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Reagan expects water bill veto to be overridden by legislators

dent Reagan faces a major spending unable to take override votes. defeat this week if Congress, as expected, overrides his second veto in three months of popular \$20 billion clean-water legislation.

"I know this veto is going to be overridden," Reagan said Friday at a ceremony that contrasted markedly with the quiet pocket veto he used last Nov. 6 to scuttle an identical bill

Babies

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says you have to base your decisions on quality of life. We don't know what the quality of life is going to be for a premature 1,000-gram infant."

Dobin said pregnancies can be terminated for genetic reasons at 20 to 22 weeks, and at this age the fetus is usually between 500 and 700 grams. Besides government interference,

financial struggles, insurance battles and moral questions over these is-sues, she said, most people don't count on another serious problem. "We have family problems be-

cause of the financial problems," she said. "What happens to the parents who can't get into the medical system because they don't have insurance or the insurance has been stripped from them?

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Heart

year since 1960 developing the artificial heart.

four valves at a price between \$1,500 and \$2,500 each, while the drive unit and the control unit for the heart "There has been a big push to de-velop a totally independent heart system," he said. "But even after 30. were between \$2,000 and \$5,000 years of research, we still haven't apiece

Gross cited blood clotting as a ma-

that the blood does not recognize as foreign to be able to prevent the clotting," he said.

Gross also said research had still not produced a material for artificial hearts that was durable enough.

The heart beats an average of 31.5 million times a year," he said. 'If you start to think about that from the standpoint of building a machine to resist that kind of stress, you begin to see what kind of problem you are up against.'

Patient Rights

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dent, reliable knowledge in what is beneficial, or what is right or wrong and what is ethical and unethical,' he said.

The individual is left with the right to make wrong or unethical decisions, and the problem is that it's not the individual who is going to ents deny consent, the courts may inprovide that confident and reliable

WASHINGTON (AP) - Presi- after Congress had left town and was The first clean-water override vote is set for Tuesday in the House, which got the 1987 session off to a quick start Jan. 8 by approving the legislation 406-6, a margin far be-

yond the two-thirds needed to override the veto. There is one element of suspense this week on Capitol Hill: Will the House follow the lead of the Senate

a genetic follow-up because it's a spe-

cialty and insurance won't pay for it.

You've got divorce because of the fi-

nancial strain of both the baby and the baby's medical problems. This

makes for the breakup of families

and it makes for neglect of the other children in the family who are healthy, because all the efforts of the family have to be for the child with

Dobin said some insurance com-

nies claim genetic counseling is a

He said the cost of an artificial

heart is another problem. Artificial

hearts such as the Jarvik-7 required

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Unless the House rejects midnight Tuesday, the rase ommended by Reagan, are matic for lawmakers, federalj the Cabinet and top-leve reaucrats. The House won hearings on the issue until Mo and the question isn't yet on the debate agenda.

"You've got a child that can't have idea that the patient will term problem pregnancy, but th necessarily the case, she said.

Geneticists conduct genetic seling to discover the complex ical history of patients befor decide to have children. On the other hand, she said,

companies view any negative as a "pre-existing condition won't cover the expenses. Poor women face a differentli problem. Dobin said it is easi

panies prefer genetic counseling for individuals and couples. The compathese women to have the bab posed to termination because is no payment from Medica form of preventive medicine, and prenatal diagnosis or termin "She can get . . . funding on baby is born, but she cannot that the costs are low in comparison

to the hospital expenses of an infant born with a genetic birth defect. They base the assumption on the money for terminating a ge diagnosed infant," Dobin said.

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matche (Continued from page 8) ly for the ampionsh Richmond "Whom do we trust?" he and "Look at the AMA (American M

cal Association); they look it ooking f profit-making organization with e season, the malpractice insurance and not beir have-you. It's hard for peop the chan inded, th s conf

Tarlow also questioned pro He said th

"Is progress really god enior Gaye asked. "Progress tends to me sator w sions of the Garden of Eden wuschagne a wish we could go back." re the only Tarlow also discussed two cason. models - a partoened to

models - a personal choice in which everyone makes de according to their personal and a traditional model, in w cisions are made according tal and religious beliefs.

sions involving their healt which should be based on a precise explanation of them involved and of all proposed

Different actions are taken in situcal procedures. ations concerning children and in-Everyone involved in exper has the right to be informed Minors need parental consent for is being done in the experim medical procedures, and if the par-

said, no matter how smallt tribution is, and they also has

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geon fees, aftercare, or hospitaliza-tion costs," Gross said. "If you figure that out, it means that every time your heart beats it represents \$100.

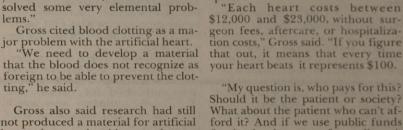
'My question is, who pays for this? Should it be the patient or society? What about the patient who can't afford it? And if we use public funds for the development of a totally artificial heart, who is to determine who

should receive the heart?' Half of the more than 500,000 people who die of heart failure each year could benefit from an artificial

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competent patients, however.





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patients, the next of kin has the right to give consent.

Addressing the issue of the patient's right to know, Hyman said pa-tients have the right to reasonably they are under possible du Religious authorities also have dif- informed participation with deci-

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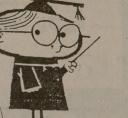
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