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Senate gives go-ahead to national service plan

57-40 vote approves \$1.5 billion in funding

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON - The Senate gave final approval Wednesday to a \$1.5 billion compromise version of President Clinton's plan for students to earn college money in exchange for national

The 57-40 vote gave Clinton the first all-new program of his administration. The bill now goes to the White House for his signature.

Clinton said the vote was "in the best sense of reinventing government." He praised the Senate action as "yet another opportunity for change for the American people.

The program could be up and running by next June, said Eli Seal, who heads Clinton's Office of National Service. The legislation goes into effect on Oct. 1

The bill was supported by 51 Democrats and six Republicans while four Democrats and 36 Republicans opposed it.

'On the one hand, President Clinton says national service will be the centerpiece of his administration and on the other hand that he wants to reinvent government," Sen. Bob Dole, Kan., the Senate Republican leader, said in a floor speech. 'Well, we think when we talk about reinventing government we're talking about less government, less new programs.

The fact that our colleagues misstate facts time and time again ... may be persuasive to some people but it does not represent accuracy, veracity or truth," Sen.

Edward Kennedy, D-Mass, said. He said if the program did not work, Congress could scrap it. Sen. Nancy Kassebaum, R-

Kan., argued that the bill is "fraught with ... overlapping programs, unnecessary legislative requirements and cumbersome bureaucratic structures

She called it ironic that the Senate was considering the legislation a day after Clinton presented his "reinventing government" plan to streamline the federal bureaucracy and cut costs by \$108 billion over five years.

"We have lost a tremendous opportunity ... to lead the way in reinventing government," she said. "We chose to take the old tried and true way.

Sen. Harris Wofford, D-Pa., countered that the National Service program was an "innovative public-private partnership" that is "part of a process of reinventing government, not by more government but by igniting citizen action and citizen responsibility.

Under terms of the compromise, students who complete two years of community service work can earn \$4,725 a year to apply toward college tuition. Clinton initially proposed \$5,000 a year.

Participants also would receive living allowances of at least \$7,400 a year and health-care and child day-care benefits.

The plan allows 20,000 participants in the first year, 33,000 in the second year and 47,000 in the third year, assuming an average annual cost per participant of \$15,000. Spending would be limited to \$300 million in the first year of the program, \$500 million in the second year and \$700 million in the third year.

Around Town

Brazos Writers Monday, September 13 - Meeting starts at 7:00 p.m. Wr and writers listen. Writers write, writers speak

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such song, "Still Got a Couple of Good Years Left" shows a man's special feeling towards a favorite car, the family house and his wife. The beautifully crafted "Talking

to God" is one to listen to over and over again. Anyone who loves to hunt, fish, camp and spend time in the great outdoors will relate to this touching message of seeing God in nature.

Steel guitars and fiddles give "Heartache Big As Texas" the old Texas swing sound made famous by Bob Wills and the Texas PlayThe only disappointing song found on "Bridges" is the repetitious be-bop song, "Linda Lu." The song sounds a bit annoying and doesn't fit into the album's pace.

A past winner of the Music City New Entertainer of the Year and Male Vocalist of the year, Shelton's earlier successes include the singles "Statue of a Fool," "Between the Lines," "Rocking Year" and "Back-

Unfortunately, "Bridges" is not as strong as some of Shelton's earlier work. However, the songs on this album such as "A Bridge I Didn't Burn," "Still Got a Couple of Good Years Left" and "Talking to God" make this album well worth the purchase price and a definite purchase for Shelton fans.

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Sun., Sept. 12 T	KE Skeet & Crawfish	12:30	House
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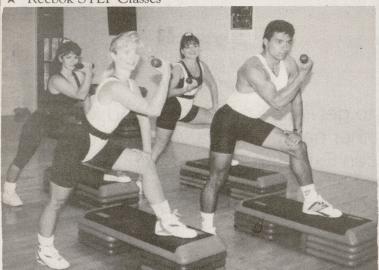
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