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On May 1, the Senate voted to allow the District of Columbia to use its own tax funds to finance abortions for poor women and to permit imposition of the death penalty for drug-related murders. These votes broke an impasse on a \$3.4 billion spending bill which includes \$720 million in aid for Panama and Nicaragua. On May 1, White House spokesperson Marlin Fitzwater told reporters that President Bush will veto the bill unless the attached abortion provision is deleted. The House version approved a total \$2.4 billion, and does not include the District measures. The differences between the two bills are to be resolved in conference committee. (Basic data from AFP, 05/01/90)

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