

NATION/WORLD DIGEST

Obama To Push On Immigration Reform

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Barack Obama is enlisting activists and labor leaders in a push for comprehensive immigration legislation that will showcase Republican opposition and include a major speech by the president.

The strategy was discussed during a meeting Monday by a range of prominent labor leaders and activist groups. Participants say that Obama reiterated his support for immigration legislation but noted the political realities that have stalled it in Congress.

Latino leaders say they will work in coming months to pressure Republicans to give way and support an immigration bill — and make them pay at the ballot box if they don't.

Soldiers Headed To Arizona-Mexico Border

PHOENIX (AP) — Federal officials have told Arizona's attorney general and a congresswoman that 524 of the 1,200 National Guard troops headed to the U.S.-Mexican border will be deployed in the state.

Democrat Rep. Gabrielle Giffords and Attorney General Terry Goddard met with Obama administration officials in Tucson, with community leaders also attending. The federal officials included John Brennan, deputy national security adviser for homeland security.

A Giffords spokesman says 224 troops will be sent to California, 72 to New Mexico and 250 to Texas. Another 130 will work in a national liaison office.

The troops are being trained for deployment in August, and Goddard said two drone aircraft also will be used in Arizona. Goddard calls the commitment a first step.

Police Lt. Convicted Of Lying About Torture

CHICAGO (AP) — A federal jury has convicted former Chicago police Lt. Jon Burge of perjury and obstruction of justice charges of lying about the torture of suspects.

Jurors delivered their verdict Monday. Burge now faces up to 45 years in prison.

Burge was accused of lying in a civil suit when he said he'd never seen or participated in the physical abuse of suspects in order to get confessions.

The decorated former lieutenant had testified in his own defense, pitting his word against that of five men who claimed Burge and his officers shocked, suffocated and beat them in the 1970s and 1980s.

Burge was fired from the police department in 1993 over the alleged mistreatment of a suspect. He never was criminally charged in the case.

Texas Coast Put On Notice As Alex Nears

MIAMI (AP) — More of Texas's coast is being advised to monitor Tropical Storm Alex.

On Monday afternoon, a tropical storm watch was issued for the Texas coast from Baffin Bay to Port O'Connor. A hurricane watch had been issued earlier in the day for the coasts of south Texas and northeastern Mexico.

The National Hurricane Center in Miami says Alex is expected to become a hurricane Tuesday. It's center is on a track from Yucatan headed for the Texas-Mexico border and away from the oil spill area off Louisiana.

A hurricane watch means that hurricane conditions are possible within 48 hours, while a tropical storm watch means tropical storm conditions are possible in the same timeframe.

Forecasters say maximum sustained winds Monday afternoon were near 60 mph (95 kph).

Fired McChrystal Tells Army He'll Retire

WASHINGTON (AP) — Gen. Stanley McChrystal, who was fired last week as the top U.S. general in the stalemated Afghanistan war, has told the Army that he will retire.

Army spokesman Col. Tom Collins said McChrystal notified the service of his plans on Monday, but he has not yet submitted formal retirement papers. It is not clear when he will leave the service, but the process usually take a few months.

President Barack Obama has praised McChrystal's long Army career but says his intemperate remarks in a magazine article that appeared last week could not be abided.

McChrystal apologized for the remarks in Rolling Stone magazine and flew to Washington last week to resign as commanding general of the war.

10 Alleged Russian Secret Agents Arrested

WASHINGTON (AP) — Ten people have been arrested for allegedly serving as secret agents of the Russian government with the goal of penetrating U.S. government policymaking circles.

The Justice Department announced the arrests Monday.

According to court papers in the case, the U.S. government intercepted a message from Russian intelligence headquarters in Moscow to two of the defendants. The message states that their main mission is "to search and develop ties in policymaking circles in US" and send intelligence reports.

Supreme Court Strikes Down Anti-Fraud Law

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Supreme Court on Monday struck down part of the anti-fraud law enacted in response to the Enron and other corporate scandals from the early 2000s, but said its decision has limited consequences.

The justices voted 5-4 that the Sarbanes-Oxley law enacted in 2002 violates the Constitution's separation of powers mandate. The court says the president, or other officials appointed by him, must be able to remove members of a board that was created to tighten oversight of internal corporate controls and outside auditors.

Congress created the board to replace the accounting industry's own regulators amid scandals at Enron Corp., WorldCom Inc., Tyco International Ltd. and other corporations. The board has power to compel documents and testimony from accounting firms, and the authority to discipline accountants.

Chief Justice John Roberts, writing for the court, said that the Sarbanes-Oxley law will remain in effect with one change. The Public Company Accounting Oversight Board will continue as before, but the Securities and Exchange Commission now will be able to remove board members at will.

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Byrd, Senate's Elder Statesman, Dies

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WASHINGTON — Sen. Robert Byrd was very much a man of his turbulent era and a man of West Virginia, able to dramatically influence and shape policy for more than half a century while bestowing billions on his beloved state.

Byrd died at 3 a.m. EDT Monday after a short hospitalization in Washington's Virginia suburbs. He was 92.

On one level, the life of Byrd, who served longer than any U.S. senator in history, is a classic story of a successful American politician, raised in hard-scrabble Appalachian coal country, a one-time butcher, gas station attendant and Ku Klux Klansman who rose to become one of Washington's most powerful figures.

He was the most nimble of politicians, a man who once fil-

bustered the 1964 Civil Rights Act for more than 14 hours, but later became a vocal, influential advocate for the underprivileged.

"He grew with the times, and made a fairly radical transformation," said Jeremy Mayer, an associate professor of public policy at George Mason University in Fairfax, Va.

On another level, the fiery Democrat was, as Senate associate historian Don Ritchie put it, "a real Senate institution and an institutional man," one who mastered the nuances of the Senate like no one of his era.

"I'd call him the Senate's most dependable authority on the Constitution of the United States," said former Sen. George McGovern, D-S.D., who served with Byrd from 1963 to 1981. "It's almost as if he memorized the whole thing."

However, his ability to master the Senate's rules, as well as his largesse to his home state and

often dour public demeanor, opened him to criticism that he was too ingrained in the clubby, insulated ways of official Washington.

"There's a view of him that says he was a person most interested in narrow, distributive politics and less worried about the grand issues of his time," said Andrew Taylor, congressional scholar at North Carolina State University. "He had a very contradictory Senate career."

Byrd held more leadership positions than any senator, serving at various times as Senate majority or minority leader, chairman of its Appropriations Committee, which makes key spending decisions, and finally president pro tempore, or third in line for the presidency.

He was born Nov. 20, 1917, in North Wilkesboro, N.C., as Cornelius Calvin Sale Jr. His mother died when he was 1, and he was raised by Titus and Vurma Byrd,

an uncle and aunt whom Byrd recalled were "very poor," as Titus worked in a coal mine in southern West Virginia.

They renamed the boy Robert Carlyle Byrd. He graduated first in his high school class. He worked a series of menial jobs. Strapped for money, it took Byrd 16 years before he could start college, taking classes at Morris Harvey College in Charleston and Marshall College in Huntington.

He won his first public office in 1946, when he was elected to the state House of Delegates, and won a seat in the U.S. House of Representatives in 1952.

He enrolled in American University's law school during his first year in Washington — and would graduate 10 years Byrd stepped down from his leadership post in 1989, among some grumbling from newer members that he wasn't offering an appealing public message or image, to become Appropriations chairman.

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