

# House Rejects Bill To Aid Sick 9/11 Responders

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WASHINGTON — A bill that would have provided up to \$7.4 billion in aid to people sickened by World Trade Center dust fell short in the House on Thursday, raising the possibility that the bulk of compensation for the ill will come from a legal settlement hammered out in the federal courts.

The bill would have provided free health care and compensation payments to 9/11 rescue and recovery workers who fell ill

after working in the trade center ruins.

It failed to win the needed two-thirds majority, 255-159. The vote was largely along party lines, with 12 Republicans joining Democrats supporting the measure.

For weeks, a judge and teams of lawyers have been urging 10,000 former ground zero workers to sign on to a court-supervised settlement that would split \$713 million among people who developed respiratory problems and other illnesses after inhaling trade center ash.

The court deal shares some

similarities with the aid program that the federal legislation would have created, but it involves far less money. Only the most seriously ill of the thousands of police officers, firefighters and construction workers suing New York City over their exposure to the dust would be eligible for a hefty payout.

But supporters of the deal have been saying the court settlement is the only realistic option for the sick, because Congress will never act.

"Ladies and gentlemen, you can wait and wait and wait for that legislation ... it's not passing," Kenneth Feinberg, the former special master of the federal 9/11 victim compensation fund, told an audience of ground zero responders Monday in a meeting on Staten Island.

Democratic leaders opted to consider the House bill under a procedure that requires a two-thirds vote for approval rather than a simple majority. Such a move blocked potential GOP amendments to the measure.

A key backer of the bill, U.S. Rep. Peter King, a Long Island Republican, accused Democrats of staging a "charade."

King said Democrats were "petrified" about casting votes as the fall elections near on contro-

versial amendments, possibly including one that could ban the bill from covering illegal immigrants who were sickened by trade center dust.

If Democrats brought it to the floor as a regular bill, King said, it would have passed with majority support.

GOP critics branded the bill as yet another big-government "massive new entitlement program" that would have increased taxes and possibly kill jobs.

To pay the bill's estimated \$7.4 billion cost over 10 years, the legislation would have prevented foreign multinational corporations incorporated in tax

haven countries from avoiding tax on income earned in the U.S.

Bill supporters said that would close a tax loophole. Republicans branded it a corporate tax increase.

New York City Mayor Michael Bloomberg called the vote an "outrage." He said it was clearly a tactic designed to stall the bill.

"This is a way to avoid having to make a tough decision," Bloomberg said, adding that the nation owes more to "the people who worked down at 9/11 whose health has fallen apart because they did what America wanted them to do."

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they haven't been abused, they will be," she said.

In addition, female veterans may suffer from Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) or find difficulty in locating housing, Kettering said. The transient homeless may not know available local resources, she said.

The rate and type of homelessness for women and children also vary throughout the year, she added.

"During the summertime, there is more movement from place to place. Once the kids go to school, they get more settled in at one location," she said. "As we move into the colder weather, there is also more demand for housing."

### FEWER CHOICES

New funding restrictions have limited or eliminated options for homeless shelters, Kettering said.

"The Women's and Children's Shelter was used to house the homeless, but their funding is now dedicated to domestic violence. They don't want to jeopardize their funding," she said.

The Women's and Children's Shelter finds more restrictions on state and federal grants, said shelter executive director Desiree Slaba. Those grants must be used for purposes related to domestic violence, she said.

"Only 10 percent of our funds are non-restricted, which means only 10 percent of our funding we are able to use on non-victim services," she said. "But we need that (remaining unrestricted) funding for our domestic violence services."

Using funds for unauthorized purposes would endanger the Women's and Children's Shelter, which moved this week into its nearly \$900,000 facility at its new location, Slaba said.

"If we spend the money on anything else, we could see our funding pulled," she said. "We would face the possibility of closing the doors to a brand new facility."

The Women's and Children's Shelter does not have the homeless as part of its mission statement, but some of the victims of domestic violence are homeless, Slaba said.

"Our mission work is with assisting women of domestic violence. Along the way, we did try to help others to the best of our ability," she said. "As the numbers increased throughout the years, that was no longer an option."

Slaba has seen homelessness for women grow in the last 18 months.

"The economy plays a huge role. A lot of people have lost their jobs, and finding employment is very difficult," she said. "But there are a lot of other factors. Families are facing disasters, like their house burning down, and they turn to us for assistance."

Slaba has tracked the number of homeless women who have sought assistance from the Women's and Children's Shelter this year. Those figures are two in January, seven in February, six in March, three in April, six in May and four in June.

"This is just the women, not counting their children. There has been no (domestic violence) connection with these women," she said. "These are only the people who have come to the agency looking for help. It's not the total number of people needing help in our community."

### LONG-TERM PLANS

The Yankton Homeless Shelter has proposed a year-long study to determine the exact number of homeless women, said board chairman Nathan Johnson. The findings would help the board make long-term plans, he said.

"There is definitely a need.

We just don't know how large," he said. "We hope to get a fairly accurate number from the community. We don't want to bite off more than we can chew. We want to handle the need and be successful."

The timing of the year-long study is good in more ways than one, Pooler said. Not only will the shelter's board have data for deciding a long-term move, but the shelter will need to make up lost funding during the next year anyway, she said.

"In the transition between the previous director and myself, we missed the deadline for the Emergency Shelter Grant Program," she said. "The paperwork wasn't filed, so we won't get that funding in 2011."

The ESG funding varies each year, but the Yankton shelter typically receives \$10,000 to \$15,000 annually, Pooler said. The federal grant, funneled through the South Dakota Housing Authority, covers expenses such as utilities, insurance and food.

However, the homeless shelter board remains optimistic about covering the one-year shortfall, Schiedel said. She pointed to support from local churches, agencies and organizations. The shelter also runs two major fundraisers, its June golf tournament and the dunk tank at next month's Riverboat Days.

The homeless shelter will continue finding places for homeless women, Pooler said. "We don't want to rent an apartment. We will use hotels if we need to for a year before we make a permanent decision (on facilities)," she said.

In the meantime, the Yankton Homeless Shelter board will pursue a venture grant from the United Way for starting a new facility for homeless women and children, Schiedel said. She believes the new shelter would draw homeless not only from Yankton but the region.

"If we start a new facility, we need money to hire somebody. We don't have the funding for a half-time person," she said. "We would be interested if a private entity would be willing to take it over with a full-time manager and run it as a separate shelter."

The United Way board meets monthly and can consider funding requests any time of the year, Kettering said.

Like the rest of the community, United Way has been hit by the recession, Kettering said.

"We were very fortunate in past years to meet and surpass our goal. Last year, we reached 92 percent of our goal. We were very pleased. We thought it would be closer to 80 percent," she said.

"Right now, we are all right. We have raised our goal because our needs are greater. And we may have needs that we're not aware of yet."

If a new homeless shelter is built, the women using the facility would meet the same criteria set for men, Pooler said. "I check with the Yankton Police Department to make sure there are not arrest warrants or registration for sex offenders," she said.

The homeless women would also follow shelter rules about smoking and drinking, Schiedel said.

The homeless shelter has built strong connections with the community and runs a safe, well-respected facility, Pooler said.

"We have worked hard not to make this a flop house and to ensure that it is a reputable shelter," she said. "It's unique that we have a shelter in Yankton. There are few homeless shelters in South Dakota."

The issue of homeless women and children isn't going away, Johnson said.

"We are looking to the future and what solutions are out there so we can give a helping hand," he said.

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