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BUILDING COLLAPSE IN DAVENPORT



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Emergency crews work the scene of a partial building collapse in the 300 block of Main Street on Sunday, May 28, 2023, in Davenport.

DEBT LIMIT

President, McCarthy work to pass deal

Several groups object to bill agreed upon late Saturday

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WASHINGTON — The White House and Republican congressional leaders geared up lobbying campaigns Monday to win approval of a deal to avert a U.S. default as environmentalists, defense hawks and conservative hard-liners condemned concessions.

President Joe Biden personally called lawmakers to support this bill, while Cabinet members and senior White House staff already called at least 60 House Democrats by early Monday morning, a Democratic official said.

"I never say I'm confident about what the Congress is going to do, but I feel very good about it," Biden told reporters Monday. "I've spoken with a number of the members. I spoke to (Senate Minority Leader Mitch) McConnell. I spoke to a whole bunch of people. And it feels good. We'll see when the vote starts."

Biden and Republican House Speaker Kevin McCarthy expressed confidence they would muster the necessary votes. Approval gained early support from prominent members of each party's moderate and pragmatist wings.

The bill sets the course for federal spending through 2025 and will suspend the debt ceiling until Jan. 1, 2025, likely putting off another fight over federal borrowing authority until the middle of that year. In exchange

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Relatives say loved ones are still missing



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City officials gather on 4th Street outside of Davenport City Hall early Monday adjacent to the site of The Davenport apartment building, a portion of which collapsed Sunday.

Cause of downtown building collapse remains unknown

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Rescuers pulled one person from the rubble of a collapsed apartment building overnight, Davenport Fire Chief Mike Carlsten said in a news conference Monday morning.

No deaths have been reported in the partial collapse of the Davenport Apartment Building, 324 Main St., and Carlsten said rescue crews continued Sunday night and Monday morning to search the rubble with dogs for anyone trapped.

But relatives say not all are accounted for.

"We do not have any credible information at this time that anyone is missing," Carlsten said at a 7 a.m. press conference on Monday.

The city is trying to cross-reference information on tenants with the property owner, Carlsten

said, but not every person had a cell phone or second means for contact.

"I have no known individuals that are trapped in this facility," Carlsten said at the news conference.

Crews had rescued seven people from other parts of the building Sunday night, officials said.

But relatives who gathered outside the building on Monday say their loved ones are still missing. One of them was found Monday evening.

Antoine Smith Jr. of Rock Island said he had been looking for his aunt, Lisa Brooks, and couldn't find her. She was a resident of The Davenport apartment building that collapsed.

"I've been to Genesis (Medical Center), I've been to CASI and the Red Cross," he said.

Smith said he had left his aunt's name with the Davenport Police Department.

Brooks was born Jan. 5, 1970, he said.

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Woman rescued Monday

Protests break out, urging city officials to continue search

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Protestors gathered Monday night at the site of the building collapse in downtown Davenport, saying more people are still missing and could be inside.

By 10 p.m. police pushed protesters back to Harrison and Fourth streets. Police are cit-

ing safety issues. Protestors were shouting, concerned they wouldn't be able to hear survivors from that distance.

Four officers held the crowd back. They did not answer questions from protestors or media.

After Lisa Brooks was rescued Monday afternoon, around 150 protestors gathered at the site of Sunday's apartment building collapse at 324 Main St. Previously, city officials said demolition was likely to begin Tuesday, but officials Monday night backtracked on a specific timeline.

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At about 8 p.m. Monday, Lisa Brooks was rescued from the partially collapsed building in downtown Davenport.

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Hot weather expected for the next week

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High temperatures that will reach into the 90s through Monday will keep the Quad-City region warmer than normal, but low dew-point temperatures should make the heat more bearable, Meteorologist Tom Philip of the National Weather Service, Davenport, said Monday.

"We have what is known as a Rex Block," Philip said.

They are areas of high pressure that are nearly stationary and slow the eastward progress of pressure systems.

"It's a pattern that keeps storm activities on both coasts and leaves us not seeing much in the way of systems moving across our area," Philip said.

According to National Weather Service statistics, the normal

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