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MILITARY SERVICE: None

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INDEPENDENT AGENCIES

<u>NAME</u>	<u>POL.</u>	<u>STATE</u>	<u>DATE APPOINTED</u>	<u>TERM EXPIRES</u>
* <u>NATIONAL COUNCIL ON SURFACE TRANSPORTATION RESEARCH (7)</u>				
One appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives; One appointed by the minority leader of the House of Representatives; One appointed by the majority leader of the Senate; One appointed by the minority leader of the Senate; and <u>Three appointed by the President:</u>				
John P. Browning, Jr.	R	FL	1/20/93	
Frederick V. Malek	R	VA	1/20/93	
Clifton H. Hoofman		AR	5/14/93	
* <u>NATIONAL COUNTERINTELLIGENCE POLICY BOARD</u>				
(No provision in law for number of members)				
* <u>NATIONAL CREDIT UNION ADMINISTRATION BOARD (3) (BI-PARTISAN)</u>				
JoAnn Johnson (CHAIRMAN)	R	IA	4/1/02	8/2/07
Leborah Matz	D	NY	4/1/02	8/2/05
Rodney E. Hood	R	NC		04/10/09
* <u>NATIONAL DEFENSE BIOETHICS MANAGER</u>				
Secretary of Defense			2/15/03 E.O. 12674	
* <u>NATIONAL DEFENSE TECHNOLOGY AND INDUSTRIAL BASE COUNCIL (ex officio)</u>				
Secretary of Defense				
Secretary of Energy				
Secretary of Commerce				
Secretary of Labor				
* <u>NATIONAL DROUGHT POLICY COMMISSION (16 - 4 by Pres.)</u>				
Secretary of Agriculture, or designee				
Secretary of the Interior, or designee				
Secretary of the Army, or designee				
Secretary of Commerce or designee				
The Director of the FEMA, or designee				
The Administrator of the Small Business Administration, or designee				
Ponald R. Morriss (County Rep.)		AZ	8/27/91	
Sam Kathryn Campana (Conf. of Mayors Rep.)		AZ	9/22/99	
Governor Roy E. Barnes (Gov. East of Miss.)		GA	11/5/91	

NATIONAL CREDIT UNION ADMINISTRATION BOARDNational Credit
Union Administration

AUTHORITY: 12 U.S.C. 1752a
P.L. 95-630, Title V, Sec. 501, November 10, 1978 (eff.
3/10/79)
P.L. 105-219, Sec. 204, August 7, 1998 (adds
qualifications limitations on appointment of Members)

METHOD: Nominated to the Senate

MEMBERS: THREE who are broadly representative of the public
interest. Not more than two members shall be members
of the same political party. (BI-PARTISAN)

The President shall give consideration to individuals
who, by virtue of their education, training, or
experience relating to a broad range of financial
services, financial services regulation, or financial
policy, are especially qualified to serve on the Board.

Not more than one member of the board may be appointed
to the Board from among individuals who, at the time of
the appointment, are, or have recently been involved
with any insured credit union as a committee member,
director, officer, employee, or other institution-
affiliated party.

CHAIRPERSON: Designated by the President

TERM: SIX YEARS, except that the term of the two members,
other than the Chairman, initially appointed shall
expire one upon the expiration of two years after the
date of appointment, and the other upon the
expiration of four years after the date of
appointment.

Members shall not be appointed to succeed themselves
except the initial members appointed for less than a
six-year term may be reappointed for a full six-year
term and future members appointed to fill unexpired
terms may be reappointed for a full six-year term.

Any member may continue to serve as such after the
expiration of said member's term until a successor has
qualified. (HOLDOVERS)

Name, Last	First	Middle	Title	Occupation
COX	CHRISTOPHER		Hon.	Politician

Position Sought	Position	Firm / Agency
Unspecified	Congressman 1988 - Present	U.S. House of Representatives, Republican-California

Notables

- **In May 2005, Cox Supported A House Bill To Change The Homeland Security Appropriations Formula.** "Terrorism-fighting money guaranteed to rural states would decline but cities' shares could increase greatly under a House bill approved Thursday. Acting in response to a recommendation from the Sept. 11 commission, the House voted 409-10 in favor of the measure that would change the formula for awarding money to help emergency responders. Similar legislation failed last year because lawmakers from rural areas contended that such a change would leave their regions more vulnerable to attack. Rep. Chris Cox, chairman of the House Homeland Security Committee, said the bill would end wasteful spending in a program that pays for new equipment and training for police officers and firefighters. 'The question is not whether we're putting enough money into terrorism preparedness for first responders. The question is whether it is making it to the front lines and the answer is no, it is not,' said Cox, R-Calif." (*The Associated Press*, 5/12/05)
- **Cox Promoted Legislation To Alter The Color Coded Homeland Security Advisory System.** "After years of being the target of complaints from state and local officials - and the butt of jokes by late-night comedians - the federal government's color-coded terrorism warning system might be in for an overhaul. Legislation making its way through the House would require the Department of Homeland Security to make several changes in the system, such as offering more guidance about what protective measures should be taken if the threat level is raised. House Homeland Security Committee Chairman Christopher Cox has said the current system is 'universally viewed as broken.' 'The Homeland Security Advisory System has too often seemed to tell the American public that they are at grave risk, without telling them why or what to do about it,' Cox, R-Calif. (Newport Beach), said in a statement on the legislation. 'The rough justice of color coding threat conditions for the entire nation must yield to a more sophisticated warning system.'" (*Copley News Service*, 5/10/05)
- **Cox Commented On Mistakes Made In Homeland Security.** "Some critics say that even though federal agencies were pressed to move quickly by Congress and

the administration, they made some poor choices. In some cases, agencies did not seek competitive bids or consider cheaper, better alternatives. And not all the devices were tested to see how well they worked in the environments where they would be used. 'After 9/11, we had to show how committed we were by spending hugely greater amounts of money than ever before, as rapidly as possible,' said Representative Christopher Cox, a California Republican who is the chairman of the Homeland Security Committee. 'That brought us what we might expect, which is some expensive mistakes. This has been the difficult learning curve of the new discipline known as homeland security.'" (*The New York Times*, 5/8/05)

- **With Rep. Tom Lantos (D-CA), Cox Introduced A Measure Urging Russia's Exclusion From The G8.** "Two US lawmakers introduced a bipartisan bill Tuesday urging that Russia be suspended from the Group of 8 nations until, they said, it adheres to international norms and standards of democracy. 'Russia has failed to complete a successful transition from communism to free enterprise, and from a Soviet police state to a stable, securely democratic society. Vladimir Putin needs to show that his nation belongs in the same league with the other G-7 members,' said Christopher Cox, a California Republican. Democrat Tom Lantos of California added that : 'The major industrialized democracies gave Russia a seat at the table after the Cold War's end, expecting that Russia's new-found respect for human rights, the rule of law and free expression would persist.'...Cox is chairman of the House Committee on Homeland Security. Lantos is the ranking Democratic member of the House International Relations Committee and is co-chair of the Congressional Human Rights Caucus. Cox and Lantos co-chair the Russia Democracy Caucus." (*Agence France Presse*, 5/3/05)
- **Cox Introduces Bill To Extend Temporary Internet Tax Moratorium.** "Rep. Christopher Cox, R-Calif., has introduced a similar bill in the House. In December 2004, President Bush signed into law legislation to extend a temporary tax moratorium, which will expire at the end of 2007." (*National Journal's Technology Daily*, 4/19/05)
- **Cox Proposes Reduction In Minimum Available Share Of Homeland Security Funds.** "Every relevant bill since Sept. 11 has guaranteed that no state would get less than three-quarters of 1 percent of available funds. That's right, money whether needed or not, whether it can be productively used or not. The good news is that House Homeland Security Committee Chairman Christopher Cox (R-Calif.) is proposing to reduce the minimum share by two-thirds. Perhaps not by coincidence, his level of one-quarter of 1 percent was also proposed by President Bush in his budget for the next fiscal year." (*The Boston Herald*, 4/21/05)
- **Cox Lauds Permanent End To The Death Tax.** "The contrasting views were succinctly expressed by conservative Rep. Christopher Cox, R-Calif., and liberal House Democratic Leader Nancy Pelosi of California. Rep. Cox said those

wanting to impose the death tax 'still want to pry lots of cash out of the cold, dead fingers of America's deceased entrepreneurs.'" (*Chattanooga Times Free Press*, 4/15/05)

- **Cox Proposes Distribution Of Homeland Security Funds Based On Risk.** "For example, Wyoming, with the population of 500,000 people, receives about \$38 per capita, while New York, with a population of 19 million, receives only about \$5 per capita for its first responders. Congressman Cox has introduced legislation that would distribute funds based on risk. He's the chairman of the House Homeland Security Committee joining us tonight from Capitol Hill." (CNN's "Lou Dobbs Tonight," 4/15/05)
- **Cox Among Congressional Delegation To Attend Pope John Paul II's Funeral.** "Dozens of senators and House members will attend the funeral of Pope John Paul II on Friday, though not as part of the official U.S. delegation. Arrangements remained mired in confusion Tuesday even as lawmakers prepared for departures beginning Wednesday night. Hotel rooms are scarce in Rome, which could result in lodging at the American Embassy, a monastery, distant hotels or even the cozy seats of the airplane, Republican and Democratic aides said....The House delegation includes Republicans Chris Smith of New Jersey, Chris Cox of California, Ileana Ros-Lehtinen and Mark Foley of Florida, Bob Goodlatte of Virginia, Peter T. King of New York, Steve Chabot and Bob Ney of Ohio, Phil English of Pennsylvania, Gil Gutknecht of Minnesota and Ray LaHood of Illinois." (*AP*, 4/5/05)
- **Cox Urges Treasury Secretary To Do Away With Antiquated Telephone Tax.** "Rep. Christopher Cox of California, chairman of the House Republican Policy Committee, is prodding the Treasury to finally get rid of a 'luxury' tax on telephone service that was passed in 1898 to finance the Spanish-American War. In a March 21 letter, Cox urged Treasury Secretary John Snow to order the Internal Revenue Service to issue a ruling that would eliminate the 3 percent excise tax by defining it out of existence. Cox deplored 'the best efforts of the IRS bureaucracy to keep this beast alive.'" (*The Augusta Chronicle*, 4/4/05)
- **Cox Praises Rep. Heather Wilson.** "The chairman of the new Homeland Security Committee, Rep. Chris Cox, a California Republican, said he had wanted her on his committee. 'I think she has the steadiest judgment of anyone I've encountered,' he said." (*Albuquerque Tribune*, 3/22/05)
- **Cox Co-Sponsors Bill To Protect Against Predatory Towing.** "U.S. Rep. James P. Moran is lobbying for more regulation of towing companies. Moran has been joined in his effort by California Republican Rep. Christopher Cox. Together, they hope to bring tighter control to an industry that they say runs roughshod over motorists and leaves localities 'powerless to adequately punish

bad actors and institute regulations to deter these predatory towing activities,' as Moran was reported as saying in the Washington Times on Monday." (*The Daily News Leader*, 3/15/05)

- **Cox Defends President Bush's Border Security Initiatives; But Warns Of Overall Border Security Situation.** "That's certainly the way I see the administration's failure to staff these new positions. Bush always has had a soft spot for cheap, illegal labor -- hence his continued calls for amnesty programs that would encourage more illegal immigration. And it's hard to see how his decision to pull back on the promised increase in the ranks of the Border Patrol as anything but a willful decision to look the other way -- an outrageous and dangerous choice when you consider that Bush knows bin Laden would like to sneak terrorists over the border. Republican Rep. Christopher Cox of Newport Beach, the chairman of the House Committee on Homeland Security, told me I'm wrong. That is 'an easy thing for talk-radio' folks to say, Cox noted on the phone, but Bush is looking at the bottom line and at what works. The cost of expanding training facilities is much higher than anticipated and the administration thinks it can be more effective by spending on new technologies that can enhance border surveillance, Cox explained.... Cox compared the overall border situation today with a fence along the U.S./Mexico border in San Diego -- he called it 'a \$14 million fence with a 3-mile hole.' The House recently voted to fill the hole in the fence. Now it should make sure that Washington fills the hole in the Border Patrol." (*The San Francisco Chronicle*, 3/6/05)
- **Cox Heartily Approves Of President Bush's Nomination Of Amb. Negroponte.** "'His appointment is good news for homeland security, good news for America, and good news for the free world.' - Republican Rep. Christopher Cox of California, chairman of the House Homeland Security Committee." (*AP*, 2/18/05)
- **Cox Supports Completion Of Controversial Fence Along The California-Mexico Border.** "The bill would also order completion of a three and a half-mile gap in the fence between the United States and Mexico at Otay Mesa. And it would make it easier to deport individuals who would have been barred from the country under the new terrorism grounds implemented after the Sept. 11, 2001 attacks. Five GOP House chairmen were out in force at a press conference called Wednesday to trumpet support for the bill. Homeland Security Chairman Rep. Christopher Cox said it makes fiscal sense to finish the fence, held up by environmental concerns. Cox, R-Newport Beach, said that in 2004, border patrol agents arrested more than 650 suspected terrorists from countries of 'national security interest' such as Iran and Iraq. Finishing the fence would cost \$32 million, a small fraction of the \$6.5 billion being spent for Customs and Border patrol this year. A finished fence would 'close border security gaps and save

taxpayers money and allow border agents to focus on other areas of national security interest,' Cox said." (*The Orange County Register*, 2/10/05)

- **Cox Supports President's Message Following State Of The Union Address.** COX: "This president, as you know, has increased federal education spending more than any other administration in history. Likewise, we are spending more each year on health care, on the environment, on all of our domestic needs, transportation, energy, and so on. We need to make sure at the same time that we get rid of government programs that don't work so that we don't have this guns-and-butter problem that has visited itself upon America in the past." KING: "What..." COX: "And I was very pleased to hear the president tonight say that he's going to be very tough on spending programs that don't work, and he's going to eliminate them." KING: "Congressman Cox, what do you say to those who say, What is Iraq or was Iraq's threat to the security of the United States?" COX: "Well, as you know, Zarqawi, who made it into the State of the Union tonight, didn't start out in Iraq. Zarqawi first met American forces in Afghanistan. He's a Jordanian. He was operating under the protection of the Taliban, working on an incipient chem-bio weapons program there. He was chased out of Afghanistan by American force when we dislodged the Taliban. He was given protection by Saddam Hussein and set up his work there in Iraq before the United States took out Saddam Hussein. He is operating right now under the express aegis and direction of none other than Osama bin Laden. I don't think it's very difficult to see the connection." (CNN's "Larry King Live," 2/2/05)
- **Cox-Drafted "Republican Freedom Calendar" Traces History Of Parties And Civil Rights.** "We started our party with the express intent of protecting the American people from the Democrats' pro-slavery policies that expressly made people inferior to the state,' Rep. Christopher Cox (R-Newport Beach) wrote in a letter printed on the calendar. The letter continued: 'Today, the animating spirit of the Republican Party is exactly the same as it was then: free people, free minds, free markets, free expression, and unlimited individual opportunity.'" (*Los Angeles Times*, 1/29/05)
- **Cox Expresses Alarm With Reversal Of Democratic Processes In Russia, But Notes That This Should Not Affect Cooperation On Dismantling Arms.** "Rep. Christopher Cox, R-Calif., chairman of the House Homeland Security Committee, said U.S. disputes with Russian President Vladimir Putin shouldn't interfere with cooperation on dismantling arms. 'I have a lot of concern with Putin's attack on the media, Putin's attack on democracy and his attack on human rights. None of those concerns is a reason for us not to cooperate on proliferation initiatives,' Cox said." (*AP*, 1/28/05)
- **Cox Supports Chertoff Nomination.** "Representative CHRISTOPHER COX (Republican, California): Mike Chertoff is a very smart guy. He's a quick study.

That's very important for any secretary of Homeland Security because the department's responsibilities cut across so many professional disciplines. There's no one that the president could have picked that would cover the job as an expert in every facet of the department's responsibilities. But Mike comes with a good deal of expertise in many of these areas, and in those areas that are new to him, I'm quite certain he'll get up to speed immediately." (NPR's "All Things Considered," 1/11/05)

- **Cox Criticized Over Deportation Of Egyptian Citizen.** "Ghoneim, widely known in the international Muslim community through his lectures on Islamic subjects, is held in high regard by many Orange County Muslims. Several of them said they were both saddened and unnerved by his case. 'For this branch of the federal government to use Islamophobic Web sites as the basis of evidence against members of this community is scary,' said Tareef Nahsashibi, president of the Orange County Arab-American Republican Club. 'I told (Congressman) Chris (Cox) yesterday: 'What are you waiting for, for my wife and kids to come to your office asking where am I?' 'We have made a lot of progress since 9/11 with members of law enforcement, but those we have trouble with consistently has been ICE or immigration enforcement.' Nahsashibi said he had confidence that Orange County's legislators, especially Cox, would get to the bottom of 'why Imam Ghoneim was treated the way he was and why ICE is using this big stick against this community of ours.' Cox, who met with Ghoneim's family and members of the Muslim community Monday, said he would seek inquiries into their concerns about the case. The family members complained, among other things, that they were not allowed to visit Ghoneim when he was hospitalized recently. 'ICE has agreed to provide to me over the coming week a detailed response to the concerns that have been raised,' Cox said." (*The Orange County Register*, 12/29/04)
- **In 2004, *National Journal's Technology Daily* Reported:** House Homeland Security Chairman Christopher Cox on Wednesday endorsed a Homeland Security Department initiative to increase the security for containers being shipped to the United States. The draft cargo-security strategy calls for creating high-security container seals to prevent tampering and for requiring that cargo manifests be available for review at least 24 hours before departure for the United States. "Everyday, more than 20,000 containers enter U.S. ports," Cox, R-Calif., said in a statement. "Prior to [the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks], only a few were searched. While we have dramatically increased the number of scanned containers, terrorists can still exploit this potential weakness." (According to *States News Service*, 2004): "Cargo security is not only essential to homeland security - it is also critical to our economic prosperity," Chairman Cox said. "Everyday, more than 20,000 containers enter U.S. ports. Prior to 9/11, only a few were searched. While we have dramatically increased the number of scanned

containers, terrorists can still exploit this potential weakness.”

- **In 2004, Cox Commented On Intel Reform.** According to *States News Service*: House Homeland Security Chairman Christopher Cox (R-CA) praised the enactment today of the Intelligence Reform and Terrorism Prevention Act and called for Congress and the administration to continue to fight terrorism by aggressively pursuing the remaining top agenda items of the 9/11 Commission. “The reform of our intelligence system is an historic and vitally necessary step forward. As yesterday’s release of a new tape from Osama bin Laden reminds us, our terrorist enemies continue to work to destroy America. We must find them before they can succeed,” Chairman Cox said. “This bill addresses many of the 9-11 Commission’s recommendations. But critical work remains. On the opening day of the 109th Congress, Congress should in the words of the 9-11 Commission report create a single, principal’ committee in the House and the Senate responsible for homeland security,” Chairman Cox said. “Next, we must immediately pass the solid 9/11 Commission reforms left out of this bill including those dealing with illegal immigration and first responder funding. Congress must ensure that funds to fight terrorism are allocated on the basis of actual risk, not political considerations.”
- **Cox Commented On Bernard Kerik’s Nomination As Homeland Security Secretary.** According to *States News Service* (2004): Homeland Security Committee Chairman Christopher Cox (R-CA) today called President Bush’s nomination of the former New York City Police Commissioner Bernard Kerik as the new Secretary of the Department of Homeland Security “the perfect choice for the job.” “Bernard Kerik’s wide-ranging career in law enforcement,” Chairman Cox stated, “includes criminal investigations on the streets of New York, major drug busts, a highly praised stint as Corrections Commissioner, a successful tour as Commissioner of the nation’s largest police force, and hands-on experience in Iraq as a key adviser on police training. “I have the utmost respect for Bernie. Most notably for the courage he displayed when he led the response efforts of the NYPD on 9/11. There is no doubt that Bernie is a strong, no-nonsense manager who is intimately familiar with the homeland security mission. The new standing Committee on Homeland Security will work closely with him to build on the strong foundations laid by Tom Ridge to secure America against terrorism.”
- **“People Are Going To Tell (The New Secretary), ‘This Is The Way We’ve Always Done It At The Department Of Homeland Security,’“ Predicted Rep. Christopher Cox, R-Calif., Chairman Of The House Homeland Security Panel. “It’s Not True”** (*Newhouse News Service, 2004*).
- **In 2004, The Orange County Register Reported That Cox Voted For The Intelligence Bill.** Four of the six Orange County delegation members -- Reps. Dana Rohrabacher, Ed Royce, Ken Calvert and Gary Miller -- voted against it,

citing the immigration omissions as the main reason. Rep. Loretta Sanchez, the delegation's only Democrat, voted yes because she wants one central head of the intelligence apparatus. And Rep. Christopher Cox, who chairs the homeland security committee, voted yes because he says the bill will mandate the kind of information sharing among security agencies that is vital to protecting the homeland.

- **In 2004, USA Today Reported:** Rep. Christopher Cox, R-Calif., chairman of the Homeland Security Committee, said he would meet with department leaders today to discuss his panel's "concern about what's in the database and what isn't and how it was compiled. We need a credible . . . database in order to identify the vulnerabilities."
- **House Homeland Security Committee Chairman Christopher Cox, R-Calif., Has Disagreed With Collins And Her Rural Colleagues On The Issue.** As chairman of the House panel that oversees the department, Cox authored legislation to reduce the percentage each state would receive in order to ensure that New York City and other metropolitan areas get more money. And Cox views Kerik as a strong proponent of that view. "Without having discussed it with him, Cox is confident that [Kerik] will bring a lot of credibility to the table on the issue," Cox's spokesman said recently, adding that Kerik would "help in future negotiations." Cox has battled Collins and powerful House chairmen on the issue. He attempted to add his approach to the intelligence legislation Congress cleared this week, but the provision was removed. The bill includes a non-binding provision urging Congress to address the issue (*National Journal's Technology Daily*, 2004).
- **In 2004, Roll Call Reported That Cox's Wife Is An Aviation Lobbyist.** Another big-time aviation lobbyist is Rebecca Cox, head of government affairs for Continental Airlines and wife of House Homeland Security Chairman Christopher Cox (R-Calif.).
- **"Almost Three Years Later, All Must Acknowledge That, Despite Serious And Sustained Efforts By Responsible Government Agencies, We Still Do Not Have The Level Of Timely, Routine And Unfettered Information Sharing We Know We Need To Prevent Terrorism And Respond To It As Effectively As We Must," Said Republican Christopher Cox, The House Homeland Security Committee Chairman (National Journal, 6/24/04).**
- **In 2004, Television A.M. Reported That Cox Called For An Investigation Of CBS News Over The Forged Documents On President Bush's National Guard Service.**
- **In 2004, The Associated Press Mentioned Cox As A Possible Candidate For Secretary Of Defense In A Second Term For President Bush.**

- **In 2004, *Newsday* Reported Cox's Comments In An Article On The Presidential Election And The Possibility Of Postponement If There Was A Terrorist Attack.** Republican Rep. Christopher Cox of California, who chairs the House Homeland Security Committee, told *CNN* that the idea of legislation allowing the election to be postponed was similar to what had already been looked at in terms of how to respond to an attack on Congress. "These are doomsday scenarios. Nobody expects that they're going to happen," he said. "But we're preparing for all these contingencies now."
- **In 2004, *The Associated Press* Reported:** Lawmakers who experienced the dangers of anthrax firsthand sent President Bush legislation Wednesday to give private companies \$5.6 billion in incentives to develop antidotes to biological and chemical weapons. "This is the largest first responder program ever enacted in American history," Homeland Security Committee chairman Christopher Cox, R-Calif., said before the House voted 414-2 to pass the Project BioShield Act.
- **Cox Commented On U.S.-VISIT.** According to *The Orange County Register* (2004): Rep. Christopher Cox, chairman of the Select Committee on Homeland Security, said US-VISIT, under which visitors will be fingerprinted, photographed and biographical data entered into a data base, is the most logical way to give law enforcement the tools needed to find those in the country illegally. "Without an accurate entry and exit tracking system," said Cox, R-Newport Beach, "law enforcement is relegated to such blunt instruments as raids of entire places of employment or neighborhood and that raises serious civil liberties concerns."
- **In 2004, *The Associated Press* Reported:** Republican Rep. Christopher Cox of California, chairman of the Homeland Security Committee, said the Ashcroft-Mueller news conference mistakenly led some to believe the nation's threat level had been increased. He called it "regrettable" that Homeland Security Secretary Tom Ridge did not join Ashcroft and Mueller. "Their separate public appearances left the impression that the broad and close interagency consultation we expect - and which the law requires - may not have taken place in this case," Cox said.
- **"A House Committee Chairman Signaled Yesterday That It May Be Time To Realign Key Management Responsibilities At The Department Of Homeland Security.** Rep. Christopher Cox (R-Calif.), chairman of the House Select Committee on Homeland Security, said he is looking into the possibility of elevating major management issues to the level of the deputy secretary, from the undersecretary level, as a way to speed the merger of the department's technology, procurement and financial systems (*The Frontrunner*, 2004).
- **Cox Commented On The Abuse Of Iraqi Prisoners.** According to the *Sacramento Bee* (2004): Those Americans who abused Iraqi prisoners "undermined the war effort ... as if they sold secrets to the enemy," said California

Rep. Christopher Cox, R-Newport Beach, the Homeland Security Committee chairman. But, in joining other Republicans in calling on the administration to avoid any attempt to put all the blame on a half-dozen or so troops and private contractors, Cox said that the incident “was not just a matter of a few individuals who violated” military rules.

- **Millions Of Dollars In Federal Homeland-Security Aid Have Gone To Communities That Don't Need The Money, And Billions More Remain Unspent, According To A Congressional Study Released Yesterday.** The report affirms complaints of New York officials who say they have been shortchanged in homeland-security grants and will fuel their push to require the federal government to give a greater share of the money to high-risk areas. “The system has provided small counties across the country with relatively large awards of terrorism-preparedness money, while major cities such as New York, Los Angeles, Washington and Chicago struggle to address their needs,” says the report by Rep. Christopher Cox, R-Calif., chairman of the House Homeland Security Committee (*The Seattle Times*, 2004).
- **In 2004, States News Service Reported:** Rep. Christopher Cox (R-CA), Chairman of the Committee on Homeland Security and Chairman of the House Policy Committee, was named to U.S. Border Control's ‘Honor Roll’ for his 100 percent score on votes against illegal immigration in 2003 and 2004. The group's mission is to end illegal immigration by securing the nation's borders and reforming border and immigration policies. “Congressman Cox is a man of his word when it comes to illegal immigration and border control,” U.S. Border Control Chairman Edward I. Nelson said.
- **In 2004, The Orange County Register Reported:** Rep. Christopher Cox Thursday will formally recommend to the House that his homeland security committee become a permanent fixture in Congress with firm jurisdiction over all aspects of the new cabinet department. Cox, R-Newport Beach, wants to slice the size of the committee from 50 to 29 members and take over jurisdiction for those areas that are clearly homeland security. The way it works now Cox has to consult with several other committees every time he wants the homeland panel to pass a piece of legislation. That's because different committees have power over the agencies that were combined to form the Department of Homeland Security.
- **In 2004, Cox Commented On Secretary Tom Ridge Issuing A General Terrorism Warning.** According to the *Los Angeles Times*: But the House Homeland Security Committee chairman, Rep. Christopher Cox (R-Newport Beach), dismissed accusations that the timing was politically motivated, noting that legislators had gotten high-level briefings this week from the FBI, the Homeland Security Department and the new Terrorist Threat Integration Center. “This is something we need to become accustomed to,” he said.

- **In 2003, The *Orange County Register* Reported That Cox Was Trying To Become Chairman Of The House Government Reform Committee.** “This is the committee that is responsible for economy and efficiency in government,” Cox said. “Republicans are capable of wasting every bit as much money as Democrats. There’s over \$2 trillion at stake.” Each contender has pluses and minuses: Cox: His chairmanship of the GOP Policy Committee is a plus and a minus. It’s a plus because the leadership job gives him the ear of Speaker Dennis Hastert and Majority Leader Tom DeLay, who can sway the steering committee. It’s a minus because Cox already holds a leadership post -- Davis doesn’t. Some party backers feel Davis deserves to move up. Cox has been on Government Reform since entering Congress in 1989 and is second in GOP seniority. But he has been on a leave of absence from the panel since 1998, while his two rivals have continuous service.
- **Cox Has Spent The Past Few Years Campaigning Hard For A Plum Position; He Gave \$1.4 Million To Republican Candidates And Local And National Party Committees In The Past Two Election Cycles** (*Roll Call*, 2003).
- **The Armenian Assembly Last Friday Urged Armenian Caucus Members Reps. Christopher Cox (R-CA) And Loretta Sanchez (D-CA), Both Longtime Supporters Of Armenian-American Issues, To Raise The Issue Of Opening The Last Closed Border Of Europe During Their Meetings With Turkish Officials In Ankara This Week** (*The Armenian Reporter*, 2003).
- **Cox, A Republican Elected In 1988, Is Considered “One Of The Intellectual Leaders Of His Party In The House.”**
- **Cox Worked On The Reagan White House Counsel’s Staff.** In 1988, when the local incumbent retired, Cox ran for the House -- one of 14 Republican candidates. With the support of Oliver North, Robert Bork and members of the Irvine family, he won the primary with 31%. He has since won primary and general elections without difficulty.
- **Cox Withdrew His Candidacy For House Speaker After Newt Gingrich’s Departure In Favor Of Bob Livingston Who Chaired The Powerful House Appropriations Committee.**
- **Cox, A Member Of The U.S. House Since 1988, Had Toyed With The Idea Of Trying To Unseat Sen. Dianne Feinstein In The 1994 Election But Opted To Seek Re-Election Instead Of Posing A GOP Primary Threat To Rep. Michael Huffington, Who, After A Freshman Term In The House Decided To Go Toe-To-Toe With Feinstein.**
- **Cox’s Deliberate, Lawyerly Style Soon Set Him Apart From The More Flamboyant Personas Of Other Current And Past CA Reps. Robert K.**

Dornan, William E. Dannemeyer And Dana Rohrabacher. Rather than concentrating on the conservative social agenda, Cox set to work on more arcane economic issues. While Dornan, Dannemeyer and Rohrabacher railed about abortion, homosexuality and obscene art, Cox set out to reform the federal budget process, an endeavor in which he has achieved a measure of success.

- **Cox, Who Had Earned The Rank Of First Lieutenant In The Junior ROTC, Arrived At The University Of Southern California In 1970, At The Height Of The Vietnam War.** But he did not enlist. Cox was granted a student deferment that would keep him out of the draft as long as he stayed in school. It was the last year that the Selective Service granted college deferments. In January 1972, Cox decided to give up the deferment. Cox and the rest of the nation's young men born on Oct. 16 drew the number 159 in the 1972 draft lottery. The highest number reached that year by the Selective Service inductors was 95. He was never called up.
- **Reportedly, Those Who Know Cox Say That, Intelligence Aside, Drive And Ambition May Be His Defining Qualities.** Says one unnamed Orange County businessman: "I think Chris Cox is a guy who gets up every morning, looks in the mirror, and sees a President of the United States."
- **In 2004, *The Washington Times* Reported Cox's Comments On The Homeland Security Committee Democrats Releasing A 17 Page Memo.** Homeland security is too important to politicize, and Homeland Security Committee Chairman Rep. Christopher Cox, California Republican, isn't pleased with the tone of the political rhetoric in a 17-page memo released by his own committee's minority on Friday. "Substituting rhetoric for responsible oversight will ultimately harm America's security," warns Mr. Cox, who vows to work closely with Democrats and the Department of Homeland Security on solutions to remaining challenges. "But backsliding from responsible oversight into one-page summaries of major initiatives and a laundry list of homeland security 'gaps' is unacceptable amateurism," scolds the chairman. He applauds Democrats for recognizing in the memo that "the Bush administration is correct to claim that we are safer now than we were on September 11," but adds that the minority's "pointed criticism of President Bush's leadership is as unnecessary as it is counterproductive."
- **In 2004, Cox Appeared On *CNBC's The News With Brian Williams* To Discuss Airline Security.**
- **In 2004, Cox Commented On China's Sentencing Dissident Yang Jianli.** According to *Agence France Presse*: Christopher Cox, the Republican legislator from California, said the prison sentence on Yang "makes it extraordinarily difficult to treat the People's Republic of China as a civilized and rational

government and to maintain a dialogue with it.” He wondered whether the Chinese government felt it was an auspicious time to announce the verdict this week because US attention had been wholly concentrated on the Iraqi prisoner abuse scandal. Cox said the United States government had swiftly moved to investigate charges of abuse of Iraqi prisoners by American soldiers in an open manner, promising to convict the culprits and compensate the victims.

- **In 2004, *National Journal's Technology Daily Reported:*** A key lawmaker told executives on Wednesday that private-sector cooperation to prevent, prepare for and respond to a terrorist attack is “indispensable.” California Republican Christopher Cox, chairman of the House Homeland Security Committee, began the Homeland and Global Security Summit in Washington by saying his panel would “take the lead this year” on making it easier for the private sector to notify the department of new capabilities to prevent terrorist attacks. “Private-sector cooperation is indispensable,” he said, adding that companies have the most “vital information.” Cox told reporters that the law creating the Homeland Security Department authorizes a “strong liaison function” within the science and technology directorate for companies. The directorate currently has a “competitive arm”-- the Homeland Security Advanced Research Projects Agency (HSARPA) – that works with the private sector on technology for specific projects, such as a device to protect commercial aircraft from shoulder-fired missiles. But Cox said that division needs an “evaluative” and “responsive” program for the private sector to have quick access to officials. “There needs to be a clear answer for medium-sized companies” to demonstrate technology to the division, he added. Such language could be included in the first annual authorization bill for the Homeland Security Department that Cox plans to introduce this year. His committee is drafting the legislation and examining each part of the department through hearings at the subcommittee level, Cox said. “We’re three-fourths way through that process.” The chairman stressed the need for an authorization bill because the House last week adopted a budget resolution that includes language to freeze funding for unauthorized programs. Cox also said lawmakers and the White House are debating the “scope and breadth” of the Transportation Security Administration (TSA). After the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks, Congress created TSA to bolster aviation security, but the agency’s authorization expires this year. Cox said that while it is “unsettled” how TSA would be organized under new language, he believes lawmakers would not dismantle the agency. On protecting the nation’s critical infrastructure, which the department estimates is 85 percent owned by the private sector, Cox said the federal government must do more to “trust” companies before issuing regulations to collect information from businesses.

- **In 2003, Cox Commented On “Project BioShield.”** According to *The Associated Press:* It is “by far the most expansive, broadest, largest first responder

program initiated in the history of our country,” House Homeland Security Committee Chairman Christopher Cox, R-Calif., said.

- **Rep. Christopher Cox, R-Calif., Chairman Of The House Homeland Security Committee.** Earned income: \$ 150,000. Honoraria, all donated to charity: None. Major assets: Money market account, \$ 1 million-\$ 5 million; Tax-free securities, \$ 100,001-\$ 250,000. Major sources of unearned income: Interest on money market account, \$ 5,001-\$ 15,000. Major liabilities: None. Gifts: None. Narrative: Cox invested \$ 15,001 to \$ 50,000 in an Individual Retirement Account in 2002. He also owns \$ 1,001 to \$ 15,000 in American Eagle coins, which are gold, silver and platinum coins issued by the U.S. Mint. Cox’s wife, Rebecca, works for Continental Airlines (*The Associated Press*, 2003).
- **In 2003, *The Orange County Register* Reported:** Rep. Christopher Cox came away from a meeting at the White House Thursday sober in the knowledge that the country is not prepared for a biological attack but also determined that Congress control the spending the president wants to make the nation ready. “With bio-warfare the issue is response and do we have the vaccines, and the answer is no,” said Cox, R-Newport Beach, chairman of the Committee on Homeland Security. Cox said President George W. Bush, Homeland Security Secretary Tom Ridge and Health and Human Services Secretary Tommy Thompson spelled out the situation for Cox and the other key House and Senate lawmakers on the homeland-security panels. Cox said he is sure Congress will give the president the money needed to buy and stockpile vaccine to ensure the safety of the American people. But he wants to make sure it doesn’t become a blank check. Bush wants \$6 billion over 10 years. But, Cox said, the administration wants Congress to provide the money as an entitlement, meaning a permanent indefinite appropriation -- like Medicare and Social Security -- that Congress would not vote on each year. “This would be the first defense entitlement program in history,” Cox said. “This may be our highest priority today,” he added, “but we need to maintain the maximum flexibility 10 years down the road to meet other threats as they emerge.”
- **House Homeland Security Chairman Christopher Cox On Friday Announced That The Committee Will Investigate The Vulnerability Of The Nation’s Power Supply And Distribution System (*National Journal’s Technology Daily*, 2003).**
- **In 2003, *The Associated Press* Reported:** Also Thursday, Frost and House Homeland Security Committee Chairman Christopher Cox, R-Calif., outlined legislation to amend the 1947 Presidential Succession Act to reflect the new age of terrorist threats. Traditionally, the line of succession parallels the order in which a department is created, but Cox said the homeland security chief should be placed higher because his job is “dealing with mortal threats to the country.”

- **In 2003, The Telegraph Herald (Dubuque, IA) Reported Cox's Comments On Unabated Waste.** House Homeland Security Chairman Christopher Cox, R-Calif., expressed concern that unabated waste puts the nation's security more at risk by diverting time and money that would be better used for security measures.
- **In 2003, The Associated Press Reported:** Rep. Christopher Cox, R-Calif., chairman of the House Homeland Security Committee, welcomed the opening of the Terrorist Threat Integration Center, which is designed to coordinate and analyze information from the CIA, FBI, Homeland Security Department and other counterterrorism operations. But he also said the new center cannot become a substitute for the Homeland Security Department's own analytical duties required under the law that created the department last year. According to *The National Journal's Technology Daily* (2003): The new Terrorist Threat Integration Center (TTIC) for compiling terrorism information from various agencies must be temporary if the Homeland Security Department is not to violate its statutory requirements, the chairman of a congressional oversight committee said on Friday. "It's very plain if one reads the act [establishing the department] that the 'one-stop shop' is the Department of Homeland Security," California Republican Christopher Cox, chairman of the House Homeland Security Committee, said in an interview. "I am satisfied that in the short run [that the TTIC] is a useful expedient. The department after all is still under construction. But we have to view TTIC as an interim step, not as a displacement of the statutory responsibilities." Cox added that the law establishing the department "reflects the careful balancing of some very sensitive policy choices made my Congress," and said "one of those policy choices was [that] we do not wish the CIA to be increasingly involved in our domestic life. Homeland Security, by its very nature, involves our domestic life. Per force, the CIA cannot be in charge of ultimate oversight of the domestic-intelligence fusion function."
- **"We're Going To Do A Bill Before The End Of The Summer That Is Non-Technical, That Is Substantive, And That Is A Re-Visitation Of The Homeland Security Act.** Whether that's a slender little bill or a big fat one is entirely a function of need." Homeland Security Committee Chairman Christopher Cox, R-Calif., on the need to overhaul the Homeland Security Act (*Access Control & Security Systems*, 2003). According to *The National Journal's Technology Daily* (2003): Technically, the whole act is open for review, Cox said, "but I don't want to give the impression that everything's up for grabs. ... That's not the case." The bill Cox is considering is different from the measure, H.R. 1416, passed recently by his committee that would make "technical corrections" in the Homeland Security Act. That bill may go to the House floor as soon as next week, he said. More substantive problems with the act have been identified that would not have been eligible for the "technical corrections" bill, he said. For instance, he

might seek to clarify the roles of federal departments related to homeland security, especially the Defense Department. Cox also stressed that the interagency Terrorist Threat Integration Center (TTIC) created by the Bush administration and housed at the CIA is not a substitute for the Homeland Security's statutory requirement to build its own analytical capability. Homeland Security Secretary Tom Ridge this week repeatedly said his agency would fulfill its requirement. The department will be one of several entities contributing to TTIC, which opened its doors on Thursday, but it also will conduct its own analysis under the information analysis and infrastructure protection directorate. On Friday, TTIC issued an advisory about terrorist use of small aircraft, Cox said. In his oversight role, Cox said the measure of whether the department is fulfilling the mandate would be based on its capabilities, not on how many staffers there are doing it. The department is not in compliance yet, he said. On the issue of Homeland Security missing deadlines in its first months, Cox said, "There is an informal grace period measured in days and weeks, not years." He added that he understands there have been "short-term exigencies."

- **In 2003, *The Orange County Register* Reported:** "The GAO report draws into question the reliability of driver's licenses as a form of identification for boarding commercial aircraft," said Cox. "Either states will upgrade these identity documents or something more suitable, which includes biometric identifiers, will be required at the federal level." Cox, R-Newport Beach, Calif., said the California law "is a giant leap backward" in the effort to make America safer since the attacks of Sept. 11, 2001. "If the aim is to make life easier for illegal immigrants, at least we could change the law so that there would be a reliable identifier," said Cox. Even though California's law mentions the use of a thumbprint to verify identity, he said, it allows that fingerprint to be mailed in. The law, he added: "is simply an invitation to forgery."
- **In 2003, *The White House Bulletin* Reported:** Homeland Security Committee Chairman Christopher Cox this morning unveiled legislation that he said would allow "first responders to receive grant money more quickly by reducing the current twelve step grant process to two, require the Secretary of Homeland Security to establish grants only on the basis of threat, and allow both states and regions eligibility to apply for a grant" rather than have all funds funneled through the states. Cox said his bill, the Faster and Smarter Funding For First Responders Act, "requires threat analysis be incorporated into funding decisions."
- **"Terrorists Have No Regard For State Lines. The Post-Sept. 11 Reality Requires Us To Think Beyond Traditional Boundaries Because We Can Be Certain That If We Don't, Terrorists Will."** Homeland Security CHAIRMAN CHRISTOPHER COX R-CA, discussing H.R. 3266, "The Faster and Smarter Funding For First Responders Act" (*Access Control & Security Systems*, 2003).

- **In 2003, Cox Was Mentioned In An Article On The U.S. Treasury Department Allowing Banks To Continue Accepting Mexican Identification Cards From Foreign Nationals Who Want To Open Bank Accounts.** According to *The Orange County Register*: In a letter to Homeland Security Secretary Tom Ridge, Rep. Christopher Cox and some of his colleagues urged the secretary in July to “act decisively” on a federal policy on the card. Cox, R-Newport Beach, chairman of the Homeland Security Committee, said then he was particularly concerned that the backup documents used to issue the cards be transparent. Cox could not be reached Thursday to comment on Treasury’s action.
- **These And Other Problems Prompted Homeland Security Secretary Tom Ridge To Warn States And Localities And The Increasing Number Of Banks That Recognize The Matrícula Against Relying On It For Identification. But his warnings have fallen on deaf ears in many instances.** “It is as if 9/11 never happened,” said Rep. Christopher Cox (R-Calif.), chairman of the House Homeland Security panel (*Chicago Tribune*, 2003).
- **The Budget Congress Passed This Week Included \$3.6 Billion For First Responders.** Democrats complained it is not enough and Ridge complained that the way Congress earmarked the money for specific projects, it may not all get to first responders in the way it should. “There will be ample money for first responders,” said Rep. Christopher Cox, chairman of the Homeland Security Committee. Cox, R-Newport Beach, said he has put Rep. Curt Weldon, R-Pa., one of the 50 members of the new panel, in charge of first-responder funding. Cox said besides making sure enough money is spent for law enforcement and other hometown needs, he wants to make sure that none of the money is “hijacked to fill holes in state budgets” (*Orange County Register*, 2003).
- **Cox Commented On The Homeland Security Department.** According to *The Orange County Register* (2003): “It’s important always to keep in mind the ultimate objective of the Homeland Security Department,” Rep. Christopher Cox, chairman of the Select Committee on Homeland Security, said in a wide-ranging interview. “It is to protect us against a weapon ... that looks like Oklahoma City or the World Trade Center; that looks like the Washington anthrax scare; that looks like the smallpox epidemics that are the subject of current fiction novels.” Cox said removing functions that don’t belong in the department is as important to him as including those that are needed. “I don’t look at the Homeland Security Act as the tablets from Moses,” said Cox, R-Newport Beach. There could well be service aspects of the Immigration and Naturalization Service, for example, or parts of the Coast Guard or Customs services, he said, that truly don’t fit into the department’s mission. According to *The Augusta Chronicle* (2003): Mr. Cox defended the performance of the Department of Homeland Security, a new bureaucratic behemoth, with a reminder that it has been in existence for only a few

months. That department was still struggling with growing pains, he said, not the least of which was development of its own internal intelligence service, revised Bureau of Customs and Immigration programs aimed at increased protection of commercial cargo at ports and borders, and a crackdown on potential loopholes for illegal immigrants in the former Immigration and Naturalization Service, now part of Homeland Security.

- **Orange County Deputies Would Join 21 Alabama State Troopers And 35 Florida Police Officers As The Only Local Law Enforcement Officers In The Nation Trained To Enforce The Nation's Complicated Immigration Laws, According To Federal Authorities.** The training is authorized by a little-used statute sponsored by Cox for the Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigrant Responsibility Act signed by President Clinton in 1996. The statute, which allows law enforcement officers to be trained in immigration law at a local agency's expense, opened an area that was largely uncharted until last year, when Cox and Department of Homeland Security officials began pushing it as an anti-terrorism tool. "The law has been underutilized," Cox said. "If we were to develop a plan in Orange County to meet homeland security needs and the Hispanic community's needs, it could be a model for the country." If the proposal is approved by the county, Cox said, he would try to arrange for a federal grant to pay for training and other costs related to the program (*Los Angeles Times*, 2003).
- **As Chairman Of The Homeland Security Committee, Rep. Christopher Cox Would Like To See His Home Orange County Sheriff's Department Become A Model For Local Law Enforcement Using Immigration Laws To Help Combat Terrorism.** Cox and Orange County Supervisor Bill Campbell brought the idea to enter into an agreement with the federal government for such a program to Sheriff Mike Carona (*Orange County Register*, 2003).
- **In 2002, The Orange County Register Reported:** In a brief phone call from an Israeli detention center, Dr. Riad Z. Abdelkarim managed to be both a loving husband to his anxious wife and a disciplinarian father to his children. Meanwhile, Abdelkarim, who is being held on suspicion of terrorist activities, has agreed to a lie-detector test against his attorney's advice, U.S. Rep. Christopher Cox, R-Newport Beach, said Thursday. Cox said Thursday that the United States would intervene if the doctor is unjustly charged. Cox said the government would conduct its own investigation to determine wrongdoing. He is expected to be held up to four more days. But a judge could extend his detention, Cox said. Cox added that the doctor complained Thursday to a U.S. official about his cell. "He told the consul that there had been no abuse or mistreatment, but he complained about his cell, about poor ventilation and smoke and about the bathroom conditions," Cox said.
- **Rep. Christopher Cox (R-Newport Beach), A Member Of The House Energy**

And Commerce Committee, Rejected The Notion That Enron's Meltdown Should Cause Congress To Rethink Deregulation. "Enron could have been in the Hula-Hoop business and done exactly the same thing," he said (*Los Angeles Times*, 2002).

- **In 2002, Cox Appeared On CNN's Late Edition With Wolf Blitzer To Discuss The Enron Probe.**
- **In 2001, The *St. Petersburg Times* Reported That Cox Asked President Bush Not To Nominate Him For A Federal Judgeship.** California Rep. Christopher Cox asked President Bush on Friday not to nominate him for a federal judgeship, saying the Democratic takeover of the Senate made it unlikely he could get approved without a long battle. The conservative Cox was widely expected to be among Bush's first nominees for the U.S. Court of Appeals, but California's two Democratic senators, Barbara Boxer and Dianne Feinstein, had threatened to use their home-state veto - called a blue slip - to block him. Cox becomes the first judicial casualty of the Democratic takeover. From the point they learned they would be in control of the Senate, Judiciary Democrats warned Bush that they would not let hard-right conservative nominees through. Cox's withdrawal came as Bush made two more nominations for the federal appeals bench, his 15th and 16th since taking office.
- **In 2001, The *Los Angeles Times* Reported That The White House Delayed The Possible Nomination Of Cox To A Federal Appeals Court Seat.** The White House has delayed the possible nomination of Rep. Christopher Cox (R-Newport Beach) to a federal appeals court while Senate Democrats and Republicans spar over the rules for considering judicial nominees. Cox's name is not expected to be included on the first batch of judicial nominees President Bush plans to unveil today for congressional review. According to the *Fulton County Daily Report* (2001): Bush's team discovered this problem when reporters began inquiring about rumors that California GOP Rep. Christopher Cox was being considered for the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals. The White House had not informed California Sens. Dianne Feinstein and Barbara Boxer, both Democrats, of the potential nomination when it began fielding calls about Cox from newspapers. According to Feinstein and Boxer staffers, the White House delivered the news while alerting the senators of media inquiries. Boxer, one the Senate's staunchest liberals, opposes Cox as too conservative. Feinstein-a member of the Judiciary Committee-refrained from judgment and plans to meet with Cox next week. "At this point," Feinstein says, "it's unresolved." Senate Judiciary Chairman Orrin Hatch, R-Utah, says the White House stumbled with Cox. "That happened before they knew what to do," he says, adding that now the process is moving smoothly.
- **In 1989, Cox Introduced Oliver North At A Convention Of Students For**

America, Calling Him A "Great American" And Then Criticized Former President Ronald Reagan For Refusing To Pardon North.

- **In October 1999, When Texas Gov. George W. Bush Adopted A Position Urging That Export Controls On Supercomputers Be Broadly Liberalized Cox Commented.** Cox, who headed a commission that earlier that year criticized U.S. technology transfers to China, said he supported the revised export standards and found the Bush speech "entirely agreeable." But he added that the speech was so vague there wasn't a lot to disagree with. "My view is there is no national-security payoff in restricting sales of U.S. products generally available from other countries."
- **According To The *Los Angeles Times* (1990), Although Some Are Uncomfortable With His Button-Down Style, And Others Accuse Him Of Arrogance, Cox Has Won Plaudits As A Legislator Who Can Get Things Done.** "He may be a very fine lawyer and have a lot of expertise," one unnamed congressional aide once said, "but he tends to talk down to people, and that irritates some of the more senior members" of Cox's two committees -- Government Operations, and Public Works and Transportation. "He is not a good listener," said another unnamed person familiar with Cox.
- **In 2001, *States News Service* Reported That Cox Was Co-Sponsoring A Bill Along With Representatives Billy Tauzin (R-LA) And Edward Markey (D-MA).** Cox and Tauzin are cosponsoring a House bill introduced by Rep. Edward J. Markey, D-Mass., that would establish a uniform national poll closing time.
- **In 2000, *The Bulletin's Frontrunner* Reported:** And Rep. Christopher Cox (R-Newport Beach) accuses Gore of pressuring the CIA to suppress evidence that Chernomyrdin was corrupt." The controversies "have allowed Republicans to turn the tables on Gore and challenge the vice president on foreign policy, his supposed strong suit."
- **Spurred By The Plight Of A California Woman, The House Passed Legislation Tuesday To Allow Disabled Immigrants To Become Citizens Without Taking An Oath Of Allegiance.** If the Senate agrees, the bill passed by voice vote in the House would open the door to citizenship for Vijai Rajan, 24, of Anaheim. Republican Rep. Christopher Cox, who sponsored the bill, had called the Immigration and Naturalization Service's handling of the case "appalling" because the woman suffers from cerebral palsy and other ailments. "Unfortunately when the system of justice doesn't work, it is heartbreaking for those involved," Cox told the House before the vote. "This legislation also sends a strong signal that long delays and bureaucratic impediments are not the greetings that this great nation would send to its new citizens. I thank the Rajan family for never losing hope" (*The Associated Press*, 2000).

- **In 2000, *Russian Press Digest* Reported:** "US Congressman Christopher Cox has accused several high-ranking officials in the Russian government, including Anatoly Chubais (who is now the head of the energy monopoly RAO UES), of corruption.
- **Rep. Christopher Cox, R-Newport Beach, Remains A Serious Vice-Presidential Prospect, At Least According To Two Magazines.** U.S. News and World Report said that Cox appears to be one of five finalists being considered by George W. Bush -- then zinged Cox by saying that Bush aides considered him "politically tone deaf" (*Orange County Register*, 2000).
- **In 2000, *The Los Angeles Times* Reported:** "This is the most important election on issues ranging from repealing the marriage tax penalty to my deathtrap repeal to Social Security reform," Cox said. "The election of Gov. George W. Bush and an expanded Republican majority in Congress will permit us finally to achieve our agenda."
- **In 2000, *Economic News* Reported On A Letter Sent To Cox By The Chairman Of RAO UESR.** Chairman of RAO UESR governing body A. Chubais sent a letter to member of the USA House of Representatives C. Cox, the author of a recently published book "Russia's Way to Corruption". In his report Mr. Cox says that the Central Investigating agency of the USA is informed of corruption among Russian high-ranking officials, and Chubais is among them. In his letter to Cox Chubais calls such accusations groundless because he never had anything to do with corruption. Chubais asked Mr. Cox to say who, when and how informed him of such senseless facts. He said it was necessary for him to protect his name.
- **A New Report By Republican Leaders In The House Of Representatives Accuses Vice President Al Gore Of Contributing To Russia's Corruption And Its Economic Crisis. Democrats Denounced It As Partisan And Full Of Flaws.** The 209-page report was scheduled for release today. It was compiled by a 12-member GOP group led by Rep. Christopher Cox, R-Newport Beach, chair of a previous bipartisan commission that accused China of stealing nuclear secrets. Cox denied that the report was a political attack on Gore's foreign-policy credentials, despite its scathing assessment of the Democratic presidential candidate's role as co-chair of a U.S.-Russian commission created to oversee economic and technical cooperation. Cox briefed the campaign of Texas Gov. George W. Bush, the Republican presidential candidate, about the report, a Cox representative said. "I, for one, don't think it's wrong to discuss policy in the middle of an election year," Cox said. "If this kind of policy critique is in order, can we really expect Democrats to volunteer it in an election year?" (*San Jose Mercury News*, 2000).
- **In 2000, *The Hill* Reported:** But Republican Policy Committee Chairman

Christopher Cox (R-Calif.) said after Bush's speech that the foreign policy team and national security team Bush has amassed are among the "world's best." "He has immersed himself in those issues now for over a year," Cox said. "Whenever Republicans have failed to campaign on those issues, it's cost us the White House." Cox agreed that a new, stronger appearance was evident. "There's been a complete transformation from the primary Gov. Bush to the George W. Bush presidential candidate," Cox said.

- **In 2000, *Defense Daily* Reported Cox's Comments On The Clinton-Gore Policy Towards North Korea.** Policy Committee Chairman Christopher Cox (R-Calif.) is calling for a new policy on North Korea. "The Clinton-Gore policy of making North Korea the largest recipient of U.S. foreign aid in the Asia-Pacific region has proven a failure of scandalous proportions," Cox says.
- **In 2000, *The Washington Times* Reported:** Rep. Christopher Cox has fired a broadside against the FCC, whose existence, based on the 1934 Communications Act, is more than being an utter irrelevance in the Age of the Internet but could be, potentially, a positive hindrance to its future growth. Mr. Cox is author of the law which abolished what had become the vestigial Interstate Commerce Commission (ICC).
- **In 1999, Cox Appeared On *CNN's Inside Politics* To Discuss His Support Of Governor Bush For President.** Cox, however, noted he "worked on an important national issue -- in fact, a global issue -- with Governor Bush, the Internet Tax Freedom Act, which I sponsored. Governor Bush was one of only four in the nation to support keeping new discriminatory taxes off the Internet. And because of his leadership and his support, that's law today."
- ***The Orange County Register* Reported Rep. Christopher Cox (R-CA), "Fresh From His Media Road Show After The Release Of His China Report, Took Some Time Over The Recess To Pay A Call On The Republican Frontrunner For President, George W. Bush."** Cox "flew to Austin, Texas, last week and briefed the Texas Governor on foreign-policy matters ranging from Russia to China. He also met with Bush's campaign team." Bush will be "making a campaign stop in Orange County later this month."
- **In 1999, *The Washington Post* Reported:** A congressional report on Chinese espionage that set off a political furor this year contained significant factual errors, "inflammatory" language and "unwarranted" conclusions, according to a point-by-point rebuttal to be issued today by five experts at Stanford University. Last spring, a House select committee chaired by Rep. Christopher Cox (R-Calif.) published a three-volume report concluding that China had stolen design information on every type of nuclear warhead in the U.S. ballistic missile arsenal as well as the neutron bomb. But the Cox report presented "no evidence or

foundation for these allegations other than recounting the existence of a 'walk-in' agent with some data on one system," wrote Michael M. May, co-director of Stanford's Center for International Security and Cooperation.

- **In 1999, *The Associated Press* Reported That Cox And Senator Ron Wyden (D-OR) Were Seeking A Permanent Ban On Internet Taxes.** The Clinton administration and Congress are urging that the World Trade Organization impose a permanent global ban on taxes and tariffs aimed specifically at Internet commerce. Of particular concern is the "bit tax" on transmission of digital data proposed by a recent United Nations report as a way for developing countries to gain revenue. The tax would increase based on the size of a computer file being transferred. Legislation introduced Thursday by Rep. Christopher Cox, R-Calif., and Sen. Ron Wyden, D-Ore., urges U.S. trade officials to work during the WTO's November meeting in Seattle for the permanent ban. The measure also says the United States should oppose an attempt by any nation to impose a bit tax. "We want to make sure we arrest this threat before it's too late," Cox said.
- **In 1999, Cox Was Criticized In A *Bulletin Of The Atomic Scientist* Article.** Fifty years later another congressman is well on his way toward launching a new Cold War with China. Christopher Cox, a California Republican from Orange County, born in 1952, has no personal knowledge of the devastation that McCarthy's partisan opportunism caused. But as chairman of the House Select Committee on U.S. National Security and Military/Commercial Concerns with the People's Republic of China, Cox has nonetheless found a way to improve on Joe McCarthy's basic technique. (Created in 1998, the "Cox committee" was one of Newt Gingrich's last contributions to American government.) In his committee's report, a declassified version of which was made public on May 25, 1999, Cox accused various American citizens of being spies for China. He asserted that through espionage, China had achieved a nuclear weapons capacity "on a par" with that of the United States. The reality is that China has roughly 20 old, liquid-fueled, single-warhead intercontinental-range missiles; the United States has about 7,200 strategic warheads that could be delivered against China via missiles, submarines, and bombers. Further, a U.S. Navy fleet is permanently based off the China coast.
- **In 1999, Cox Was Criticized In A *Los Angeles Times* Letter To The Editor.** Rep. Christopher Cox's July 27 letter accused Tom Plate of "taking the Communist Party line." The use of that phrase reveals Cox for what he is, a Red-baiting, neo-McCarthyite. There is no "party line," Rep. Cox. If there is, prove it. This country, to its shame, has been down this road before. Accusing those who disagree with you of communism makes rational discussion impossible and destroys innocent lives. Rational discussion isn't what those in the right wing want; they want an issue and they are willing to use smear tactics to get that issue,

just like the 1950s. Will we or they ever learn?

- **China Was Critical Of The Cox Report.** According to *The New York Post* (1999): Zhao also said a bipartisan congressional panel headed by Rep. Christopher Cox (R-Calif.) is racist because its 872-page report charges China uses students and businessmen to steal U.S. secrets. "This is a great slander against the Chinese nation and is typical racial prejudice," Zhao fumed.
- **Cox Accused The Beijing Government Of Enflaming Tensions Between The Chinese And American People With Propaganda Saying The Espionage Charges Were Based On Anti-Chinese Racism.** "It is a horrible thing for the Chinese government to whip up" (*The Associated Press*, 1999).
- **Cox's Investigation Of The Chinese Technology Scandal Was Highly Criticized By Some From The Left And In The Media.** Cox (R-Newport Beach) and Washington Representative Norm Dicks (a Democrat), both of whom then-House Speaker Newt Gingrich chose to head the spy investigation issued a final Cox-Dicks report on the technology transfer issue. Playing to network TV cameras in the summer of 1999, "Cox donned his most sincere and alarmed expression and said that the espionage had undoubtedly placed every American city under threat of a Chinese nuclear-missile shower." Two months before Cox published his committee's 700-page "secret" report, someone was leaking details of the committee's proceedings to the *New York Times*--someone who would benefit from the suggestion that the Clinton administration had aided and abetted Chinese spying at Los Alamos. According to media reports that pointed to the committee's Republican members. Among those Republicans, "Cox had the most to gain from the spy charges. Already angling for the job of speaker, Cox was also looking toward the VP slot on the Republicans' 2000 presidential ticket."
- **In The First Public Testimony On The Findings Of The House Select Committee, Rep. Christopher Cox, R-Calif., Who Chaired The Panel, Today Ranked Creation Of An International System For Screening Exports Of Military-Sensitive Technology As "Probably The Most Important Recommendation" It Made.** Describing the existing system, the so-called Wassenaar Arrangement, as "toothless," Cox suggested using the scheduled review of that protocol later this year to push for improvements. He made the point as he and Rep. Norm Dicks, D-Wash., the committee's ranking member, steered around the partisan warfare over their report that broke out during their appearance before the House International Relations Asian and Pacific Affairs Subcommittee (*National Journal's CongressDaily*, 1999).
- **In 1999, The St. Louis Post-Dispatch Reported:** The unanimous report is by a select House committee on Chinese espionage headed by Rep. Christopher Cox, R-Calif. The report contends China also stole U.S. secrets about the neutron bomb

- an enhanced-radiation weapon that the United States decided not to develop. Administration officials accuse the Cox committee of consistently using worst-case scenarios in assessing the impact of Chinese espionage and technology acquisition. One senior administration official said he strongly disagreed with the committee's conclusion that stolen U.S. nuclear secrets gave China thermonuclear design information on a par with the United States. According to *BBC Worldwide Monitoring* (1999): The report, authored by an investigative panel headed by Republican Representative Christopher Cox, accused mainland China of having mounted a widespread effort to obtain US military technology by any means, legal or illegal, since the 1970s.
- **In 1999, ABC World News Sunday Reported:** CAROLE SIMPSON: There were harsh words from key American lawmakers on the Sunday talk show circuit today as Chinese officials continue to claim they are innocent of widespread espionage. The House committee chairman investigating the charges, Congressman Christopher Cox, accused China of reaping the benefits of stolen American secrets. Rep. CHRISTOPHER COX: (Clip from "This Week") There is no question that what the People's Republic Of China is now doing is a direct result of what they have stolen from the United States.
- **But Rep. Christopher Cox (R-Newport Beach) Is Convinced That The U.S. Government's Zeal To Open Lucrative Markets To U.S. Firms Has Gone Too Far.** Findings by Cox's bipartisan committee have already led to tighter controls on satellite sales to China. The panel's report, expected to be released this month, documents China acquiring military technology through commercial deals, Cox said. "Our own security interests should always trump short-run commercial benefits," he said. The biggest minefields lie in telecommunications and satellites, in part because China's military keeps turning up in such deals. Last year, the Cox committee accused satellite makers Hughes and Loral Space & Communications of transferring sensitive technology to the Chinese. Both companies deny the charges.
- **In 1999, The Pittsburgh Post-Gazette Reported:** Cox in March accused the administration of selectively leaking details of security lapses during Republican administrations in an attempt to deflect growing criticism that the Clinton administration was slow to respond to evidence of ongoing security problems. He also accused the administration of delaying the report's declassification and of trying to censor the report to the point where it would be misleading.
- **In 1999, The American Spectator Reported On The Cox Report.** Further evidence of Chinese spying is found in a 700-page, still-classified report compiled by the House Select Committee on U.S. National Security and Military-Commercial Concerns with the People's Republic of China, established last year to examine the impact on U.S. national security of U.S. technology transfers to

China (See "Loral Exams," TAS, July 1998). When Chairman Christopher Cox offered a vague summary of the Select Committee's findings on December 30, he promised that more details would follow once the report had been scrubbed to protect classified sources and intelligence-gathering methods. Three months later, the administration was still fighting to keep the report secret. According to committee staff members, an interagency review board was even trying to classify information taken from newspaper accounts, in their efforts to bottle-up the scandal. Cox told reporters on December 30 that the Select Committee had made 38 specific recommendations for action to remedy lax security arrangements governing U.S. technology transfer to China, and confirmed that the assistance provided by Hughes Aerospace and Loral to the Chinese following the failure of a Chinese rocket in 1996 had harmed U.S. national security. "The technology transfer that has occurred goes beyond the examples of the Loral and Hughes cases," Cox added. "It goes beyond, indeed, missiles and satellites, and includes military technology. And the technology acquisition efforts of the PRC have been targeted at the United States for a period of at least two decades, undoubtedly longer." According to *The Japan Times* (1999): Some information from the investigation, headed by U.S. Republican Rep. Christopher Cox of California, has already been divulged. Among the report's charges are allegations that China stole classified information on seven nuclear weapons that form the bulk of the U.S. modern nuclear arsenal, such as technology related to the development of miniature nuclear warheads. Miniature warheads are key to the development of submarine-based nuclear forces and multiple-warhead missiles.

- **Cox, Who Represents Trendy Newport Beach, Calif., Voted To Override Clinton's Veto Of The Ban On A Specific Kind Of Late-Term Abortion And Opposed Raising The Minimum Wage (*Newsday*, 1998).**
- **In 1998, *The Commercial Appeal* (Memphis, TN) Reported:** Jim Sasser, the U. S. ambassador to China and former Tennessee senator, sternly denied charges by two Republican congressmen that he violated federal law in his representation of a Chattanooga developer for \$ 1.8 million. The accusations by Reps. Christopher Cox (R-Calif.) and Greg Ganske (R-Iowa) punctuated a six-hour grilling of Sasser by the House Commerce oversight subcommittee.
- **In 1998, Cox Joined Other Republicans And Democrats In Calling For The Ouster Of Steven J. Frogue From The South Orange Community College District Board.** According to *The Associated Press*: Critics say Frogue, a history teacher at Foothill High School in Tustin, was insensitive for proposing a seminar on conspiracy theories that would have included a view about the Israeli government assassinating President John F. Kennedy. Dozens of newspaper stories and affidavits from Frogue's former students quote him as claiming the Holocaust is exaggerated, denouncing the Anti-Defamation League and referring

to Asians as "yellow people." Frogue has denied the accusations. Reps. Christopher Cox, R-Newport Beach, and Dana Rohrabacher, R-Huntington Beach, said Frogue - a registered Republican - must go.

- **In 1998, *The Washington Post* Reported:** Some Democrats are concerned that GOP candidates will use snippets of Clinton's videotaped grand jury testimony in commercials this fall. Rep. Christopher Cox (R-Calif.) said he would advise against using such footage. "It would make a bad ad that probably wouldn't persuade anyone," Cox said yesterday.
- **In 1998, *The San Francisco Chronicle* Reported:** The Californian who will head the new select committee investigating Chinese government influence in the 1996 election is widely regarded as a much savvier operator than the Republican now investigating White House scandals. Whether Republican Chris Cox of Newport Beach can succeed where Representative Dan Burton failed and produce a credible, productive and bipartisan investigation is uncertain. But the initial reaction to Cox's ascension was that it is a step in the right direction. "Chris Cox has two things Dan Burton lacks: intelligence and good judgment," said Jack Pitney, a political scientist at Claremont-McKenna College, in Los Angeles County. Cox was thrust into the spotlight Tuesday when House Speaker Newt Gingrich asked him to lead the investigation into whether 1996 donations to the Democratic Party were intended to influence President Clinton's decision to allow China to acquire sophisticated missile technology. Cox's appointment will not become official until the House approves the panel. "I'm doing everything I can to get this off on the right foot," said Cox, "to make sure we have a cooperative and small group of members with expertise who can among other things handle classified information with discretion." According to the *San Jose Mercury News* (1998): The chairman of the House select committee that investigated China's alleged theft of U.S. nuclear secrets accused the Clinton administration Wednesday of trying to suppress his committee's findings rather than moving quickly to repair ongoing security breaches at the nation's weapons laboratories. "The problems we're talking about are current problems -- we're not talking about historical problems," Rep. Christopher Cox, R-Newport Beach, told the Mercury News in a telephone interview from Washington, D.C. "We're talking about now." Cox said the White House is trying to limit the release of his bipartisan committee's findings, which are sealed in a classified report more than 700 pages long. A declassified version is scheduled for release this month, but Cox said he fears the White House will so severely censor it that its content will be "misleading." The California member of Congress hinted strongly that the report contains bombshells beyond those already disclosed about the allegedly longstanding and successful espionage campaign by China to obtain America's nuclear secrets. He accused the White House of leaking portions of the report alleging nuclear thefts that took place during Republican administrations, but said

President Clinton seems determined to suppress portions of the report documenting alleged security breaches during Democratic administrations, including his own.

- **In 1998, Cox Was Mentioned In An *Arkansas Democrat-Gazette* Article On Representative Dan Burton (R-IN) Calling President Clinton A Scum-Bag.** Waxman and other Democrats lashed out at Burton's assessment of Clinton. "I found your remarks to be both vile and repugnant," Waxman said. Rep. Christopher Cox, R-Calif., accused Waxman of being hypocritical for using sharp words to describe Burton. "Reprehensible is a five-syllable word for scum bag," Cox said.
- **In 1997, Cox Was Mentioned In An *NPR All Things Considered* Segment On The House Investigating Allegations Of Campaign Funding Abuses In The 1996 Elections.** NAYLOR: Some Republicans on the panel apparently disagreed with Chairman Burton that today's witnesses were not villains but victims. Christopher Cox of California and Chris Shays of Connecticut accused Fong of laundering money by agreeing to write the check to the DNC for Trie. Fong said she did not know where her brother got the money to reimburse her.
- **In 1997, Cox Was Mentioned In A *Philadelphia Inquirer* Article On Former Secretary Of State Alexander M. Haig Calling Congressman Over China.** Among those who say they were called by Haig during last year's China crisis are Solomon and Rep. Christopher Cox (R-Calif.) who last spring sponsored a sense-of-the-Congress resolution that the U.S. should defend Taiwan against any Chinese attack. An official close to the House International Relations Committee said Chairman Benjamin Gilman (R.-N.Y.) also received a call from Haig during that time. Haig is one of several former government officials who have argued for better ties with China despite its poor human-rights record, including former Secretary of State Henry Kissinger and former National Security Advisor Brent Scowcroft. Their role, as well as Haig's, was described critically in a just-released book titled *The Coming Conflict with China*, by Richard Bernstein and Ross H. Munro. The book says that last year, one day before a vote in Congress about China's Most Favored Nation status, Haig called Cox and accused him "of trying to destroy U.S.-China relations." The book quotes a Cox aide as saying the congressman "was irate ... It was an absolutely unsolicited and inappropriate phone call." Cox's office said the call did take place, and that he and Haig discussed China policy, but that Cox took no offense at the call.
- **In 1997, Cox Appeared On *CNN's Crossfire* To Discuss President Clinton And His Political Donors.**
- **A Sweeping Reform That Will Authorize State And Local Governments To Enforce The Nation's Immigration Laws--Something That Now Only INS**

Officials Can Do--Passed The House Of Representatives Today As Part Of A Major Immigration Reform Bill. The addition to "The Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigrant Responsibility Act," the House-Senate compromise version of H.R. 2202, was made by Rep. Christopher Cox (R-Orange County). The Cox legislation, now certain to be approved by the Senate and sent to President Clinton for his signature, authorizes state and local law enforcement authorities to perform functions currently limited to federal immigration officers, in effect becoming "deputized" immigration agents. Police will be able to investigate the immigration status of trustees, for example, and detain illegal aliens for deportation--functions they once performed but are currently forbidden to perform by federal law. "Deportation of illegal aliens should not be held hostage to the effectiveness of the INS," said Rep. Cox. "The INS is simply overwhelmed by the number of illegal entrants into the United States. Illegal immigrants know if they make it past the border, deportation is but a faint possibility. Now, that will change, because every cop on the beat and every state trooper will be included in the effort to pick up illegal immigrants and send them home" (*Congressional Press Releases*, 1996).

- **In 1996, Congressional Press Releases Reported:** Congressman Christopher Cox (R-Orange County) will review the new INS pilot program at the Anaheim City Jail during a tour of the facility tomorrow. Councilman Bob Zemel, who has worked closely with Rep. Cox to fund and implement the program, and Anaheim Police Chief Randall Gaston will join Rep. Cox on his visit and participate in a press conference immediately following the tour. The screening program--aimed at speeding the deportation of illegal aliens held for violent crimes--was authorized in an amendment sponsored by Rep. Cox to the immigration reform bill passed by the House of Representatives last month. The tour comes ten days after the start of the INS screening program at the jail with the stationing of two full-time INS agents there. "For too long, illegal aliens who commit crimes in our communities have been arrested and then simply released," declared Rep. Cox. "Under the pilot program authorized by my bill, the INS will identify illegal aliens at the Anaheim City Jail, and immediately start deportation proceedings."
- **Republicans Want The Government's Health Inspector General To Investigate Allegations That The Food And Drug Administration Illegally Helped Lawyers For 200 Patients Who Contend Back Screws Crippled Them.** Now Congress is getting involved. Rep. Christopher Cox, R-Calif., accused the FDA on Wednesday of not only giving attorneys confidential medical information from that study, but of receiving from them court-sealed documents that it used to improperly investigate spinal screws. Although Cox stopped short of accusing the FDA of collusion with the attorneys, he said the probe is "furthering the agenda of plaintiffs' lawyers" (*The Associated Press*, 1995).

- **In 1995, *The Orange County Register* Reported That Ralph Nader Called Cox One Of The Cruellest People In Congress.** Cox, Nader argued, is bent on hurting Medicare recipients, victims of medical malpractice and small investors who are “swindled” out of their savings in order to help corporate campaign contributors. Cox favors a plan to reduce Medicare spending growth by \$ 270 billion over seven years and supports limiting liability for medical malpractice and securities-fraud lawsuits. “He is the epitome of so many members of Congress who have lost touch with the folks back home,” Nader said.
- **In 1995, *National Journal’s CongressDaily* Reported:** Reps. Ron Wyden, D-Ore., and Christopher Cox, R-Calif., Monday gathered with Internet service providers to present new technologies that enable parents “to child-proof the family computer,” in Wyden’s words, as part of the Internet Freedom and Family Empowerment Act. At a news conference, Wyden said the “readily available, reasonably priced” software allows parents and educators to block out 90-95 percent of online material of “objectionable”, specifically, sexually explicit, content. Wyden and Cox presented the technologies as a private-sector alternative to legislation introduced by Sen. James Exon, D-Neb., that calls on the FCC to police the Internet. “The private sector is in a far better position to guard the portals of cyberspace than government,” Wyden said.
- **In 1995, *The Associated Press* Reported:** A California congressman who is criticized in a lawsuit for his work as a securities lawyer is sponsoring legislation that would drastically curtail such lawsuits against attorneys in the future. The proposal from Republican Rep. Christopher Cox comes as lawyers representing investors stung in a \$ 121 million failed investment say they’re considering whether to add him as a defendant in their suit. The bill being pushed by Cox would prohibit investors injured by securities fraud from suing lawyers and accountants who advocated the deal unless they can prove the lawyers purposely assisted the fraud.
- **In 1994, *Securities Week* Reported:** The Republican Party’s “Contract with America” would shield Merrill Lynch and others accused of securities fraud in connection with Orange County’s from liability, according to a trade group representing lawyers. Last week, the National Association of Securities and Commercial Law Attorneys (NASCAT) said legislation proposed by Rep. Christopher Cox (R-CA), which is point number nine in the “Contract with America,” would give retroactive protection for fraud defendants, throwing class action bondholder cases out of court. NASCAT accused Cox, whose congressional district includes parts of Orange County, of “representing Merrill Lynch instead of his constituents.” In Merrill’s defense, a firm spokesman said, “Merrill Lynch has not been accused of massive fraud.” He added that the firm had no role in

influencing Cox to draft his bill.

- **A Local Congressman Is Taking Some Political Heat For A Proposed Bill That Could Make It Harder For Anyone To Win, Or Even Successfully File, A Securities Fraud Lawsuit.** The reason? Orange County's 2.5 million residents are arguably victims of the biggest financial scandal of the year. Rep. Christopher Cox, a Republican, argued Tuesday that his bill to reform securities class action lawsuits would give victims more money by cutting the heavy fees charged by lawyers. And plaintiffs would ultimately benefit through far-reaching reforms of securities laws, he said. Cox's bill, which is now in draft form, would amend the 1934 Securities Exchange Act by eliminating bonus payments to certain plaintiffs in lawsuits and requiring them to have a "meaningful investment" in the stocks at issue. Such reform is aimed at winnowing out so-called frivolous lawsuits. It also would limit "windfall damages" to investors who were lied to about a company's future prospects. And executives would receive expanded protections when they make forward-looking statements in good faith about their companies but their businesses doesn't meet those expectations. More controversial is language that would require investors to "allege specific facts demonstrating the state of mind of each defendant at the time the alleged violation occurred" (*The Associated Press*, 1994). According to the *Los Angeles Times* (1995): But Cox accused the trial lawyers of creating "baseless fears" and exploiting the Orange County bankruptcy for the sake of political advantage. Cox argued during the hearing that his bill does not target the small investors but the "legalized extortion" practiced by lawyers who file frivolous lawsuits against businesses in order to capture big legal fees.
- **In 1994, Cox Was Mentioned In A *Washington Times* Commentary Written By California Governor Pete Wilson (R-CA).** In an Oct. 6 letter to the attorney general, California Reps. Christopher Cox, David Drier and Carlos Moorhead accuse Miss Reno of "parroting campaign charges" being lobbed by Kathleen Brown. "We urge you to put an end to the partisan games immediately," the representatives wrote, "and stay out of political campaigns once and for all."
- **In 1994, The *Los Angeles Times* Reported On Cox's Criticism Of Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan.** Rep. Christopher Cox (R-Newport Beach) accused Greenspan of steering Fed policy "hand-in-glove with the Clinton Administration." The Fed decision-making process "whether it produces lower rates or higher rates at any given time must be seen as an integral part of the Clinton game plan," Cox said. "It could even be argued that the Federal Reserve's independence has been compromised."
- **In 1993, The *Orange County Register* Reported That President Bush Named Cox's Wife To The Defense Base Closure And Realignment Commission.**
- **In 1992, *States News Service* Reported That Cox Proposed Cutting Congress'**

Budget. The Newport Beach Republican has been quietly circulating a letter among House Republicans which asks Bush to veto the legislative appropriations bill, and promises to uphold the veto. He needs 145 signatures to sustain the veto. He has 117. With his letter, Cox, usually a quiet lawmaker, has put himself in the spotlight. Washington newspapers Thursday suggested that Cox is sending the letter as a political move, to embarrass the Democratic leadership and/or to unseat Republican contenders for power. Cox denies that. The letter to President Bush notes "staff has mushroomed" since 1954, the last time the Republicans had a majority in the House of Representatives, and quotes House Minority Leader Robert Michel's pledge to cut staff by 50 percent if Republicans become the majority party and elect him Speaker of the House. "Mr. President, with your help we need not wait until the day when Republicans finally break the Democrats' four decades-old reign of one-party control," the letter reads in part.

- **In 1992, The Los Angeles Times Reported On A Meeting Between Cox And Mexican President Salinas.** Cox returned Tuesday from a trip to Mexico. He was accompanied by several county business leaders interested in exploring opportunities created by dramatic recent changes in Mexico's economy, as well as the possibility of a free trade agreement with Mexico. Cox organized the trip to generate interest in the proposed agreement by demonstrating its potential benefits. The group met with Salinas and several top government and commerce officials. The proposed trade agreement among the United States, Mexico and Canada is being negotiated and is expected to be submitted to Congress later this year. The accord is controversial and could become a political football in an election year. Critics of the plan -- particularly Democrats -- say it would send U.S. jobs south of the border as U.S. companies seek cheaper labor and fewer regulations. But proponents, such as Cox, say the benefits are substantial. Instead of reducing U.S. jobs, Cox said, he believes that the agreement will increase domestic opportunities, as companies expand to compete in a new market. And significantly, Salinas has argued that better economic conditions in Mexico will substantially decrease illegal immigration into the United States. Cox was joined on the trip by Safi Qureshey, president of AST Research in Irvine; Mark Johnson, president of Chapin Medical; Jerry Boyle, regional manager of CH2M Hill; Brandon Birtcher of Birtcher Equities; William Adams of O'Melveny & Myers, and Henry Baray, vice president of the Restaurant Enterprises Group Inc. As a result of the trip, Cox said, he is planning to hold a meeting this spring for more than 100 county business leaders to hear from Cabinet-level officials in the Mexican government. Cox said three top officials in Mexico have agreed to attend such a meeting to discuss the business opportunities being created.
- **In 1991, States News Service Reported:** In a rare floor vote on legislation by an Orange County representative, the House Wednesday killed a resolution by Rep. Christopher Cox that would have forced it to formally apologize for Democrats

who got a House legal opinion on a state term-limit initiative. The House voted 265-160 to table Cox's bill, which expressed the feelings of the House that it was improper for the Democratic group to seek a legal opinion from the House's counsel about whether a Florida initiative could limit the terms of federal office holders. "This is unwise. It creates the appearance that this body intends to frustrate the will of the people," said Cox, R-Newport Beach. "The purpose of my resolution is to direct the House leadership to get the devil out of state term-limit elections.

- **Over The Last Two Years, Robert J. Sutcliffe, Former Administrative Assistant To Rep. Christopher Cox (R-Newport Beach), Has Received \$52,500 From Cox's Campaign Fund To Supplement His \$82,500 Annual Government Salary.** At Cox's request, the House Ethics Committee approved Sutcliffe's unusually lucrative salary arrangement (*Los Angeles Times*, 1991).
- **In 1991, Cox Commented On Senator Alan Cranston's (D-CA) Proposal To Abolish The INS And Merge Its Functions With Three State Department Bureaus In A New Agency For Migration Affairs.** According to *The Orange County Register*: "He's a lame duck, and he's just venting his spleen. We have major frustrations with the INS, as well as serious border problems, but there are no easy solutions. If we reorganize the INS, there's still no guarantee that will improve our immigration problems." Rep. Christopher Cox, R-Newport Beach, who fields so many immigration complaints that he's had the INS train members of his staff in how to handle them, said many of the INS' problems could be eradicated simply by US approval of a free trade pact with Mexico. "The common denominator of the problems we see is that there's a long and painful bureaucratic ordeal to wend your way through the INS, and it's complicated by the fact that most applicants don't speak English," Cox said. In one recent case, Cox said, the INS threatened to deport a French woman who tried to enter the US after marrying an Orange County man in Mexico.
- **In 1990, The *Los Angeles Times* Reported That Cox Authored Legislation That Creates A Mechanism For The Investment Of Private American Capital In Business Enterprises In Hungary And Poland.** Cox already can claim a significant foreign policy victory in his first term. He authored legislation, ultimately enacted, that creates a mechanism for the investment of private American capital in business enterprises in Hungary and Poland, not a mean achievement for a freshman member of the minority party. Cox also is pushing a bill that would shift allocation of money from the federal highway trust fund to those areas, such as Orange County, hardest hit by gridlock.
- **In 1990, The *Los Angeles Times* Reported:** Specifically, Cox successfully took on the Department of the Army when the Corps of Engineers announced plans to begin charging a substantial fee, over and above its actual costs, for storing water

behind the Prado Dam for later use by the Orange County Water District. He also authored legislation that has effectively precluded the use of the U.S. Marine Corps Air Station at El Toro for commercial airline flights, to the delight of county officials. And he was instrumental in helping secure the federal right of way needed to extend Alicia Parkway in Laguna Niguel.

- **While Cox And Rohrabacher Share The Same Broadly Conservative World View, They Disagree, For Example, About Oil Drilling Off The Coast Of California.** Cox, whose 40th Congressional District includes the central Orange County coast, strongly opposes it. Rohrabacher, who has referred to the lights that shine from offshore rigs as “beautiful,” favors offshore drilling, if affected communities sign off on the project. Rohrabacher also represents a coastal district, the 42nd, which extends south from Torrance through Huntington Beach. On another front, Rohrabacher has proposed withdrawing federal support for the National Endowment for the Arts, arguing that the agency’s \$175-million budget is an unaffordable luxury in a time of fiscal constraint. Cox believes that the federal government should support the arts, but through a program of tax incentives that would leave to individual taxpayers the decision about what kind of art they will subsidize (*Los Angeles Times*, 1990).
- **In 1990, Cox Was Mentioned In An Article On Families Reuniting After The Vietnam War.** Usually, helping people deal with federal bureaucracy’s red tape has been left to local congressional offices. For example, Peter Slen, an aide to Rep. C. Christopher Cox (R-Newport Beach), said Cox’s office is working on 400 immigration cases. But in an unusual move for local municipalities, Irvine is trying to help those who live and work in the city deal with the red tape, both here and abroad (*Los Angeles Times*, 1990).
- **In 1990, Cox Was Mentioned In A *Los Angeles Times* Article On Housing And Urban Development Secretary Jack Kemp Saying That He Would Ask Congress To Amend Provisions Of The 1986 Immigration Reform And Control Act.** Rep. C. Christopher Cox (R-Newport Beach), who also attended Wednesday’s meeting, echoed those concerns and said “all participants agreed that cities are not equipped to be INS enforcers.” “When enforcement guidelines are decided, they will be issued at the federal level and will apply to all cities,” he said. Kemp and officials from Orange County will meet again to discuss specific guidelines next Thursday. Cox said that participants also agreed that emergency services “ought to be treated separately.” “In the case of someone who is severely hurt and needs medical attention, do we put them on hold while checking for their status?” he asked. “Yet, taking current laws and regulations to their extreme, that is what would result.” Cox, who has supported modifying some immigration restrictions, said he will move to enact some of the changes when Congress takes up another immigration matter -- whether to increase quotas for lawful

immigration -- in the next few weeks. "I think it would be germane to amend (immigration law) to include the kinds of reforms that Kemp is asking for," he said.

- **In 1989, *The Orange County Register* Reported:** Cox, a former White House lawyer under President Reagan, immersed himself in the most complex congressional issue of all, budget reform. His proposal, which would have revamped the entire budget process and imposed spending caps on all appropriations categories, immediately became one of the centerpieces of the GOP's reform package in the House.
- **The Congressional Honeymoon With President Bush Disintegrated During The Confirmation Hearings Of Defense Secretary Nominee John Tower.** Two subsequent scandals -- influence-peddling at the Department of Housing and Urban Development and the collapse of Irvine-based Lincoln Savings and Loan -dominated the congressional agenda right up to adjournment. "Two things explain all the congressional time spent on scandals," said freshman Rep. Christopher Cox, R-Newport Beach. "One: Congress is the world's foremost finger pointer. Two: When the underlying facts support a great deal of finger-pointing, the combination is deadly" (*The Orange County Register*, 1989).
- **In 1989, *The Los Angeles Times* Reported Cox's Comments On Congress Passing A Pay An Ethic Package That Would Raise Compensation For Themselves, Federal Judges And Top Administration Officials.** Opposed were Reps. C. Christopher Cox (R-Newport Beach), Dana Rohrabacher (R-Lomita) and Robert K. Dornan (R-Garden Grove). Cox said he supported the ethics provisions of the pay raise bill as well as the pay increase for federal judges but that he voted against the measure because "congressional spending on the Congress itself has gone wildly out of control. . . . For Congress to have held judges' salaries hostage until its own members get a pay raise . . . is cynicism of the worst kind."
- **In 1988, *The Los Angeles Times* Reported:** Cox told about 150 members of the Dick Richards breakfast club in Newport Beach, a group of generally conservative businessmen, that his chief aim in office will be to promote the economic expansion of the Reagan years, while also keeping government from intruding on the lives of citizens.
- **A Mysterious Group Calling Itself The American Council For A Conservative Consensus Has Sent Last-Minute "Hit" Mail Aimed At C. Christopher Cox And C. David Baker, Who Along With Nathan Rosenberg Are Front-Runners In The 40th Congressional District Republican Primary.** A third piece of mail, a disparaging letter aimed at Cox that apparently was sent to only a handful of people, has prompted a request from the Anaheim-based

California Coalition for Traditional Values for an investigation by the FBI and the Postal Inspector's Office. The letter was on photocopies of the coalition's stationery, but leaders of the group say they know nothing about it. The federal agencies had no immediate comment on whether they would investigate. One of the two hit mailers bearing the name of the American Council for a Conservative Consensus raises questions about Baker's marital fidelity, and the other accuses Cox of being a Communist. Both have been distributed to thousands of homes in the 40th District. The Cox mailer bearing the name of the Council for a Conservative Consensus showed a picture of Cox with a hammer and sickle in the background. It accused Cox of espousing Communist propaganda by using his business to translate into English the Soviet newspaper Pravda. "American school children, thanks to Christopher Cox, are exposed to the lies, distortions and mind-bending views of the world that Communist propaganda so cleverly manufactures," the mailer charges. Cox explained in a recent interview that, after studying Russian at USC, he opened a business in 1984 that was dedicated to translating Pravda into English so Americans can know what is being said about them in the Soviet Union (*Los Angeles Times*, 1988).

- **In 1988, Cox Commented On Former White House Chief Of Staff Donald Regan's Book.** According to the *Los Angeles Times*: Cox labeled books like the one written by former Chief of Staff Don Regan, in which he revealed that First Lady Nancy Reagan consulted an astrologer, as "unseemly, at best." Cox, former senior associate White House counsel, said he would urge future Presidents to require all presidential appointees to sign a contract promising not to write a book "based on confidential information obtained during the course of their service."
- **Democratic Congressional Candidate Lida Lenney On Monday Night Called Upon Republican C. Christopher Cox To Apologize For Sending Voters In The 40th Congressional District A Pair Of So-Called "Hit Pieces" Against Two Of His GOP Primary Opponents.** But Cox, a former senior associate White House counsel and one of the leading candidates in the race, declined, saying he had nothing to apologize for. In the sharpest exchange to date in a campaign with two weeks to go, Lenney, a Laguna Beach councilwoman, labeled as "deplorable" two mailers sent to 110,000 GOP households by Cox, a Newport Beach attorney and a leading contender in the June 7 Republican primary. The two mailers attacked his chief rivals: Irvine Councilman C. David Baker and Newport Beach businessman Nathan Rosenberg. In the mailers, Cox accuses both Baker and Rosenberg of "distorting" their records: Baker on raising taxes in Irvine and Rosenberg on his relationship with his brother, Werner Erhard, founder of est. In the mailer on Baker, Cox says the councilman on at least one occasion voted to increase taxes in Irvine, a charge that Baker denies. In a separate mailer on Rosenberg, Cox says his challenger has tried to conceal his involvement with Erhard and his self-improvement seminars, including The Forum (*Los Angeles*

Times, 1988).

- **In 1988, The *Los Angeles Times* Reported On Cox Using Mailers To Attack His Opponent During The Republican Primary.** After weeks of non-contact campaigning, the Republican primary in the 40th Congressional District turned combative this week as C. Christopher Cox leveled an attack on Nathan Rosenberg. In a political circular mailed to 110,000 GOP voters in the district, Rosenberg is accused of distorting his job record and concealing his ties to his brother, est founder Werner Erhard. The four-page mailer, with "beware" in big red type on the cover, describes Rosenberg as an "est advocate" and quotes a recent magazine article in which Erhard's programs are called "destructive cults." It also accused Rosenberg's wife, Claire, of being an est promoter.
- **Cox Has Contributed To Republicans.**
- **Cox's Name Was Cited In *Batzel v. Smith*.**
- **Cox's Name Was Cited In *Re. Theragenics Corp. Securities Litigation*.**
- **Cox's Name Was Cited In *State Of California v. U.S.***
- **Cox Was Listed As A Plaintiff In *Michel v. Anderson*.**
- **Cox's Name Was Cited In *Perpich v. Department Of Defense*.**

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- **Congressman Cox Has A Criminal Offense Record In Virginia; Dating From Incidents Occurring In 1994 And 1997.** (See Attached Below)
- **In May 2005, *The Orange County Register* Raised A Question About Cox's Efforts To Change A Medicare Rule To The Benefit Of A Campaign Contributor.** "Seniors with cataracts -- and a little disposable income -- now have access to a revolutionary lens that mimics the human eye and can help restore the vision of their youth. Medicare, the federal health insurance program for people 65 and over, Tuesday threw out an obscure rule that barred beneficiaries undergoing cataract surgery from choosing crystalens, a technology launched 18 months ago by eyeonics inc. of Aliso Viejo. The Medicare decision is a boon for eyeonics, which sold \$13 million worth of crystalens last year -- all to people under 65 -- and expects that number to multiply rapidly as the market expands to include people of Medicare age....In its fight to change the rule, eyeonics contacted U.S. Rep. Christopher Cox, R-Newport Beach, who waged an aggressive lobbying campaign with Medicare on the company's behalf. 'This is a big victory for Medicare patients, who will no longer be barred from receiving the best technology,' said Cox, adding that Medicare will apply the new rule when similar situations arise. 'It is also a victory for the many innovative citizens of Orange County who create and develop new devices and therapies.' Corley

acknowledged that he had contributed to Cox's congressional campaign, though Cox said he wasn't aware of the contribution and that it had nothing to do with his actions on behalf of eyeonics." (*The Orange County Register*, 5/11/05)

- **Fugitives Wanted By Interpol May Have Been Invited To Visit The United States By Rep. Cox.** "A source close to the Menatep Group reports that Mikhail Brudno and Vladimir Dubov, wanted by Interpol, are visiting the United States. The source says that Brudno and Dubov have planned some meetings with US state officials and lawmakers. Brudno and Dubov arrived in Washington yesterday morning (evening in Moscow). 'They obtained American visas in Tel Aviv about a week ago,' the source said. The Russian government did its best to prevent the visit from taking place. 'Russia's appeal to Interpol on January 31, and active efforts by its diplomats in Washington, indicate that Moscow tried to prevent this visit to America.' A source in the US Congress says that Brudno and Dubov were invited to visit the United States by a group of American lawmakers, including Tom Lantos and Christopher Cox. Wanted by Interpol or not, the Menatep Group shareholders received guarantees from the US authorities that they would not be arrested." (*What The Papers Say*, 2/3/05)
- **Cox Warns That Any Legislative Proposal Which "Smacks Of Amnesty" Will Be Dead On Arrival.** "'I actually heard the president describe a different immigration proposal than a year ago,' said Rep. Christopher Cox, R-Newport Beach, who was heartened that Bush rejected amnesty. 'Anything that smacks of amnesty will be dead on arrival.'" (*The Orange County Register*, 2/3/05)
- **Cox Calls President Bush's Budget Provisions On Border Security "Wholly Inadequate."** "Despite a glaring need for more border personnel, the Bush administration is backsliding on a post-Sept. 11 recommendation to hire 2,000 more Border Patrol agents a year. The president's new budget proposes \$37 million to hire 210 new agents, well short of the target Congress set two months ago. We agree with House Homeland Security Chairman Christopher Cox - a Republican - who called this hiring plan 'wholly inadequate.'" (*The Dallas Morning News*, 2/23/05)
- **In 2004, *United Press International* Reported:** Attorney General John Ashcroft faced a barrage of criticism Thursday over his announcement that al-Qaida was planning to strike the United States over the summer, with some officials saying the White House had to step in to clear up confusion caused by conflicting public messages. The chairman of the House Select Committee on Homeland Security, Rep. Christopher Cox, R-Calif., accused Ashcroft of usurping the Department of Homeland Security's statutory role at the center of the decision-making process about publicizing terror threats. "The absence of (Homeland Security) Secretary (Tom) Ridge from yesterday's news conference held by the Attorney General," Cox said in a statement, "and the conflicting public messages their separate public

appearances delivered to the nation, suggests that the broad and close interagency consultation we expect -- and which the law requires -- did not take place in this case.”

- **In 2004, *United Press International* Reported:** House Homeland Security Committee Chairman Christopher Cox, R-Calif., has issued a statement questioning the FBI’s unilateral threat alert. The alert, which was issued on March 24 and indicated the Texas oil industry may be targeted by terrorists, came from the FBI alone, not from the Department of Homeland Security, which is supposed to be the sole agency to issue such threats. “Clearly this is a very troubling development,” Cox said. “Was it simply a one-time glitch or has there been a breakdown in communications between some of our key federal agencies?” “Given the dangerous, uncertain times we live in today, cooperation among all authorities is more important than ever,” Cox said. “We simply can’t afford to be sending confusing messages to a nervous public.”
- **Members Of A House Committee On Wednesday Criticized The Homeland Security Department’s Color-Coded Terror-Alert System As Too Broad, But The Department Defended The System As A Work In Progress.** The Washington Times reports that California Republican Christopher Cox, chairman of the Homeland Security Committee, said the nation could not afford the “senseless, unfocused, nationwide response” that too often is caused by “unspecified threat alerts” (*National Journal’s Technology Daily*, 2004).
- **In 2003, *The Associated Press* Reported:** The Secret Service used “profoundly bad judgment” in seeking to question a *Los Angeles Times* cartoonist over a political cartoon depicting a man pointing a gun at President Bush, a senior House Republican said Tuesday. Rep. Christopher Cox, R-Calif., chairman of the House Homeland Security Committee, said the Secret Service owed Pulitzer Prize-winning cartoonist Michael Ramirez an apology “and the public is owed an explanation both of how this happened and why it will not happen again.” The use of “federal power to attempt to influence the work of an editorial cartoonist for the *Los Angeles Times*,” Cox said in a letter to U.S. Secret Service Director Ralph Basham, “reflects profoundly bad judgment.”
- **Cox Has Been A Target Of Liberals And The Media For His Conservative Views.** Sen. Barbara Boxer, D-Calif., has already blocked the planned nomination of Rep. Christopher Cox, R-Calif., to the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals. “Cox is too conservative for Boxer—who is, according to *National Journal’s* annual vote ratings, a good deal further to the left of center in Congress than Cox is to the right.” In a “terse letter” to Boxer, Cox said that withdrawing from consideration “will permit me to redouble my efforts in Congress.” Moreover, Eugene C. Gratz, the Laguna Beach Democrat whom Cox handily defeated in the 1990 general election said of Cox: “I think he’s somewhat to the right of Genghis Khan.” The

media frequently refers to Cox as the "right-wing Republican Chris Cox."

- **In 1996, The Los Angeles Times Reported:** U.S. Rep. Christopher Cox lost his bid to be removed totally from a lawsuit accusing him of helping to keep the First Pension scandal operating 10 years ago, according to an Orange County judge's preliminary rulings Thursday. However, while Superior Court Judge Francisco F. Firmat appeared to give investors a boost in their class action, he also issued a preliminary ruling that removes the Newport Beach Republican from another lawsuit. In the investors' class action, the judge threw out two allegations--for malpractice and for fraud by active concealment--but gave plaintiffs 30 days to amend the pleadings to try to overcome legal objections. He overruled Cox's effort to dismiss four other claims, including fraud, misrepresentation and aiding and abetting a fraud. In a second lawsuit, brought by First Pension's court-appointed receiver, Firmat issued a preliminary ruling to throw out claims against Cox. The judge, however, held back a final ruling until he reads new cases cited at the hearing by lawyers. On Thursday, Firmat appeared to give investors a boost in their class action with a preliminary decision that overruled Cox's motion to throw out four allegations, though he now is reconsidering his opinion on two of those claims. He granted the Newport Beach Republican's request to throw out two additional claims, but gave plaintiffs 30 days to amend their complaint.
- **In 1995, Cox Was Sued For Fraud As A Result Of Legal Work He Did For An Investment Group 10 Years Ago.** The suit, filed in 1995 in state court in Los Angeles, charged that Mr. Cox, his former law firm and two of Mr. Cox's former colleagues at the firm misled regulators and investors in the 1980's about the condition of a real estate investment fund. Cox's name was eventually dropped as a defendant in 1996 in one of two lawsuits that accused him of helping to cover up the long-running Ponzi scheme at fraud-ridden First Pension Corp. when he was a private lawyer. Cox said he knew nothing about the First Pension Ponzi scheme and that the plaintiffs have failed to prove any of their allegations. Donald W. Henry's suit was an latest attempt to recover some of the more than \$125 million lost by thousands of California investors in the collapse in one of the state's longest-running investment schemes. It involved the First Pension Corporation and related concerns in which money from late investors was used to pay early investors in real estate loans. According to *The Associated Press* (1995): Investors stung in the \$ 121 million scheme recently filed a class-action lawsuit against Cooper and the other managers of the First Pension fund. The suit names Cox's former law firm as a defendant. The suit seeks no damages from Cox, but it accuses him of misleading California regulators about a securities issue involving a related company owned by Cooper. Lawyers for the plaintiffs said they are investigating the possibility that Cox's work on that matter helped perpetrate the First Pension fraud and they may add the congressman as a defendant. According to *The Legal Intelligencer* (1995): Cox is mentioned in the suit in connection with

a real estate prospectus he prepared for VestCorp, a company controlled by Cooper. Lawyers for the plaintiffs are questioning whether that prospectus laid the groundwork for a later mortgage prospectus that helped push First Pension into bankruptcy. Cox denied any link between his VestCorp work and the First Pension prospectus. "The offering I proposed did not fly and when I left the firm, I thought the deal was dead," he said. But the lawsuit cites a nine-page letter Cox wrote to California regulators in February 1985 outlining the first real estate prospectus. "Cox made several misrepresentations and misleading statements" to the regulators, the lawsuit charges. In the letter, Cox promised that money received in the deal would be subjected to "no unusual risk." The lawsuit says "this statement was false in that it concealed that . . . this was a highly risky investment." According to the *Los Angeles Times* (1995): The Cox suit quotes liberally from a letter Cox wrote to the Department of Corporations on Feb. 22, 1985, in support of a proposed First Pension Corp. investment offering. In the letter, Cox characterized the proposed investment as "overcollateralized" and "low-risk" and said that at the time of their investment, investors' funds "will be promptly invested in a trust deed loan. . . ." Henry argues in his suit that Cox's letter was deliberately misleading because First Pension investors did not invest in individual trust deeds and the loans in which their funds were invested "were not secured and were undercollateralized. This was a highly risky investment." In that letter, Cox also argued against a proposal for an independent appraisal of First Pension assets, claiming that the cost would "unreasonably harm the investors' rate of return." The suit says "this statement was manipulative" and "attempted to mischaracterize" the need for an audit that would have "had a high probability of uncovering the scheme" to defraud investors.

- **In 1995, The *Los Angeles Times* Reported:** Rep. Christopher Cox has portrayed his ties to a securities dealer convicted of fraud as limited to a small amount of legal work. But documents suggest a more complex relationship. Cox, a Newport Beach Republican, has said William Cooper, sentenced this month to 10 years in prison, was a client of his former law firm, for whom he only prepared a real estate mutual fund in 1985 that was never publicly offered. But documents obtained by the Associated Press show Cox also represented Cooper during a 1984 attempt to purchase a bank in Northern California. Cox's relationship with Cooper has come under increased scrutiny since the congressman sponsored legislation last month that would make it far more difficult to sue lawyers and accountants in investment-fraud cases. Cox's former firm is a defendant in such a lawsuit. Cox isn't a defendant but his work as a securities lawyer is criticized in the suit. After the AP divulged Cox's role, ethics watchdogs suggested he should have stepped away from the legislation. The day after the AP questioned Cox about whether he knew Cooper's license was revoked, the congressman amended his legislation to prevent lawyers and others from being sued if they "genuinely forgot to disclose"

important information. Last month, lawyers representing the defrauded investors informed Cox they were contemplating adding him as a defendant. Cox has said he helped Cooper design a securities offering in 1985, but the offering never was made. Cox also asserts he doesn't remember advising Cooper and Robert Lindley, also convicted in the First Pension case, in their efforts to buy a bank in Hanford, Calif., in 1984. Phillip K. Maroot, a lawyer who represented the sellers of Citizens National Bank in Hanford, said he recalled communicating with Cox and other attorneys at the Latham & Watkins law firm about the proposed bank sale. And records on the deal obtained by the *AP* include an Oct. 12, 1984, letter from Cox to Maroot formalizing the terms in a seven-page document. Two follow-up letters also identified Cox as the point of contact on the proposed deal. "I may have been sitting in on a meeting where the final terms were discussed," Cox said. "I really don't recall having any involvement in that."


- **In 1990, *The Orange County Register* Reported That Cox Was Against President Bush's Deficit Reduction Plan.** Packard, Dannemeyer, Rohrabacher and Cox are overt opponents of the budget plan.
- **In 1988, *The Los Angeles Times* Reported:** Newport Beach attorney William Yacobozzi Jr. filed a complaint with the Huntington Beach police accusing the Cox campaign of taking down Yacobozzi signs and replacing them with Cox's along Beach Boulevard in Huntington Beach. The complaint alleges that a Yacobozzi campaign worker spotted an employee of Rome Enterprises, a San Jose-based sign company hired by Cox, putting up Cox's cardinal and gold placards in place of Yacobozzi signs. "Our guy saw him do it only minutes after our signs went up," Yacobozzi said. "It was remarkable."
- **C. Christopher Cox, Who Has Based His Campaign For The Republican Nomination In The 40th Congressional District On His Longtime Support Of President Reagan, Did Not Vote For Reagan's Reelection In November, 1984, Voting Records Show.** Cox, a lawyer and former senior associate White House counsel, also failed to vote in the 1986 California June primary or the general election in November, 1986, even though he was eligible, according to records in the office of the Orange County registrar of voters. Cox said Tuesday that the last time he voted was in the June, 1984, California primary. A resident of the county since the mid-1970s, Cox sold his Newport Beach home and moved to Arlington, Va., when he accepted his White House appointment in 1986. He maintained voting status in the county because he was a White House employee, a spokeswoman for the registrar of voters office said. Cox, a leading contender in the June 7 GOP primary, said he had fully intended to vote for Reagan in November, 1984, but was tied up in a closed-door business meeting in Los Angeles that did not break until the polls closed that night. Cox was then a partner in the Newport Beach office of the Los Angeles-based law firm of Latham &

Watkins, he said. Cox and others on the firm's management board were evaluating attorneys for promotions that night, he said, and "I got stuck in the meeting, and by the time it ended I couldn't get back to Newport to vote. The important thing is, I intended to vote" (*Los Angeles Times*, 1988).

- **According To A February 2000 *Roll Call*, Rep. Roy Blunt (R-Mo.), The House's Liaison To The Bush Campaign, Was Peppared With Questions About Gov. Bush's Loss To Sen. John McCain (R-Ariz.) In The New Hampshire Primary And How Bush Planned To Respond At A Congressional Meeting.** According to *Roll Call*, Cox "even criticized Bush for his handling of the campaign finance reform issue, arguing that it could come back to haunt the party in November."

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