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Washington Mayor Arrested in Protest

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WASHINGTON — Mayor [Vincent C. Gray](#) was arrested for disorderly conduct on Monday while protesting provisions of Friday night's budget deal in Congress, his spokeswoman said.

Mr. Gray joined other city representatives, including [Eleanor Holmes Norton](#), the District of Columbia's delegate in Congress, and city residents in a protest that blocked Constitution Avenue near the Hart Senate Office Building, said Linda Wharton-Boyd, his spokeswoman.

Sgt. Kimberly Schneider of the Capitol Police said Mr. Gray was among 41 people arrested. Mr. Gray's daughter paid his \$50 bail, Ms. Wharton-Boyd said, and he was released from custody by Monday night.

Demonstrators protested what residents and officials here say was a sacrifice of the city's interests in exchange for a budget deal. Democrats agreed to allow Republicans to revive a ban on the financing of abortion from local money and to impose a school voucher program that city officials say Washington does not need.

City officials, including Mr. Gray, had expressed outrage at the deal, which they called a sellout by Democrats who just two years ago helped the city remove the ban on abortion financing, which had been in place on and off since 1988.