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THE BATTALION

Thursday, September 13, 2001

Attacks outrage Congress retaliation promised

WASHINGTON (AP) — Congress is moving quickly on the Bush administration's request for a multibillion-dollar down-payment to fight terrorism, and legislation authorizing force against terrorists is not far behind. Some lawmakers wanted to go further: formally declare war on terrorists.

"I say, bomb the hell out of them," Sen. Zell Miller, D-Ga., said Wednesday. "If there's collateral damage, so be it. They certainly found our civilians to be expendable."

President Bush was expected to ask Congress on Thursday for \$20 billion in immediate funds to help rebuild the damaged Pentagon, clean up the debris from collapsed buildings at New York's World Trade Center, reimburse federal and local governments for rescue efforts, and bolster security.

Lawmakers said they hoped to have the bill to Bush by Thursday, but Senate Majority Leader Tom Daschle said he doubted the measure could be approved in one day and said there was no final agreement on a dollar amount.

At the same time, a separate

measure would authorize the administration to undertake military action under the War Powers Act.

While the thought of spending billions more this year and likely tapping into formerly untouchable Social Security reserves would have ignited a political firestorm just a week ago, lawmakers said Wednesday the request would be granted now.

"I say bomb the hell out of them."

— Sen. Zell Miller
D-Georgia

"That debate is over at this point," said Sen. Richard Durbin, D-Ill.

"If we can't protect our national security, how can we protect Social Security?" Sen. Orrin Hatch, R-Utah, said.

Congress suspended its normal operations Wednesday — a day after lawmakers were evacuated in the first mandatory

evacuation ever of the Capitol complex — and the entire day to the terror who crashed hijacked the twin towers of the Trade Center and in the Pentagon.

The House and Senate during the day for close briefings with the Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld and passed a resolution condemning terrorism and celebrating two years ago. Whether a in his determination to reflecting pool the perpetrators of these eternal flame, as well as their sponsor, culture of a plea.

The word "war" was in with fruit lips of many lawmakers here is no short either called the attacks. On display war on the United States the J. Wayne called on Congress to Center Galleries war of its own.

"America came face to face with the with undisguised evil he design for t Rep. Nick Smith, honor the 12 Ag "These acts of war ma 17 others injured bloodied America, but are fell Nov. 18, will remain unbowed." All of the

"There is no such thing as a free lunch," said Rep. Berkley, D-Nev. "This war will be avenged."

STUDENTS

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"They should not point fingers until they are sure the evidence is true."

Once a country is named, the student said, people from those countries become targets for Americans who might want revenge.

Another man said that he and his wife are afraid to leave their apartment.

Some students have felt threatened walking in the evening to their homes on Northgate, said International Student Association President Archana Ramaswamy.

"There are only a minority of people that might react [to international students]," Ramaswamy said. "I've heard of the comments and unpleasant remarks. These are things that could happen, and hopefully it won't go on for long."

BRYAN

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The council heard a presentation by Robert Rose, a Bryan bike shop owner. Rose wanted to alert the council to state funds available to help repair College Main Avenue.

Rose said the road has many faults and is not structurally

sound considering the amount of traffic it receives.

"College Main has some serious problems," Rose said. "It's really too narrow for the type and volume of traffic it carries."

The Texas legislature created the Safe Routes To School program this year, which allocates money to repair streets within a two-mile radius of a public school.

Rose said the council could use

Approximately one-third of graduate are international, said Darren Pierson, president of the Graduate Student Council. Pierson said acting out against foreigners is "letting theists win."

Not all international students at TAMU are afraid of retaliation. Human resources member jury ment graduate student Prakash Krishnan, four finalists a winner.

"My wife and I feel as safe here as if I were still back in India," he said.

Ramaswamy said she wants other students to remember that international students are Aggies regardless of their culture or the color of their skin.

"We're all deeply shocked and saddened by what happened here. The United States is our host community and we're just like anyone else here is."

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Markets will reopen Friday at earliest, Monday at latest

NEW YORK (AP) — The stock markets won't reopen Friday at the earliest as New York's financial district struggles to recover from a terrorist attack that devastated the World Trade Center. Securities and Exchange Commission Chairman Harvey Pitt had said earlier that he believed the markets would be ready to open Thursday, according to a spokesman John Heine.

But New York Stock Exchange Chairman Richard A. Grasso said at a Wednesday afternoon conference that pending Thursday meeting, the stock markets hoped to resume trading Friday. The opening would be later than Monday, he said. The meeting will include officials from financial markets, big Wall Street firms and the SEC.

Treasury Undersecretary Paul Fisher, who also spoke at the conference, said government bond trading would resume Thursday morning. Earlier, officials of the Chicago Board of Trade and Chicago Mercantile Exchange, where futures contracts are traded, said they would resume trading Thursday.

The shutdown on the NYSE, the nation's oldest exchange, although was the longest since the market closed for two days at the end of World War II. The NYSE's longest closing was nearly four months during World War I.

Grasso said the securities officials wanted to avoid doing anything that would interrupt the recovery operation at the devastated trade center site, sending blocks from the NYSE.

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