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Congress split on cutting off aid to Egypt

Support in both parties for Obama's approach

By Stephen Ohlemacher
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Members of Congress are split over whether the U.S. should cut off military aid to Egypt, highlighting the difficult choices facing the Obama administration amid spiraling violence on the streets of an important Middle East ally.

Democratic leaders have generally supported the president's approach. But on Sunday, Rep. Keith Ellison, D-Minn., said he would end aid to Egypt. Ellison is the first Muslim elected to Congress and is co-chairman of the Congressional Progressive Caucus.

"I would cut off aid but engage in intense diplomacy in Egypt and in the region to try to say, look, we will restore aid when you stop the bloodshed in the street and set up a

path towards democracy that you were on before," Ellison said.

Among Republicans, there were growing calls to eliminate military aid to Egypt. But others were more hesitant.

Rep. Pete King, R-N.Y., said curtailing aid could reduce U.S. influence over Egypt's interim government, which controls access to strategic resources, including the Suez Canal.

King said there are no good choices in Egypt. Ousted President Mohamed Morsi, a member of the Muslim Brotherhood, was democratically elected. But, King said, the group has not demonstrated a commitment to democracy.

Divided Congress

The split among members of the same political party illustrates the un-

certainty facing President Barack Obama as he tries to navigate volatile developments in Egypt, where crackdowns last week left more than 600 people dead and thousands more injured.

Obama has denounced the violence, canceled joint military exercises scheduled for September and delayed the delivery of four F-16 fighter jets. But the White House has refused to declare Morsi's removal a coup — a step that would require Obama to suspend \$1.3 billion in annual military aid. The president insists that the U.S. stands with Egyptians seeking a democratic government. But he says America cannot determine Egypt's future.

Sen. John McCain of Arizona renewed his call Sunday to stop aid as the Egyptian military continues to crack down on protesters seeking Mor-



Friends and relatives of Ammar Badie, 38, killed Friday by Egyptian security forces during clashes in Ramses Square carry the coffin while attending his funeral in Cairo on Sunday. MANU BRABO/AP

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SEN. JOHN MCCAIN

si's return. "For us to sit by and watch this happen is a violation of everything that we stood for," McCain said.

The military ousted Morsi July 3 after millions of Egyptians took to the streets to demand he step down, accusing him of giving the Brotherhood undue influence and fail-

ing to implement vital reforms or bolster the ailing economy.

But Rep. Eliot Engel, D-N.Y., said he supports the president's approach.

"These are very, very difficult choices," said Engel, the top Democrat on the House Foreign Affairs Committee. "I'm very unhappy, obviously, with the crackdown. But

we essentially have two choices in Egypt. And that's a military government, which hopefully will transition as quickly as possible to civilian government, or the Muslim Brotherhood. I don't think the Muslim Brotherhood is a choice."

Sen. Bob Corker, R-Tenn., had resisted calls to cut off aid. But on Sunday, he switched positions.

"I think we need to look at the tiers of our aid," said Corker, top Republican on the Senate Foreign Relations Committee. "Let's face it, most of the aid has gone out the door this year."

obituaries

Death Notices

Brinkman, Martha Katherine Carlstadt; Norman Dean Home For Services, Inc.
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MARTHA KATHERINE BRINKMAN
AGE: 104 • CARLSTADT



her beloved husband, Harold Brinkman, a respected Carlstadt council member for many years, who passed in 1975.

Always on the go, Martha worked until she was 87 and drove until 97. A member of St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Wood-Ridge, she served as parish secretary for many years. Her father helped build the church and was their first organist. Martha was the proud mother of 3, John Brinkman and his wife Barbara, Rockaway; Jim Brinkman, Glastonbury, CT; and Jane Lolk, who passed in 2011. Martha is also survived by 6 grandchildren and 6 great grandchildren.

Funeral arrangements under the direction of the Norman Dean Home For Services, 16 Righter Avenue, Denville. Visitation will be held at the Episcopal Church of St. Paul & Resurrection, Wood-Ridge, NJ on Wednesday, August 21st from 4-7 PM. A Funeral Service will be held on Thursday, August 22nd at the church at 11:00 AM. Donations may be made in Martha's name to the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society, Northern NJ Chapter, 14 Commerce Drive, Suite 310 Cranford, NJ 07016. To send a message of condolence, please go to www.normandean.com

LIZI KNUDSEN
AGE: 86 • ROCKAWAY

Lizi Knudsen died on Saturday, August 17, 2013 at home. She was 86. Born in Denmark, she lived in Brooklyn, NY and Newark before moving to Rockaway in 1965. Mrs. Knudsen was the sales manager at Bizzy Lizzy in Rockaway prior to retiring. She was a member of the First Assembly of God Church. Mrs. Knudsen's favorite phrase was "Happy Day."

She is survived by her husband of 64 years, Ralph; two children, Gary Knudsen and Betty Jane Ryan; her sister, Mary Maves; and two grandchildren, Caitlin and Kaaron Ryan. A funeral service will be held on Wednesday, August 21 at 1:30 PM at the Whitham-Kanapaux Funeral Home, 20 Keller Ave, Rockaway. Interment will follow at Rockaway Presbyterian Cemetery. Visiting hours will be held on Wednesday at the funeral home prior to the service from 11:30 AM to 1:30 PM. Condolences may be sent to: www.rockawayfuneral.com

GEORGE W. SMITH JR.
AGE: 64 • ROXBURY TOWNSHIP

Mr. George W Smith, Jr., 64, died on August 17, 2013 at the Regency Grande Nursing Center in Dover. He was born in Dover and lived most all of his life in Roxbury Township. He was a 1967 graduate of Roxbury High School and became a truck driver for many years, and a collector of model trucks and cars.

He is survived by his sister Mary Smith of South Jersey, nephew Patrick W Smith of Landing, and niece Kelly J Smith of Dover. Friends may visit at the Davis & Hepplewhite Funeral Home, 96 Main Street, Succasunna 973-584-7264 (davishepplewhitefh.com) on Wednesday from 5-8 pm.

JOBS

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tureNJ is promoting a stackable credentials and credits system, according to Spak. Currently, individuals can learn manufacturing skills on their own or at community colleges and then earn credentials by taking tests given by the National Association of Manufacturers. The credentials are stackable: the more certification credentials earned, the higher the earning potential.

"The Advanced Manufacturing Talent Network has been working the last two years on a system under which a student who has a credential can have it counted as credits in a college," Spak said. "Learners can't earn a whole degree by obtaining industry-vetted credentials. They'll have to pay the college to take other courses. With stackable credits, though, they can get a degree faster and cheaper."

A total of 120 long-term-unemployed people, out of work for more than 27 weeks, will be trained to work in fabricated metals under a \$2.5 million federal Dislocated Worker National Emergency Grant awarded to New Jersey last month. The money expands a two-year-old pilot program, taught at select community colleges, that to date has resulted in 88 percent of participants landing jobs.

Some companies, including E.P. Heller Co. in Madison, which makes solid carbide cutting tools, and Odyssey Specialty Vehicles in Wharton, which custom builds emergency vehicles, conduct their own training programs and make the training a feature of employment.

At E.P. Heller, Doug Heller, the vice president of sales, said the



Matt Marano of Madison, a computer numerical control machine operator for E.P. Heller Co., inspects a machine at the Madison-based company, which employs 40 people, 20 of them in manufacturing jobs. BOB KARP/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

HOMEOWN EXPERTISE

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people he employs usually don't know how to read a scale and have never worked on machines.

"Voc-tech schools don't do this type of training anymore, so we do a lot of training," he said. "The Fortune 500 companies can pay the best and they have better benefits, but they don't offer training. Our people learn here. Then they go out and say, 'I worked for E.P. Heller Co. for five years. I can set up machines. I can read measurements. I can make blueprints.'"

Odyssey hires entry-level people who don't have bad habits and teaches them the "Odyssey Way," according to Larry Kahan, founder and chief business development officer.

"It's not unusual for a guy to start sweeping floors or work on one specific thing in a cabinet and then grow into being an electrical tech," he said. "Or we'll send him to school for upholstery. Or he'll be a master cabinet maker. But the cabinet guy doesn't just make cab-

inets. He can also weld and do mechanical work. He learns it all here or he comes in with some skills and we expand on them."

Changes at companies

Howard Wial, professor at the University of Illinois at Chicago and a nonresident senior fellow at the Brookings Institution, adds that manufacturers can make changes to improve their own job vacancies.

"We had such a decline in manufacturing employment in this country between 2000 and 2010 that many manufacturers got out of the habit of recruiting and hiring," said Wial, author of a paper titled "Locating American Manufacturing." "They were in the other mode of cutting back. They may just not know how to recruit the workers that they need anymore."

Many employees who do land manufacturing jobs say they're happy. For instance, Dennis Faila of Madison, a 41-year-

old manager of inventory and quality at E.P. Heller, said he found a whole new work life when he arrived three years ago. Previously, he studied math and science at Montclair State University and then worked as a drafter who used AutoCAD to design items similar to the ones he now makes.

"Before I got here, I never realized the processes they go through in order to manufacture a simple bur," he said, referring to a rotary file used on castings, medical parts and aircraft to remove material. "I'm a good learner and there is a lot to know. To identify the burs, for example. We make thousands. I know them all by now."

Constantly learning and embracing new technology is a key to success in manufacturing. Luckowski, of the Army Prototype Integration Facility, said the arsenal already has progressed to making product parts whole, directly from a computer CAD image. This "Star Trek" style replication is known as additive manufacturing, or direct digital manufacturing.

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Egypt: 36 killed in prison truck escape attempt

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CAIRO — Egyptian police fired tear gas Sunday in an attempt to free a guard from rioting detainees, killing at least 36 as the country's military leader vowed to tolerate no more violence after days of clashes that killed nearly 900 people.

The deaths of the prisoners, captured during the fierce fighting in recent days around Cairo's Ramses Square, came as Gen. Abdel-Fatah el-Sissi also called

for the inclusion of Islamists in the government. Meanwhile, security forces detained Muslim Brotherhood members in raids aimed at stopping more planned rallies supporting ousted President Mohammed Morsi — which the military-backed government says fuels the violent unrest.

The suspects killed were part of a prison truck convoy of some 600 detainees heading to Abu Zaabal prison in northern Egypt, security officials told The Associated Press. Detainees in one of the trucks rioted and man-

aged to capture a police officer inside, the officials said.

Security forces fired tear gas into the truck in hopes of freeing the badly beaten officer, the officials said. The officials said those killed died from suffocating on the gas.

The officials spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to speak to journalists.

However, the officials' version of event contradicted reports about the incident carried by state media.

HELIPAD

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requirements for aircraft are not controlled by local government but rather the Department of Transportation and the Federal Aviation Administration.

Approval is expected to be granted at the meeting, which is scheduled to start at 7:30 p.m.

"We want to have Honeywell here," Druetzler said.

The company is currently located in Morris Township, but it will be moving to Morris Plains in January 2015.

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