending authority that ran out with the expiration of an earlier budget re-

Reagan labeled the \$428 billion measure "budget busting."

Speakes also said Reagan does not share the view of Sen. Paul Laxalt, R-N.M., his closest ally on

business as usual from the Hill. Capitol Hill, that social programs way be cut too deeply if control over them is shifted to the states.

After a speech to the National League of Cities, Laxalt told reporters the states may have been handed too much responsibility and not enough funding under Reagan's "New Federalism" prog-ram, the Washington Post re-

"I don't think the president agrees," Speakes said.

GOP congressional leaders met with administration officials Monday to discuss ways of averting another dramatic rejection of their work on the order of last week's

veto. The work continued Tuesday at the staff level.

House Speaker Thomas O'Neill said the Republicans had excluded Democrats from the talks because the art of compromise is not in their lexicon.

The government is being funded by stopgap resolutions because Congress has failed to pass its 13 regular appropriations bills

After the Reagan veto, Congress passed a simple resolution continuing spending at the pre-vious annual level of \$400 billion. That resolution expires Dec. 15 and another will be required to keep the government in business.

viction on bribery and conspiracy charges is not final. U.S. District

Judge George Pratt, who presided over the trial last spring, is consid-ering a motion to set aside the ver-

diet on grounds that prosecutors

violated Williams' due process

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Wood slightly drunk, coroner determines

United Press International
LOS ANGELES — Natalie
Wood, 43, slipped and fell overboard in a drunken attempt to get off the yacht where her husband Robert Wagner and costar Christ-

opher Walken were arguing, the coroner said.

Coroner Thomas Noguchi said Monday the actress apparently missed a step while trying to get into a rubber dinghy early Sunday, struck the yacht and fell into the water off Santa Catalina Island

where she tragically drowned.

The autopsy showed Wood's blood contained 0.14 percent alcohol, a level the coroner described "slightly intoxicated." Under California law, anyone with a blood alcohol reading of 0.10 or more is considered legally drunk. Noguchi said the actress had

drunk perhaps seven or eight glasses of wine and champagne for dinner Saturday and that her intoxication was "one of the factors involved in the fact that she was not able to respond to the emergency.

Wagner and Walken, who was filming "Brainstorm" with Wood, had engaged in a nonviolent argument on the couple's yacht after

dinner, the coroner said. The argument apparently, however, did not involve Wood.

George Kirvay, a personal friend of the couple, said Wood probably got tired of the men's arguing and tried to get away.

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evidence of foul play in Wood's

Wood's body, clad in a blue nightgown, red down jacket and socks, was found after dawn Sunday, floating face down about one mile from the yacht. The yacht was anchored off Santa Catalina, which is about 25 miles off the

Noguchi said several prescription drugs were found on the yacht, including sleeping pills and Darvon and Dalomine — both depressant pain killers. He said further toxicological tests would be performed to determine if the actress had any drugs in her sys-

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Senate delays expulsion trial

WASHINGTON — Senate Recan leader Howard Baker tional duty. esday postponed the expulsion rial of Sen. Harrison Williams,

difficult the delay at the request of Sen. Daniel Inouye, D-Hawaii, Wilgress to the same self-appointed defender, who pledged to bring the case beore the Senate early in 1982.

> years, was to have begun sday. But in a brief exchange uesday, Inouye asked for the dey, and said he needed time to

Prepare Williams' defense.

Baker said that he and Demo-

Senate had a "special and powerful reason to act on this constitu-

But Baker said Inouye's request was "entirely different" and added ONJ, until next year. Williams "no one wishes to see the senator from New Jersey without counsel or defense on the floor."
With Byrd's agreement, Baker

Baker said that he was granting said he is postponing the trial until the Senate reconvenes in January, and said he will ask the Senate to make the Williams case "one of the earliest if not the earliest item of business.

Debate on the expulsion of Wil-ms, who has been in the Senate possible expulsion of Williams until after the inauguration of the new Republican governor in New Jersey, Thomas Kean, who could tap a member of his own party to fill Williams' office.

Baker said Ethics Committee maticleader Robert Byrd had pre- Chairman Malcolm Wallop, Rdously resisted any more delays wyor, and sent from Williams' trial, saying that the D-Ala., were prepared to begin

presenting the case against Williams on Thursday as scheduled.

Baker made the announcement

during an unusually solemn floor session in which he and Byrd exchanged compliments on the way Williams case has been

Byrd said that while the delay may appear to be in the Republicans' political interests, Baker had acted in a nonpartisan way.

"I compliment the majority leader," Byrd said. "(Baker) has not rushed the Senate to judgment, has not pressed it at all. He has not sought partisan gain."

Williams sought a postponement to provide what he termed evidence of government wrongdoing in his and other Abscam cases — including alleged proof of perjury by FBI agents in his case and in other Abscam

Inouye said that Williams' con-

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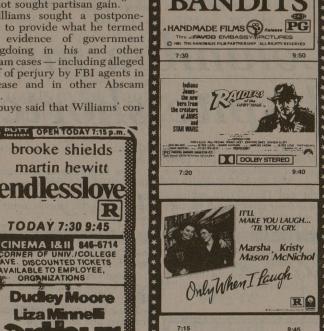
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rney David Spencer, 38, testied in court that he was unpreared to render effective counsel. encer asked that his client, even Glenn Payne, be given ore time to hire a new lawyer or

Spencer, a former assistant disrict attorney, said he has been Steven's fami ober since Nov. 15, but he said Spencer said.

his drinking before that date had United Press International his drinking before that date had AUSTIN — An attorney won a left him unable to adequately pre-

Payne, 23, was charged with murder in the March 7 death of Carol Kissman Rosembaum, a nightclub bookkeeper. A beer de-livery man found the woman with District Judge Tom Blackwell livery man found the woman with her head in a mop bucket water her head in a mop bucket water her head in a mop bucket water her head in a mop bucket with her head in a mop bucket water her head in a mop bucket water and her hands bound behind her back. Payne was night manager of the club where the woman

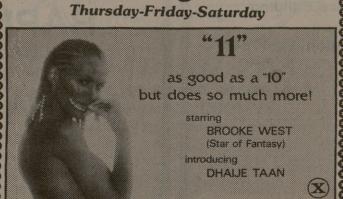
Spencer and Payne embraced allow Spencer to prepare his after Monday's court hearing.

'It was something I had to do for my own peace of mind, and I hope Steven's family can forgive me,'

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