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GOVERNOR ED DIPRETE FUNDRAISER
CRANSTON, RHODE ISLAND \ NOVEMBER 20, 1989 \ 5:15 P.M.

THANK YOU, ED, FOR THAT KIND INTRODUCTION. AND
THANK YOU, BOTH ED AND PAT, FOR INVITING ME TO SHARE A
PART OF THIS EVENING WITH YOU AND YOUR SUPPORTERS.

AND LET ME SAY HELLO TO THREE MEMBERS OF RHODE
ISLAND'S VERY DISTINGUISHED CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION:
SENATOR JOHN CHAFEE, REPRESENTATIVE RON MACHTLEY [MECK-
LEY], AND ONE OF RHODE ISLAND'S MOST TALENTED LEADERS -
- A LEADER WE ALL HOPE WILL SOON BE JOINING JOHN IN THE
SENATE -- REPRESENTATIVE CLAUDINE SCHNEIDER. \ \ \

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[[THIS IS QUITE A GATHERING. YOU KNOW, BARBARA
GETS ON ME FOR THE HABIT I HAVE OF INVITING FOLKS INTO
OUR HOUSE, SO I'M GLAD TO SEE I'VE FOUND A KINDRED
SPIRIT -- SOMEONE WHO DOESN'T MIND HAVING A FEW HUNDRED
CLOSE FRIENDS OVER FOR DINNER. \ \ \ ED, THIS EVENING
IS PROOF THAT YOU DON'T KNOW THE MEANING OF THE PHRASE:
"NOT IN MY BACKYARD." \ \ \

ACTUALLY, I REMEMBER BEING HERE BACK IN 1981. YOU HAD JUST FINISHED SOME RENOVATIONS AT THAT TIME. AND I'M HONORED THAT -- TO THIS DAY -- YOU STILL REFER TO WHAT USED TO BE YOUR OLD GARAGE AS THE BUSH ROOM.]]

I'VE COME TO RHODE ISLAND FOR TWO OUTSTANDING REASONS -- FOR TWO OUTSTANDING LEADERS. I'VE COME TO RHODE ISLAND FOR ED DIPRETE AND CLAUDINE SCHNEIDER.

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CLAUDINE IS AN INDEPENDENT, PRINCIPLED CONGRESSWOMAN WITH A PROUD RECORD OF LEADERSHIP ON THE ENVIRONMENT, ON EDUCATION, AND IN COMBATTING CRIME. SHE'S A GREAT REPRESENTATIVE -- AND I THINK SHE'D MAKE A GREAT SENATOR. \\

AND OUR HOST, ED DIPRETE, WELL, IT'S A PLEASURE TO BE HERE WITH A MAN WHO IS SIMPLY ONE OF THE FINEST GOVERNORS IN ALL THE 50 STATES.

ED HAS LONG BEEN MY FRIEND AND TRUSTED ADVISOR. HE IS VERY CLOSE TO MY CHIEF OF STAFF AND FELLOW NEW ENGLANDER JOHN SUNUNU.

YOU KNOW, THAT GREAT 19TH CENTURY FRENCH OBSERVER OF AMERICAN DEMOCRACY, ALEXIS DE TOCQUEVILLE, ONCE ASKED AN AMERICAN POLITICIAN TO DEFINE THE ROLE OF GOVERNOR -- AND HE GOT THIS ANSWER: "THE GOVERNOR COUNTS FOR ABSOLUTELY NOTHING AND IS ONLY PAID 1200 DOLLARS." ///

WELL, TIMES HAVE CHANGED. IN OUR FEDERAL SYSTEM, THE 50 CHIEF EXECUTIVES ON THE STATE LEVEL COUNT FOR A GREAT DEAL -- AS JOHN SUNUNU REMINDS ME EVERY DAY. AND RHODE ISLAND IS BLESSED WITH ONE OF THE VERY BEST IN ED DIPRETE.

ED'S BEEN A TRAIL-BLAZER NOT JUST FOR RHODE ISLAND -- BUT FOR GOVERNORS ACROSS AMERICA. I'LL TAKE JUST ONE EXAMPLE, EDUCATION -- WHERE OUR STATES PLAY SUCH A CRITICAL ROLE.

TWO MONTHS AGO, DOWN AT CHARLOTTESVILLE AT THE EDUCATION SUMMIT, SOME OF THE MOST INNOVATIVE IDEAS ON IMPROVING OUR SCHOOLS BELONGED TO ED DiPRETE.

LET ME MENTION ONE OF THEM RIGHT NOW, AN EXCITING IDEA: A PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP, ED CALLS THE CHILDREN'S CRUSADE FOR HIGHER EDUCATION. STARTING IN 1991, EACH AND EVERY THIRD GRADER IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND IS GOING TO HAVE THE OPTION TO JOIN THE CHILDREN'S CRUSADE.

TEACHERS, PARENTS, VOLUNTEER TUTORS AND MENTORS ARE GOING TO WORK WITH THE CHILDREN IN THIS STATE -- FROM THIRD GRADE ON -- TO KEEP THEM IN SCHOOL, OFF DRUGS, AND OUT OF TROUBLE WITH THE LAW -- AND TO HELP GET THEM READY TO ENTER COLLEGE, OR THE WORK FORCE.

AND THE CHILDREN'S CRUSADE WON'T END WITH GRADUATION DAY. FOR EVERY CHILD WHO IS ACCEPTED BY A COLLEGE OR A JOB-TRAINING PROGRAM BUT CAN'T AFFORD IT -- THE CHILDREN'S CRUSADE FUND WILL HELP PAY THE COST FOR THEM.


**WHEN IT COMES TO EDUCATION, RHODE ISLAND NEEDS ED
DIPRETE -- AND I NEED ALLIES LIKE ED IN MY OWN CRUSADE
TO MAKE ALL OUR SCHOOLS THE BEST THEY CAN BE.**

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OUR SCHOOLS AND LOCAL COMMUNITIES. ON EVERY ONE OF
THESE ISSUES, ED AND I STAND SIDE BY SIDE. I VALUE HIS
COUNSEL. AND I RESPECT HIS LEADERSHIP.**

**AND THAT STRONG LEADERSHIP HAS HELPED RHODE
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WHETHER IT'S JOB TRAINING, OUTREACH TO EXPAND FOREIGN TRADE, OR TO FOSTER THE HIGH-TECH INDUSTRIES OF THE FUTURE -- ED DiPRETE UNDERSTANDS HOW TO KEEP RHODE ISLAND ON TOP IN THE COMPETITIVE BUSINESS CLIMATE WE'LL FACE IN THE 1990s.

WHEN IT COMES TO A STRONG ECONOMY -- TO GROWING PROSPERITY FOR ALL RHODE ISLANDERS -- YOU NEED ED DiPRETE. AND I NEED PRO-GROWTH GOVERNORS LIKE HIM TO KEEP THIS ECONOMIC EXPANSION GOING STRONG.

AND LET ME MENTION RIGHT NOW ONE OF THE BEST WAYS I KNOW TO KEEP THE ENGINE OF ECONOMIC EXPANSION IN HIGH GEAR. I'M TALKING ABOUT CUTTING THE CAPITAL GAINS RATE. WE'VE ALL HEARD THE ARGUMENTS ABOUT WHO BENEFITS MOST FROM A CUT IN THE CAPITAL GAINS RATE. WELL, THE REAL ANSWER IS: ALL AMERICANS DO. A CUT IN CAPITAL GAINS IS GOOD FOR GROWTH.

IT'S GOING TO INCREASE ENTREPRENEURSHIP AND INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITIES, AND THAT MEANS MORE JOBS -- RIGHT HERE IN RHODE ISLAND AND ALL ACROSS THE UNITED STATES.

YOU KNOW, A MAJORITY IN BOTH THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE ARE ON RECORD IN FAVOR OF CUTTING THE CAPITAL GAINS RATE. AND LET ME TELL YOU RIGHT NOW: WHEN CONGRESS STARTS ITS NEW SESSION NEXT YEAR, WE'RE GOING TO MAKE IT ABSOLUTELY CLEAR THAT THE FIGHT FOR A CAPITAL GAINS CUT IS FAR FROM OVER. ///

I'VE TALKED ABOUT EDUCATION, THE ECONOMY -- TWO AREAS WHERE ED HAS MADE A REAL DIFFERENCE FOR RHODE ISLAND. BUT THE BEST REASON RHODE ISLAND NEEDS THIS MAN IN THE STATEHOUSE IS THAT ED DIPRETE MEANS PROVEN LEADERSHIP. THINK BACK TO THAT OIL SPILL OFF NEWPORT BACK IN JUNE -- THE DISASTER THAT DIDN'T HAPPEN, THANKS TO A RAPID RESPONSE BY GOVERNOR DIPRETE.

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ED GOT RHODE ISLAND'S STATE RESOURCES MOBILIZED AND INTO ACTION -- AND GOT ON THE PHONE WITH JOHN SUNUNU TO TAP FEDERAL RESOURCES IN THE CLEAN-UP EFFORT. ONLY HOURS LATER, WE HAD THE SECRETARY OF INTERIOR AND THE HEAD OF THE EPA ON THE SCENE. WORKING TOGETHER, YOU MANAGED TO CONTAIN THE SPILL AND PREVENT CATASTROPHE IN NARRAGANSETT BAY. THAT'S A TRIBUTE TO THE TAKE-CHARGE LEADERSHIP OF GOVERNOR DiPRETE -- LEADERSHIP ON THE STATE LEVEL THAT I'VE COME TO COUNT ON IN WASHINGTON.

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THESE PAST FIVE YEARS HAVE BEEN A GREAT FIVE YEARS FOR RHODE ISLAND -- AND THE DIFFERENCE IS ED DiPRETE. NOW, THERE'S A NEW DECADE -- NEW CHALLENGES AHEAD. AND THERE'S NO BETTER LEADER FOR THIS GREAT STATE THAN YOUR GOVERNOR AND MY GOOD FRIEND: ED DiPRETE.

THANK YOU. GOD BLESS YOU -- AND GOD BLESS THE GREAT STATE OF RHODE ISLAND.

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Enclosed is a copy of "Suggested Talking Points for President Bush at Home of Governor Edward D. DiPrete". This was prepared by Mike Smith, the Governor's speech writer. After looking this over, I would suggest that you call Mike Smith at the Governor's office. The number is 401-277-2080. Thank you.

Jim DiPrete

P.S. I spoke to Mike and he is waiting for your call.

Operator: _____



State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations
EXECUTIVE CHAMBER, PROVIDENCE

Edward D. DiPrete
Governor

SUGGESTED TALKING POINTS FOR PRESIDENT BUSH
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- * HE REMAINS COMMITTED TO IMPROVING RHODE ISLAND'S BUSINESS CLIMATE -- BECAUSE HE UNDERSTANDS THAT IT IS THE PRIVATE SECTOR WHICH IS THE GREAT ENGINE OF JOB CREATION AND PROSPERITY.
- * HIS PRO-ENVIRONMENTAL POLICIES HAVE HELPED MAKE RHODE

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ISLAND A LEADER AMONG OUR MOST PROGRESSIVE ENVIRONMENTAL STATES.

- * HIS STATEWIDE RECYCLING PROGRAM IS A NATIONAL MODEL.
- * HE HAS CHAMPIONED THE DRINKING WATER PROTECTION ACT.
- * HE HAS UNDERTAKEN AN UNPRECEDENTED PROGRAM OF OPEN SPACE, SHORELINE, AND FARMLAND ACQUISITION AND PRESERVATION.
- * HE CREATED THE RHODE ISLAND ENVIRONMENTAL TRUST FUND TO ENSURE CONTINUED IMPROVEMENT OF NARRAGANSETT BAY WATER QUALITY.
- * AND HE HAS TAKEN A STRONG STAND TO KEEP RHODE ISLAND'S AIR BREATHABLE -- ADAMANTLY OPPOSING THE CONSTRUCTION OF COAL-FIRED POWER PLANTS AND PROMOTING STRICTER AUTOMOBILE EMISSIONS STANDARDS.
- * ED DIPRETE HAS SHOWN HOW A SEASONED, CAPABLE, AND EXPERIENCED EXECUTIVE CAN RISE TO A CHALLENGE -- WHETHER WE'RE TALKING ABOUT VISIONARY PROGRAMS FOR THE FUTURE; CONFIDENTLY LEADING A STATE THROUGH A HURRICANE; TAKING CHARGE OF A POTENTIAL DISASTER LIKE THAT TRAGIC OIL SPILL OFF NEWPORT THIS PAST JUNE; OR SKILLFULLY MANAGING THE

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STATE'S FINANCES AT A TIME WHEN OTHER NORTHEAST STATES --
AND WE NEED ONLY LOOK TO RHODE ISLAND'S NEIGHBOR TO THE
NORTH -- ARE IN FISCAL TURMOIL AND CRISIS.

* I'M PROUD TO HAVE ED DIPRETE AS A FRIEND. AND ALL RHODE
ISLANDERS OUGHT TO BE PROUD TO HAVE HIM AS THEIR GOVERNOR.

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS IF DRUG PROGRAM VISIT
IS NOT INCLUDED ON THE SCHEDULE

* GOVERNOR DIPRETE HAS TAKEN THE LEAD IN FIGHTING SUBSTANCE
ABUSE IN RHODE ISLAND: HAS DECLARED A THREE-FRONT WAR ON
ILLEGAL DRUGS -- TREATMENT, EDUCATION, AND ENFORCEMENT.

* HE HAS APPOINTED THE STATE'S FIRST CABINET-LEVEL DRUG
PROGRAM DIRECTOR; ESTABLISHED THE INTER-AGENCY TASK FORCE
ON DRUGS; CREATED THE STATE POLICE NARCOTICS SQUAD.

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November 15, 1989
11:00 a.m.
[DIPRETE] ✓

PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: GOVERNOR ED DIPRETE FUNDRAISER
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Cong. Ron Machtley (R)

Mayor Cranston
(Bush chair)

Fred Lippett - Natl Comm
Sen Chafee

Thank you, Ed, for that kind introduction. [Introductory
acknowledgements.] And let me say hello to Rhode Island's very
distinguished Congresswoman, Claudine Schneider. Claudine, I'll
stop right there with the praise, because I want to save the good
stuff for your fundraiser later tonight.

And to both Pat and Ed: {Barbara and I} thank you for
inviting us to share this evening with you and your supporters.

[[You know, Barbara gets on me for the habit I have of
inviting folks into our house, so I'm glad to see I've found a
kindred spirit -- someone who doesn't mind having a few hundred
close friends over for dinner. /// Ed, this evening is proof
that you don't know the meaning of the phrase: "Not in my
backyard." ///

Actually, I remember being here back in 1981. You had just
finished some renovations at that time. And I'm honored that --
to this day -- you still refer to what used to be your old garage
as the Bush Room.]]

It's a pleasure to be here with a man who is simply one of
the finest governors in all the 50 states. Ed has long been a

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Mike Smith

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Alexis de Tocqueville, Journey to America, London Faber, 1959, p.94

trusted advisor to me -- and to my Chief of Staff and fellow New Englander John Sununu -- ~~on matters affecting the Northeast.~~

You know, that great 19th Century French observer of American democracy, Alexis de Tocqueville, once asked an American politician to define the role of Governor -- and he got this answer: "~~The Governor is paid only twelve hundred dollars and counts for nothing.~~"

/// The Gov counts for absolutely nothing and is only paid 1200 dollars.

Well, times have changed. In our federal system, the 50 chief executives on the state level count for a great deal -- as John Sununu reminds me every day. And Rhode Island is blessed with one of the very best in Ed DiPrete.

Ed's been a trail-blazer not just for Rhode Island -- but for governors across America. I'll take just one example, education -- where our states play such a critical role. Two months ago, down at Charlottesville at the Education Summit, some of the most innovative ideas on improving our schools belonged to Ed DiPrete.

Let me mention one of them right now, an exciting idea Ed calls the Children's Crusade for higher education. Starting in 1991, each and every third grader in the state of Rhode Island is going to have the option to join the Children's Crusade -- to take part in a public-private partnership to improve our schools.

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Mike Smith
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Teachers, parents, volunteer tutors and mentors are going to work with the children in this state -- from third grade on -- to keep them in school, off drugs, and out of trouble with the law -- and to help get them ready to enter college, or the work force.

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And the Children's Crusade won't end with graduation day.

For every child who gets accepted to ~~one of Rhode Island's state~~^{colleges} universities but ~~can't afford to pay for college~~^{or wants to ~~attend~~ a job training program but can't afford it} -- the

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Children's Crusade fund will pay tuition for them.

When it comes to education, Rhode Island needs Ed DiPrete -- and I need allies like Ed in my own crusade to make all our schools the best they can be.

Education is just one example of the kind of forward-looking government that Rhode Islanders have come to count on from Ed DiPrete.

Mike Smith
Gov. press secy
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Since Ed took over as Governor, Rhode Island has gone from being a job-poor state to one of the top-ranked in the country in terms of employment. That's just one measure of the sound economic course Ed has mapped for this state. Whether it's job training, outreach to expand foreign trade, or to foster the high-tech industries of the future -- Ed DiPrete understands how to keep Rhode Island on top in the competitive business climate we'll face in the 1990s. When it comes to a strong economy -- to growing prosperity for all Rhode Islanders -- you need Ed DiPrete. And I need pro-growth Governors like him to keep this economic expansion going strong.

Smith
Smith

Ed DiPrete means proven leadership. Think back to that oil spill off Newport back in June -- the disaster that didn't happen, thanks to a rapid response by Governor DiPrete. Ed got Rhode Island's state resources mobilized and into action -- and got on the phone with John Sununu to tap federal resources in the

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clean-up effort. ~~That same day,~~ we had the Secretary of ~~the Interior~~ ~~Transportation~~ and the head of the EPA on the scene. Working together, you managed to contain the spill and prevent catastrophe in Narragansett Bay. That's a tribute to the take-charge leadership of Governor DiPrete -- leadership on the state level that I've come to count on in Washington. ✓

Smith
These past five years have been a great five years for Rhode Island -- and the difference is Ed DiPrete. Now, there's a new decade -- new challenges ahead. And there's no better leader for this great state than your Governor and my good friend: Ed DiPrete.

Mike Smith
diPrete
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Thank you. God bless you -- and God bless the great state of Rhode Island.

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

November 13, 1989

MEMORANDUM TO: CHRISS WINSTON
DAN MCGROARTY
PEGGY DOOLEY

FROM: KRISTEN GEAR *KG*

SUBJECT: RHODE ISLAND PRE-ADVANCE

Governor Ed DiPrete is holding a \$2,500/couple fundraiser on the lawn of his home in Cranston, Rhode Island, on the evening of Monday 11/20.

They are expecting a crowd of about 600 people. Tables are being set up under a tent on the side lawn of his home on Wilber Avenue. The Governor's cousin is selling most of the tickets, and may be a good source for inside jokes (Dan has his business card). Leila Mahoney is the Governor's Senior Assistant, and our contact. She worked up a summary of the top issues in the state, please see the talking points attached.

A little inside political information I picked up - the Mayor of Providence, Joe Paolino, and the Mayor of Cranston, are both unofficially contenders for the Democratic nomination for Governor. But, no scoop on the competition from within the party. Bruce Stebbins is the contact in our political office, he will be on the ground most of the week prior to the event.



Leila W. Mahoney
Senior Assistant to the Governor

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TO: Christine Geer

FROM: Leila Mahoney
Office of Governor Edward D. DiPrete

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- * HIS CREATION OF THE RHODE ISLAND PARTNERSHIP FOR SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY WILL HELP KEEP RHODE ISLAND ON THE CUTTING EDGE OF THE NEW HI-TECH INDUSTRIES OF THE FUTURE.
- * HE REMAINS COMMITTED TO IMPROVING RHODE ISLAND'S BUSINESS CLIMATE -- BECAUSE HE UNDERSTANDS THAT IT IS THE PRIVATE SECTOR WHICH IS THE GREAT ENGINE OF JOB CREATION AND PROSPERITY.
- * HIS PRO-ENVIRONMENTAL POLICIES HAVE HELPED MAKE RHODE

ISLAND A LEADER AMONG OUR MOST PROGRESSIVE ENVIRONMENTAL STATES.

- * HIS STATEWIDE RECYCLING PROGRAM IS A NATIONAL MODEL.
- * HE HAS CHAMPIONED THE DRINKING WATER PROTECTION ACT.
- * HE HAS UNDERTAKEN AN UNPRECEDENTED PROGRAM OF OPEN SPACE, SHORELINE, AND FARMLAND ACQUISITION AND PRESERVATION.
- * HE CREATED THE RHODE ISLAND ENVIRONMENTAL TRUST FUND TO ENSURE CONTINUED IMPROVEMENT OF NARRAGANSETT BAY WATER QUALITY.
- * AND HE HAS TAKEN A STRONG STAND TO KEEP RHODE ISLAND'S AIR BREATHABLE -- ADAMANTLY OPPOSING THE CONSTRUCTION OF COAL-FIRED POWER PLANTS AND PROMOTING STRICTER AUTOMOBILE EMISSIONS STANDARDS.
- * ED DIPRETE HAS SHOWN HOW A SEASONED, CAPABLE, AND EXPERIENCED EXECUTIVE CAN RISE TO A CHALLENGE -- WHETHER WE'RE TALKING ABOUT VISIONARY PROGRAMS FOR THE FUTURE; CONFIDENTLY LEADING A STATE THROUGH A HURRICANE; TAKING CHARGE OF A POTENTIAL DISASTER LIKE THAT TRAGIC OIL SPILL OFF NEWPORT THIS PAST JUNE; OR SKILLFULLY MANAGING THE

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STATE'S FINANCES AT A TIME WHEN OTHER NORTHEAST STATES -- AND WE NEED ONLY LOOK TO RHODE ISLAND'S NEIGHBOR TO THE NORTH -- ARE IN FISCAL TURMOIL AND CRISIS.

- * I'M PROUD TO HAVE ED DIPRETE AS A FRIEND. AND ALL RHODE ISLANDERS OUGHT TO BE PROUD TO HAVE HIM AS THEIR GOVERNOR.

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS IF DRUG PROGRAM VISIT
IS NOT INCLUDED ON THE SCHEDULE

- * GOVERNOR DIPRETE HAS TAKEN THE LEAD IN FIGHTING SUBSTANCE ABUSE IN RHODE ISLAND; HAS DECLARED A THREE-FRONT WAR ON ILLEGAL DRUGS -- TREATMENT, EDUCATION, AND ENFORCEMENT.
- * HE HAS APPOINTED THE STATE'S FIRST CABINET-LEVEL DRUG PROGRAM DIRECTOR; ESTABLISHED THE INTER-AGENCY TASK FORCE ON DRUGS; CREATED THE STATE POLICE NARCOTICS SQUAD.

Dan,

I forgot to include a few items in my memo to you on the DiPrete event.

1. I am recommending that we do the event on cards because it is in the Governor's backyard, and consequently a little more intimate than most fundraisers.
2. Congresswoman Schneider will introduce Governor DiPrete and the Governor will introduce the President.
3. The Drew Cochran band will be providing the entertainment for the evening. They are from Rhode Island, and they might have played for the President before.

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**DIPRETE OUTLINES COMPREHENSIVE PLAN TO CUSHION
ENVIRONMENTAL AND ECONOMIC IMPACT OF OIL TANKER DAMAGE,
CALLS FOR NATIONAL AND STATE LEGISLATION
TO PROTECT RHODE ISLAND IN THE FUTURE**

At a 5:30 p.m. news conference today, Governor Edward D. DiPrete outlined his comprehensive plan to cushion the environmental and economic impact of the recent oil tanker damage and called for national and state legislation to protect Rhode Island in the future.

"This disasterous oil spill and the resulting impact on our state's most precious natural resource can be directly linked to human error. As a state, we must now face the consequences of this oil spill, and we must ensure that this never happens again."

The Governor asked Rhode Island's Congressional delegates to amend the Disaster Relief Act of 1974 to make oil spills a

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"major disaster," thus qualifying states for federal disaster assistance programs. He also called on the Congressional delegates to introduce new legislation strengthening qualifications for oil tanker captains navigating along coastal waterways and requiring that they be licensed.

In addition, he asked the Rhode Island Small Business Loan Fund to give priority to applications from those effected by the oil spill, including the fishing and tourism industries.

The Governor said he has also directed his legal counsel and his policy staff to develop state emergency legislation which would stiffen the fines for water pollution violations and add a punitive overlay for damages.

The Governor recommended increasing the state Emergency Response Fund from \$10 million to \$15 million. The additional \$5 million would be used for scientific research and restoration, including a long-term culturing program to replenish those species of sealife devastated and a program to replenish the intertidal zone where algae is maintained. The fund would also provide low-interest emergency relief loans to fishermen, tourism industries, and unemployment assistance for workers effected by disaster.

Governor DiPrete asked for tighter state water pollution laws which would increase civil penalties to twice the clean-up cost in order that money not applied to the cleanup could create a special fund dedicated to research and relief.

The Governor's actions dovetail other initiatives he continued today in coordinating the state's response to the oil spill, including:

- Establishment of two command posts to oversee the assessment, clean-up and response efforts; one at DEM's Fort Adams office headed by Leila Mahoney, special assistant to the Governor; and another at DEM's Providence headquarters, comprised of Anna Prager, policy aide to the Governor; Josh Fenton, assistant to the director of DEM; and William Parsons, assistant director of the Department of Economic Development. Communications between the two command posts will continue to be coordinated through the Governor's Office.

- Investigation of financial assistance programs to impacted local communities and to the area's fishermen.

- Wrote to U.S. Secretary of Transportation Skinner to direct the Coast Guard to reconsider the status of Brenton light tower.

- Seek enforcement of existing federal regulations to route sea-going through traffic south of Block Island.

- Investigate altering federal sea lane access to Narragansett Bay further away from Brenton Reef.

- Seek a federal Small Business Administration Declaration to provide assistance to effected small business owners by writing a Certificate of Economic Inquiry, stating the small businesses substantially harmed by the spill be compensated.

- Ask the National Governors Association to convene a meeting of governors of those states affected by recent oil spills and of coastal states with the potential for oil spill disasters.

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**DIPRETE MEETS WITH PRESIDENT BUSH,
RETURNS WITH MESSAGE TO RHODE ISLANDERS**

Returning from Washington, D.C., this morning, Governor Edward D. DiPrete announced that President Bush has determined that reimbursement of all necessary out-of-pocket state expenses associated with the oil spill clean up will be provided for under federal statutes. The President has directed the Commandant of the Coast Guard to work directly with the Governor's office in ascertaining what these expenses are, and the Governor said he advised the President's staff that the reimbursement claim could approximate \$1 million.

The Governor met with the President in conjunction with a state dinner honoring Australian Prime Minister R.J.L. Hawke last night. The Governor was seated at a table with

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President Bush, Mrs. Hawke and several other guests.

The Governor said the President's latest determination on Rhode Island's oil spill follows the White Houses's ongoing attention to the matter. "The President has been personally involved since last Friday night in assuring that Rhode Island be furnished with all the federal resources necessary to respond to the oil spill emergency," said the Governor. "The President personally ordered that the federal government provide all necessary financial and personnel help for the oil spill clean up."

In commenting on the President's reactions to the response effort, the Governor said, "President Bush said everyone in the state should be commended for doing an outstanding job moving quickly and effectively in dealing with the incident," said the Governor. "I most certainly concur with the President's observation, and I want to express my deepest appreciation to everyone involved in the clean up effort."

The Governor gave special recognition to the U.S. Coast Guard, particularly Admiral Rybacki and Captain Williams. He also praised the National Guard, state workers, inmates

from the prison, fishermen, and all who gave of their time and efforts.

Robert Bendick, director of the state's Department of Environmental Management, was singled out by the Governor for special commendation. Said the Governor: "Bob Bendick's has worked around-the-clock to ensure the most comprehensive and expedient response to this environmental disaster. All Rhode Islanders should long remember his dedicated service to his fellow citizens and to the future quality of life in Narragansett Bay."

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DIPRETE ADDRESSES JOINT CONGRESS-GOVERNORS'
"SUMMIT MEETING" ON COASTAL PROTECTION

At the U.S. Capitol in Washington, D.C., today, Governor Edward D. DiPrete joined a select group of governors and members of Congress in a meeting to develop a common agenda for protecting and preserving the nation's coastal waters. At a news conference following the session, Governor DiPrete joined the other participants in announcing their Coastal Protection Agenda, a congressional/state action plan for the nation's coasts.

"Our economy, culture and our very survival depend on our ability to preserve and protect this valuable resource," said the governors and legislators in their statement.

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"Polluted waters, contaminated sediments, closed shellfishing beds, and the explosion of coastal development are problems we all face," they continued.

Governor DiPrete was invited to participate in the coastal waters meeting as one of the few governors and U.S. senators or representatives who have initiated or sponsored state or national coastal legislation. The meeting was co-sponsored by Senator George J. Mitchell, majority leader, U.S. Senate, a major sponsor of coastal legislation, and Maryland Governor William D. Schaefer, chairman, National Governors' Association (NGA) Coastal Protection Task Force.

The purpose of the meeting was to begin a strong partnership between Congress and the states on coastal protection. Participants discussed specific elements common to NGA policy and Congressional legislation including:

- Identifying pristine and degraded coastal waters and the strategies needed to protect and restore them.
- Strengthening water quality standards for marine waters.
- Developing marine toxic criteria.
- Developing new programs to address the problems of combined sewer overflows.

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- Requiring improved monitoring coordination among federal agencies and the states.

- Concentrating on the water quality implications of land use.

- Adopting new funding sources to accommodate new and existing programs.

The meeting also dealt with habitat protection, nutrient pollution, wastewater treatment, the Clean Air Act, metal and organic toxics, air emissions, ocean dumping, monitoring, research, public education and involvement, oil spill liability, and enforcement.

Commenting upon the meeting, Governor DiPrete cited several of Rhode Island's initiatives for coastal and ocean protection. He hailed the land acquisition bonds of 1985, 1986, 1987, and 1989, which were successfully implemented with state, local, foundation, and nonprofit cooperation, and the University of Rhode Island's School of Oceanography for its extensive research on coastal waters.

"The state can take pride in its Comprehensive Planning Act of 1987," said the Governor, "requiring all communities to develop comprehensive plans taking into account any coastal features and concerns."

The Governor also stressed Rhode Island's enforcement policies. Rhode Island has strict marine fisheries' laws, including strong penalties for illegal shellfishing.

"Rhode Island has a well-established oil spill contingency plan which proved successful in the recent World Prodigy oil spill," concluded the Governor. "Earlier this month, I signed legislation for a bond issue which will include another \$9 million for the Emergency Response Fund to clean up hazardous wastes."

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DIPRETE ADDRESSES COUNCIL OF STATE GOVERNMENTS
EASTERN REGIONAL CONFERENCE

Governor Edward D. DiPrete today addressed The Council of State Government's Annual Eastern Regional Conference, held at the Newport Marriott Hotel. The Governor discussed the new Coastal Agenda signed by governors and members of congress from coastal states at a meeting in the U.S. Capitol in Washington, D.C., on Monday, July 24.

The Governor said: "I am very gratified to see the renewed emphasis we Americans are now placing on environmental protection. From the White House to Congress, to the state houses and right on down to the local level, there's an understanding that we have to do more to protect our planet."

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Governor DiPrete described the main goals of the congressional-state action agenda to protect and preserve the nation's coasts:

- Strengthening research on coastal waters,
- Controlling the flow of industrial and municipal discharges of toxics and nutrients into such waters,
- Prevention of sediment contamination,
- Creation of more effective programs for dealing with oil spills, and
- Protection of wildlife habitats.

The Governor described steps which federal and state legislators should take to protect the nation's coasts. "We've got to move toward stricter licensing and regulation of ship pilots," he recommended. "We ought to require double hulls on tankers. We need to enforce existing sea lane regulations more strictly. We need stiffer penalties on polluters. Emergency response plans must be put in place in all states with navigable waterways."

In concluding his remarks, the Governor said: "Organizations like The Council of State Governments have an important role to play. I'm confident that all of you will be able to come away from here with some new ideas on how best to address these growing environmental concerns."

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The Council of State Governments is a nonprofit, nonpartisan agency to assist state leaders in all branches of government to be more effective decision makers, to improve the operations of state governments, and to strengthen the state role in the federal system.

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EDITOR: Note attached copy of "Congressional-State Action Agenda to Protect and Preserve Our Coasts."

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**CONGRESSIONAL--STATE ACTION AGENDA
TO PROTECT AND PRESERVE OUR COASTS**

From our coastal waters come food for our table, recreational opportunities, and employment for many coastal residents. Our economy, culture and our very survival depend on our ability to preserve and protect this valuable resource.

Our coastal waters and the Great Lakes are in jeopardy. They have fallen victim to a variety of unwanted by-products of modern society -- toxic pollutants from industrial facilities and municipal sewage treatment plants; pesticides and heavy metals carried by runoff from farms and city streets; nitrogen and sulfur deposits carried by polluted air; contaminated sediments that poison the bottoms of bays and harbors; and the steady development of coastal areas which threatens vital habitat.

For centuries, we have seen the oceans as vast and limitless. But continued pollution is taking a heavy toll. Litter, waste, and oil desecrate our shores and foul our waters. Our coastal waters are the dumping ground for over 6 trillion gallons of sewage and industrial wastes. It is a daily assault on our waters thousands of times greater than the recent oil spill in Alaska.

These pollution problems are not limited to one coast or region. Polluted waters, contaminated sediments, closed shellfish beds, and the explosion of coastal development are problems we all face.

Each of us is separately pursuing legislation, policies and programs to better protect the coastal environment. In recent years, Congress has enacted major new coastal protection statutes, including the Clean Water Act amendments and the Ocean Dumping Ban Act. The States have developed innovative and aggressive programs to improve coastal protection, including programs to cut nutrient pollution, educate the public, and restore vital habitat.

Congress is now considering several major legislative proposals to expand and strengthen marine research and protection programs. The State Governors are building on recent accomplishments and have developed a coastal protection policy. These efforts are intended to provide a long-term, comprehensive response to coastal pollution problems.

We are working to build a stronger Congressional/State partnership to support and foster these coastal protection initiatives. This Coastal Protection Agenda is a statement of our commitment to coastal protection and our determination to provide the protection our coastal waters deserve. Specifically, we look to the following goals to protect this vital resource --

1) Create an Environmental Ethic

- Federal and State policies must reflect the need for strengthened environmental protection.
- Education and public participation must be strengthened to show how everyone can participate in the solution to coastal pollution problems.

2) Strengthen Research and Monitoring of Coastal Waters

- New regional research and monitoring must be conducted to provide essential information on the health of coastal ecosystems.
- Information sharing among all levels of government and with research institutions must be improved to give all decision-makers the tools they need to restore coastal waters.

3) Reduce Coastal Nutrient and Toxic Pollution

- New policies must be established to better control industrial and municipal discharges of toxics and nutrients.
- Enforcement and compliance with existing laws must be improved.
- The Clean Air Act must be reauthorized and expanded to better control airborne deposition of pollutants in coastal waters.

4) Protect Marine and Coastal Sediment Quality

- New efforts are needed to identify toxic contaminants in marine and Great Lakes sediments, to address these pollution problems, and to prevent future sediment contamination.

5) Expand Authority for Oil Spill Prevention and Response

- The recent oil spill in Alaska is dramatic evidence of the need for more effective programs for preventing and responding to major oil spills.
- The Federal government and State governments must improve programs to prevent and respond to major oil spills.

6) Protect Coastal Habitat

- Coastal areas and wetlands, which provide habitat to fish, birds, and mammals, are essential to a healthy marine environment and are under ever-increasing pressure.
- New policies to protect coastal lands and preserve vital habitat must be instituted.

7) Assure Adequate Funding for State and Federal Coastal Programs

- Creative ways to meet the funding needs of increased coastal protection must be found.

The continued degradation of our coastal waters is not inevitable. We must take steps now to assure that our children inherit a legacy of clean, bountiful, living coastal waters.

We Governors will take this Coastal Agenda to the citizens of our States and our fellow Governors. We in Congress will take the Coastal Agenda to our constituents and our colleagues.

To P.D.

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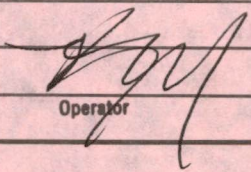
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KEYWORD: RHODE ISLAND OIL SPILL LESS SERIOUS THAN FEARED

BODY:

PROVIDENCE, R.I., June 27 /PRN/ -- Thanks to an unprecedented and organized cleanup effort and a large assist from Mother Nature, the State of Rhode Island has recovered quickly from the oil spill which took place off its southern coast on Friday, June 23. The spill was caused by the grounding of the Greek tanker World Prodigy on Brenton Reef near Newport, R.I.

Three consecutive days of bright sunlight and warm temperatures have evaporated approximately 85 percent of the oil from the spill, according to Coast Guard officials.

Rhode Island beaches in Upper Narragansett Bay, originally closed for precautionary reasons, were reopened yesterday. According to officials from the state Department of Environmental Management, all Newport beaches, many South County beaches and other oceanfront beaches are open. DEM officials expect that most beaches in the state will be open for swimming by the upcoming holiday weekend.

"Fortunately, the spill was nowhere near as bad as it could have been and, thankfully, it was home heating oil which evaporates quickly, instead of the heavy crude oil that was spilled in Alaska," said Henry W. Fazzano, director of economic development for the state. "The Coast Guard now believes that only 420,000 gallons of oil were spilled as opposed to the original estimate of 1.6 million gallons we received on Friday."

Fazzano praised the cleanup effort which included federal and state officials, members of leading public and private environmental organizations, the Coast Guard, the Rhode Island National Guard and even inmates from the state correctional institution.

"I understand that Captain Eric Williams of the U.S. Coast Guard has been responsible for coordinating much of the cleanup effort, and I know that Governor DiPrete is deeply indebted to him and to everyone else who has had a hand in helping us recover so quickly. They have done a superb job," Fazzano said.

"The response has been swift, well organized and extremely effective," agreed David C. DePetrillo, director of tourism for Rhode Island. "Most visitors to the area have had their beach vacations interrupted by two days at the most. Since there is so much to do in Rhode Island and it is so easy to get around here, many vacationers have taken in the inland sights for a day or two and are now heading back to the beaches."

In Newport and the South County region, two of Rhode Island's major tourist areas, hotels and inns reported few, if any,

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cancellations. Rooms that were cancelled in the first day or two were quickly snapped up by media and participants in the cleanup effort.

'With some continued assistance from Mother Nature, we'll have a normal, hot and bustling Fourth of July,' DePetrillo said.

For complete information on the status of beaches in Rhode Island, travelers can call the Rhode Island Department of Economic Development's Division of Tourism & Promotion at 1-800-556-2484.

Specific regional information is available from the Newport County Convention & Visitors Bureau at 1-800-458-4843 and the South County Tourism Council at 1-800-548-4662.

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HEADLINE: THREE MAJOR OIL SPILLS HIT U.S. WITHIN 13 HOURS

BYLINE: By BOB DROGIN and WILLIAM J. EATON, Times Staff Writers

DATELINE: NEWPORT, R.I.

BODY:

Major oil spills threatened Rhode Island, Delaware and Texas on Saturday after three shipping accidents in just over 12 hours unleashed an estimated 2.55 million gallons of oil.

The extraordinary sequence of events began Friday afternoon in Narragansett Bay, not far from fashionable Newport, when the Greek-registered tanker World Prodigy ran aground on Brenton Reef, tearing holes in the vessel and releasing up to 1.5 million gallons of light heating oil into the bay, the Coast Guard said.

800,000 Gallons

About 12 hours later, as much as 800,000 gallons of oil -- heavy No. 6 crude -- oozed into the Delaware River after the Uruguayan-registered Presidente Rivera ran aground near the town of Claymont, upriver from Wilmington.

Sandwiched between those huge spills was the estimated loss of 250,000 gallons of heavy crude oil that dumped into the Houston Ship Channel near La Porte, Tex., late Friday when a tug-driven barge was punctured and lost its load after colliding with a Panamanian-registered tanker.

Unlike the situation in Valdez, Alaska, where 11 million gallons of crude oil were spilled in the grounding of the Exxon Valdez on March 24, government and environmental workers moved quickly in an effort to combat all three spills.

The White House, which had been criticized for its slow response to the Alaska disaster, dispatched William K. Reilly, administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, and Manuel Lujan Jr., secretary of the Interior, to survey the scene here shortly after midnight, only hours after the 4:30 p.m. accident.

By Saturday, emergency crews in New England were working to prevent major environmental damage, but ribbons of heating oil befouled 20 beaches and coves in Rhode Island Sound during the day, forcing officials to close beaches and shellfishing beds.

Hundreds of workers scrambled to clean the flood of No. 2 oil that poured from the 560-foot Greek tanker after it hit a reef marked by an 87-foot light tower only a mile from this famed resort town.

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Criminal, Civil Charges

State officials said they expect to file criminal and civil charges against Iakova Georgudis, the captain of the World Prodigy, and the ship's Athens-based owner.

Rhode Island Gov. Edward DiPrete said the tanker had entered the busy Narragansett Bay harbor without a pilot, in violation of state law. He told reporters the captain "acknowledged an error in course adjustment" while turning the tanker.

"He said, 'I made a mistake,' " DiPrete said after interviewing the captain. "I said, 'A very serious mistake and a lot of people are paying for it.' "

Georgudis showed no signs of being under the influence of alcohol or drugs when questioned by officials, a Coast Guard spokeswoman said in Boston.

Crews moved to surround the ship with about 3,000 feet of booms. Other absorbent booms were set to protect sensitive salt marshes and coves on Narragansett Bay. Crews used dozens of trucks and boats to skim pools of oil from the water.

Complaints of Fumes

Tourists who flock here to visit the 70-room summer "cottages" of John Jacob Astor and Cornelius Vanderbilt instead took pictures of the crippled tanker. Many complained of the noxious fumes that permeated the town Friday night, but every Newport hotel was full Saturday night.

Officials said the spill was far less serious than the one off Valdez three months ago that killed thousands of birds and other wildlife and fouled hundreds of miles of coastline with a heavier type of oil.

Affected beaches here were not blackened, but had a thin, oily sheen near the water's edge. More important, the No. 2 oil floats on the surface and evaporates quickly.

"This oil is very much like gasoline," said Coast Guard Chief Warrant Officer Rick Meidt. "The scientists say 80% to 90% will evaporate within three days."

'Disappears Rapidly'

Gary Ott, a federal science support coordinator, said the oil would evaporate as it washed in and out of the bay on the tide. He said the oil is "much more toxic" than in the Alaskan spill, but "fortunately it disappears incredibly rapidly."

"The best thing that could happen now is a couple of days of hot sun to help it evaporate, and then heavy rains to break up the rest," he said.

Trude Coxe, head of the Save the Bay environmental group, said she knew of only one oil-fouled bird. "It could be a lot worse," she said. "Because the Coast Guard moved so quickly, they prevented this from being a real disaster."

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Gov. DiPrete said the state was using 250 state employees and 120 inmates from the state prison to help clean up. He also ordered a part mobilization of about 200 members of the Rhode Island National Guard.

Industrial Area

A spill of similar proportions hit the Delaware River off Claymont, Del., early Saturday morning in an industrial area where many oil refineries and chemical plants line the river banks. The Coast Guard had estimated the spill as large as 1.6 million gallons, but later lowered the figure.

The oil, moving with the tide, stretched for 15 miles along the Delaware shore. Because it was No. 6 oil, used for industrial heating, it solidified into globs and began to sink below the surface, rather than forming a slick.

Two private contractors were hired by the ship's owners to contain the spill and remove the oil from the water. By midday Saturday, there were nine vessels involved in the cleanup, the ship was surrounded by oil booms and its remaining cargo of oil was being transferred to barges.

"The fortunate thing is that this oil is not toxic and is not soluble in water," said James Weakley, a marine safety officer at Coast Guard headquarters in Philadelphia. "The impact on fish and shellfish will be minimal. There is some risk to waterfowl if they get entangled with the oil globs."

Investigation Starts

The Presidente Rivera went aground in the Delaware River at 4:46 a.m. A river pilot aboard the vessel notified the Coast Guard of the accident. An investigation was launched by the Coast Guard to determine why the 749-foot tanker, carrying about 18 million gallons of oil to Sun Co., at Marcus Hook, Pa., south of Philadelphia, strayed from the shipping lane and went aground, Weakley said.

It was the fourth major spill in the Delaware River area since 1985, the Coast Guard spokesman added.

The third spill, which temporarily closed the busy Houston Ship Channel, occurred at 6:20 p.m. Friday when a barge loaded with 6,000 barrels of crude oil collided with the Panamanian-registered tanker Rachel-B near Houston. The channel connects Galveston Bay and Houston.

Coast Guard Chief Mark Kennedy said favorable winds pushed most of a two-mile-long oil slick into the ship channel, which was making cleanup efforts easier. Some oil washed up on a little-used beach in the La Porte industrial area, he said.

'Not Pristine'

"It is not a pristine area," he said.

Lois Epstein, an environmental engineer with the Environmental Defense Fund in Washington, said she was not surprised by the rising number of oil spills since the total use of oil and transportation of oil were rising rapidly.

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"An analogy would be that if there are more cars on the road, driving more miles, you're going to have more (auto) accidents," she said. Bob Drogin reported from Newport, R.I., and William J. Eaton reported from Washington. Staff writer J. Michael Kennedy in Houston also contributed to this story.

GRAPHIC: Photo, COLOR, Oil leaked by Greek tanker discolors the water lapping against rocky shoreline in Jamestown, R.I. ; Map, Three Places Where Oil Spilled, Victor Kotowitz / Los Angeles Times; Photo, (Southland Edition) Oil swirls around a Greek tanker that began leaking its cargo after hitting a reef near Newport, R.I. Associated Press

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BODY:

Tanker accidents near Philadelphia and Newport, R.I., spread hundreds of thousands of gallons of oil into the Delaware River and Narragansett Bay yesterday.

Near Claymont, Del., a Uruguayan tanker ran aground early yesterday morning, spilling a large but undetermined amount of heavy industrial oil just south of the ship's destination at Marcus Hook, Pa.

A Coast Guard spokesman estimated that 800,000 gallons to 1.6 million gallons of oil spilled into the Delaware River.

"Right now the amount is about 800,000 gallons, but we're operating as if 1.6 million spilled," said Petty Officer Gene Alpin of the Coast Guard's Marine Safety Office in Philadelphia. "We may wake up in the morning and find it's 1.6 million. The ship's still leaking."

Oil Spreads 20 Miles

In Newport, a thinner but highly toxic oil that spilled when a Greek tanker hit a reef just off the famous old resort Friday had spread as far as 20 miles north, endangering the rich marine resources of Narragansett Bay and fouling beaches as the height of the tourist season approaches.

Government officials termed the Rhode Island spill very serious, saying that perhaps as much as a million gallons had spilled and that the cleanup would take weeks. Beaches were closed, shellfishing restricted and boating discouraged.

It was not clear how seriously the accident would disrupt tourism. Restaurant and hotel owners said they had few cancellations, including reservations for the July 4 weekend, and Stephen Devine, manager of the Clarke Cooke House, a restaurant in Newport, said tourists were still flocking to Newport's stores and restaurants. "No one's leaving," Mr. Devine said. "They're going shopping."

Federal officials placed blame for the accident on the captain of the tanker, the World Prodigy, and said the Justice Department was looking into the accident. Rhode Island was also considering criminal action, and the Coast Guard and National Transportation and Safety Board were investigating as well.

The Ballard Shipping Company of Athens, which owns the ship, told the Coast Guard that it would assume the costs of the cleanup, a Coast Guard official said.

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In a third oil spill in a 24-hour period, 6,000 barrels of crude oil poured into Galveston Bay after a barge collided with a Panamanian freighter Friday night.

In the Delaware River accident, Coast Guard officials said the ship Presidente Rivera strayed from the channel about 4:45 A.M. yesterday and hit a rock on the bottom.

Todd Nelson, a Coast Guard spokesman, said the 749-foot tanker carried 18 million gallons of No. 6 industrial heating oil, a much heavier grade than the No. 2 oil lost in Rhode Island. He said the Uruguayan crew took soundings of their tanks and provided the estimate of the amount lost, which was much higher than the Coast Guard's original estimate of 175,000 gallons.

Cause, Extent Both in Doubt

'At this point we don't know what caused the ship to run aground,' said Petty Officer Tom Welch, also with the Coast Guard's Marine Safety Office in Philadelphia. 'We're just trying to concentrate on getting as much oil as we can pumped out of the ship and onto barges.'

The spill did not create an oil slick. Rather, the oil came to the surface in blobs. Mr. Nelson said that by nightfall blobs 3 to 6 feet in diameter were downriver as far as 10 miles south of Wilmington, which is about five miles below the accident site. Smaller, football-size blobs floated up the river, pushed by the tide, as far as 10 miles north.

Many of the blobs reached the land on the Delaware side, where the riverbank is industrial in some sections of the 20-mile stretch and environmentally sensitive in others.

'We fear that it will be only a matter of time before we get reports of damage to shore birds and other wildlife,' Mr. Nelson said. In Rhode Island, a 'Blunder'

In Rhode Island, Gov. Edward D. DiPrete said Iakovos Georgudis, the captain of the Greek tanker that ran aground there, had admitted to him that he made two mistakes: not getting a pilot to guide him through unfamiliar waters and making a faulty course correction that grounded his ship on Brenton Reef.

'He knew he had pulled a major blunder,' said the Governor, who talked with the captain Friday night.

One question that remained unanswered yesterday was why the tanker captain failed to request a pilot before approaching the entrance to the bay. This was only the captain's second voyage here, Governor DiPrete said. Pilots, who are experienced state-licensed mariners, are required by state regulation to be aboard by the time a vessel reaches Brenton Reef Light Tower, about two miles from the closest point to shore.

The point where the ship struck the reef is slightly less than a mile from the nearest land.

There was no immediate evidence that drugs or alcohol were involved in the accident, Capt. Eric Williams, the Coast Guard official in charge of the

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cleanup, said. The tanker captain had a urinalysis Friday night and blood samples were taken this morning, he said. No results were announced yesterday.

Effort to Remove Oil

As Government scientists assessed the effect of the spill on the environment, the Coast Guard, a private contracting company and the ship's crew worked to unload the oil that remained aboard the 531-foot tanker into two barges that flanked the vessel. That process might be concluded in 48 hours, the Coast Guard said.

Alan S. McKim, president of Clean Harbors Inc., the cleanup contracting company, said the Greek crew members were "excellent people to work with."

"They are very cooperative," he said. "They have been up as many hours as we have. They're very sad about what happened and are showing a lot of remorse, particularly the first mate."

At the same time, efforts were under way to contain the floating oil. In addition to Mr. McKim's company, Governor DiPrete mobilized the Rhode Island National Guard and said 200 members would be called on to help. By yesterday afternoon, several hundred people were working on the effort, including state prison inmates.

Leaking Stopped

The leakage of oil from the ship had been stopped by 2 A.M. yesterday. It was not clear how much had spilled into the water since the tanker struck the reef at about 4:30 P.M. Friday. Coast Guard officials said that the nine ruptured tanks could hold 1.6 million gallons but that divers reported a good deal of oil still inside them. The tanker's capacity is 8.1 million gallons, or 195,000 barrels.

Several officials of the Bush Administration arrived at Newport for a firsthand look soon after the spill, clearly eager to draw a contrast with the much-criticized response to the Exxon Valdez disaster in Alaska in March.

Among them were Manuel Lujan Jr., Secretary of the Interior; William K. Reilly, Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, and Richard Breeden, an assistant to President Bush. Mr. Breeden said the President was "very seriously concerned" about the spill and that "every resource of the Federal Government" was being made available.

The Federal officials praised the Coast Guard for a fast response to the accident. But Mr. Reilly said the available technology was incapable of dealing with a big ocean spill.

More Toxic Than Crude Oil

The sheen of No. 2 fuel oil, the kind used for home heating, is far thinner than the crude oil that spilled in Alaska, but refined oil is more toxic than crude oil. The fuel is relatively light, tends to evaporate readily and does not cling to the shore like gummy crude oil. But it also dissolves more readily, endangering marine life, and is hard to contain with booms or to skim from the water.

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Federal environmental officials said they did not believe they would use chemical agents to break up the oil because the chemicals would do additional damage to the environment.

The Coast Guard, which has a station in Newport, assumed Federal control of the situation at 6:45 P.M. Friday, about two hours after it first heard from the ship's skipper, said Captain Williams.

Deploying the Booms

Joshua N. Fenton, the assistant to the director of the Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management, said about 30 crews of 15 workers each were sent to vulnerable areas of bay yesterday morning. Mr. Fenton said booms could not be deployed Friday because the oil could not be seen or the extent of the spill determined in darkness.

The strategy in placing the booms was to have some teams cruise along the shore, ready to react if the oil moved in their direction, and other crews work to protect particularly vulnerable coves, beaches and islands.

Slick: 5 Miles a Side

Shortly after the Coast Guard assumed control, Captain Williams said, a small containment boom was placed around the vessel to try to contain the oil. A second boom was floated at about 10 P.M., he said. But by then, oil had spread in a slick measuring five miles on a side.

Mr. McKim's environmental concern, from Quincy, Mass., was called in immediately, and by 7 P.M., a crew was on hand, said Bill Geary, a company spokesman.

The World Prodigy was en route to the Port of Providence, at the head of Narragansett Bay, to deliver its cargo. The tanker, described by the Coast Guard as small, is one of about 170 that annually make their way through the bay to the port. The tanker, with a crew of 28, apparently began its journey in Bulgaria.

By yesterday afternoon, a major concentration of oil had reached Newport Bridge, the two-mile span that connects Newport and Jamestown, about four miles from where the tanker hit the reef. But Coast Guard officials said some oil had been sighted as far north as Patience Island, the site of a national estuarine sanctuary, 20 miles from the tanker.

Fragile Marshes

Booms had been placed in coves throughout the bay to protect fragile marshes. Narragansett Bay is a spawning and breeding ground for many species, including lobsters, which were said to be in particular risk because the eggs they have recently shed float near the water's surface.

In the salt marshes and intertidal areas of the bay, vulnerable young tautog, scup and winter flounder - Rhode Island's three most important commercial fish - also are swimming or spawning at or near the surface.

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The tautogs alone account for \$15 million a year in sales and 2,000 to 3,000 jobs, said David V. Borden, the deputy chief of Marine Fisheries for Rhode Island. Altogether, the state's fishing industry has 8,000 to 9,000 employees.

'This is part of a critical period for shore species,' Mr. Borden said. 'The key is what happens over the next couple of days.'

From the air, the oil looked like a sheen on the water, with shimmering rainbow colors. Where oil concentration was worst, the water was opaque.

Administration officials who observed the slick yesterday morning from a Coast Guard helicopter remarked on the intense smell. But the smell, which was like diesel fuel, was not as noticeable on the land, unlike Friday night when it pervaded Newport.

Consortium Works on Delaware

In the Delaware accident, the tanker went aground just a few miles short of its destination, the refinery of the Sun Company Inc., at Marcus Hook, Pa.

Sun, which makes Sunoco products, called in a consortium of seven oil companies with plants on the river to aid in the cleanup. The consortium was formed to act in spill emergencies.

The Presidente Rivera is owned by Comando General de la Armada Servicio de Buppes Auxiliaries Uruguayan.

The Coast Guard could not estimate how long the cleanup would take. Lieut. James Weakley of the Coast Guard Marine Safety Office said the service would coordinate the cleanup with help from three states and Federal officials, but that the tanker's owner would be responsible for the expense.

Lieutenant Weakley said booms had been placed in the water to block the oil from entering streams and marshes in New Jersey and Delaware.

GRAPHIC: photos of the tanker World Prodigy (AP) (pg. 1 & 23A); maps of sites of oil spills on east coast (pg. 23A)

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Authorities, mindful of the lesson of the Exxon Valdez, rushed Sunday to skim oil and protect shorelines and wildlife near three major oil spills -- in the Delaware River, the Atlantic Ocean off Newport, R.I., and a channel near Houston.

Substantial success was reported in the cleanup of the Rhode Island and Texas spills, but a 20-mile-long oil spill in the Delaware River frustrated Coast Guard crews as the thick, molasses-like oil clogged vacuum equipment typically used to clean such spills.

The clogged equipment forced emergency response crews to gather up the globules, as large as footballs, with pitchforks and other tools available.

The 800,000 gallons of industrial heating oil, spilled from a Uruguayan tanker early Saturday, washed up on shorelines in Pennsylvania and Delaware, threatening birds that feed in the river, officials said.

'We continue to be outraged by the continual oil spills we see not just here but around the country,' said Pennsylvania Gov. Robert Casey at a news conference following a helicopter tour of the river.

Delaware Gov. Michael Castle, who also toured the river by helicopter, said he called in the National Guard to help with the cleanup.

With each oil spill, officials said the cleanup was prompt and well organized, an apparent lesson gained from the widely criticized response to the Exxon Valdez oil spill in Alaska last March.

In Rhode Island, the Coast Guard said most of the light bunker oil that spilled when a Greek tanker hit a reef off Newport Friday had evaporated. Officials also lowered their estimate of the spill size to 420,000 gallons, as some 600 people worked to clean beach areas.

Adm. Richard I. Rybacki, commander of the Coast Guard First District, said his crews removed 90,000 barrels of No. 2 home heating oil from the tanker, at a rate of 3,000 barrels per hour, and had filled two barges.

Officials said most of the kerosene was drifting south and west toward Block Island, a dozen miles off the coast. Gov. Edward DiPrete ordered the state's southwestern beaches closed. Beaches away from the slick reopened Sunday.

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Despite the quick cleanup response, Rhode Island officials said they have already found environmental damage to shorelines, birds, young lobsters and fish eggs.

In Texas, more than 250,000 gallons of thick No. 6 oil that spilled from a ruptured barge in the Houston Ship Channel Friday evening was flowing into the Bayport Ship Channel and directly into vacuum trucks, making for an easy cleanup, the Coast Guard said.

The barge ruptured when it collided with a Panamanian tanker some 40 miles downstream from Houston.

'Right now we've collected 1,300 barrels. The initial spill was 6,000,' Petty Officer Bob Morehead said. 'As oil spills go, this one couldn't have worked out any better for anybody.'

The 749-foot Presidente Rivera that ruptured in the Delaware River was refloated Sunday and towed to the Sun Oil Refinery in Marcus Hook, Pa.

The tanker was carrying about 19 million gallons of oil to the refinery when its hull ruptured after the ship ran aground in a tidal area near Claymont, Del.

The 20-mile-long spill showed up on the shoreline between Chester, Pa. and New Castle, Del., and penetrated the marshes where waterfowl feed and take refuge, officials said.

'There are small softball to football size globs of oil contaminating the shoreline in some areas,' Coast Guard spokesman Todd Nelson said. 'The oil is very thick and gooey and it's going to cause all kinds of problems for the birds who encounter it.'

The Coast Guard had already received unconfirmed reports of oil-covered birds in the Chester area, Nelson said.

In Rhode Island the Coast Guard, which initially estimated 1 million gallons of No. 2 heating oil had spilled Friday night from the tanker World Prodigy, Sunday said the oil was thinner than originally believed and revised the estimate to 420,000 gallons, saying 70 percent of it had evaporated.

'It's looking better than it did (Saturday) and that's better than it did Friday night,' when the 560-foot tanker, carrying 8.2 million gallons of kerosene, was accidentally steered into Brenton Reef southwest of Newport, said Coast Guard Petty Officer Ellen Harrington.

Attorney General James E. O'Neil boarded the tanker Saturday night and gave subpoenas to the captain and three other crew members who were on the bridge at the time of the accident. O'Neil said he will convene a grand jury this week to investigate possible criminal and civil charges against Capt. Iakovos Georgudis, who admitted he 'made a mistake' in not using a local pilot as required by state law.

The Coast Guard said there was no suspicion of drug or alcohol use.

More than 600 National Guardsmen, prison inmates, private contractors and volunteers cleaned beaches Sunday, and containment booms remained around the

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disabled tanker and across the mouths of coves and marshes.

The Coast Guard's optimistic estimates, however, were contradicted by Malcolm Spaulding of the University of Rhode Island, whose private consulting company has been involved in the Exxon Valdez spill cleanup.

Spaulding said about 73 percent of the heating oil will not evaporate and will instead remain in the water and beaches. He and other URI researchers said that while the crude oil spill in Alaska was far more difficult to clean up, the oil spilled by the World Prodigy is far more toxic to marine life.

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HEADLINE: Rhode Island Offers Scholarship Plan for Poor

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Rhode Island will offer full state-college scholarships for low-income pupils under a sweeping plan that will also provide academic help to pupils from the third grade through high school, Gov. Edward D. DiPrete says.

In return, students and parents signing up for the plan, called the Rhode Island Children's Crusade, must allow state monitoring of report cards, shun drugs and early pregnancy and obey the law. The only academic requirement is that they do not fail courses.

The planned \$50 million program, which is contingent on raising \$10 million from businesses, foundations and schools, was announced Thursday. It would involve as many as 10,000 third graders a year beginning in 1991 and continuing through 2000.

Pupils would be tutored and paired with mentors throughout elementary and high school. Top performers would receive summer jobs where they could serve as role models.

'We really feel that if the program is successful, we may have made a fundamental change in certain patterns' that contribute to students' dropping out, said Americo W. Petrocelli, the state's higher-education commissioner, who designed the program.

The program was also approved Thursday by the State Board of Governors for Higher Education.

Businesses, foundations and schools will be asked to contribute the initial \$10 million to a foundation to start the program by September 1991. The state would be expected to contribute \$3.2 million a year, bringing the fund, with interest, to about \$50 million after 10 years, an aide to the Governor said.

Governor DiPrete also said he would be 'knocking on the door of the White House' to at least match the state's contribution.

The Rhode Island plan seeks to cut the dropout rate among poor students in half, to 25 percent. An estimated 1,200 of the students who finish the program each year would attend college and 1,200 would go on to jobs or other training programs, said Leila Mahoney, Mr. DiPrete's senior assistant, who is in charge of raising money for the program.

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The New York State Legislature passed a Liberty Scholarships plan last year for lower-income students accepted at public or private New York colleges. Louisiana also has a scholarship program for some low- and moderate-income students.

But Rhode Island's program would go further, by enrolling students at an early age and giving them educational and social help, Ms. Mahoney said.

Any third grader could enroll, but the program is aimed at about 3,200 who receive subsidized hot lunches at school or whose families receive food stamps, Ms. Mahoney said.

Governor DiPrete said students who ran into legal problems or became pregnant should be given a chance to get back into the program if they showed willingness to continue their studies.

But there is some doubt about whether the parents will be quick to sign their children up.

'I don't think the parents that don't care, that they're going to even bother with this,' said Jessica Ley, 12 years old, who is a tutor in one of this city's poorest neighborhoods. 'Some parents don't care, and I have a few friends who have parents like that.'

When told of the comment, Mr. DiPrete said: 'I'm not so sure. I think they might say: 'Thank God. Give us a hand.' '

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HEADLINE: Tuition plan says no to drugs and pregnancy

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DATELINE: PROVIDENCE, R.I.

BODY:

Just say no to drugs and pregnancy and Rhode Island will say yes to full college scholarships for low-income students, Gov. Edward DiPrete announced Thursday.

The \$50 million program approved by the state Board of Governors for Higher Education would serve as many as 10,000 3d graders a year beginning in 1991 and continuing through 2000.

Now the state must persuade 3d graders and their parents to enlist.

Students would be tutored and paired with "mentors" throughout elementary and high school, and top performers would receive summer jobs where they could serve as role models.

In return, students and parents in the Rhode Island Children's Crusade must allow state monitoring of report cards, shun drugs and early pregnancy and obey the law. The only academic requirement is that they don't flunk.

"We really feel that if the program is successful, we may have made a fundamental change in certain patterns" that contribute to students dropping out, said Americo Petrocelli, the state's higher-education commissioner, who designed the program.

DiPrete said students who ran into legal problems or became pregnant should be given a chance to get back into the program if they showed willingness to continue their studies.

The plan seeks to cut the dropout rate among disadvantaged students in half, to 25 percent. An estimated 1,200 of the students who finish the program each year would attend college and 1,200 would go on to jobs or other training programs as a result, officials said.

All 3d graders could enroll, but the program is aimed at approximately 3,200 who receive subsidized hot lunches at school or whose families receive food stamps.

Businesses, foundations and schools would be asked to contribute the initial \$10 million to a foundation. The state would be expected to contribute \$3.2 million a year, bringing the fund, with interest, to about \$50 million after