

Justice Department Won't Prosecute Holder

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Justice Department declared Friday that Attorney General Eric Holder's decision to withhold information about a bungled gun-tracking operation from Congress does not constitute a crime and he won't be prosecuted for contempt of Congress.

The House voted Thursday afternoon to find Holder in criminal and civil contempt for refusing to turn over the documents. President Barack Obama invoked his executive privilege authority and ordered Holder not to turn over materials about executive branch deliberations and internal recommendations.

In a letter to House Speaker John Boehner, the department said that it will not bring the congressional contempt citation against Holder to a federal grand jury and that it will take no other action to prosecute the attorney general. Dated Thursday, the letter was released Friday.

Deputy Attorney General James Cole said the decision is in line with long-standing Justice Department practice across administrations of both political parties.

"We will not prosecute an executive branch official under the contempt of Congress statute for withholding subpoenaed documents pursuant to a presidential assertion of executive privilege," Cole wrote.

GOP Seeking To Repeal Health Care Law

WASHINGTON (AP) — Turned away at the Supreme Court, congressional Republicans sketched a strategy Friday to repeal the nation's health care law in 2013 that requires a sweeping election victory carrying Mitt Romney to the presidency and the party at least to narrow control of the Senate.

Romney sought to turn the court's decision upholding the two-year-old law into a campaign battle cry, saying the 5-4 ruling had injected "greater urgency" into his challenge to President Barack Obama. "I think many people assumed that the Supreme Court would do the work that was necessary in repealing Obamacare," he said, adding that the justices "did not get that job done."

Several Republicans seized on a portion of Chief Justice John Roberts' majority opinion that said the centerpiece of the law, a requirement to purchase insurance, was constitutional because it is based on Congress' power to impose a tax. "Those who will end up paying the heaviest burden for not buying government-mandated insurance won't be the wealthiest Americans, but the very middle class families the president claims to defend," said Senate Republican leader Mitch McConnell of Kentucky.

The White House said that was an argument it was happy to have. Presidential press secretary Jay Carney said Obama has signed legislation cutting middle class taxes repeatedly, that Republicans want to extend existing income tax cuts for the wealthy and then add "another \$5 trillion...that would disproportionately benefit" the same group.

At the same time, the administration announced the latest in a series to steps to implement a law that already has curbed insurance company abuses and cut costs for seniors with high prescription drug costs. Officials said another round of financing was available for states to set up health insurance exchanges, the one-stop markets for consumers scheduled to open in 2014.

Congress Passes Highway Jobs, Loans Package

WASHINGTON (AP) — Congress emphatically approved legislation Friday preserving jobs on transportation projects from coast to coast and avoiding interest rate increases on new loans to millions of college students, giving lawmakers campaign-season bragging rights on what may be their biggest economic achievement before the November elections.

The bill sent for President Barack Obama's signature enables just over \$100 billion to be spent on highway, mass transit and other transportation programs over the next two years, projects that would have expired Saturday without congressional action. It also ends a bare-knuckle political battle over student loans that raged since spring, a proxy fight over which party was best helping voters muddle through the economic downturn.

Under the bill, interest rates of 3.4 percent for subsidized Stafford loans for undergraduates will continue for another year, instead of doubling for new loans beginning on Sunday as scheduled by a law passed five years ago to save money.

Had the measure failed, interest rates would have mushroomed to 6.8 percent for 7.4 million students expected to get the loans over the coming year, adding an extra \$1,000 to the average cost of each loan and antagonizing students — and their parents — four months from Election Day.

The Democratic-led Senate sent the measure to Obama by a 74-19 vote, just minutes after the Republican-run House approved it 373-52. The unusual display of harmony, in a bitterly partisan year, signaled lawmakers' eagerness to claim credit for providing transportation jobs, to avert higher costs for students and their families and to avoid being embarrassed had the effort run aground.

Chimps Attack Man At Jane Goodall Sanctuary

JOHANNESBURG (AP) — Chimpanzees at a sanctuary founded by famed primatologist Jane Goodall pulled a Texas graduate student into their fenced-off enclosure, dragging him nearly a half-mile and biting his ear and hands.

Andrew F. Oberle was giving a lecture to a group of tourists at the Chimp Eden sanctuary on Thursday when two chimpanzees grabbed his feet and pulled him under a fence into their enclosure, said Jeffrey Wicks of the Netcare911 emergency services company.

The 26-year-old anthropology student at the University of Texas at San Antonio, suffered "multiple and severe bite wounds," Wicks said.

He was in critical condition Friday after undergoing surgery at the Mediclin hospital in Nelspruit, 180 miles (300 kilometers) from Johannesburg, hospital officials said.

EU Leaders' Make Breakthrough With Crisis

BY PAUL WISEMAN AND DAVID MCHUGH

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BRUSSELS — Europe's leaders finally rose to the challenge Friday, backing bold ideas to help weak countries and frail banks ravaged by a debt crisis that has crippled economic growth and threatened the global financial system.

Markets roared their approval.

For the first time in 19 summits since the start of the crisis, the EU leaders defied low expectations by announcing plans to:

— Bail out banks, without putting any financial burden on strapped governments.

— Ease borrowing costs on Italy and Spain, the euro region's third- and fourth-largest economies.

— Seek stronger, centralized regulation to European banks.

— Rescue floundering countries, without forcing them to make painful budget cuts if they've already made economic reforms.

— Tie their budgets, currency and governments more tightly.

Europe's leaders trumpeted the agreement. The prime minister of Ireland — one of the five euro countries that has required emergency funds — said the plans marked a "seismic shift in European policy." British Prime Minister David Cameron said that "for the first time in some time we have actually seen steps ... to get ahead of the game."

There was a sign immediately that Europe's latest plan was easing fear in financial markets: The cost for the troubled government of Spain to borrow money on the bond market

fell dramatically. The interest rate, or yield, on the country's 10-year bonds fell by more than half a percentage point, to 6.34 percent.

The Dow Jones industrial average recorded one of its biggest gains of the year, and stocks advanced even further in Europe — in strong and weak countries alike. The benchmark stock index in Germany rose 4.3 percent, by far its best performance this year. Germany has the biggest economy in Europe, and a warm reaction there was a crucial sign of approval for the plan. Prices for oil and other commodities shot higher.

The decisions made at the European Union summit in Brussels won't end the crisis that has gripped Europe for nearly three years. Plenty of questions remain about how the bank bailouts would work, whether there's enough money committed to rescue banks and governments and whether impoverished, indebted Greece will be forced out of the euro club.

But for EU leaders who have consistently underwhelmed their exasperated publics and nervous financial markets, Friday's plans marked a breakthrough.

At first it looked like the summit would produce little more than a modest plan to stimulate growth in Europe. But Italy and Spain, whose borrowing costs have soared to dangerous levels, refused to sign off on a \$150 billion spending plan unless something was done to ease their financial burdens.

So the leaders signaled a willingness to expand the use of Europe's two rescue funds. The money could be used to buy bonds to

drive down a country's borrowing costs. Or it could be loaned directly to troubled banks, which would EU leaders said would help break "the vicious cycle" in which weak banks and weak governments threaten to drag each other down.

Before the summit, European leaders insisted that bailout funds be used only to rescue governments — like Ireland, Portugal and Greece. If money was going to be used for banks, it had to first go to a government, which then funneled it to the troubled banks. But that added to the debt on a government's books because it was responsible for repaying the money.

So efforts to help the banks ended up raising fears about governments. That is why Spain's borrowing costs rose dramatically after the eurozone countries agreed to lend it \$125 billion to rescue its banks.

The EU plans also call for a single regulator — probably the European Central Bank — to oversee Europe's banks. Currently, banks are regulated by their national governments such as Spain's, which have been slow to recognize loan problems and shut down the worst banks.

As part of a broad "banking union" the new regulator will likely get power to close failing banks if their national regulators won't do it. The plan is also expected to include deposit insurance across Europe. Individual European countries now insure bank deposits within their borders. But bank failures could overwhelm those national funds.

The bank overhaul is supposed to be completed by the end of the year.

Egypt President-Elect Vows To Fight For Authority

BY MAGGIE MICHAEL

Associated Press

CAIRO — In front of tens of thousands of cheering supporters, Egypt's first Islamist and civilian president-elect vowed Friday to fight for his authority and symbolically read an oath of office on Cairo's Tahrir Square on the eve of his official inauguration.

Mohammed Morsi's strongly worded speech was a show of defiance as he gears up to power struggle with the country's ruling generals who passed a constitutional declaration taking over major presidential powers in the days before election results were announced after a bitter campaign.

"Everybody is hearing me now. The government, the military and the police ... No power above this power," he said as the crowd roared. "I reaffirm to you I will not give up any of the president's authorities. I can't afford to do this. I don't have that right to that."

"You are the source of legitimacy and whoever is protected by anyone else will lose," he told his supporters.

He also addressed popular demands, vowing to work for the release of Omar Abdel-Rahman, the blind sheik jailed in the U.S. for a plot to blow up New York landmarks, as well as detained Egyptian protesters facing military tribunals.

"I will do my best to free all detainees, including Dr. Omar Abdel-Rahman," he said, pointing to a group of protesters holding a poster of the spiritual leader of men convicted in the 1993 World Trade Center bombing. Supporters have called for the sheik to be repatriated to Egypt on humanitarian grounds.

Morsi, a 60-year-old U.S.-trained engineer, narrowly defeated Ahmed Shafiq, Hosni Mubarak's last prime minister and a former air force general, in a runoff race that deeply polarized the nation. Initially put forward as a back-up candidate for the Mus-



JAMES LAWLER DUGGAN/MCT

Egyptian President-elect Mohammed Morsi addresses tens of thousands of supporters in Tahrir Square in Cairo, Egypt, Friday, June 29, 2012. He wore no bulletproof vest.

lim Brotherhood, he addressed the crowd with a booming voice, flanked by several security guards.

His victory has given Islamists a new boost after they overcame decades of suppression and arrests under Mubarak's secular regime to become Egypt's most influential post-revolutionary political force. However, the military has fought to check the Brotherhood's rise and maintain its hold on the reins of power.

At one point he opened his jacket to show the crowd he wasn't wearing a bulletproof vest, say-

ing he "fears no one but God."

The speech ironically brought Republican Guard forces back to the square — a rare occurrence as government security forces have avoided the area to avoid provoking protesters angry over continued military influence.

Many protesters had called for Morsi to hold his swearing-in ceremony in the square, the epicenter of mass protests that ousted Mubarak, but the military generals said it must be held in front of a high court, in the absence of a parliament. The ceremony was scheduled to be held Saturday.

However, he read an informal oath during his speech to the delight of the crowd. Many chanted "We love you Morsi" and "Oh marshal tell the truth, Morsi is your president, or not," referring to the head of the ruling military panel Field Marshal Hussein Tantawi.

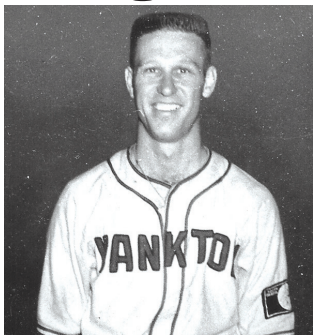
The ruling generals have promised to transfer power to an elected president by Sunday. But they also have given themselves sweeping powers that undercut the authority of the president. The constitutional declaration — issued days before the winner of a runoff vote was announced — also designated the generals the country's legislature in place of the disbanded parliament.

The disbanding of parliament forced Morsi to take his oath in front of the Constitutional Court, which ruled against the parliament and whose judges were appointed by Mubarak.

He also reached out to the liberal and secular activists who spearheaded last year's uprising.

"The revolution continues ... with an elected president who leads the ship of the nation and leads the revolution," he said.

Who is this Handsome Young Man?



Check out today's sports section to find out!

Farmers - Ranchers - Homeowners 2012 Pesticide Container Collections

The South Dakota Department of Agriculture and the Cooperative Extension Service have set the following dates and locations for the 2012 Pesticide container collections. All plastic containers up to and including 30-55 gallon drums, plastic minibulk/shuttles, and 30-55 gallon steel drums will all be accepted. All containers must be triple rinsed or pressure rinsed. Make plans to attend the collection nearest you and thank you for your turnout in the past.

Collection Schedule

Date	Time	Location	City
July 16	9:00-2:00	Nelson's Seed Service	Miller
July 17	9:00-2:00	County Weed & Pest Shop	Watertown
July 18	9:00-12:00	Clark File Hall	Clark
July 18	1:00-4:00	Spink Co. Fairgrounds	Redfield
July 19	9:00-1:00	SD Wheat Growers	Huron
July 23	9:00-12:00	Perkins Co. Fairgrounds	Bison
July 23	1:30-4:30	Southwest Grain	Lemmon
July 24	9:00-11:00	SD Wheat Growers	McLaughlin
July 24	1:00-4:00	Airport	Timber Lake
July 25	9:00-12:00	North Central Farmers Elevator	Rehrid
July 25	2:00-4:00	Walworth Co. Hwy. Dept.	Selby
July 30	9:00-2:00	Agriance Warehouse	Aberdeen
July 31	9:00-2:00	Border States Coop	Sisseton
Aug. 1	9:00-12:00	Farmer's Elevator	Rosholt
Aug. 2	8:00-1:00	Brookings Regional Landfill	Brookings
Aug. 6	9:00-12:00	SD Wheat Growers	Wessington Springs
Aug. 7	9:00-1:00	Davison Co. Extension	Mitchell
Aug. 8	9:00-12:00	Lacey's	Salem
Aug. 9	9:00-2:00	SDDA Bait Station	Pierre
Aug. 13	9:00-1:00	SD Wheat Growers	Chamberlain
Aug. 14	9:00-12:00	Mettler's	Menno
Aug. 14	1:00-4:00	Bon Homme Co. Hwy. Dept.	Tyndall
Aug. 15	9:00-12:00	Country Pride Coop Fert Plant	Wagner
Aug. 15	1:00-4:00	Farmer's Alliance	Corsica
Aug. 16	9:00-1:00	Turnis Farm Service	Platte
Aug. 20	9:00-12:00	Lake Preston Soil Service	Lake Preston
Aug. 20	1:30-4:00	Cenex Agronomy Center	Howard
Aug. 21	9:00-12:00	Lake Co. 4-H Grounds	Madison
Aug. 21	1:30-4:00	Moody Co. Hwy Dept	Flandreau
Aug. 22	9:00-2:00	Renner Fire Hall	Renner
Sept. 4	9:00-12:00	SD DOT Yard	Murdo
Sept. 5	9:00-2:00	Tripp Co. Recycling Center	Winnier
Sept. 10	8:00-11:00	Midwest Coop/Cenex	Philip
Sept. 10	1:00-4:00	Bennett Co. Fairgrounds	Martin
Sept. 11	9:00-12:00	Finkbeiner Feed	Belle Fourche
Sept. 12	9:00-2:00	Central States Fairgrounds	Rapid City

All times are local

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