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#### In the wake of impeachment

Lawmakers say Independent Counsel Act's days num

(AP) — Lawmakers from both parties saw almost no chance Sunday for survival of the Independent Counsel which provided the framework for

Kenneth Starr's investigation of President Clinton, when it comes up for renewal this year.

"This law needs to terminate. I don't want it to be amended. I want it to be ended," Sen. Mitch Mc-Connell, R-Ky., said on CNN's "Late Edition."

The act passed in 1978 as the

post-Watergate Congress sought a means to ensure that politics did not interfere when the president, his cabinet and other senior officials are investigated for wrongdoing. It expires June 30 unless Congress and the president approve its reauthorization.

Attorney General Janet Reno, at the urging of Republicans, has seven times asked for the naming of an independent counsel to investigate administration officials, most notably Starr who has pursued President Clinton's connections to Whitewater, Travelgate, the FBI files and, finally, his affair with Monica Lewinsky, which led to Clinton's impeachment.

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#### High school cancel celebrations of ho cites potential vio

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ethnic celebrations will spark Inglewood High School, 10 downtown Los Angeles, has bee tensions between black and dents. The campus was forced to In a season fil day last May after a riot broke out men's Baske of police were called in.

A task force found that the fight gan, in part, because Hispanics constitute about half the school The felt slighted. They were angry liled by 13 powas set aside to honor black history a day to celebrate Cinco de Mayo Instead of celebrating Black H

and Cinco de Mayo, Principal Lova With 12 second has told teachers to follow a "multi-ne, sophomo ucation approach" throughout ar

"Let's talk about all cultures Ags within tions all the time," Winston said ing inbounds has had racial problems that are uni 6 old ways didn't work.'

February is marked by man Bears grabbe around the country as Black Histoge-point atte May 5 is a national holiday in More fouled to s memorating an 1862 battle in Whit A&M coach P defeated French occupation troops of Mexico City.

#### New Yorkers, Sharpton motorcade with body of police victim

NEW YORK (AP) — Thousands of people in everything from trucks, taxis, beat-up cars and shiny Mercedes Benzes gathered Sunday in a sendoff to a West African immigrant whose death at the hands of police has outraged the black

A motorcade of somber supporters assembled outside the headquarters of the Rev. Al Sharpton's National Action Net-work in Harlem and accompanied Amadou Diallo's family to Newark International Airport as they prepared to fly his body home to Guinea for burial. "It was in the midst of all this pain, a beautiful sight to

see all these brothers and sisters driving down the highway," said Sharpton, who was to accompany the family to Africa. 'As we go to Guinea we must continue the struggle for justice here. ... This cannot be the end, but the beginning. Four plainclothes police officers fired 41 bullets at Diallo, 22, as he stood in the vestibule of his apartment house in

the Bronx on Feb. 3. Many have questioned why so many shots were fired. An attorney for the officers has said that police thought he was armed. At the time, the officers were searching for a

rapist, who is still at large. The shooting is being investigated by the Bronx district attorney's office with the assistance of the FBI. The officers have been placed on administrative non-enforcement duty.

On Sunday, many of the thousands who took part in the motorcade said they were trying to prevent another killing. "I am doing this so they don't shoot any more of our people," said a taxi driver who identified herself only as Fatima.

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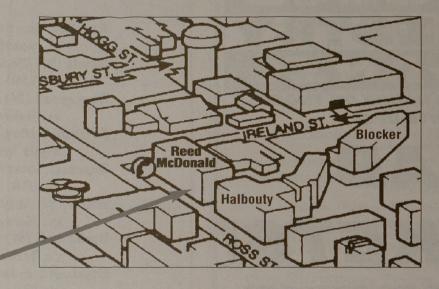
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