

# Chavis asks court for his NAACP job back

## Return would destroy organization's fund-raising abilities, attorney says

WASHINGTON (AP) — Benjamin Chavis Jr. asked a judge Tuesday to order the NAACP to give him his job back, saying that by firing him, the civil rights group ruined his chances of finding other work in the only profession he's known.

But the NAACP responded that its survival would be jeopardized, its fund-raising in tatters, if Chavis returned as executive director.

"My God, the organization would be virtually destroyed," NAACP staff attorney Willie Abrams said after the court hearing. "Are there people who would give Dr. Chavis money? I don't



Chavis

believe so."

Chavis' attorney said some members of the NAACP board are unfairly painting Chavis as "essentially, a crook."

"The NAACP has a long history of survival," Abbey Hairston said. "But what will Dr. Chavis do?"

Chavis was fired Saturday from his \$200,000-a-year job as executive director of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, for conduct the board of directors deemed hostile to the NAACP's survival.

He filed suit Monday in Superior Court for the District of Columbia, arguing the group deprived him of a proper hearing, besmirched his reputation as a civil rights activist and left him unemployed when his wife, Martha, is pregnant with twins.

Chavis asked Judge Herbert Dixon for an injunction barring the NAACP from "publicly and privately disparaging (his) good reputation" or removing him from office until their dispute is resolved. Dixon said he would rule today.

NAACP lawyers asked Dixon to throw out Chavis' lawsuit, saying it had been filed in the wrong jurisdiction. The NAACP has its headquarters in Baltimore and was formed as a corporation in New York.

NAACP attorney Lawrence Greenwald said Chavis failed to get written board permission before committing the group to a debt, as required by its constitution.

The board voted 53-5 vote to fire Chavis, Greenwald said.

"When a board resoundingly speaks, the court should not intervene," he said.

Board members complained Chavis ran up a \$2.7 million deficit, didn't tell them he had used NAACP money to settle a sexual discrimination claim by former employee Mary E. Stansel, and established alliances with such controversial figures as Nation of Islam leader Louis Farrakhan.

The NAACP also faces a lawsuit by Stansel, who says Chavis reneged on \$245,000 of a \$332,400 sex discrimination settlement that was to be paid if the group could not find her another job.

NAACP lawyers said Chavis had a chance to defend himself in two meetings of the board's subcommittee on Friday and Saturday. Chavis attended both sessions with his attorneys.

"He had every opportunity to put forth any case he wanted," said NAACP general counsel Dennis Hayes.

Hairston contended the NAACP failed to follow many of its own rules. It did not give Chavis formal notice that the board would meet about his firing and it did not properly record the vote, he said.

Hairston produced an affidavit from board member Larry Carter of Des Moines, Iowa, who said the board based Chavis' firing on a variety of issues that were not on its agenda.

The group's interim administrator, Earl S. Hester, attended the hearing, as did Chavis.

# Georgia teacher refuses to comply with new law

## Says 'moment of silence' unconstitutional, teaching students more important

SNELLVILLE, Ga. (AP) — On the first day of school, Brian Bown's American government class listened to his lecture on the Protestant Reformation while the rest of the school observed a state-ordered moment of silence.

He was suspended Tuesday for refusing to comply with the law, which he says is unconstitutional. Legislators pushed the bill as a first step toward getting prayer back in schools.

"What I have to say is very important to say, and they're not taking a minute from me," said Bown, a teacher at South Gwinnett High School in suburban Atlanta.

Classes started Monday at many schools in Georgia, and that was the first time many teachers had to order their students to sit quietly for up to one minute at the beginning of the day. The law went into effect July 1, and it was enforced during summer school in some districts.

Similar measures are on the books in other states, although Georgia appears to be alone in strictly enforcing a mandatory moment of silence.

Massachusetts, Tennessee and South Carolina require a

moment of silence, but they don't enforce it. Other states allow optional moments of silence.

"I'm sure very few teachers do it," said Alan Safran, a spokesman for the Massachusetts Department of Education. "We don't monitor it and we're not going to."

Supporters of the Georgia law said it would help students reflect on their activities. Opponents said it was an attempt to circumvent the Supreme Court's ruling against organized prayer in public schools.

Most of Bown's students paid attention to him during the moment of silence on Monday. One student, sophomore Kelly Stock, bowed her head in prayer.

Gwinnett County Superintendent George Thompson told Bown that he would be fired if he didn't comply.

The moment of silence is announced over the public address system.

"All he had to do was stand and be silent," Thompson said Tuesday. "He interfered with the students' rights to participate in the moment of silence. I think it is divisive when a American government teacher

openly violates the law in front of students. It could encourage them to do the same thing."

On Tuesday, Bown told principal Delores Hendrix he would not comply with the law, then left the building.

Berney Kirkland, spokeswoman for the school district, said Bown was suspended pending a hearing on Thompson's recommendation to fire him. Bown refused interviews and requests Tuesday, saying he needed a moment of reflection himself.

"I'm so overcome with emotion I have to stop and take a moment. I've got people banging on my door," he said. "My attorney is asking me to postpone any interviews."

On Monday, Bown appeared on several Atlanta radio stations.

Students leaving the school Tuesday afternoon were told on the issue.

"Mr. Bown's the best teacher in this school," said Justin Grogan, a senior who has two classes from Bown. "Standing up for what he believes in."

# GOP demands changes in crime bill's financing

## 'Point of order' may present roadblock

WASHINGTON (AP) — Republican senators, threatening to thwart a \$30 billion anti-crime bill on a procedural vote, demanded Tuesday that Democrats accept changes in the House-passed measure. President Clinton appealed anew for bipartisan cooperation.

Senate Minority Leader Bob Dole brushed aside Clinton's call to "continue the bipartisan spirit that was established in the House," accusing the president of an "11th hour" bid for GOP support.

Clinton had exhorted "every senator, without regard to party," to work for passage of the bill that had cleared the House 235-195 Sunday, with 46 Republican votes, after 10 grueling days of behind-the-scenes negotiations.

But Republican opponents stood by their promise to subject the measure to a budgetary "point of order" — that financing provisions technically violate the Congressional Budget Act. The threat to throw a procedural roadblock in the way of passage raised a specter of renewed political gridlock mirroring the battle in the House.

Dole told reporters that he had warned the White House a week ago "not to ignore the GOP senators" in planning strategy to get the crime bill passed.

"We were ignored," he grouched. "We were never contacted by anyone at the White House."

Meanwhile, Clinton and other senior administration officials were making phone calls, seeking sufficient support to surmount the point-of-order challenge by GOP opponents.

White House press secretary Dee Dee Myers said she could not say how many votes the White House had lined up. But

necessary to allow the bill to prevail on the procedural point of order.

Although the letter signers were committed to supporting the point of order, senator who signed it said seven Republicans, including a number of fellow signers, plan to support the point of order on the Senate floor.

They signed only to ensure negotiations, said the senator who spoke only on grounds of anonymity, an hour after he had signed the letter. The letter was released after the signatories' signatures.

John Warner, Va., said the idea for the letter from Sen. Orrin Hatch, R-Utah, at 11 o'clock last night.

He said, "Is there any short of outright confrontation on the point of order that we talk about it?"

Sen. Orrin Hatch, R-Utah, said Republicans want to back on the fat" and get "tough on crime provisions" in the bill.

Senate Judiciary Committee Chairman Joseph Biden, D-Del., said he thought he would have enough votes to block the point of order.

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