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## Reagan urges House to sustain veto

**United Press International**  
WASHINGTON — President Reagan is urging the House to sustain his veto of a \$14.2 billion supplemental funding bill, setting up another spending showdown with Democratic leaders.

The Democratic-dominated House is scheduled to vote today to override or sustain the veto. A two-thirds vote of both the House and Senate is needed.

Reagan has won every previous battle with Congress over money bills, but House GOP Leader Robert

Michel was reported by an aide to be unsure Wednesday the president will have enough votes to support him this time.

The House overwhelmingly approved the supplemental appropriations bill, which would keep federal agencies funded through the end of the fiscal year — Sept. 30 — by a 348-67 vote Aug. 18. The Senate approved it on a voice vote two days later.

Reagan vetoed the measure on Aug. 28, complaining it contains too much in unrequested funds for social

programs. The measure also cut funds from an area Reagan has sought to boost — the military.

Reagan wants Congress to sustain his veto and send him a bill he can sign. If no supplemental bill is enacted, money to pay most federal workers will run out Sept. 15.

"It is not right government workers should be caught in the middle of this," Reagan said in a statement issued Wednesday.

"The Congress must shoulder its responsibility, sustain the veto and return to me a spending bill within our

budget if we are to continue bringing down inflation and lowering interest rates. Only through discipline can we spur economic growth and put our people back to work," he said.

In a "Dear Colleague" letter, however, House Speaker Thomas O'Neill, Democratic Leader Jim Wright and assistant Democratic Leader Thomas Foley urged Democrats to override the Reagan veto.

"The sad fact is, the president's veto of the supplemental appropriations bill is based not on any economic

logic, but on politics and public relations," they wrote.

"The supplemental is not over budget. It is under budget — almost \$2 billion under budget — and the president knows it."

"In the interests of the country, and the 13 million unemployed, we urge you to override this veto, end this sideshow, and return to the vital business of putting America back to work."

Reagan met with about 20 members of Congress late Wednesday

afternoon, but he discussed only the balanced budget constitutional amendment languishing in a House committee, and did not mention the supplemental override vote.

"I don't think the votes are there to override and I think he knows that," said Rep. Charles Wilson, D-Texas, one of those who attended the meeting.

Deputy White House press secretary Larry Speakes told reporters, "We are cautiously optimistic, but we realize it will be very close."

## Students adapt to carrels, 'tripled' rooms

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"My bed is on the floor. There are only two desks. I can't really unpack anything because they might move me."

Mary Millan, a freshman special education major from Houston, voiced the problem facing 74 other women — sharing a dorm room with two roommates instead of one.

Other students still are housed in study carrels — 24 women and two men. The two men will be moved to regular rooms soon, Housing Services Supervisor Jim Wallace said.

But women living in study carrels — and those living three to a room — probably are there for the entire semester, he said.

Students who live in carrels or tripled dorm rooms after Sept. 17 will receive a 25 percent dorm rent refund, Wallace said.

Lisa Doerksen, a sophomore zoology major from Houston living in a study carrel/dorm room in Mosher, is philosophical about the problem.

"It's gotten cozy," she said. "I tend to think constructively about this." The room has a thermostat, a lock on the door and plenty of outlets.

"The only disadvantage I can see is not having a bathroom, but it's right across the hall," she said.

"It's just five extra steps to the bathroom. I think I can handle that." She said her carrel room is probably as large as regular rooms.

"Considering I am going to get that discount, I'm more than happy here," she said.

Four people were housed in the carrel, but two got permanent assignments, she said.

Desk tops line two walls of the carrel; a metal bunk bed is against one wall. The frame of another bunk bed stands in the middle of the room, awaiting removal. An unconnected phone cord dangles from the ceiling.

Doerksen said if she is still in the carrel Sept. 17, a phone will be put in the room. If she needs to use a phone, she uses one in a friend's room. Without a phone, it's difficult to sign up for organizations, she said.

She has no hanging rack now; her clothes hang from the end of the bunk bed. She said her roommate hangs her clothes in a friend's room.

Getting mail is another problem for students living in carrels — post office boxes for Commons dorms are

by room numbers. Doerksen receives mail in a friend's mailbox.

Living in a study carrel has been something of a novelty for people, she said.

"People that we don't even know knock on the door and asked to see how we were living," she said.

Doerksen said she is not too upset about living in the carrel because she knew she only was guaranteed temporary housing.

But other students are upset about the overbooked, crowded situation in the residence halls.

Millan is "living out of boxes" in one of the modular dorms. She sleeps on a mattress on the floor. Modular dorms have two standard closets and two storage closets, so closet space is available. But, two chest of drawers don't provide enough storage space for three women.

One of Millan's roommates, general studies major Susan Bradfield of Houston, also is upset about the tripling in rooms.

"They shouldn't have overbooked so much," Bradfield said.

But Bradfield agreed with Doerksen on one advantage to living in triples and carrels — cheaper rates.

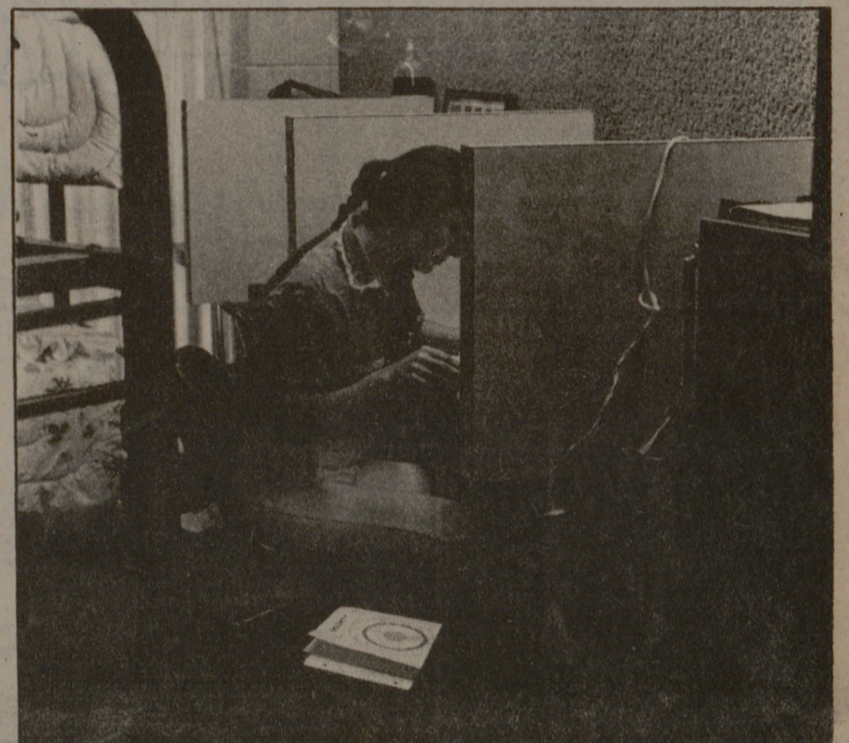
"It's not that bad having three people in rooms because there's space — it's having three people's stuff where two are supposed to live that's bad," she said.

He said the housing staff will begin checking with students in tripled rooms to see what furniture they need. Metal cots and a chest of drawers will be provided for the third student in a room. Students living in study carrels also will receive a clothing rack because no closet space is available for them.

Some students in triples have asked why triples seem to be on the "short" side of the modular dorms. Rooms on one side of modular dorms are a foot or two longer than rooms on the opposite side.

Wallace said the long rooms were reserved by upperclassmen in the spring, so freshmen ended up on the short end of the hall. Because more freshmen showed up than the housing office anticipated, freshmen and other new students are assigned to the available spaces and frequently end up in tripled rooms.

He said other universities are having similar housing shortages this fall. Texas Christian University, the University of Oklahoma, Oklahoma State University and Louisiana State University had to assign students to tripled rooms this semester, he said.



staff photo by Rebeca Zimmermann

Lisa Doerksen reads in her study carrel/dorm room.



Life in the great outdoors

staff photo by Octavio Garcia

Frick Caradec, a general studies major, may have been a little shocked when he came back from classes Wednesday and found his room — outside Puryear Hall.

When his hallmates were asked why they moved Caradec's belongings outdoors, one said, "I don't know; it was there." Caradec is a freshman from Seabrook.

## Israeli planes destroy Syrian missile battery

**United Press International**  
Israel said Wednesday that its warplanes destroyed a Syrian SAM-9 anti-aircraft battery in eastern Lebanon near the confrontation line dividing Syrian and Israeli forces.

Prime Minister Menachem Begin, who announced the raid in Jerusalem during an address to the parliament, warned that Israel was determined to make sure Lebanon's eastern Bekaa valley remained free of the Soviet-made SAM batteries.

The Israeli military command pinpointed the site of the missile battery as Dahr al Baide, 6.6 miles northeast of the town of Bhamdoun in the central Chouf mountain region. The

command described the target as "a vehicle for launching SAM-9" missiles.

The Israeli attack on the missile launcher came one day after a firefight near the Bekaa valley broke the ceasefire along Syrian-Israeli lines.

Eight Israeli soldiers were abducted near Bhamdoun Saturday near Syrian lines and a Palestinian guerrilla group in Damascus claimed responsibility for the action. Israel demanded Syria return the soldiers or face retaliation.

Israel has knocked out more than 20 Soviet surface-to-air missile batteries this summer, including a strike on the third day of the Lebanon war that

took out 19 in the Bekaa.

In Beirut, a U.S. Marine spokesman said the 800-man American contingent in the multinational peace-keeping force would be withdrawn Friday. The force, which included French and Italian troops, supervised the evacuation of Palestinian guerrillas from the Lebanese city completed last week.

In Abu Dhabi, the Emirates News Agency said Arab leaders meeting in Morocco adopted a Middle East peace plan that includes portions of President Reagan's new blueprint and agreed to end the mandate of the Syrian forces in Lebanon in return for an Israeli withdrawal.

## Mexico bans food exports

**United Press International**  
MEXICO CITY — Mexico has banned most exports of fruits, vegetables and many consumer goods in a move to stop bargain-hunting Americans from carting off low-cost items.

"Recent modifications in our parity and exchange practices have seen a corresponding unwanted increase in purchases of basic products in Mexico by consumers from the U.S. side, hurting the supply for the national population," a commerce ministry bulletin said Tuesday.

It said the government would increase border searches by customs agents and officials of the Foreign Commerce Controls office to stop the massive exports of consumer goods.

However, it did not state if U.S. residents caught with

large amounts of the goods would be arrested.

Exports of fruits and vegetables last year totaled \$515 million, the most important part of Mexico's \$2 billion agricultural exports in 1981, the government's central bank report showed.

In addition to fruits and vegetables, other products needing commerce ministry export permits are tortillas, bread, sugar, rice, beans, dried soups, eggs, soap, detergents, cooking oil, canned foods and meat.

Other restricted items are crackers, wheat flour, milk, margarine, lard, cream and other milk products.

The ministry called on Mexican border residents to aid in enforcing the new measure, stating that they are the one who benefit from the government's policy of subsidizing consumer goods.

## Bookkeeping switch delays IRS layoffs

**United Press International**  
WASHINGTON — An in-house transfer of funds averted — at least for now — the furlough of 19,000 Internal Revenue Service employees. But a threatening money dispute between the White House and Congress remains unresolved.

Just as nationwide IRS furloughs were to begin at the close of business Tuesday, an agreement was reached with Senate chairmen to meet payrolls despite a lack of funds.

The still precarious situation is the result of President Reagan's Aug. 28 veto of a \$14.2 billion supplemental

appropriations bill passed by Congress, to keep several agencies funded through Sept. 30, the end of the fiscal year.

Reagan rejected the bill, claiming it contained too much unrequested money for domestic programs. Congressional aides said he also was upset because it cut Pentagon spending.

Congress reconvened from its Labor Day vacation Wednesday and a major item will be an attempt to override Reagan's veto. Chances of success are rated as poor.

Reagan wants Congress to sustain the veto, then pass a bill he can sign.

If a resolution of the veto dispute is not reached soon, officials said it is possible IRS employees will be threatened once again with a furlough — possibly within a few days.

Other problems also would mount, such as the armed forces going without pay and federal functions as routine as meat inspections being jeopardized.

Just hours before the fund transfer approval, Vincent Connery, head of the National Treasury Employees Union, announced he was filing a class-action appeal of the furloughs with the government's Merit Systems Protection Board.

And IRS Commissioner Roscoe Egger apologized to the IRS employees threatened with layoffs, thanking them "for their patience and understanding during the last few days."

Across the country IRS employees, who had been notified by their supervisors of the furloughs, locked their desks. Many left early, not knowing when they would return.

The temporary solution was announced in a telephone call from Sen. James Abdnor, R-S.D., to Treasury Secretary Donald Regan. Abdnor is chairman of a Senate

Appropriations subcommittee that deals with the Treasury Department funding. He and the Appropriations Committee chairman, Sen. Mark Hatfield, R-Ore., agreed to allow the switch of IRS funds to pay the 19,000 employees who thought they would be laid off indefinitely.

The action also forestalls the next threatened wave of layoffs on Friday of another 20,000 IRS employees that would have halted all tax audits.

"We are pleased the committee chairmen have acted to avert this disruption of government service," Treasury Department spokesman Marlin Fitzwater said.

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### forecast

Today's Forecast: Same as usual. High in the high 90s, low in the mid-70s. Slight chance of afternoon showers.