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Jeffrey B. Pine, Attorney General

August 24, 1994

Honorable Janet Reno
United States Attorney General
United States Department of Justice
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RE: Crime Bill**Dear Attorney General Reno:**

I am writing to express my support for the Crime Bill that is currently being considered in the United States Senate. I support this important legislation for a number of reasons. The Crime Bill would provide more funding for more police and prisons. It is tough on criminals. I also recognize, however, that putting more cops on the streets through community policing and building more prisons is part of a solution, but not the solution in and of itself.

I consider myself to be tough on crime. I can say that because, like you, I have been a prosecutor all my professional life. We need more funding to invest in legitimate crime prevention programs that have a proven record.

Last year, I formed a Task Force to address the growing incidence of violence in our schools. The Task Force, comprised of prosecutors, judges, teachers, labor leaders, and former-gang members issued a Statewide Zero Tolerance Weapons Policy for adoption by every school district in the State of Rhode Island. We are on our way to becoming the first state in the country to have in place a uniform, comprehensive statewide school weapons policy.

The Task Force recognizes that there is more to fighting crime than building prisons and putting police officers on every corner in the neighborhood. We are trying to send the message of violence prevention in our classrooms as well as in the courtroom. In my opinion, the Crime Bill will help us achieve this objective.

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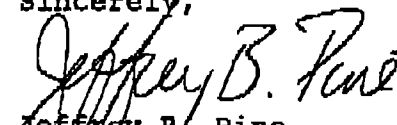
Crime Bill**Page 2 of 2:**

A major goal of my office for the coming year is the establishment of a Domestic Violence Prosecution Unit within my office. As I understand, the Crime Bill would help fund such a Unit since it contains one billion dollars as part of the Violence Against Women Act.

As the Chief Law Enforcement Officer for the State of Rhode Island, I believe the Crime Bill will help me do my job better. No one believes that the Crime Bill is going to end crime in America or solve all of our problems. It would, however, be an important step in the right direction by focusing the Nation's attention on prosecution of violent criminals and crime prevention for our Nation's children.

Thank you for affording me the opportunity to express my support.

Sincerely,


Jeffrey B. Pine
Attorney General

VIOLENT CRIME REDUCTION TRUST FUND VOTES IN SENATE

11/04/93 -- SENATE Vote No. 1352; 94-4

(DEM: 53-3; REP: 41-1)

(Senate agreed to Byrd Modified Amendment No. 1103, to provide funds for additional State and local law enforcement personnel, for the construction and operation of Regional Prisons, for the construction of jails, boot camps, and other minimum security State and local facilities, for the construction and operation of secure facilities to house violent juveniles, and for the Violence Against Women Act.)

11/19/93 -- SENATE Vote No. 1384; 95-4

(DEM: 53-2; REP: 42-2)

(Senate passed H.R. 3355, to amend the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1986 to allow grants to increase police presence, to expand and improve cooperative efforts between law enforcement agencies and members of the community to address crime and disorder problems.)

03/11/94 -- SENATE Vote No. 2056; 90-2

(DEM: 49-1; REP: 41-1)

(Senate agreed to Gramm Amendment No. 1495, to establish a Violent Crime Reduction Trust Fund to provide funds for such programs as additional State and local law enforcement personnel, the construction and operation of Regional Prisons, the construction of jails, boot camps, and other minimum security State and local facilities, the construction and operation of secure facilities to house violent juveniles, and the Violence Against Women Act.)

05/19/94

Motion by GRAMM, PHIL (R-TX) to instruct conferees to insist on Subtitle E of Title XIII of the Senate amendment, establishing a Violent Crime Reduction Trust Fund, and Section 2404 of the Senate amendment, Section 2407 of the Senate amendment, and the mandatory minimum sentences in Section 2405, all relating to mandatory minimum prison sentences (CR Page S-6078.) Recorded vote requested by GRAMM, PHIL (R-TX) on the motion to instruct.

05/19/94 -- SENATE Vote No.: 94-4

(DEM: 54-0; REP: 40-4)

Motion by BIDEN (D-DE) to instruct conferees to insist that the committee of conference report a committee substitute that includes the Violent Crime Reduction Trust Fund, adequate funding to put 100,000 more police officers in community policing programs, funding for State and local crime prevention programs, funding for construction and-or operation of secure prison facilities and boot camps, jails, and other low or medium security State and local facilities, tough penalties for violent criminals, a Violence Against Women Act, funding for Federal law enforcement, the Senior Citizens Against Marketing Scams Act, Title 14 of the Senate bill, regarding rural crime, and Section 1031 of Senate bill, to improve training of law enforcement (CR Page S-6088).

Senate/Crime Bill Conference Report

Republicans

- Tier 1 - Arlen Specter (R-PA)
- Tier 2 - William V. Roth, Jr. (R-DE)
John Chafee (R-RI)
James M. Jeffords (R-VT)
Nancy Kassebaum (R-KS)
Dave Durenberger (R-MN)
John Danforth (R-MO)
- Tier 3 - William S. Cohen (R-ME)
- Tier 4 - Bob Packwood (R-OR)
Christopher "Kit" Bond (R-MO)
John Warner (R-VA)

Democrats

Richard Shelby (D-AL)
Sam Nunn (D-GA)
Bennett Johnston (D-LA)
John Breaux (D-LA)
Fritz Hollings (D-SC)

Jeff Robinson
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District Attorney's
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TO: TOM ZIEMBA
FR: NICK GEL

PROPOSAL FOR NEGOTIATED CRIME BILL

1. AGREEMENT TO PUT THE LANGUAGE OF THE CONFERENCE REPORT BEFORE THE SENATE AS A MOTION TO RECEDE FROM OUR DISAGREEMENT TO THE HOUSE AMENDMENT AND TO CONCUR THEREIN WITH AN AMENDMENT.
2. AGREEMENT TO LIMIT THE AMENDMENTS TO THIS LANGUAGE
3. AGREEMENT TO LIMIT TIME ON THESE AMENDMENTS
4. AGREEMENT THAT THERE WILL BE A CLOTURE VOTE AT A TIME CERTAIN

**TEMPORARY
SENATE VOTING RECORD**

NO. 375

103rd Congress
1st Session

November 17, 1993, 10:10 a.m.
Temp. Cong. Rec. p. S-15815

CRIME BILL

BILL NO.: S. 1607

AMENDMENT NO.: 1152

TITLE: "Violent Crime Control and Law Enforcement Act of 1993"

SUBJECT: Feinstein amendment (to the Levin amendment No. 1151—Vote No. 365) which makes it unlawful to manufacture, transfer, or possess a semiautomatic assault weapon, replica or duplicate of any caliber after the date of enactment or to transfer or possess a large capacity ammunition feeding device; does not apply to any firearm replica or duplicate of a firearm that is manually operated by bolt, pump lever or slide, is unserviceable, or is a semiautomatic rifle or shotgun that cannot accept more than five rounds; doubles the penalty to ten years for use of a banned gun in a violent crime or drug trafficking, and imposes a five year and/or \$5000 penalty for other violations under this act; requires the serial number of any banned weapon or magazine manufactured after the date of enactment to clearly show the date of manufacture; bans semiautomatic assault pistols, and rifles with detachable magazines and two or more specified characteristics; and requires the Attorney General to study and report to Congress on the effectiveness of the ban and the impact on violent and drug trafficking crime.

S. 1607: Vote Nos. 350-358, 360-365, 375-379.

RESULT: AMENDMENT AGREED TO

YEAS (56)			NAYS (43)			NOT VOTING (1)	
Democrats (46 or 84%)		Republicans (10 or 23%)	Democrats (9 or 16%)	Republicans (34 or 77%)		Democrats (1)	Republicans (0)
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Biden	Leahy	Coats	Bryan	Burns	Lott		
Boren	Levin	Danforth	Heflin	Cochran	Mack		
Boxer	Lieberman	Hatfield	Hollings	Cohen	McCain		
Bradley	Mathews	Jeffords	Johnston	Coverdell	McConnell		
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Glenn	Rockefeller			Helms			
Graham	Sarbanes						
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PY—Paired Yea
PN—Paired Nay

ANALYSIS OF ISSUE VOTED ON:

Party Cohesion

Democrats—84%
Republicans—77%

Measure of Party Support on this Vote

For (56)

Democrats—46 or 82%
Republicans—10 or 18%

Against (43)

Democrats—9 or 21%
Republicans—34 or 79%



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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
Dennis J. Flaherty

MEMORANDUM

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Date: August 23, 1994

To: Senator Dave Durenberger

From: Dennis J. Flaherty, Executive Director

Re: Crime Bill

Today or tomorrow, you will be called upon to cast what the overwhelming majority of police officers in Minnesota view as a critical vote. A vote in favor of the crime bill. As you know, this comprehensive bill provides to Minnesota much needed funding for additional police officers, correctional resources, prevention, etc. In addition it contains Minnesota's own Jacob Wetterling language that Congressman Jim Ramstad worked so hard on.

It has been brought to my attention that you are considering voting with others on some procedural issue, which in essence, will critically wound this legislation.

We strongly urge you to vote against that "point of order" issue and get this crime bill passed.

The people in Minnesota, as well as throughout the entire country, have waited too long, and they deserve this legislation.

Obviously, if you and I were to sit down and draft a crime bill, ours may be different, but nevertheless, the product you have before you is worthy of an affirmative vote for its passage. Please help this bill get passed.

DJF/jmc

Sent by fax only.

JOHN J. PARTINGTON
COMMISSIONER
COLONEL BERNARD E. GANNON
CHIEF OF POLICE

VINCENT A. CIANCI, JR.
MAYOR



Department of Public Safety, Police Department
"Building Pride In Providence"

August 24, 1994

Ms. Janet Reno
Attorney General
of the United States
Office of the US Attorney
U.S. Department of Justice
Washington, D.C. 20531

Dear Attorney General Reno:

While the Federal legislature slowly plods along mapping out the "Crime Bill" particulars, and the citizenry queries their local law makers regarding the bill's authenticity; we the 'law enforcers' anxiously await the passage and implementation of the bill. With such a development, the criminal justice system can continue to plan ahead and consider means to accomplish their mission.

This new development can provide considerable support to those agencies which may consider financial cost alone as the single resource upon which to build their plan to alleviate the affliction of criminal activity. Such funding will help foster a more cohesive and cooperative criminal justice system with an increased interdependence of all involved agencies. More importantly, it is time for law enforcement and the criminal justice system on both regional and national fronts to blend their knowledge and experience for the benefit of everyone.

This bill will provide all criminal justice agencies an optimal opportunity to hire additional police officers, build prisons, fight violence against women, provide drug treatment for prisoners, and carry on crime-prevention programs. In addition, funding can be strategically expended for drug courts, criminal records-keeping, youth training, anti-gang activities, sports leagues and youth organizations whose development has been curtailed for lack of support and funding in the past.

I wholeheartedly support this Nation's effort to "invest" in this most needed array of programming and maintain high aspirations of the Crime Bill's final but ultimate passage.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "Colonel Bernard E. Gannon".
BERNARD E. GANNON
Colonel
Chief of Police



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The Honorable Janet Reno
U.S. Attorney General
U.S. Department of Justice
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Dear Attorney General Reno:

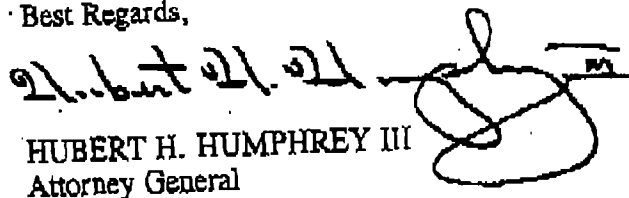
I am writing to thank and commend you for your outstanding work on the federal crime bill. Year after year, I have joined with law enforcement officials from across the country to push for a tough, effective federal crime bill, and year after year the crime bill has fallen victim to politics, special interests and gridlock. Finally, because of the leadership provided by President Clinton and you, the federal government is on the verge of becoming a full partner in the war on crime.

As Minnesota's top law enforcement official and the immediate past-President of the National Association of Attorneys General (NAAG), I obviously bring a pro-law enforcement perspective to this discussion. But I am not alone in that regard. According to a poll in yesterday's St. Paul Pioneer Press, about 80 percent of Minnesotans agree that crime issues are very important to them and will be a major factor in choosing their leaders. With this kind of resolute public call-to-action, I am at a loss to understand how some in the Congress still insist on playing politics with the issue or insist on a "pure" bill from their perspective or the special interests' perspective.

The public wants action on all fronts of the crime war, and putting 100,000 more police officers on the streets, stiffening federal criminal sentences, building more prisons, banning assault rifles, funding rural and urban law enforcement initiatives, and improving crime prevention efforts is precisely the kind of action we want.

Like most, I naturally do not agree with every facet of the legislation. I can say without hesitation, however, that it will allow law enforcement agencies to address the public mandate to improve national crime prevention, protection and punishment initiatives. I enthusiastically support the legislation and pledge whatever assistance I am able to provide in convincing Congress of that fact.

Best Regards,


HUBERT H. HUMPHREY III
Attorney General

cc: Minnesota Congressional Delegation

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August 23, 1994

Senator Christopher Bond
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Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Bond,

As someone who is on the front lines against crime on a daily basis, I urge you to immediately help secure passage of the Crime Bill. It is frankly hard for me to understand how this important piece of legislation has gotten hung up on procedural and political wrangling.

My office is the largest prosecution office in the state. As you are aware, 95% of all crime in the U.S. is prosecuted at the local level and our demands for resources are at a record level. From drug courts to domestic violence, the assistance that this legislation will provide is a matter of life and death. Tomorrow's victims and their families will not understand that Senators Graham and Hatch have done a 180 on the funding mechanism for what appears to be purely political reasons.

I have been involved with law enforcement for my entire professional career and I don't recall a time when every major law enforcement group united behind legislation in the past. This conference report contains more police, more prisons, smart prevention and a ban on weapons designed only to maim and kill human life. This should be easy...please help get this bill passed.

Please call if you have any specific questions. Thank you for your help.

Sincerely,

Claire McCaskill

cc: Senator John C. Danforth

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Congressional MONITOR



Senate to Take Up the Anti-Crime Bill

**Negotiations on health care focus on 'mainstream' proposal;
se takes a break after ending deadlock on crime measure**

The Senate, still mired in debate on health care, is expected to act this week on final passage of anti-crime legislation.

The upper chamber will be the only legislative act in town. The House departed last night for what may be a break of more than two weeks. Its adjournment followed approval of the crime bill conference report.

Although the compromises that finally moved the crime bill through the House appear to give the bill broad support, conservative Republicans in the Senate have promised a final procedural move to force further revamping of the measure.

"It is still insufficiently tough on criminals," said Sen. Orrin G. Hatch, R-Utah.

"And when all is said and done after all this work, there is still only \$2 billion in pork cutting that went on here."

The conservatives would need 60 votes to prevail on a planned point of order against the conference report, which would be based on the contention that its funding must go through the Budget Committee.

Senate Judiciary Chairman Joseph R. Biden Jr., D-Del., said he expects action on the crime bill within several days. "Once we're on it, we're going to finish it, one way or another," he said.

The same may not be true for health care. There is speculation the Senate will join the House in taking a recess. Senate Finance Committee Chairman Daniel Patrick Moynihan, D-N.Y., said yesterday that "maybe now is the time to break and

find common ground in these proposals."

The Senate will return to the health care debate today, with the first roll call after 6 p.m. on an amendment by Moynihan. It would strip language from the Democratic leadership's health care bill that would reduce medical school residency slots.

Behind the scenes, Senate debate will turn to the "mainstream" plan devised by members who seek to draw votes from both parties. (See *Health Care Update*, p. 4)

But the plan is also drawing criticism. "They may be mainstream in Washington. But there is no way this group is mainstream in America," said conservative Phil Gramm, R-Texas.

Liberal Paul Wellstone, D-Minn., called the "mainstream" plan "a lurch backward on our promise to provide affordable health care."

Various conference reports may be brought up for action this week, including the conference report on legislation making appropriations for the District of Columbia in fiscal 1995.

**THIS
WEEK**
IN CONGRESS

House OKs Anti-Crime Bill After Bargaining

**Democrats hammer out changes with moderate Republicans;
Senate debates health care, acts on minor amendments**

The House approved the conference report on the \$30.2 billion anti-crime bill last night after Democrats retooled the measure to meet the demands of a bloc of moderate Republicans.

Members voted to accept the compromise, 235-195, then adjourned for a belated August recess. The measure now goes to the Senate for final approval.

The action on the crime package reversed the legislative outcome — if not all of the political damage that President Clinton and the Democratic leadership suffered — when the bill

was blocked 11 days earlier.

In that stunning vote, Republicans and conservative Democrats defeated the rule needed to allow floor debate on the conference report, 210-225. Yesterday evening, the rule on the revamped conference report was approved, 239-189.

Conservatives took a last stab at changing the bill by moving to recommit it to conference. They failed, 197-232.

While the Senate continued debating health care last week, voting on minor amendments, House leaders decided to postpone floor action until September.

Behind the scenes in the Senate, centrist Democrats and Republicans crafted their "mainstream" alternative. (See

Health Care Update, p. 4)

In other action last week, Congress cleared the fiscal 1995 spending bill for the departments of Commerce, Justice and State and the federal judiciary.

The House adopted the conference report for the fiscal 1995 defense authorization bill. And House-Senate negotiators approved a compromise version of legislation that would fund the departments of Veterans Affairs and Housing and Urban Development and independent agencies, clearing the way for final

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**LAST
WEEK**
IN CONGRESS

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There isn't one good reason to oppose a spirits tax increase. There are at least *three*.

1. *Tax increases on distilled spirits have not and will not provide the government with increased revenue.*

Despite two recent tax increases totalling 29%, government tax collections are still less than they were in 1980. In 1991, after an 8% tax increase on spirits went into effect, the government reports it collected \$89 million less in spirits tax revenue than it did in 1990.

2. *A spirits tax increase would be just as much a tax on low and middle income Americans as a beer tax increase.*

Despite the popular notion that what you drink depends on your economic status, there is no one drink of working people or of the middle class. 38%* of spirits drinkers and 39% of beer drinkers come from households in which the annual income is below \$30,000. Another 37% of spirits drinkers and 38% of beer drinkers come from households earning \$30,000 to \$60,000. More adults drink spirits than beer, and 76% of beer drinkers also drink spirits. Any tax increase on spirits would be another unfair, regressive hit on overtaxed lower- and middle-income Americans.

3. *It is unsound public policy to increase the tax discrimination against spirits.*

There is the same amount of alcohol in a 12-ounce beer, a 5-ounce glass of table wine and a mixed drink with 1-1/4 ounces of distilled spirits.

Yet typical servings of distilled spirits are taxed at twice the rate of beer and almost three times the rate of wine. Any attempt to raise spirits taxes again would send the wrong message to the public that some forms of alcohol are "softer" or "harder" than others.

* Demographic statistics from Simmons Market Research Bureau, an independent research firm that interviews 22,000 people yearly on consumption patterns.

action on the measure.

House lawmakers passed a bill that seeks to foster energy research. And the House Ethics Committee chose to hold off its investigation of Rep. Dan Rostenkowski.

Following are the details of major legislative action taken last week:

SOCIAL POLICY

• ANTI-CRIME BILL

House and Senate negotiators on the anti-crime legislation worked through the weekend preparing for the showdown on the House floor over the redrafted version of the bill.

House Democratic leaders and the White House applied pressure to secure the needed votes. But other players also played a part in efforts to reverse the House's sacking of the bill. On Aug. 11, 58 Democrats reinforced a wall of Republican opposition to defeat the rule for floor debate of an initial conference report.

A group of moderate House Republicans weighed in on the new version, crafting language that pared funds for crime prevention and beefed up language to prevent violence against women. The moderate alliance included Michael N. Castle, Del., Susan Molinari, N.Y., and Scott L. Klug, Wis.

Left intact in the conference report was the ban on a variety of assault weapons and copycat versions as well as large magazine clips that are purchased after enactment of the bill.

Taking the biggest hit was spending for prevention programs, which were cut \$2 billion, including a \$900 million cut for youth employment services aimed at steering at-risk youth away from drugs and crime.

The six-year, \$30.2 billion measure (HR 3355) would still provide funds for more police, prisons and crime prevention, but less than the \$33.5 billion in the earlier version that opponents charged was packed with home town "pork" and too much "social spending" for crime prevention experiments instead of law enforcement. (See box, this page)

As they negotiated changes in the stalled bill, the Democratic leaders and Republican moderates also had to lobby against the effort by Reps. Bill Brewster, D-Okla., and Duncan Hunter, R-Calif., to send the measure back again to conference to remove the assault weapons ban and institute a number of much more stringent anti-crime provisions, including a limit on death row or habeas corpus appeals and mandatory sentences for the use of a gun in the commission of crimes.

Rep. Vic Fazio, D-Calif., called the

attempt a "last-ditch effort" by the National Rifle Association to "divide the parties and force regional differences."

Responding to the barrage of criticism over parochial "pork" in the stalled crime bill, negotiators on the revised version eliminated \$10 million for a criminal justice research program at Lamar University in the district of House Judiciary Committee Chairman Jack Brooks, D-Tex.

• TRIBAL INDEPENDENCE

Legislation that would give Indian tribes more independence and control over federal programs was passed by the House.

The bill (HR 3508) would expand and make permanent a demonstration project — operated by the Bureau of Indian Affairs — that cedes authority for the management of many federal programs to tribal governments.

Since 1988, the project has allowed a limited number of tribes to contract with the federal government to administer and redesign certain federal programs to fit the needs of their members. Under the measure, up to 20 new tribes a year could join the program.

EC C A FINA E

• COMMERCE/JUSTICE/STATE

On Friday, the Senate cleared, on an 88-10 vote, a House-Senate compromise version of legislation that would provide funding for the departments of Commerce, Justice and State, related agencies and the federal judiciary.

The House had adopted the conference report a day earlier.

The measure (HR 4603) would provide \$27.5 billion in fiscal 1995, including a dramatic increase in funding for criminal justice programs. The bill would fully fund the administration's request for a \$2.4 billion crime-control trust fund.

The funding represents a slight increase over the \$27.2 billion approved by the House, and a \$500 million decrease from the Senate-passed level. The administration had sought \$28.4 billion.

• VA-HUD SPENDING

After settling a dispute over a Federal Housing Administration (FHA) program, House and Senate conferees approved a compromise version of legislation (HR 4624) that would provide funding for the

Revamping the Anti-Crime Bill

Marathon negotiations on the anti-crime bill (HR 3355) produced the revisions that were brought to the House floor yesterday. Here are key provisions:

• **Funding.** The \$33.5-billion, six-year authorization bill was cut back to \$30.2 billion. Prevention programs, including drug courts that seek to rehabilitate first-time offenders, were cut from \$8.9 billion to \$6.9 billion. To reach that price tag, conferees adopted a 10 percent across-the-board cut in prevention programs and eliminated \$900 million in job training for youths who pledged to avoid crime and drug use.

Other cuts included \$500 million from law enforcement and \$800 million from prisons. In addition, 13 individual grant programs were consolidated into a \$380 million local crime prevention block grant.

• **Assault weapons ban.** Only minor changes were made in these provisions. The bill would ban 19 specified semiautomatic assault weapons, copycat models and other semiautomatic guns that have two or more specified features identified with assault weapons.

• **Sex offenders.** The conference report includes compromise language requiring states to track convicted sex offenders after they are released from prison and explicitly authorizing police to notify communities of their presence. States that did not create such registries and provide community notification would lose 10 percent of their funding under the crime bill.

The provision requires that people who commit crimes against children, or sex offenses, must be registered for life, subject to annual verification. It also provides for community notification.

The compromise also included new rules of evidence allowing the admission of prior offenses in sex cases, effective after a ten-month review by the Judicial Conference. Conferees also agreed to add a provision requiring HIV testing in federal rape cases.

• **Sentencing 'safety valve'.** The original conference report allowed a waiver from existing mandatory minimum sentences for certain first-time, non-violent drug offenders in order to make room in crowded prisons for violent offenders. This so-called safety valve would apply retroactively, potentially allowing for the early release of some criminals. Republicans fiercely attacked the provision, saying it would put convicted drug dealers back on the street. The conferees modified the language to limit the use of the safety valve.

— Richard Sammon

departments of Veterans Affairs and Housing and Urban Development and independent agencies.

The measure would provide roughly \$90 billion in fiscal 1995.

House conferees reluctantly agreed to the Senate's position on the FHA single-family home mortgage program. The Senate version of the bill called for lower loan limits than the House had approved.

The provisions the conferees accepted would raise the FHA's basic limit on single-family mortgages from \$67,500 to \$77,197. In high-cost areas, the limit would be raised from \$151,725 to \$152,363.

• EMERGENCY SPENDING

The House passed a measure (HR 4906) that, as amended, would prohibit the inclusion of any non-emergency spending in an emergency spending measure.

In the past, members have attached non-emergency provisions to disaster relief and other emergency measures, knowing that the bills must pass immediately to deal with pressing and unforeseen problems.

COMMERCE AND LABOR

• GATT ACTION

Only a handful of technical issues were resolved during a "mock" conference of the House Ways and Means and Senate Finance committees on draft legislation to implement the new General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade.

The major differences between the House and Senate versions of the draft legislation — such issues as financing and extension of "fast-track" procedures for the consideration of trade agreements — were deferred to future sessions.

The meeting is referred to as a mock conference because Congress is not yet dealing with an actual bill. Under fast-track rules, the final GATT legislation that President Clinton will submit to Congress will face only an up or down vote, with no amendments permitted.

The "markup" and "conference" procedures currently under way in Congress are to produce a draft of congressional recommendations that Clinton will consider as he draws up the actual bill.

• SMALL BUSINESS LOANS

A popular small-business loan guarantee program would receive steady increases under a three-year Small Business Administration (SBA) authorization bill (S 2060) that passed the Senate by voice vote.

The 7(a) loan program, under which the SBA guarantees loans made by commercial banks, increasingly has been strapped as small businesses have faced

a credit crunch in recent years. The program guaranteed \$8.8 billion in loans in fiscal 1994; that would grow to \$9 billion in 1995 and \$12 billion in 1997.

The bill also would authorize \$8 billion over fiscal 1995-97 for defense conversion loans aimed at helping businesses in regions hurt by base closings and the slowdown of defense-related industries.

A companion House bill (HR 4801) has yet to come to the House floor.

• RETRANSMISSION CONSENT

The right of satellite television carriers to transmit network programming without permission would be extended under legislation passed by the House.

The bill (HR 1103) would extend for five years the right to retransmit network and superstation television signals to private homes.

Carriers are companies that lease space

on a satellite and broadcast television signals to viewers with satellite dishes. The majority of subscribers live in rural areas where signals are difficult to pick up.

The bill also would require arbitration between carriers and the networks and superstations to set costs for transmitting programming.

The Senate passed similar legislation (S 1485) in May.

• HIGH-SPEED RAIL

The House passed a bill (HR 4867) that would authorize a total of \$184 million through fiscal 1997 to develop high-speed rail technology and to assist states in planning regional corridors where high-speed trains would be effective.

The Senate followed suit, passing by voice vote an amended version of HR 4867 that would authorize \$169 million for fiscal 1995 through 1997.

What's in the 'Mainstream' Plan

The "mainstream" group's health plan that will dominate the Senate's backstage negotiations this week would not require employers to contribute to workers' health insurance costs — and it would fall well short of extending coverage to all Americans.



It risks the wrath of the elderly by proposing deep cuts in Medicare and the ire of labor unions and many middle-class Americans by proposing to tax insurance policies that provide benefits better than those in a standard plan.

But the compromise proposed by a group of senators led by John H. Chafee, R-R.I., and John B. Breaux, R-La., might also offer the Senate's last chance to reach agreement on health care legislation this year. "Health care reform must be achieved one step at a time," said Breaux.

Although many details remain unresolved, the following are their plan's key provisions:

- **Coverage.** The plan endorses President Clinton's goal of universal coverage, but even its architects acknowledge it would not cover the 95 percent of Americans that Clinton has said is the minimum he would accept. Chafee said the plan would reach 92-93 percent of Americans by 1999. It would require that a commission review the extent of coverage; if coverage were not increased significantly by 2002, Congress would have to vote on the commission's recommendations.

- **Insurance.** All insurance policies would have to offer a standard package of benefits. No applicant could be denied coverage based on a pre-existing condition.

- **Taxes.** The plan depends on a controversial cap on the tax deductibility of health insurance costs to limit cost increases. This tax cap has been left out of most of the other bills currently under consideration. Liberals fear it would force people with generous plans into ones with less choice and less coverage, while conservatives fear the cap would be considered a tax. The bill would increase the tobacco tax from 24 cents to 69 cents.

- **Medicare, Medicaid.** The plan would make drastic cuts in Medicare and in Medicaid, the program for the poor and use the money to reduce the deficit and help low-income people buy insurance. The bill's Medicare cuts alone would total \$255 billion over 10 years.

Unlike other proposals that include Medicare cuts, the Chafee-Breaux bill would not compensate the elderly by helping them pay for prescription drugs.

- **Subsidies.** It would extend health care subsidies to people with income up to twice the federal poverty level, which is \$14,800 for a family of four.

- **Deficit reduction.** The plan sets a goal of contributing \$100 billion to federal deficit reduction over 10 years. If the Congressional Budget Office determines that the measure would not cut the deficit that deeply, other cost-cutting measures would be considered. These include making additional cuts in Medicare, reducing subsidies and further increasing the cigarette tax.

— Alissa J. Rubin

The Senate altered the definition of high-speed rail to include trains using magnetic levitation, or maglev, technology.

Efforts to change the definition could run into serious problems in the House. Because a large maglev program was included in the 1991 surface transportation bill, Energy and Commerce purposefully drafted a bill that excluded maglev technology.

• RAILROAD BENEFITS

The House passed a bill (HR 4868) that would bring federally mandated benefits for railroad workers into line with the employee benefits mandated by most states.

The bill would make workers eligible for unemployment and sick-leave benefits after seven days of unemployment or illness rather than two weeks. It also would reduce the length of extended benefits from 130 days to 65 days.

DEFENSE AND FOREIGN POLICY

• DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION

House lawmakers adopted the conference report on the fiscal 1995 defense authorization measure (S 2182).

The \$263.8 billion compromise version of the bill would urge, but not require, the president to seek a U.N. decision to lift the arms embargo against Bosnia if Serbian forces have not accepted by mid-October an internationally sponsored settlement to the ethnic civil war.

It also would require a Pentagon review of whether the Air Force needs more long-range bombers than allowed under projected budget numbers, earmarking up to \$125 million to study options for acquiring additional bombers.

• CUBAN REFUGEES

Some lawmakers, including those from South Florida, sharply criticized President Clinton's order on Friday to detain refugees from Cuba.

Rep. Ileana Ros-Lehtinen, R-Fla., said, "The solution is not to detain Cuban refugees who are the real victims in this situation."

Senate Minority Leader Bob Dole, Kan., said, "If the United States is going to interdict refugees leaving Cuba, maybe we should consider interdicting oil and fuel going into Cuba."

In a reversal of longstanding policy, Clinton said that "illegal refugees from Cuba will not be allowed to enter the United States." Those stopped at sea were to be taken to the U.S. Navy base at Guantanamo Bay in Cuba.

At a news conference, Clinton said that Americans "do not want to see Cuba dictate our immigration policy. They do not

want to see Mr. Castro able to export his political and economic problems to the United States."

• MISSING GREEKS

The Senate Foreign Relations Committee approved legislation (S 1329) that calls for increased efforts to resolve the fate of five Greek-Americans and hundreds of Greeks who have been missing on Cyprus since the Turkish invasion of the divided island in 1974.

In addition to the Greek-Americans, more than 1,600 Greeks remain unaccounted for since the invasion, and at least 800 Turks disappeared without a trace from 1963 through 1974.

The Senate panel rejected an amendment that would have moved the date of the investigation back to 1963 to try to account for missing Turkish Cypriots.

The House passed a similar bill (HR 2826) on Aug. 1.

ENVIRONMENT AND ENERGY

• SUPERFUND OVERHAUL

The Treasury Department broke an impasse over superfund legislation (HR 3800) last week by putting together a compromise package to raise \$8.1 billion in retrospective and prospective insurance taxes.

On Friday, the House Ways and Means Committee approved the plan on a voice vote, with members concluding that an imperfect compromise was better than no bill at all.

The bill (HR 3800), which would overhaul the 14-year-old toxic waste cleanup program, had stalled over the tax provisions.

Under the Treasury proposal, about half the money would be raised from retrospective taxes on policies written between 1968 and 1985, and the other half from

policies written after the bill's enactment.

The money would be used to set up an Environmental Insurance Resolution Fund to settle disputes between polluters and their insurers.

• ENERGY RESEARCH

On Friday, House lawmakers passed legislation that would authorize a variety of energy research programs, including fusion and high energy physics research.

The bill, passed by voice vote, would authorize almost \$1.3 billion for fusion research through fiscal 1997. In addition, the measure would authorize \$4.3 billion through fiscal 1999 for high energy and nuclear physics programs at the Department of Energy.

The measure would authorize \$376 million in fiscal 1995, \$425 million in fiscal 1996 and \$475 million in fiscal 1997 for fusion research.

And it would authorize \$132 million over the next four fiscal years for hydrogen energy research.

• HAZARDOUS MATERIALS

A bill that would reauthorize the Hazardous Materials Transportation Act through 1998 won House approval.

The bill (HR 3460) would authorize \$18 million in fiscal 1994, \$18.5 million in fiscal 1995, \$19.1 million in fiscal 1996, \$19.7 million in fiscal 1997, and \$20.3 million in fiscal 1998 for programs under the act.

It includes an authorization of \$10 million in grants for certain firefighters for hazardous-materials training and equipment and \$1 million for fiscal 1995 and 1996 for a demonstration project and a study of how advanced communications equipment may improve the transportation of hazardous materials.

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Committee approved legislation (HR 4779) that would allow states and local governments to ban or restrict interstate shipments of municipal solid waste.

The panel first dropped a requirement that newspapers use recycled newsprint because the provision threatened to stall the bill's progress.

The committee adopted an amendment that would allow governors of states that import 750,000 tons or more of waste to reduce the amount of waste they accept by 50 percent over six years.

• SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL

Legislation that would let local governments retain authority over disposal of their municipal waste won the approval of the House Energy and Commerce Committee.

A May 15 Supreme Court decision prohibited municipalities from transporting waste to landfills in which they had a financial stake.

Under the measure (HR 4683) as approved by the panel, future contracts to dispose of garbage would have to be subject to competitive bidding. Cities could continue to send their garbage to landfills in which they had invested if the investment was made before the Supreme Court decision.

CONGRESS AND GOVERNMENT

• ROSTENKOWSKI PROBE

The House Ethics Committee decided against launching its own investigation of Rep. Dan Rostenkowski, D-Ill., until after federal prosecutors try their criminal corruption case against him.

House Republicans had been demanding action by the panel, but its members agreed to wait after Chairman Jim McDermott, D-Wash., and ranking Republican Fred Grandy, Iowa, met Aug. 11 with U.S. Attorney Eric Holder.

The prosecutor sought a delay, arguing that a House investigation might interfere with Rostenkowski's prosecution on charges of embezzling or misusing more than \$700,000 in House and campaign funds.

• PRESIDIO MANAGEMENT

A bill that would establish a special corporation to manage the Presidio, a 1,480-acre military post at the base of San Francisco's Golden Gate Bridge, was passed by the House.

The measure (HR 3433) would authorize the National Park Service, which takes over management of the Presidio from the Defense Department late this year, to lease the properties for five years and to use the income

for upkeep of the buildings and maintenance of the grounds.

• FEMA'S ROLE

The Senate Governmental Affairs Committee approved a bill (S 1697) that would de-emphasize the Cold War civil defense role of the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).

The measure seeks to shift the focus of FEMA away from nuclear attack-related disasters to better reflect its primary function of providing relief after natural disasters.

The legislation would require both the president and FEMA to submit plans for providing federal assistance and establishing chains of command. Those plans would specify federal duties in case of emergency as well as the relationship between the federal government and state, local and private agencies.

The bill also would specify ways in which FEMA should be reorganized, including relocating certain regional offices to high-risk areas.

• BLACK REVOLUTIONARIES

House lawmakers passed legislation (HR 2947) that would give the Black Revolutionary War Patriots Foundation an additional two years to establish a memorial in Washington, D.C., to honor blacks who served in the American Revolution.

The bill also would authorize memorials by the Peace Garden Project and the Women in Military Service for America Memorial Foundation.

• FBI PERSONNEL

The House also passed a bill (HR

4884) that would allow FBI employees in the agency's Identification Division to compete for other jobs in the federal government without changing their employment status. The Identification Division is in the process of relocating to Clarksburg, W.Va.

Some 1,200 employees seeking to remain in the area have had trouble finding other federal jobs because of the unique status of FBI employees.

POLITICS

• WYOMING PRIMARY

Wyoming's 1992 Democratic nominee for the state's at-large House seat lost in a repeat bid for his party's nomination, with Democrats instead overwhelmingly choosing lawyer Bob Schuster.

Republicans, meanwhile, nominated state Sen. Barbara Cubin for the seat being vacated by GOP Rep. Craig Thomas.

In the Democratic contest, Schuster bested ophthalmologist Jon Herschler, 58 percent to 42 percent, according to unofficial returns.

Cubin garnered 39 percent of the vote in the GOP race. She defeated Rob Wallace, chief of staff for retiring Sen. Malcolm Wallop, who won 25 percent of the vote. Sheep rancher Jim Magagna won 18 percent of the vote, and state House Speaker Doug Chamberlain finished with 17 percent.

Thomas and retiring Democratic Gov. Mike Sullivan faced no primary opposition in the Senate race.

Women in Congress

Senate (7)

California: Barbara Boxer, D; Dianne Feinstein, D.

Illinois: Carol Moseley-Braun, D.

Kansas: Nancy Landon Kassebaum, R.

Maryland: Barbara A. Mikulski, D.

Texas: Kay Bailey Hutchison, R.

Washington: Patty Murray, D.

House (48)

Arizona: Karan English, D.

Arkansas: Blanche Lambert, D.

California: Anna G. Eshoo, D; Jane Harman, D; Nancy Pelosi, D; Lucille

Roybal-Allard, D; Lynn Schenk, D; Maxine Waters, D; Lynn Woolsey, D.

Colorado: Patricia Schroeder, D.

Connecticut: Rosa DeLauro, D; Nancy L.

Johnson, R; Barbara B. Kennelly, D.

District of Columbia: Eleanor Holmes

Norton, D. (delegate)

Florida: Corrine Brown, D; Tillie Fowler, R;

Carrie Meek, D; Ileana Ros-Lehtinen, R;

Karen L. Thurman, D.

Georgia: Cynthia McKinney, D.

Hawaii: Patsy T. Mink, D.

Illinois: Cardiss Collins, D.

Indiana: Jill Long, D.

Kansas: Jan Meyers, R.

Maine: Olympia J. Snowe, R.

Maryland: Helen Delich Bentley, R;

Constance A. Morella, R.

Michigan: Barbara-Rose Collins, D.

Missouri: Pat Danner, D.

Nevada: Barbara F. Vucanovich, R.

New Jersey: Marge Roukema, R.

New York: Nita M. Lowey, D; Carolyn B.

Maloney, D; Susan Molinari, R; Louise M.

Slaughter, D; Nydia M. Velázquez.

North Carolina: Eva Clayton, D.

Ohio: Marcy Kaptur, D; Deborah Pryce, R.

Oregon: Elizabeth Furse, D.

Pennsylvania: Marjorie Margolies

Mezvinsky, D.

Texas: Eddie Bernice Johnson, D.

Tennessee: Marilyn Lloyd, D.

Utah: Karen Shepherd, D.

Virginia: Leslie L. Byrne, D.

Washington: Maria Cantwell, D; Jennifer

Minorities Don't All Cheer Recent Decision on Census

Some African-Americans Fear Court Ruling On Undercount May Prove Mixed Blessing

It would seem that African-American members of Congress would welcome a recent court ruling that says the undercount of minorities in the 1990 census must be corrected. Many do. But some are uneasy, and they've asked the Congressional Black Caucus to proceed with caution before embracing the Aug. 8 ruling.

By its own calculations, the Census Bureau missed about 5.3 million people in 1990, most of them minorities in urban areas. It even recommended that the figures be adjusted. But the Bush administration refused to revise the numbers, prompting a lawsuit. Earlier this month, a federal appeals court in New York ruled that the undercount should be corrected.

Much is at stake. Representatives from urban areas are especially eager for a census correction because they believe it will bring their communities more money from the many federal programs that distribute funds according to census data. "There has been no money for cities in a dozen years," says D.C. Delegate Eleanor Holmes Norton.

Because minorities were the most undercounted, some are also hoping a census correction will mean more minority seats in Congress.

Not necessarily, warns freshman South Carolina Democrat James Clyburn, the first African-American elected to the House from his state this century. He believes that a census correction could set off a domino effect of reapportionment that could actually jeopardize some minority seats.

The recount might cause some states to lose seats or inspire some state legislatures to redraw district lines to reflect the revised count. The districts mapped out of existence could include some of the South's recently created minority-dominated districts.

Mississippi Democrat Bennie Thompson agrees that such a reapportionment could put minority-held seats at risk. "If you have hostile state legislatures that have historically misrepresented [minorities], you could potentially have minorities drawn out," says

Thompson, who is the only minority House member from Mississippi.

But some say the hand-wringing is unwarranted. Ohio Democrat Tom Sawyer, who heads the Post Office and Civil Service Census Subcommittee, says reapportionment is an unlikely result of the court decision. "My belief is the plaintiffs are not interested in disrupting the body politic in the middle of the decade," he says.

Others point out that the New York court's decision isn't the only one relating to this issue. "There are two other [circuit] courts who have ruled the other way," says Michael Hess, chief counsel for the Republican National Committee.

Gloomily, House Democrats Watch the Senate Debate

Key House Democrats aren't quite sure what to make of the Senate's handling of health care legislation — except that it will make their job more difficult.

"I've never seen so much discouragement and disillusionment about a major piece of legislation," says California Democrat Bob Matsui. "The Senate is hurting us."

While the Senate and House are used to reconciling major differences in legislation, Matsui said that the Senate is drifting so far from the House Democratic leadership's approach that "some might be of the position 'Why do it?'" His point: if the Senate's shift to the right drags the House in that direction too, a large bloc of liberals who advocate a "single-payer" system might vote against the final product, jeopardizing its chances.

Not everyone shares Matsui's gloom. Indiana Democrat Phil Sharp believes passage of a moderate bill in the Senate might produce "a groundswell" in the House to do something similar.

Ways and Means Committee Acting Chairman Sam Gibbons, Fla., says all he hopes for from the Senate is "something with the word 'health' on it."

Reality Hits the Guardians of Agriculture Spending

Having been stripped of their fondest budgetary assumptions, House and Senate appropriators are stumped about how to close a big gap in funding for the fiscal 1995 agriculture spending bill.

The versions of the bill passed by the Senate and House had stayed within budget caps only through a leap of faith: counting on revenues from new — and politically unlikely — user fees.

The Senate version depended on \$151 million in user fees that supposedly would be collected by the Food and

Drug Administration. No one, not even the senators who came up with the idea, really expected that one would fly.

On Aug. 12, the House forced removal of the FDA fees, which have never been authorized by Congress, by passing a resolution "blueslipping" the user fees. The action challenged the fees as revenue-raising measures that violated the House's right to originate all revenue measures.

But House members cannot gloat too much at their jurisdictional coup. Their version of the appropriations bill reduced federal spending for the Food Safety and Inspection Service by \$103 million because it assumed that Congress would impose user fees in that amount on meat-processing companies toward the cost of federal inspections. No such fees have been authorized.

The answer ultimately is expected to be a final version of the agriculture spending bill that exacts painful cuts on the relatively modest \$13.4 billion pot of discretionary spending within the \$68 billion bill.

Quick Insights

• Unlikely Premise

More than 150 Republican challengers will join the GOP House members on the steps of the Capitol Sept. 27 to unveil their agenda for the 104th Congress. The premise of the event rests on the unlikely assumption that Republicans will pick up 40 seats in November, giving them control of the House.

"We call it a 'Contract with America,'" said Ed Gillespie, a spokesman for the House Republican Conference. The group plans to highlight 10 legislative initiatives they would put to a vote next year if the GOP takes charge. The list includes term limits, a balanced budget amendment and "pro-family tax reform."

• Off the Record

House Judiciary Committee Chairman Jack Brooks was deep into an opening statement at a recent hearing when he looked up with a grin. He had just mentioned that "time constraints" in 1992 had prevented the Senate from passing a bankruptcy reform measure.

"Off the record, isn't that a nice way to put that?" said Brooks. "Time constraints kept the Senate from approving the legislation ..." He added, "With no rules, they can do anything."

— by Steve Langdon, with reports from Andrew Taylor, Ceci Connolly and Bob Benenson.



People ON THE Move

Major Staff Changes On and Off the Hill

Virginia Republican Gov. George F. Allen has hired a top aide for California Republican Dana Rohrabacher.

Steve Katsurinis is leaving his post as Rohrabacher's legislative counsel to join the Allen administration as legislative counsel for planning and budget matters.

Rohrabacher has promoted staff assistant **Lisa Watson** to legislative assistant. She will assume Katsurinis' responsibilities, which include illegal immigration, criminal and justice issues.

Intern **Spencer Freebairn** will take over Watson's constituent service duties as a staff assistant.

Also in the office, foreign affairs legislative assistant **Paul Bahrends** has been called to active duty as a major in the Marine Corps Reserve. He is expected to return in December. **Bernie Way**, who recently completed an 11-month fellowship with the Republican staff at the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, will handle foreign affairs until his return.

Capitol Hill News

Pennsylvania Republican Rep. Tom Ridge is restructuring his office because several staffers have joined his campaign for governor.

Charles Zogby, Ridge's legislative director, has left Capitol Hill to become policy director for the campaign.

To replace Zogby, Ridge has hired **Joe Dudick**, a private utilities consultant, as legislative director.

Administrative assistant and veteran Ridge aide **Mark Campbell** has taken over press duties for the time being, replacing **Lauren Cotter**, who is now press secretary for Ridge's campaign.

★ New York Democratic Rep. Charles B. Rangel has hired a new legislative assistant for domestic affairs.

Jim Griffin is joining Rangel's office, where he will handle education, labor, crime, environmental and space issues.

Griffin had been working as a sys-

tems analyst for the Democratic Senatorial Campaign Committee. He succeeds **Todd Stern**, who has moved to New York City to work as an analyst for Goldman & Sachs, a Wall Street investment banking firm.

★ **Tanya Epstein** has left the office of Illinois Democratic Rep. Bobby L. Rush, where she worked as an associate legislative assistant.

Epstein has joined the staff at the Overseas Development Council, where she manages the Congressional Staff Forum.

At the forum, she succeeds **Daniel Epstein**, no relation, who left to attend Temple law school.

The forum provides in-depth, nonpartisan briefings for congressional staffers on national security and foreign policy issues. Created in 1978, the forum is sponsored by the Overseas Development Council, a private nonprofit research group based in Washington.

Rush has replaced Epstein by hiring **Romaine Bostick**, a recent graduate of Northwestern University in Chicago, as a staff assistant.

★ In an unusual twist, veteran press secretary **Susan LaMontagne** is switching parties. LaMontagne is leaving her job as press secretary for Pennsylvania Republican Sen. Arlen Specter to work for Democratic New York Gov. Mario M. Cuomo.

A self-described "life-long" Democrat, LaMontagne signed on with Specter about six years ago. She said she saw Specter as an abortion rights Republican who deserved her support.

In 1992, she served as Specter's chief campaign spokesperson. Now she will lend similar support to Cuomo as acting director of the governor's press office in Manhattan. She is taking over for longtime Cuomo aide **Arda Nazerian**, who is chief spokesman on Cuomo's re-election campaign.

★ **Timothy R. McTaggart**, a counsel with the Senate Banking Committee, has accepted a position as a Delaware bank commissioner.

A veteran Washington lawyer, McTaggart joined the committee in 1991. A former lawyer for the Federal Reserve System, he has written extensively on banking and Federal Reserve issues.

On the Lobbying Front

A former legislative director for Nevada Republican Rep. Barbara F. Vucanovich, **Deborah L. Louison**, is a new senior vice president at the lobbying firm of APCO Associates.

A veteran Capitol Hill operative, Louison has worked for the Energy Department. Vucanovich and the National Conference of State Legislatures, where she was director of government affairs. At the Energy Depart-

ment, she was deputy assistant secretary dealing with intergovernmental and public affairs.

She has been a vice president at APCO, working with clients on coalition-building, lobbying and strategic campaigns.

Created in 1984, APCO is a government relations and public affairs firm based in Washington.

★ The public relations firm of Porter/Novelli has placed senior vice president **Dan Snyder** in charge of their Food and Nutrition Practice, promoting him to executive vice president.

Snyder, who has been with the firm for 11 years, will take charge of 30 employees working on a variety of projects, including several health initiatives for the federal government, including the National Cancer Institute's "Five a Day" campaign to promote the consumption of fruits and vegetables.

He replaces **Merrill Rose**, who has transferred to Porter/Novelli's Chicago office to take over as general manager.

★ The International Food Information Council has named **Sylvia Rowe** as its new president.

Rowe comes to the group from the Sugar Association Inc., where she worked as a vice president for public relations.

She replaces **Tom Stenzel**, who is now the president of the United Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Association.

In the Federal Agencies

President Clinton has named five new members to the National Commission for Employment Policy.

The new panel members are:

- **Clayola Brown**, an international vice president at the Amalgamated Clothing and Textile Workers Union;
- **Warren Frelund**, chairman of the National Association of Private Industry Councils;
- **Frank Garrison**, president of the Michigan chapter of the AFL-CIO;
- **Edward Shumaker** of the law firm Gallagher, Callahan & Gartrell;
- **And Arthur White**, chairman of Jobs for the Future.

The commission was created to monitor federal employment policies, programs and issues.

—Paul Nyhan with reports from
Marc Steinberg

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Meetings & Events

SCHEDULED TODAY

NEWS EVENTS

HEALTH CARE NEWS CONFERENCE

Health and Human Services Secretary Donna

Shalala holds a news conference on Capitol Hill with nurses to promote health care reform legislation sponsored by Senate Majority Leader George Mitchell, D-Maine.
11am Senate swamp, The Capitol **Aug. 22**
Contact: 202-690-6343

SENATE Future Listings

Agriculture, Nutrition & Forestry 224-3088

FOREST & TIMBER APPEALS Hearing

Agricultural Research, Conservation, Forestry and General Legislation Subcommittee (Chairman Ihle, D-S.D.) of Senate Agriculture, Nutrition and Forestry Committee will hold a field hearing on the Forest Service's new timber appeals policy.

2pm City Hall, Boise, Idaho **Aug. 29**

Commerce, Science & Transportation 224-5115

BOXING REGULATIONS

Senate Commerce, Science and Transportation Committee (acting Chairman Bryan, D-Nev.) will hold a hearing on legislation that would regulate boxing.

Time TBA SR-253 Russell Bldg. **date TBA**

Agenda:

S 1991 - A bill to provide for the safety of journeyman boxers, and for other purposes.

Note: This hearing was originally scheduled for Aug. 11

NOMINATIONS HEARING

Senate Commerce, Science and Transportation Committee (Chairman Hollings, D-S.C.) will hold a hearing on pending nominations.

10am SD-508 Dirksen Bldg. **Aug. 24**

Nominations:

By Cauthen and Frank Cruz to be board members of Corporation for Public Broadcasting.

Energy & Natural Resources 224-4971

FULL COMMITTEE MARKUP

Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee

★ New listing

tee (Chairman Johnston, D-La.) will mark up pending legislation.

Time TBA SD-366 Dirksen Bldg. **date TBA**
Agenda:

S 338 - A bill to amend the Petroleum Marketing Practices Act to clarify the federal standards governing the termination and nonrenewal of franchises and franchise relationships for the sale of motor fuel, and for other purposes.

S 855 - A bill to authorize the secretary of the Interior to consolidate the surface substance estates of certain lands within 3 conservation system units on the Alaska peninsula, and for other purposes.

HR 240 - A bill to provide for the protection of the Bodie Bowl area of the state of California, and for other purposes.

S 721 - A bill to amend the Land and Water Conservation Fund Act of 1965, and for other purposes.

HR 3252 - A bill to provide for the conservation, management, or study of certain rivers, parks, trails, and historic sites, and for other purposes.

S 1988 - A bill to authorize the transfer of a certain loan contract to the Upper Yampa Water Conservancy Project, and for other purposes.

HR 3708 - A bill to reform the operation, maintenance, and development of the Steamtown National Historic site, and for other purposes.

HR 3498 - A bill to establish the Great Falls Historic District, and for other purposes.

S 112 - A bill to establish the Hudson River Artists National Historical Park in the state of New York, and for other purposes.

S 1683 - A bill to authorize the secretary of the Interior to provide funds to the Palisades Interstate Park Commission for acquisition of land in the Sterling Forest area of the New York/New Jersey Highlands Region, and for other purposes.

S 2124 - A bill to provide for private development of power at the Mancos Project and for other purposes.

S 2213 - A bill to make applicable the provisions of the act commonly known as the "Warren Act" to the Central Utah Project, Utah, and for other purposes.

S 1786 - A bill to increase the authorization of appropriations for the Belle Fourche Irrigation Project, and for other purposes.

S 2066 - A bill to expand the Mni Wiconi Rural Water Supply Project, and for other purposes.

S 2253 - A bill to modify the Mountain Park Project in Oklahoma, and for other purposes.

S 2262 - A bill to amend the Elwha River Ecosystem and Fisheries Restoration Act to provide greater flexibility in the expenditure of funds, and for other purposes.

S 2266 - A bill to amend the Reclamation Management

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Act of 1992, and for other purposes.

S 2234 - A bill to amend the Mississippi River Corridor Study Commission Act of 1989 to extend the term of the commission established under that act.

S 2319 - A bill to amend the Colorado River Basin Salinity Control Act to authorize additional measures to carry out the control of salinity upstream of Imperial Dam in a cost-effective manner.

S 2259 - A bill to provide for the settlement of the claims of the Confederate Tribes of the Colville Reservation concerning their contribution to the production of hydropower by the Grand Coulee Dam, and for other purposes.

Note: Most of the items on the agenda were originally scheduled to be marked up on Aug. 10

Environment & Public Works 224-0176

EFFECTS OF 1940'S

IRRADIATION TREATMENT

Clean Air and Nuclear Regulation Subcommittee (Chairman Lieberman, D-Conn.) of Senate Environment and Public Works Committee will hold a hearing on the potential health effects resulting from radium nasopharyngeal irradiation treatment. This treatment was used from the 1940s until the mid-1970s to treat inner ear problems to equalize pressure.

10am SD-406 Dirksen Bldg. **Aug. 29**

ENDANGERED SPECIES

ACT REAUTHORIZATION

Clean Water, Fisheries and Wildlife Subcommittee (Chairman Graham, D-Fla.) of Senate Environment and Public Works Committee will hold a hearing on the reauthorization of the Endangered Species Act.

Time and room TBA **date TBA**

Agenda:

Prevention of Endangerment of Species Endangered Species Conservation on Public Lands; Recovery of Endangered Species

Note: A hearing on Recovery of Endangered Species was originally scheduled for Aug. 9.

EPA RESEARCH

AND DEVELOPMENT

Toxic Substances, Research and Development Subcommittee (Chairman Reid, D-Nev.) of Senate Environment and Public Works Committee will hold a hearing on legislation to authorize research and development programs of the Environmental Protection Agency.

Time and room TBA **date TBA**

Agenda:

S 1545 - A bill to authorize appropriations for environmental research, development, and demonstration for fiscal years 1994 through 1996, and for other purposes.

Note: This hearing was originally scheduled for May 24.

Finance 224-4515

FULL COMMITTEE MARKUP: SUPERFUND REAUTHORIZATION

Senate Finance Committee (Chairman Moynihan, D-N.Y.) will mark up legislation that would reauthorize the superfund program, which pays for cleaning up toxic waste dump sites.

■ Revised listing

Time TBA SD-215 Dirksen Bldg. **date**

Agenda:

S 1834 - A bill to amend the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980, and for other purposes.

Governmental Affairs 224-6791

EPA CONTRACTING

Senate Governmental Affairs Committee (Chairman Glenn, D-Ohio) will hold a hearing on contracting practices at the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

Time TBA SD-342 Dirksen Bldg. **date TBA**

Note: This hearing was originally scheduled for April 14.

NUCLEAR NON-PROLIFERATION

Senate Governmental Affairs Committee (Chairman Glenn, D-Ohio) will hold a hearing on proposals to halt global spread of nuclear weapons.

9:30am SD-342 Dirksen Bldg. **date TBA**

Note: This hearing was originally scheduled for May 24.

OMB DIRECTOR NOMINATION

Senate Governmental Affairs Committee (Chairman Glenn, D-Ohio) will hold a hearing on the nomination of Alice Rivlin to be director of the Office of Management and Budget (OMB).

Time TBA SD-342 Dirksen Bldg. **date TBA**

Nominations: Alice Rivlin to be director, Office of Management and Budget

Indian Affairs 224-2281

ALASKAN WATER SANITATION

Field Hearing

Senate Indian Affairs Committee (Chairman Inouye, D-Hawaii) will hold a field hearing on sanitation and water in rural Alaska.

9:30am Anchorage, Alaska. **Aug. 24**

Note: This hearing was originally scheduled for April 28.

Labor & Human Resources 224-5376

FULL COMMITTEE BUSINESS

Senate Labor and Human Resources Committee (Chairman Kennedy, D-Mass.) will mark up pending legislation.

Time and room TBA **date TBA**

Agenda:

S 1702 - A bill to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to ensure that human tissue intended for transplantation is safe and effective, and for other purposes.

Note: This markup was originally scheduled for July 19.

JOB TRAINING PROGRAMS

Senate Labor and Human Resources Committee (Chairman Kennedy, D-Mass.) will hold a hearing on reforming and consolidating federal job training programs.

Time and room TBA **date TBA**

Note: This hearing was originally scheduled for Aug. 17.

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FULL COMMITTEE BUSINESS

Senate Labor and Human Resources Committee (Chairman Kennedy, D-Mass.) will consider pending legislation.

Time and room TBA **date TBA**

Agenda:

S 1821 - A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide a comprehensive program for the prevention of Fetal Alcohol Syndrome, and for other purposes

S 1037 - A bill to amend the Civil Rights Act of 1991 with respect to the application of such act.

S 1781 - A bill to make improvements in the Black Lung Benefits Act, and for other purposes.

S -- Reform of Civil and Criminal Money Penalties Act

S -- Nurses Education Reauthorization Act

Note: This markup was originally scheduled for Aug. 10.

CHILD ABUSE

Children, Families, Drugs and Alcoholism Subcommittee (acting Chairman Bingaman, D-N.M.) of Senate Labor and Human Resources Committee will hold a hearing on child abuse issues.

Time and room TBA **date TBA**

Note: This hearing was originally scheduled for April 27

Veterans' Affairs 224-9126

VA NOMINATIONS

Senate Veterans' Affairs Committee (Chairman Rockefeller, D-W.Va.) will hold a hearing on pending nominations.

2pm SR-418 Russell Bldg. **Sept. 13**

Nominations:

Kenneth W. Kizer, M.D. - under secretary for Health, Department of Veterans Affairs

FULL COMMITTEE BUSINESS

Senate Veterans' Affairs Committee (Chairman Rockefeller, D-W.Va.) will hold a hearing on pending legislation.

2pm SR-418 Russell Bldg. **Sept. 14**

FULL COMMITTEE BUSINESS

Senate Veterans' Affairs Committee (Chairman Rockefeller, D-W.Va.) will consider pending legislation and nominations.

2pm SR-418 Russell Bldg. **Sept. 21**

Nominations:

Kenneth W. Kizer, M.D. - under secretary for Health, Department of Veterans Affairs

VA NOMINATION

Senate Veterans' Affairs Committee (Chairman Rockefeller, D-W.Va.) will hold a confirmation hearing on pending nominations.

Time TBA SR-418 Russell Bldg. **date**

Nominations: Linda Maria Hooks to be Department of Veterans Affairs Assistant Secretary for Acquisition and Facilities.

Note: This hearing was originally scheduled for Aug. 8

VETERANS ELIGIBILITY FOR DISABILITY COMPENSATION

Senate Veterans' Affairs Committee (Chairman Rockefeller, D-W.Va.) will hold a hearing on pending legislation.

Time TBA SR-418 Russell Bldg. **date**

Agenda:

S 2330 - A bill to amend title 38, U.S. Code, to provide that undiagnosed illnesses constitute diseases for purposes of entitlement of veterans to disability compensation for service-connected diseases, and for other purposes.

Note: This hearing was originally scheduled for Aug. 8

FULL COMMITTEE BUSINESS

Senate Veterans' Affairs Committee (Chairman Rockefeller, D-W.Va.) will consider pending business.

Time TBA SR-418 Russell Bldg. **date**

Note: This meeting was originally scheduled for Aug. 12

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Agriculture 225-2071

COTTON PROGRAM

Field Hearing

General Farm Commodities Subcommittee (Chairman Sarpalius, D-Texas) of House Agriculture Committee **CANCELED** a field hearing on federal cotton programs and efforts to better market cotton.

Sam Meat Lab Auditorium, Texas Tech University, Lubbock, Texas **Aug. 24**

CONSERVATION PROGRAM

Field Hearing

Environment, Credit and Rural Development

Subcommittee (Chairman Johnson, D-S.D.) of House Agriculture Committee will hold a hearing on the Agriculture Department's Conservation Reserve Program, which pays farmers to set aside certain lands for conservation purposes.

Time TBA Aberdeen, Texas **Sept. 1**

Banking, Finance & Urban Affairs 225-4247

COMMUNITY INVESTMENT PRACTICE

Consumer Credit and Insurance Subcommittee (Chairman Kennedy, D-Mass.) of House

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ing, Finance and Un- Affairs Committee will hold a hearing on the lending practices of financial institutions exempt from the Community Reinvestment Act - such as mortgage banks and mutual funds.

Time TBA 2128 Rayburn Bldg. **date TBA**

Note: This hearing was originally scheduled for July 21.

Education & Labor

GL AL COMPETITION IN 1 APPAREL INDUSTRY

Labor-Management Relations Subcommittee (Chairman Williams, D-Mont.) of House Education and Labor Committee will hold a hearing on the issues related to global competition in the apparel industry and their impact on specific companies.

Time TBA 2175 Rayburn Bldg. **date TBA**

Note: This hearing was originally scheduled for July 21.

OFFICE OF FEDERAL CONTRACT COMPLIANCE

Select Education and Civil Rights Subcommittee (Chairman Owens, D-N.Y.) of House Education and Labor Committee will hold an oversight hearing on the Office of Federal Contract Compliance Programs, a division of the Labor Department that ensures that federal contractors comply with antidiscrimination laws.

Time and room TBA **date TBA**

Energy & Commerce

FULL COMMITTEE MARKUP

House Energy and Commerce Committee (Chairman Dingell, D-Mich.) will mark up pending legislation.

Time TBA 2123 Rayburn Bldg. **date TBA**

Agenda:

HR 3434 - A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to protect the public from health hazards caused by exposure to environmental tobacco smoke, and for other purposes.

HR 3546 - A bill to provide for the establishment of a program for safety, development, and education in the propane gas industry for the benefit of producers, consumers and the public, and for other purposes.

Note: This markup was previously scheduled for Aug. 10.

LIFE INSURANCE FRAUD

Commerce, Consumer Protection and Competitiveness Subcommittee (Chairman Collins, D-Ill.) of House Energy and Commerce Committee will hold a hearing on deceptive practices used in the sale of life insurance.

Time and room TBA **date TBA**

Note: This hearing was originally scheduled for July 21.

HEARING AND MARKUP:

LOW-LEVEL RADIOACTIVE WASTE

Joint Hearing

Energy and Power Subcommittee (Chairman Sharp, D-Ind.) of House Energy and Commerce Committee and Energy and Mineral Resources

Subcommittee (Chairman Lehman, D-Calif.) of House Natural Resources Committee will hold a joint hearing and markup on legislation that would give congressional approval to regional low-level radioactive waste disposal compacts.

Time TBA 1324 Longworth Bldg. **date TBA**

Agenda:

HR 4800 - A bill to grant the consent of the Congress to the Texas Low-Level Radioactive Waste Disposal Compact.

HR 4814 - A bill to grant the consent of the Congress to amendments to the Central Midwest Interstate Low-Level Radioactive Waste Compact.

Note: This hearing and markup was originally scheduled for August 5.

TOBACCO PROMOTIONS AIMED AT YOUTHS

Health and the Environment Subcommittee (Chairman Waxman, D-Calif.) of House Energy and Commerce Committee will hold a hearing on the relationship between certain types of tobacco advertising and adolescent use of cigarettes. In particular, the hearing will look at cigarette and tobacco companies sponsoring sports events.

Time TBA 2325 Rayburn Bldg. **date TBA**

Note: This hearing was originally scheduled for Aug. 5.

Government Operations

SPECIALIZED SMALL BUSINESS INVESTMENT COMPANIES PROGRAM

Commerce, Consumer and Monetary Affairs Subcommittee (Chairman Spratt, D-S.C.) of House Government Operations Committee will hold a hearing on the Small Business Administration's management of the Specialized Small Business Investment Companies (SBIC) program.

Time TBA 2154 Rayburn Bldg. **date TBA**

Note: This hearing was originally scheduled for June 16.

Judiciary

LAW ENFORCEMENT COORDINATION

Civil and Constitutional Rights Subcommittee (Chairman Edwards, D-Calif.) of House Judiciary Committee will hold an oversight hearing on coordination between the FBI and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms.

Time TBA 2226 Rayburn Bldg. **date TBA**

Note: This hearing was originally scheduled for May 19.

COMMUNITY RELATIONS SERVICES MANDATE EXPANSION

Civil and Constitutional Rights Subcommittee (Chairman Edwards, D-Calif.) of House Judiciary Committee will hold a hearing on the functions of the Community Relations Service within the Department of Justice.

Time and room TBA **date TBA**

Note: This hearing was originally scheduled for August 18.

ACCESS TO ABORTION CLINICS

Crime and Criminal Justice Subcommittee (Chairman Schumer, D-N.Y.) of House Judiciary Committee will hold a hearing on recent events

at abortions clinics and the Freedom of Access to Abortions Clinics legislation recently enacted.
Time TBA 2226 Rayburn Bldg. **date TBA**

FEDERAL GUN CRIMES

Crime and Criminal Justice Subcommittee (Chairman Schumer, D-N.Y.) of House Judiciary Committee will hold a hearing on the prosecution of federal gun crimes.

Time and room TBA **date TBA**

Note: This hearing was originally scheduled for August 17.

SUBCOMMITTEE MARKUP:

DIGITAL RECORDINGS COPYRIGHT

Intellectual Property and Judicial Administration Subcommittee (Chairman Hughes, D-N.J.) of House Judiciary Committee will mark up legislation that would allow performing artists and record companies to copyright recordings.

Time TBA 2237 Rayburn Bldg. **date TBA**

Agenda:

HR 2576 - A bill to amend title 17, U.S. Code, to provide an exclusive right to perform sound recordings publicly by means of digital transmissions.

Note: This markup was originally scheduled for June 30.

Merchant Marine & Fisheries

FULL COMMITTEE MARKUP

House Merchant Marine and Fisheries Committee (Chairman Studds, D-Mass.) will mark up pending legislation.

Time TBA 1334 Longworth Bldg. **date TBA**

Agenda:

HR 4289 - A bill to amend the Watershed Protection and Flood Prevention Act to establish a Watersheds Restoration Program, and for other purposes.

Note: The markup of HR 4289 was originally scheduled for Aug. 11.

ILLNESS CAUSED BY OYSTERS

Fisheries Management Subcommittee (Chairman Manton, D-N.Y.) of House Merchant Marine and Fisheries Committee will hold a hearing on concerns raised by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) about the risk of illness caused by bacteria (*vibrio vulnificus*) in oysters harvested from the Gulf of Mexico.

Time TBA 1334 Longworth Bldg. **date TBA**

Note: This hearing was originally scheduled for Aug. 4.

Natural Resources

FULL COMMITTEE MARKUP

House Natural Resources Committee (Chairman Miller, D-Calif.) will meet to consider pending business.

Time and room TBA **date TBA**

Agenda:

HR 4231 - A bill to prohibit regulations that classify, enhance, or diminish the privileges and immunities of an Indian tribe relative to other federally recognized Indian tribes, and for other purposes.

HR 4533 - A bill to promote entrepreneurial management of the National Park Service, and for other purposes.

HR 3732 - A bill to designate certain lands in the state of Idaho as wilderness, and for other purposes.
Note: The markup of HR 3732 was originally scheduled for August 18.

uled for July 29. The markup of HR 4533 was originally scheduled for Aug. 3.

HEARING AND MARKUP: LOW-LEVEL RADIOACTIVE WASTE Joint Hearing

Energy and Mineral Resources Subcommittee (Chairman Lehman, D-Calif.) of House Natural Resources Committee and Energy and Power Subcommittee (Chairman Sharp, D-Ind.) of House Energy and Commerce Committee will hold a joint hearing and markup on pending radioactive waste legislation.

Time TBA 1324 Longworth Bldg. **date TBA**
Agenda:

HR 4800 - A bill to grant the consent of the Congress to the Texas Low-Level Radioactive Waste Disposal Compact.

HR 4814 - A bill to grant the consent of the Congress to amendments to the Central Midwest Interstate Low-Level Radioactive Waste Compact.

Note: This hearing and markup was originally scheduled for Aug. 5.

SUBCOMMITTEE MARKUP: NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

Insular and International Affairs Subcommittee (Chairman de Lugo, D-Virgin Islands) of House Natural Resources Committee will mark up pending legislation.

Time TBA 1324 Longworth Bldg. **date TBA**
Agenda:

HR 4644 - A bill to authorize the appropriations for construction projects under the covenant to establish a commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands in political union with the United States of America, and for other purposes.

Note: This markup was originally scheduled for July 26.

SUBCOMMITTEE MARKUP: NATIONAL PARKS BILLS

National Parks, Forests and Public Lands Subcommittee (Chairman Vento, D-Minn.) of House Natural Resources Committee will mark up pending legislation.

Time and room TBA **date TBA**

Agenda:

HR 2577 - A bill to authorize the secretary of the Interior to participate in the operation of certain visitor facilities associated with, but outside the boundaries of, Rocky Mountain National Park in the state of Colorado.

HR 3953 - A bill to authorize Escambia County, Fla., to convey certain lands in Florida to a political subdivision of the state of Florida.

HR 3408 - A bill to establish the New Orleans Jazz National Historical Park in the state of Louisiana, and for other purposes.

S 1586 - A bill to establish the New Orleans Jazz National Historical Park in the state of Louisiana; and for other purposes.

HR 4642 - A bill to provide for the restoration of Washington Square in Philadelphia and for its inclusion within Independence National Historical Park, and for other purposes.

Note: HR 2577 and HR 3953 were originally scheduled to be marked up on June 16. HR 3408, S 1586 and HR 4642 were originally scheduled to be marked up on July 28.

Post Office & Civil Service 225-4034

FEDERAL SERVICE CONTRACTING

Civil Service Subcommittee (Chairman McCloskey, D-Ind.) of House Post Office and Civil Service Committee will hold a hearing on service

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contracting in federal agencies.

Time TBA 311 Cannon Bldg. **date TBA**

Rules 225-9486

RULES FOR FLOOR DEBATE:

HEALTH CARE REVISION

House Rules Committee (Chairman Moakley, D-Mass.) will consider a rule for floor debate for legislation that would revise the nation's health care system.

Time TBA H-313 Capitol Bldg. **date TBA**
(addl dates as needed)

Science, Space & Technology 225-6374

SUBCOMMITTEE MARKUP:

PROPANE RESEARCH

Energy Subcommittee (Chairman Lloyd, D-Tenn.) of House Science, Space and Technology Committee will mark up pending legislation.

10am 2325 Rayburn Bldg. **date TBA**

Agenda:

HR 3546 - A bill to provide for the establishment of a program for safety, development, and education in the propane gas industry for the benefit of propane consumers and the public, and for other purposes.

Note: This markup was originally scheduled for July 29.

Small Business 225-5821

EXPORT ASSISTANCE FOR SMALL BUSINESSES

Field Hearing

Regulation, Business Opportunities and Technology Subcommittee (Chairman Wyden, D-Ore.) of House Small Business Committee will

hold a field hearing on federal export assistance programs aimed at small businesses.

9:30am Council Chambers, Portland City Hall
Aug. 31

Ways & Means 225-9628

TARGETED JOBS TAX CREDIT

Select Revenue Measures Subcommittee (Chairman Rangel, D-N.Y.) of House Ways and Means Committee will hold a hearing on the targeted jobs tax credit. The credit, which will expire at the end of 1994, gives employers a tax credit of up to 40 percent of first-year wages for individuals hired from nine targeted groups of economically disadvantaged individuals.

Time and room TBA **date TBA (September date TBA)**

TAX ISSUES RELATED TO HEALTH CARE REVISION

Select Revenue Measures Subcommittee (Chairman Rangel, D-N.Y.) of House Ways and Means Committee will hold a hearing on miscellaneous tax issues related to health care revision.

Time and room TBA **date TBA**

Agenda:

- 1) Proposal to provide relief from the application of the Medicare Hospital Insurance tax to the employed income of certain individuals in local businesses
- 2) Proposal to modify the research tax credit to cover expenses of developing generic alternatives to brand-name products

TRADE IN FINANCIAL SERVICES

Trade Subcommittee (acting Chairman Matsui, D-Calif.) of House Ways and Means Committee will hold a hearing on trade in financial services, focusing on the history and current status of negotiations under the auspices of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade

Time TBA 1100 Longworth Bldg. **date**

CONFERENCE COMMITTEES Future Listings

NATIONAL COMPETITIVENESS

Conferees will meet on legislation (HR 820) aimed at stimulating national competitiveness in high-technology industries.

Time TBA HC-5 Capitol Bldg. **date TBA**

Senate Conferees: Hollings, Rockefeller, Danforth

House Conferees: From the Committee on Science,

Space & Technology for consideration of the

House bill (except sections 211-214 and 504), and

the Senate amendment (except title XI, sections

211, 303(d), 504, and 601-613), and modifications

committed to conference: Brown, Valentine,

Roemer, McHale, Becerra, Walker, Lewis,

Rohrabacher

From the Committee on Science, Space & Technol-

ogy for consideration of sections 211-214, and

504 of the House bill, and sections 211, 303(d),

504, and 601-613 of the Senate amendment, and

modifications committed to conference: Brown, Valentine, Boucher, Eshoo, Becerra, Walker, Boehlert and Bartlett

From the Committee on Science, Space & Technology for consideration of title XI of the amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Brown, Valentine, Roemer, McHale, Becerra, Klein, Boucher, Walker, Linder, Hoke, Baker

From the Committee on Banking, Finance & Urban Affairs for consideration of sections 331-337, 341-361, 503(a)(4) and (5), 503(b) and (6) of the House bill, and sections 216, 306, and 307, the section 503(4), 1002, 1004, 1011, and title XI of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Gonzalez, Kanjorski, Ridge

From the Committee on Education & Labor for consideration of sections 346 and 407 of the House

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bill, and title XI, sections 211 and 212 insofar as said sections relate to workforce training and labor, sections 410, 604, 607-613, 1201, 1202, and 1302 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Ford, Williams, Goodling

From the Committee on Government Operations for consideration of title XI and section 1301 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Conyers, Towns, Clinger

From the Committee on the Judiciary for consideration of that portion of section 205 adding section 304(g) to the Stevens-Wylder Technology Innovation Act of 1990, and section 603 of adding section 101(d) to the High-Performance Computing Act of 1991, sections 1005-1009, 1011-1013, and 1303 of the Senate amendment, and modification committed to conference: Brooks, Synar, Fish

This conference was originally scheduled for Aug. 9.

FY95 AGRICULTURE APPROPRIATIONS

Conferees will meet on legislation (HR 4554) providing FY95 appropriations for Agriculture, Food and Drug Administration and related programs.

Time and room TBA **date TBA**

Senate Conferees: Bumpers, Harkin, Kerrey, Johnston, Kohl, Feinstein, Byrd, Cochran, Specter, Bond, Gramm, Gorton, Hatfield

House Conferees: TBA

FY TRANSPORTATION APPROPRIATIONS

Conferees will meet on legislation (HR 4556) making fiscal 1995 appropriations for the Department of Transportation and related programs.

Time and room TBA **date TBA**

Senate Conferees: Lautenberg, Byrd, Harkin, Sasser, Mikulski, D'Amato, Domenici, Hatfield, Specter

House Conferees: TBA

FEDERAL ACQUISITION STREAMLINING

Conferees will meet on legislation (S 1587) to revise and streamline the acquisition procedures of the federal government.

Time and room TBA **date TBA**

Senate Conferees: Glenn, Nunn, Bumpers, Sasser, Exon, Levin, Pryor, Bingaman, Shelby, Dorgan, Roth, Thurmond, Stevens, Warner, Cohen, Pressler, McCain, Smith

Conferees: From the Committee on Government Operations, for consideration of the Senate bill, and the House amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Conyers, Synar, Neal, Lantos, Owens, Towns, Spratt, Rush, Maloney, Margolies-Mezvinsky, Clinger, McCandless, Hastert, Kyl, Shays, Schiff, as additional conferees from the Committee on Armed Services, for consideration of the Senate bill, and the House amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Dellums, Sisisky, Evans, Bibray, Edwards, Furse, Spence, Kasich, Bateman, Weldon, as additional conferees from the Committee on Education & Labor, for consideration of sections 4024(d), 4101(b), 4101(c), 6101-6102, 8005(c)(2), and 11001-11004 of the Senate bill, and section 4105 of the House amendment, and modifications committed to

conference: Ford, Murphy, Fawell, as additional conferees from the Committee on the Judiciary, for consideration of sections 1421 and 1422, 1437, 2451, 2551-2553, 2555, that portion of section 4011 that adds a new section 29(b)(2) to the Federal Procurement Policy Act, sections 4024 (a), (b), (c), and (f), 4101 (b) and (c), 6001-6004, 6053, and 8005 (c)(3) and (c)(4) of the Senate bill, and that portion of section 4011 that adds and new section 4B(c) to the Federal Procurement Policy Act, that portion of section 4031 that adds a new subsection (c)(9) to section 23012a of title 10, U.S. Code, that portion of section 4041 that adds a new subsection (c)(2) to section 302A of the Federal Property and Administrative Services Act of 1949, sections 4051, 5003, that portion of section 7106 that adds a new section 2285(a)(12) to title 10, U.S. Code, that portion of section 7205 that adds a new section 314D(a)(4) to the Federal Property and Administrative Services Act of 1949, and section 7301(b) of the House amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Brooks, Bryant, Fish, as additional conferees from the Committee on Public Works and Transportation, for consideration of sections 1056 and 1067 of the Senate bill and modifications committed to conference: Mineta, Traficant, Shuster, as additional conferees from the Committee on Small Business, for consideration of sections 1055(b)(2), 2554, 4102-4105, that portion of sections 4011 that adds a new section 29(b)(1) to the Office of Federal Procurement Policy Act, sections 4012, 4014(d), 4015(d), and 4074 of the Senate bill, and sections 4014 and 8002 of the House amendment, and modifications committed to conference: LaFalce, Smith, Meyers

Note: Conferees met briefly on August 12 to discuss organizational matters.

FY95 TREASURY-POSTAL APPROPRIATIONS

Conferees will meet on legislation (HR 4539) providing FY95 appropriations for Treasury Department, Postal Service and related agencies.

Time and room TBA **date TBA**

Senate Conferees: DeConcini, Mikulski, Kerrey, Byrd, Bond, D'Amato, Hatfield

House Conferees: Hoyer, Visclosky, Darden, Olver, Bevil, Sabo, Obey, Lightfoot, Wolf, Istook, McDade

ORGAN TRANSPLANT PROGRAMS

Conferees will meet on legislation (HR 2659) that would reauthorize organ and bone marrow transplant programs through fiscal 1996.

Time and room TBA **date TBA**

Senate Conferees: Kennedy, Pell, Metzenbaum, Kassebaum, Jeffords

House Conferees: Dingell, Waxman, Washington, Moorhead, Bliley

LOBBYING DISCLOSURE

Conferees will meet on legislation (S 349) that would replace existing disclosure laws with a single statute to cover paid lobbying of Congress and the executive branch by both foreign and domestic lobbyists.

Time and room TBA **date TBA**

Senate Conferees: Glenn, Levin, Akaka, Cohen, Stevens

House Conferees: Bryant, Glickman, Synar, Fish, Gekas

"NANNY TAX"

Conferees will meet on legislation (HR 4278) that would revise the regulations governing withholding of Social Security taxes from the pay of domestic employees.

Time and room TBA **date TBA**

Senate Conferees: Moynihan, Baucus, Breaux, Packwood, Dole

House Conferees: Gibbons, Rostenkowski, Pickle, Jacobs, Ford, Archer, Bunning, Santorum

PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE ACT

Conferees will meet on legislation (S 1569) that would reauthorize the minority health programs run by the Public Health Service.

Time and room TBA **date TBA**

Senate Conferees: Kennedy, Metzenbaum, Simon, Kassebaum, Hatch

House Conferees: Dingell, Waxman, Richardson, Towns, Washington, Moorhead, Bliley, Bilirakis

FY95 DEFENSE APPROPRIATIONS

Conferees will meet on legislation (HR 4650) making fiscal 1995 appropriations for defense programs.

Time and room TBA **date TBA (tentatively scheduled after the recess in September)**

Senate Conferees: Inouye, Hollings, Johnston, Byrd, Leahy, Sasser, DeConcini, Bumpers, Lautenberg, Harkin, Stevens, D'Amato, Cochran, Specter, Domenici, Nickles, Gramm, Bond, Hatfield

House Conferees: TBA

EDUCATION REAUTHORIZATION

Conferees will meet on legislation (HR 6) that would reauthorize programs of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965.

Time and room TBA **date TBA**

Senate Conferees: Kennedy, Pell, Metzenbaum, Dodd, Simon, Harkin, Mikulski, Bingaman, Wellstone, Wofford, Kassebaum, Jeffords, Coats, Gregg, Thurmond, Hatch, Durenberger

House Conferees: TBA

FY95 INTERIOR APPROPRIATIONS

Conferees will meet on legislation (HR 4602) making fiscal 1995 appropriations for Interior Department programs.

Time and room TBA **date TBA**

Senate Conferees: Byrd, Johnston, Leahy, DeConcini, Bumpers, Hollings, Reid, Murray, Nickles, Stevens, Cochran, Domenici, Gorton, Hatfield, Burns

House Conferees: TBA

OTHER EVENTS Future Listings

The *Monitor* has received notice of the following events scheduled to take place in Washington. Associations, non-profit organizations and public interest groups who wish to have events listed in the section should send pertinent information to: The Congressional Monitor, Other Events Editor, 1414 22nd St. N.W., Washington, D.C. 20037. Notices must include a telephone number. Notices may be transmitted by facsimile to 202-728-1862, attn: Robert Healy. Only events related to Congress can be listed. Deadline is noon two days before the date of issue (i.e. Monday noon for Wednesday issue). The editors reserve the right to edit or reject any submission. For further information call 202-887-8686.

LEADERSHIP TRAINING FOR WOMEN

Women in Government Relations LEADER Foundation will sponsor a seven-month professional development and public policy training course for women. Applications are due Sept. 1, 1994.

Time and room TBA **Sept. 1**
Contact: 202-347-5432

ENTITLEMENT TAX REVISION

Bipartisan Commission on Entitlement and Tax Reform will meet to consider ways to seek a bipartisan agreement on structural changes in the tax system and long-term budget savings involving changing entitlement rules.

Time and room TBA **Sept. 9, 23, Nov. 14, Dec. 2**

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UNDERSTANDING CONGRESS

Congressional Quarterly will sponsor a basic-level seminar on the fundamentals of how Congress operates.

9am Congressional Quarterly, 1414 22nd St. N.W. **Sept. 12, Oct. 17**

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RESEARCH WORKSHOP ON CONGRESSIONAL DOCUMENTS

Congressional Quarterly will sponsor a research workshop on congressional documents.

9am Congressional Quarterly, 1414 22nd St. N.W. **Sept. 13, Oct. 18**

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UNDERSTANDING CONGRESSIONAL BUDGETING

Congressional Quarterly will sponsor a seminar on understanding the congressional budgeting process.

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CONGRESS AND THE LEGISLATIVE PROCESS

Congressional Quarterly will sponsor a seminar on Congress and the legislative process for those who have a basic understanding of the process and want a more in-depth look as to how the legislative process works.

9am Congressional Quarterly, 1414 22nd St. N.W. **Sept. 15**

EMPLOYEE BENEFITS ISSUES

National Employee Benefits Institute will hold a legislative conference focusing on health care and pension issues.

Time TBA ANA Hotel, 24th and M Sts, N.W. **Sept. 29, 30**

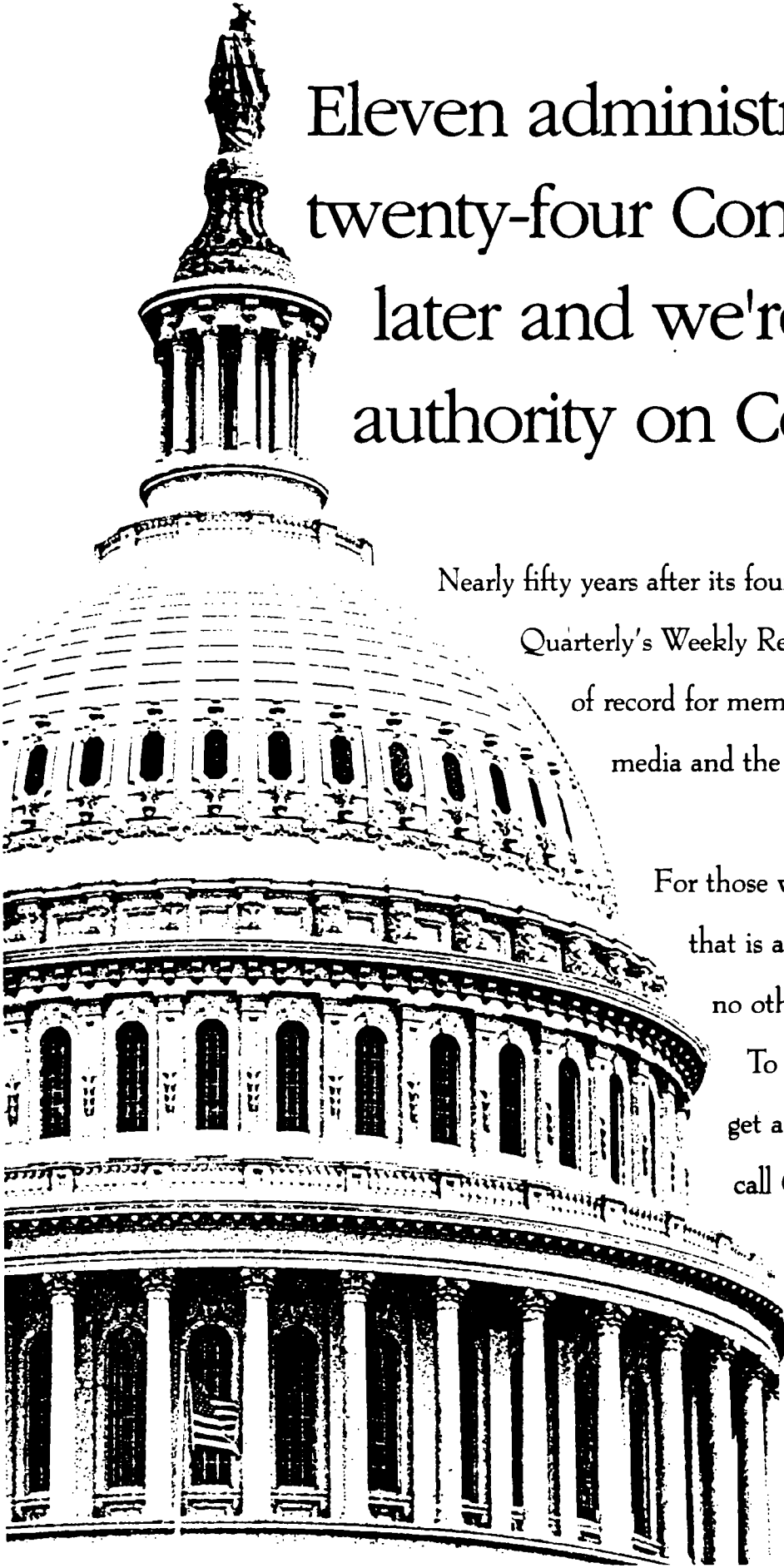
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Congressional Quarterly will sponsor a two day seminar on how to monitor and track congressional appropriations and budget actions with skill and confidence.

9am room TBA **Oct. 24, 25**

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STATUS of APPROPRIATIONS

FY84 HOUSING SUPPLEMENTAL

BILL NO.:
House full cmte markup completed: HR 4568
June 17
H Rpt 103-550
PASSED HOUSE: June 21
PASSED SENATE: June 22
Signed by the president: July 5
PL 103-275

FULL COMMITTEE

House: 225-2771; Senate: 224-3471

AGRICULTURE

House: 225-2638; Senate: 224-7240
BILL NO.:
House subcmte markup completed: HR 4554
House full cmte markup completed: May 26
June 9
H Rpt 103-542
PASSED HOUSE: June 17
Senate subcmte markup completed: June 22
Senate full cmte markup completed: June 23
PASSED SENATE: S Rpt 103-290
July 20

COMMERCE, JUSTICE, STATE, & THE JUDICIARY

House: 225-3351; Senate: 224-7277
BILL NO.:
House subcmte markup completed: HR 4603
House full cmte markup completed: June 8
June 15
H Rpt 103-552
PASSED HOUSE: June 28
Senate subcmte markup completed: July 13
Senate full cmte markup completed: July 14
S Rpt 103-309
PASSED SENATE: July 22
Conference completed: Aug. 16
Conference report: Aug. 18
Conference report adopted in House: Aug. 19
Conference report adopted in Senate:

DEFENSE

House: 225-2847; Senate: 224-7255
BILL NO.:
House subcmte markup completed: HR 4650
House full cmte markup completed: June 16
June 27
H Rpt 103-562
PASSED HOUSE: June 29
Senate subcmte markup completed: July 25
Senate full cmte markup completed: July 29
S Rpt 103-321
PASSED SENATE: Aug. 11

T T OF COLUMBIA

House: 225-5338; Senate: 224-2731
BILL NO.:
House subcmte markup completed: HR 4649
House full cmte markup completed: June 17
June 24
H Rpt 103-558
PASSED HOUSE: July 13
Senate full cmte markup completed: July 14
S Rpt 103-313
PASSED SENATE: July 21
Conference completed: Aug. 4
Conference report: H Rpt 103-671
Conference report adopted in House: Aug. 8

ENERGY & WATER DEVELOPMENT

House: 225-3421; Senate: 224-7260
BILL NO.:
House subcmte markup completed: HR 4506
House full cmte markup completed: May 23
May 26
H Rpt 103-533
PASSED HOUSE: June 14
Senate subcmte markup completed: June 23
Senate full cmte markup completed: June 23
S Rpt 103-291
PASSED SENATE: June 30
Conference completed: Aug. 4
Conference report: H Rpt 103-672
Conference report adopted in House: Aug 10
Conference report adopted in Senate: Aug 11

FOREIGN OPERATIONS

House: 225-2041; Senate: 224-7209
BILL NO.:
House subcmte markup completed: HR 4426
House full cmte markup completed: May 18
May 23
H Rpt 103-524
PASSED HOUSE: May 25
Senate subcmte markup completed: June 16
Senate full cmte markup completed: June 16
S Rpt 103-287
PASSED SENATE: July 15
Conference completed: July 29
Conference report: H Rpt 103-633
Conference report adopted in House: Aug. 4
Conference report adopted in Senate: Aug. 10

INTERIOR

House: 225-3081; Senate: 224-7233
BILL NO.:
House subcmte markup completed: HR 4602
House full cmte markup completed: June 9
June 17
H Rpt 103-551
PASSED HOUSE: June 23
Senate subcmte markup completed: June 28
Senate full cmte markup completed: June 28
S Rpt 103-294
PASSED SENATE: July 26

LABOR/HHS/EDUCATION

House: 225-3508; Senate: 224-7283
BILL NO.:
House subcmte markup completed: HR 4606
House full cmte markup completed: June 14
June 21
H Rpt 103-553
PASSED HOUSE: June 29
Senate subcmte markup completed: July 20
Senate full cmte markup completed: July 20
S Rpt 103-318
PASSED SENATE: Aug. 10
Conference tentatively scheduled: Aug. 19

LEGISLATIVE BRANCH

Ho 225-5338; Senate 224-7338
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HR 4454
May 12
May 19
H Rpt 103-517
May 26
June 14
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H Rpt 103-567
June 29
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ITARY CONSTRUCTION

House 225-3047; Senate 224-7276
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HR 4453
May 12
May 19
H Rpt 103-516
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TRANSPORTATION

House 225-2141; Senate 224-7281
BILL NO.:
House subcmte markup completed:
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PASSED HOUSE:
Senate subcmte markup completed:
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PASSED SENATE:

HR 4556
May 25
June 9
H Rpt 103-543
June 13
H Rpt 103-543, pt. II
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July 14
S Rpt 103-310
July 21

TREASURY/POSTAL SERVICE

House 225-5834; Senate 224-6280
BILL NO.:
House subcmte markup completed:
House full cmte markup completed:

PASSED HOUSE:
Senate subcmte markup completed:
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PASSED SENATE:

HR 4539
May 18
May 26
H Rpt 103-534
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VA, HUD & INDEPENDENT AGENCIES

House 225-3241; Senate 224-7211
BILL NO.:
House subcmte markup completed:
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PASSED HOUSE:
Senate subcmte markup completed:
Senate full cmte markup completed:

PASSED SENATE:
Conference completed:

HR 4624
June 9
June 22
H Rpt 103-555
June 29
July 14
July 14
S Rpt 103-311
Aug. 4
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HOUSE FloorAction

WEDNESDAY

AUGUST 17, 1994

HR 4634 A bill making appropriations for the Departments of Veterans Affairs and Housing and Urban Development, and for sundry independent agencies, boards, commissions, corporations, and offices for fiscal year ending September 30, 1995, and for other purposes.

STOKES, D-Ohio, unanimous consent request providing that the House disagree to the Senate amendments and agree to a conference with the Senate, agreed to by unanimous consent.

HR 4906 Emergency Spending Control Act of 1994.

Rule, H Res 513 providing for the consideration of HR 4906, agreed to by voice vote.

JOHNSON, R-Texas, modified substitute amendment, to require that any emergency spending in one year that breaches a spending cap must be offset by reducing spending caps in the following year; and to repeal rules in current law governing emergency spending, rejected by yeay-nay vote: 160-258.

CASTLE, R-Del., substitute amendment, to establish a "budget reserve account", setting appropriated funds aside in advance for use in a specified fiscal year, which funds could be used only for emergency funding requirements for particular national disasters or national security emergencies so designed by statutes; and to use funds in that reserve account which remain unobligated during the fiscal year for which they were appropriated for deficit reduction purposes, rejected by yeay-nay vote: 184-235.

KASICH, R-Ohio, substitute amendment, to prohibit the inclusion of nonemergency spending in measures that provide for emergency spending by prohibiting the Office of Management and Budget from exempting the emergency funding from spending caps if such spending is in a measure with nonemergency spending, agreed to by yeay-nay vote: 322-99.

HR 4906, as amended, passed in House by yeay-nay vote: 406-6.

S 2182 National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 1995. Rule, H Res 521 providing for the consideration of S 2182, agreed to by voice vote.

Conference report agreed to in House by yeay-nay vote: 280-137.

Conference Report on measure now cleared for Senate action.

Subsequently, the House agreed to H Con Res 285, directing the secretary of the Senate to make technical corrections in the enrollment of S 2182.

THURSDAY

AUGUST 18, 1994

HR 4603 A bill making appropriations for the Departments of Commerce, Justice, and State, the Judiciary, and related agencies programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1995, and making supplemental appropriations for these departments and agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1994, and for other purposes.

House agreed to order the previous question on the rule, H Res 523, by yeay-nay vote: 241-172.

Rule, H Res 523, providing for the consideration of HR 4603, agreed to by yeay-nay vote: 235-175.

Conference report agreed to in House by yeay-nay vote: 322-98.

Conference Report on measure now cleared for Senate action.

HR 3433 A bill to provide for the management of portions of the Presidio under the jurisdiction of the secretary of the Interior.

Rule, H Res 516, providing for the the consideration fo HR 3433, agreed to by voice vote.

NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE modified substitute amendment, as amended, agreed to by voice vote. (modified by the Ways & Means Committee amendments and the rule)

VENTO, D-Minn., amendment, to the above NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE modified substitute amendment, to strike provisions that allow the secretary of the Interior to negotiate and enter into leases, or other appropriate agreements, with any federal agency to house employees of the agency engaged in activities or programs at the Presidio, agreed to by voice vote.

ALLARD, R-Colo., amendment, to the above NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE modified substitute amendment, to limit the authorization for development of the Presidio to the amount provided for development of the Golden National Recreation Area (CGNRA) in the 1972 law that established the recreation area, rejected by yeay-nay vote: 171-244.

TRAFICANT, D-Ohio, amendment, to the above NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE modified substitute amendment, to provide that no funds appropriated may be expended unless the entity doing so agrees to comply with the Buy American Act; and express the sense of Congress that entities receiving assistance should purchase only American-made equipment and products, agreed to by voice vote.

CLINGER, R-Pa., amendment, to the above NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE modified substitute amendment, to authorize the managers of the Presidio Trust to negotiate, and enter into agreements, including contracts, leases, and cooperative agreements, with any person or government entities for the occupancy of any property within the Presidio, agreed to by voice vote.

GRAMS, R-Minn., amendment, to the above NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE modified substitute amendment, to require that the amount authorized not be adjusted upward for inflation before the end of fiscal year 2009; and cut the amount authorized for operations by a total of \$11.5 million over the next 12 years, rejected by yeay-nay vote: 190-227.

HR 3433, as amended, passed in House by yeay-nay vote: 245-168.

FRIDAY

AUGUST 19, 1994

HR 4908 Hydrogen, Fusion, and High Energy and Nuclear Physics Research Act of 1994.

Rule, H Res 515 providing for the consideration of HR 4908, agreed to by voice vote.

TRAFICANT, D-Ohio, amendment, to have the panel report on the financial participation of foreign participants, withdrawn.

WALKER, R-Pa., amendment, to clarify that funds for the Tokamak Physics Experiment do not exceed a total of \$700 million between fiscal years 1992 and 2000, agreed to by voice vote.

FAWELL, R-Ill., amendment, to authorize the Department of Energy to participate in the design for an international fusion material irradiation test facility, and require the department to report back to Congress on the estimated costs for design, engineering, and construction of the facility, the expected participation of international partners, and dates planned for construction of the project, agreed to by voice vote.

TRAFICANT, D-Ohio, amendment, to require the secretary of the Department of Energy to report back annually to Congress the status of foreign participation in and contributions to projects authorized by this act, agreed to voice vote.

FAWELL, R-Ill., amendment, to prohibit the Department of Energy from providing funding for research and development projects or pre-commercial demonstration activities unless such projects have been subjected to an objective review process, agreed to by voice vote.

WALKER, R-Pa., amendment, to prohibit the use of funds appropriated by this act to be use by organizations for lobbying activities, rejected by yeay-nay vote: 187-239.

HR 4908, as amended, passed in House by voice vote.

HR 3355 A bill to amend the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to allow grants to increase police presence, to expand and improve cooperative efforts between law enforcement agencies and members of the community to address crime and disorder problems, and otherwise to enhance public safety.

GEPHARDT, D-Mo., unanimous consent request providing that the conference report on HR 3355 be considered as recommitted to conference, agreed to by unanimous consent.

GEPHARDT, D-Mo., unanimous consent request providing that the requirement of clause 4(b) of rule XI for a two-thirds vote to

consider a report from the Committee on Rules on the day it is presented to the House be waived on the legislative day of Saturday, August 20, with respect to any consideration or disposition of the conference report to accompany HR 3355, agreed to by unanimous consent.

ABERCROMBIE, D-Hawaii, unanimous consent request providing that the managers may have until midnight Friday, August 19, to file a conference report on HR 3355, agreed to by unanimous consent.

SATURDAY

AUGUST 20, 1994

HR 3355 CONFERENCE REPORT: A bill to amend the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to allow grants to increase police presence, to expand and improve cooperative efforts between law enforcement agencies and members of the community to address crime and disorder problems, and otherwise to enhance public safety.

Began consideration

SUNDAY

AUGUST 21, 1994

HR 3355 CONFERENCE REPORT: A bill to amend the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to allow grants to increase police presence, to expand and improve cooperative efforts between law enforcement agencies and members of the community to address crime and disorder problems, and otherwise to enhance public safety.

Continued consideration

SENATE FloorAction

MONDAY

AUGUST 15, 1994

S 2351 Health Security Act.

Continued from August 13

MITCHELL, D-Maine, substitute amendment no. 2560, pending at recess.

DODD, D-Conn., amendment no. 2561, to the MITCHELL amendment no. 2560, to promote early and effective health care services for pregnant women and children, pending at recess.

Continued August 16

S Res 249 A resolution to authorize testimony by an employee of the Senate and to authorize representation by the Senate Legal Counsel.

S Res 249, agreed to in Senate by unanimous consent.

TUESDAY

AUGUST 16, 1994

S 2351 Health Security Act.

Continued from August 15

MITCHELL, D-Maine, substitute amendment no. 2560, as amended, pending at recess.

DODD, D-Conn., amendment no. 2561, to the MITCHELL substitute amendment no. 2560, to promote early and effective health care services for pregnant women and children, agreed to by yeay-nay vote: 55-42

Continued August 17

WEDNESDAY

AUGUST 17, 1994

- S 2351 Health Security Act.**
Continued from August 16
MITCHELL, D-Maine, substitute amendment no. 2560, as amended, pending at recess.
NICKLES, R-Okla., and MOYNIHAN, D-N.Y., amendment no. 2563, to the above MITCHELL, D-Maine, substitute amendment no. 2560, to provide for general enforcement of employer requirements, agreed to by yeay-nay vote: 100-0.
DASCHLE, D-S.D., amendment no. 2564, to the above MITCHELL, D-Maine, substitute amendment no. 2560, to improve the access of individuals in rural areas to quality health care, pending at recess.
Continued August 18
- S 2073** A bill to designate the U.S. courthouse that is scheduled to be constructed in Concord, N.H., as the "Warren B. Rudman United States Courthouse", and for other purposes.
S 2073, passed in Senate by unanimous consent.
- 4790** A bill to designate the U.S. courthouse under construction in St. Louis, Mo., as the "Thomas F. Eagleton United States Courthouse".
HR 4790 passed, in Senate by unanimous consent.
HR 4790 is now cleared for the president.

THURSDAY

AUGUST 18, 1994

- S 2351 Health Security Act.**
Continued from August 17
MITCHELL, D-Maine, substitute amendment no. 2560, pending at recess
DASCHLE, D-S.D., modified amendment no. 2564, to the MITCHELL, D-Maine, substitute amendment, to improve the access of individuals in rural areas to quality health care, agreed to by yeay-nay vote: 94-4.
MACK, R-Fla., amendment no. 2568, to the MITCHELL, D-Maine, substitute amendment no. 2560, to assure that decisions critical to the health and well-being of all Americans be made with public knowledge and not in secret, agreed to by yeay-nay vote: 100-0.
MITCHELL, D-Maine, amendment no. 2569, to the above MITCHELL, D-Maine, substitute amendment no. 2560, to clarify the grounds for the nonrenewal or termination of a health plan in the event of nonpayment of premiums, agreed to by voice vote.
Continued August 19
- S 2407 Judicial Amendments Act of 1994.**
S 2407, passed in Senate by unanimous consent.
- S 2406** A bill to amend title 17, U.S. Code, relating to the definition of a local service area of a primary transmitter, and for other purposes.
S 2406, passed in Senate by voice vote.
- S 2060 Small Business Administration Reauthorization and Amendment Act of 1994.**
SMALL BUSINESS COMMITTEE substitute amendment agreed to by unanimous consent.
S 2060, as amended, passed Senate by unanimous consent.
- HR 4867 High-Speed Rail Development Act of 1994.**
COMMERCE, SCIENCE & TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE substitute amendment, as amended, agreed to by unanimous consent.
FORD, D-Ky. (for EXON, D-Neb.), substitute amendment no. 2570, to the above COMMERCE, SCIENCE & TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE substitute amendment, agreed to by voice vote.
FORD, D-Ky., unanimous consent that the Senate strike all after the enacting clause of HR 4867 and insert in lieu thereof the text of S 839 (Senate companion measure), as amended by the Senate, agreed to by unanimous consent.
HR 4867, as amended, passed Senate by unanimous consent. (title amended)
Subsequently S 839 was indefinitely postponed.

FRIDAY

AUGUST 19, 1994

- HR 4603 CONFERENCE REPORT:** A bill making appropriations for the Departments of Commerce, Justice, and State, the Judiciary, and related agencies programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1995, and making supplemental appropriations for these departments and agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1994, and for other purposes.

Conference report agreed to in Senate by yeay-nay vote: 88-10.
HR 4603 is now cleared for the president.

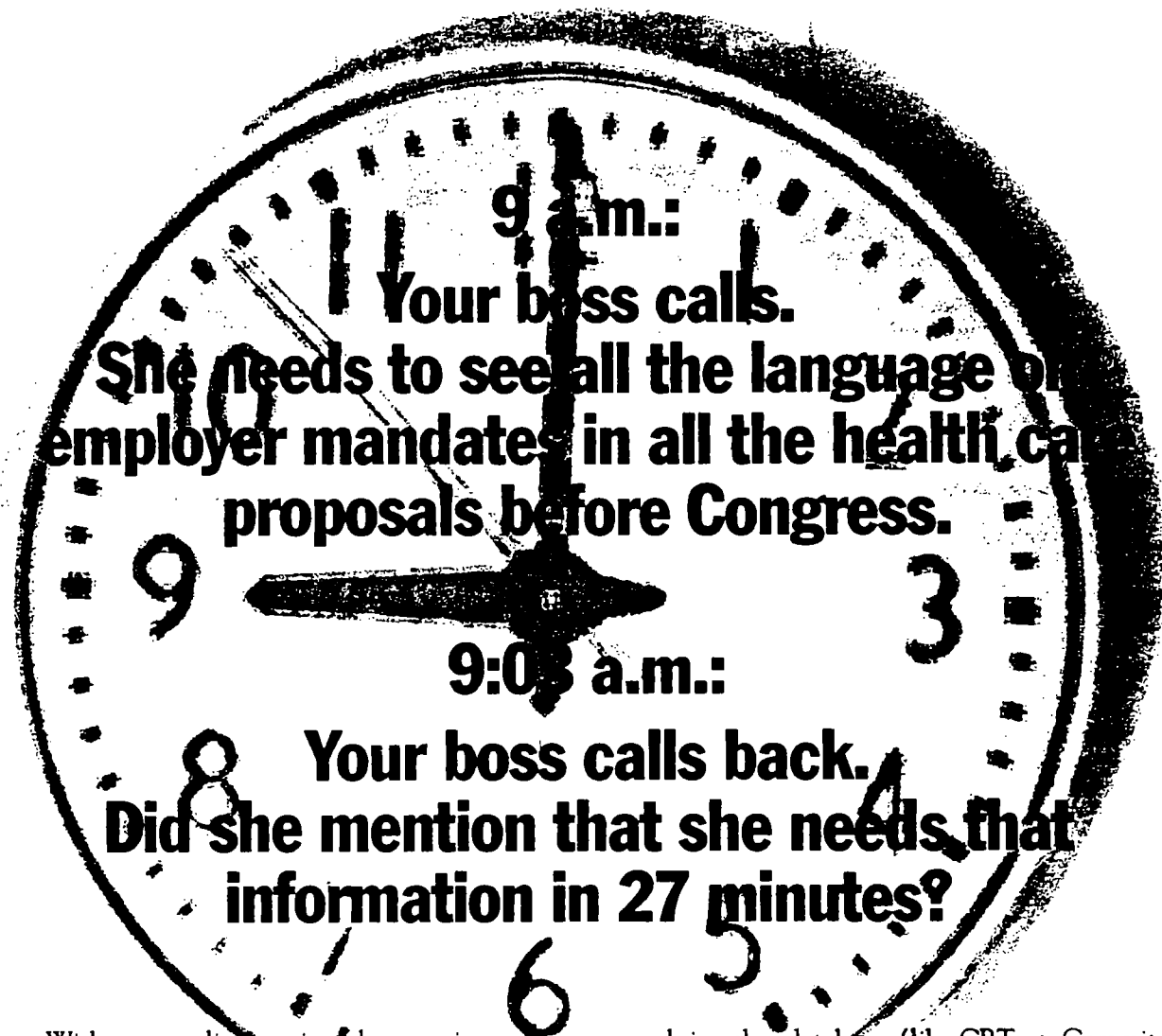
- S 2351 Health Security Act.**
Continued from August 18
MITCHELL, D-Maine, substitute amendment no. 2560, as amended, pending at recess.
HUTCHISON, R-Texas, amendment no. 2571, to the above MITCHELL, D-Maine, substitute amendment no. 2560, to strike section 1423, which imposes a 15 percent tax upon all of a state's community rated premiums, agreed to by voice vote.
HARKIN, D-Iowa, modified amendment no. 2572, to the above MITCHELL, D-Maine, substitute amendment no. 2560, to permit health plans to make flexible service options available under the standard benefit package, agreed to by voice vote.
Continued August 22
- S J Res 167** A joint resolution to designate the week of September 12, through September 16, 1994, as "National Gang Violence Prevention Week".
S J Res 167, passed in the Senate by unanimous consent.
- S J Res 216** A joint resolution designating the week beginning September 12, 1994, as "National Hispanic Business Week".
S J Res 216, passed in the Senate by unanimous consent.
- S J Res 215** A joint resolution designating September 5, 1994, Labor Day, as "Try American Day".
S J Res 215, passed in the Senate by unanimous consent.
- S 1485 Satellite Compulsory License Extension Act of 1994.**
SARBANES, D-Md., unanimous consent request providing that the Senate disagree to the House amendments and agree to a conference with the House, agreed to by unanimous consent.
- HR 734** A bill to amend the act entitled "An act to provide for the extension of certain federal benefits, services, and assistance to the Pascua Yaqui Indians of Arizona, and for other purposes".
INDIAN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE amendment agreed to by unanimous consent.
HR 734, as amended, passed Senate by unanimous consent.
- HR 1779** A bill to designate the facility of the U.S. Postal Service located at 401 South Washington Street in Chillicothe, Mo., as the "Jerry L. Litton United States Post Office Building".
GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE amendment, agreed to by voice vote.
SARBANES, D-Md. (for PRYOR, D-Ark., and STEVENS, R-Alaska), amendment no. 2573, to provide for travel and transportation expenses for the family of a career appointee in the Senior Executive Service who dies after transferring in the interest of the government to an official duty station and who was eligible for an annuity at the time of death, agreed to by unanimous consent.
HR 1779, as amended, passed Senate by voice vote.
- HR 3197** A bill to redesignate the Post Office building located at 13th and Rockland Streets in Reading, Pa., as the "Gus Yatron Federal Postal Facility".
HR 3197, passed in Senate by unanimous consent.
HR 3197 is now cleared for the president
- HR 2942** George Washington National Forest Mount Pleasant Scenic Area Act.
HR 2942, passed in Senate by unanimous consent.
HR 2942 is now cleared for the president.
- S 2277** An original bill to authorize major medical facility construction projects for the Department of Veterans Affairs for fiscal year 1995, and for other purposes.
S 2277, passed in Senate by unanimous consent.
- S 1908** A bill to provide for a study of the processes and procedures of the Department of Veterans Affairs for the disposition of claims for veterans' benefits.
VETERANS' AFFAIRS COMMITTEE substitute amendment agreed to by unanimous consent.
S 1908, as amended, passed Senate by unanimous consent.

Week of August 22

MONDAY & BALANCE OF THE WEEK

AUGUST 22, 1994

- S 2351** Health care revision
Continue consideration



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Office of the Attorney General
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August 25, 1994

The Honorable Orrin G. Hatch
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Hatch:

I am writing to correct erroneous information that you presented on the floor of the Senate today regarding interactions between the Department of Justice and the National Association of Assistant United States Attorneys. No one in the Department of Justice that I am aware of -- neither political appointees nor career employees -- has in any way threatened or suggested repercussions against any member of that group, based on their positions regarding the Crime Bill or any other matter. In fact, I have had discussions with this group directly, and the Department has been working in recent weeks to develop an appropriate role for, and relationship with, this group.

To that end, Departmental officials had a positive and constructive conversation with group leaders on August 22 -- days after the action taken by the group that is said to be the reason for the threats of retribution. The Department has been informed by the Executive Director of the NAAUSA that, contrary to your claims, they do not believe that there have been any threats made, or pressure exerted, by the Department of Justice because of any statements or activities by the group related to the Crime Bill.

As to the substance of the issues of concern to this group, it has consistently been the position of the Department of Justice to oppose retroactive application of the so-called "safety valve." This position has been clearly and consistently expressed and every Member of Congress associated with the crime bill is aware of it. Any suggestion that the Department would threaten retributive action in exchange for expression of a position consistent with DOJ policy makes little sense.

More importantly, however, I have not and will not take any action to compromise the personal First Amendment rights of any employee of the Department of Justice, whether or not the views expressed are consistent with those of the Department of Justice. Let there be no doubt, however, that this group -- which by its

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own membership estimates represents less than 25% of AUSA's -- speaks only on its own behalf and is not authorized to represent the position of the Department of Justice.

Specifically, your statement that employees of the Department of Justice threatened members of NAAUSA with criminal prosecution for violation of Section 205 of Title 18 of the United States Code because of their views on the Crime Bill is equally mistaken. For several months, the Department of Justice has been in communication with leaders of the group regarding the Department's interpretation of Section 205, which prohibits conflicts of interest on behalf of government employees, as it applies to activities by Assistant United States Attorneys on behalf of the National Association of Assistant United States Attorneys. The group's leaders have been well aware of DOJ's concerns about certain activities conducted on behalf of the association constituting a possible violation of Section 205 for months, although they have expressed their disagreement with DOJ's interpretation.

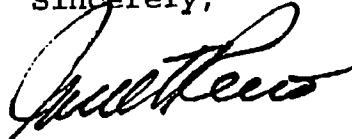
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Office of the Attorney General
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August 25, 1994

The Honorable Orrin G. Hatch
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Hatch:

I am writing to correct erroneous information that you presented on the floor of the Senate today regarding interactions between the Department of Justice and the National Association of Assistant United States Attorneys. No one in the Department of Justice that I am aware of -- neither political appointees nor career employees -- has in any way threatened or suggested repercussions against any member of that group, based on their positions regarding the Crime Bill or any other matter. In fact, I have had discussions with this group directly, and the Department has been working in recent weeks to develop an appropriate role for, and relationship with, this group.

To that end, Departmental officials had a positive and constructive conversation with group leaders on August 22 -- days after the action taken by the group that is said to be the reason for the threats of retribution. The Department has been informed by the Executive Director of the NAAUSA that, contrary to your claims, they do not believe that there have been any threats made, or pressure exerted, by the Department of Justice because of any statements or activities by the group related to the Crime Bill.

As to the substance of the issues of concern to this group, it has consistently been the position of the Department of Justice to oppose retroactive application of the so-called "safety valve." This position has been clearly and consistently expressed and every Member of Congress associated with the crime bill is aware of it. Any suggestion that the Department would threaten retributive action in exchange for expression of a position consistent with DOJ policy makes little sense.

More importantly, however, I have not and will not take any action to compromise the personal First Amendment rights of any employee of the Department of Justice, whether or not the views expressed are consistent with those of the Department of Justice. Let there be no doubt, however, that this group -- which by its

own membership estimates represents less than 25% of AUSA's -- speaks only on its own behalf and is not authorized to represent the position of the Department of Justice.

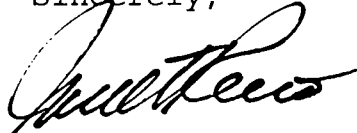
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Janet Reno

Senate Moves Toward Passage Of Crime Bill — GOP's Parliamentary Move To Stop It Is Defeated In a Victory for Clinton

By JOE DAVIDSON

Staff Reporter of THE WALL STREET JOURNAL

WASHINGTON—The Senate moved toward approving anticrime legislation, providing President Clinton a long-sought, hard-fought victory.

The path for the legislation was cleared yesterday afternoon when the Senate voted 61-39 to defeat a GOP procedural move to block the \$30.2 billion crime bill, which Republicans claimed was laden with crime-prevention "pork" spending. Six Republicans joined 55 Democrats in that vote; one Democrat, Alabama Sen. Richard Shelby, sided with 38 Republicans in the losing effort.

The Senate's action yesterday was a crucial win for the president, coming as his effort to restructure the nation's health-care system is in critical condition.

"I want to salute the senators of both Republican and Democratic ranks who put law and order, safety and security, above politics and party," Mr. Clinton said after the bill's victory seemed certain.

The importance of the vote to the Clinton administration was underscored when Vice President Al Gore, still recovering from Achilles' tendon surgery, took the presiding officer's seat to announce the vote in a preliminary vote. The official duties of vice presidents include presiding over the Senate, but generally they appear only when votes are expected to be very close.

'Fair, Balanced Bill'

"This is a good, strong, fair, balanced bill," said Sen. George Mitchell, the Democratic leader from Maine. "This is not about a defeat or a victory for any political party . . . this is a victory for the American people, who have scarcely been mentioned during this debate."

Conceding defeat just before the vote, Sen. Robert Dole, the Republican leader from Kansas, said: "We're going to lose, but win with the American people. It's going to demonstrate that we need more Republicans elected in November."

Though Senate Republicans were unable to get their desired amendments — reduced crime-prevention spending, tougher mandatory minimum sentences and stronger prison provisions — House GOP members did force the Clinton administration to accept similar changes.

They knocked 10% off an earlier, \$33 billion version, with nearly two-thirds of the cuts coming from the crime-prevention budget.

The legislation being considered last night would provide \$23.3 billion for law enforcement and incarceration. It partially funds 100,000 state and local police officers, extends capital punishment to 60 federal offenses, provides \$9.9 billion for state prisons, and mandates life terms for three-time violent felons.

Crime-Prevention Spending

About \$6 billion would fund crime-prevention programs; the GOP sought to eliminate \$5 billion of that. Crime prevention includes such programs as drug treatment, economic development, employment and educational programs. A \$350 million local crime-prevention block grant replaces 10 prevention programs listed in the original legislation, programs that still could be funded at local discretion. Those programs include midnight basketball, Boys and Girls Clubs in public housing, youth anticrime councils, and gang-prevention efforts.

A highly controversial measure bans 19 specific semiautomatic assault weapons and so-called copycat models. That provision was a major factor in delaying passage of the crime bill in both the House

and Senate. Even after Senate Republicans offered to take their objection to the measure off the negotiating table, Democrats said the GOP plan to open the bill on other amendments was partly a subterfuge to kill the bill and the weapons ban.

One part of the legislation everyone seemed to support was the provision on violence against women provision; among other things, it would make interstate domestic violence and interstate stalking a federal crime. It also allows victims of crimes that were motivated by sex to sue the attacker in federal court, regardless of whether criminal charges were pressed.

Under the bill, those convicted of violent sexual offenses must register their addresses with state officials for life and verify their locations every three months. The legislation permits law-enforcement officials to notify a community that an offender is living in the area.

Sen. Joseph Biden (D., Del.), who as chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee was the principal author of the crime bill, said he was most pleased with the violence-against-women provision. "It will truly make a difference to the lives of women who are being battered," he said. "More women will be alive next year than this year," because of the bill.

Lobbying by Clinton

There was strong Clinton administration lobbying for the bill — too strong in the eyes of Republicans. Sen. Dole opened the debate by saying Justice Department officials had warned assistant U.S. attorneys, who sought no weakening of a mandatory minimum provision, that they faced criminal prosecution if they campaigned on the bill.

Justice Department spokesman Carl Stern said representatives of the National Association of Assistant U.S. Attorneys were told that federal law prohibits federal employees from representing any individual or organization doing business with the government. "They're certainly free to make their point" as individuals, Mr. Stern said. "There's been no threat here to quiet them."

Brian Flood, executive director of the association, agreed. "No one in this association has been threatened with reprisals or prosecution for weighing in on the crime bill," he said.

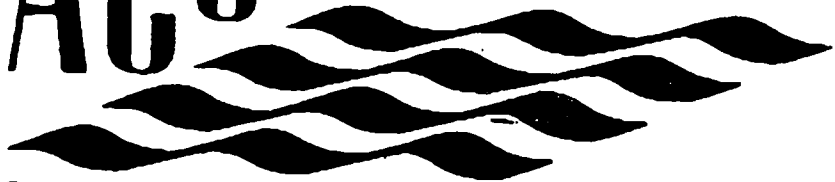
Amid all the serious debate, Sen. Alfonse D'Amato (R., N.Y.) demonstrated his belief that the bill is laden with social-spending "pork." Standing in front of a picture of a big, pink pig eating dollars in a trough, Sen. D'Amato sang a version of "Old MacDonald Had a Farm." His Republican colleague, John McCain of Arizona, suggested Sen. D'Amato get voice lessons.

And Sen. Alan Simpson (R., Wyo.), always ready with his Western wit, predicted that once the American people learn what is in the legislation, "they'll blink like a frog in a hail storm."

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MEMORANDUM

TO: State Association Executive Directors

FROM: Reginald Todd, Legislative Director *RT*

DATE: September 26, 1994

RE: Gramm Amendment Seeks to Repeal Key Sections of
Anti-Crime Act . . . Voce Expected Late Today or Tuesday, Sept. 29

The Senate is expected to vote on an amendment offered by Senator Phil Gramm (R-Texas) that would repeal the NACO supported Anti-Crime Prevention provisions recently signed into law by President Clinton.

The amendment, among other provisions, would eliminate more than \$5 billion in prevention funding, including the \$1.6 billion Local Partnership Act and the \$377 million Crime Prevention Block Grant program--programs that provide direct funds to counties and cities.

Attached is a letter dated September 22, 1994 from Janet Reno to Senator Biden expressing these and other concerns. Please contact your Senators by phone or FAX and urge them to vote **NO** on the Gramm amendment to the Conference Report for H.R. 4649, the FY 95 District of Columbia Appropriations Bill.

Thank you for your help. Please contact me at 202-942-4271, if you have any questions.

Attachment



Office of the Attorney General
Washington, D.C. 20530

September 22, 1994

The Honorable Joseph R. Biden, Jr.
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Mr. Chairman:

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the Gramm Amendment to the Conference Report for H.R. 4649.

Last week, President Clinton signed into law the most comprehensive crime-fighting measure in history. It was the culmination of six years of hard work by you and many other members of Congress. The Gramm amendment would turn back the clock by repealing important sections of that Act before we have any chance to implement them.

First of all, the Gramm amendment slashes funding for a variety of critical crime-fighting programs. Indeed, 70% of the cuts proposed in this amendment would be to programs that give local officials flexible funding for crime-fighting plans -- including funds that can be used for successful programs such as local DARE, GREAT, and child abuse prevention efforts.

Next, the Gramm amendment would make it harder for states to get money for prison construction and operation; in the end, enactment of this amendment may well mean that more violent criminals will be on the street, and fewer will be behind bars. And with respect to the amendment's other provisions, we believe that the Crime Bill and existing law already provide necessary tools and penalties for our attack on gun and drug crimes.

Working together, the Congress and the Administration -- Democrats and Republicans, jointly -- have made great strides by enacting the Crime Bill. It is time to move beyond the political posturing that has halted crime legislation in the past, and move forward in a bipartisan manner to implement this momentous legislation. Quite frankly, this amendment and its timing send the wrong message to the American people about our commitment to fight crime.

I urge you and your colleagues to oppose this amendment. Thank you for your consideration of our views.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Janet Reno", is written over the typed name.

Janet Reno

THE GRAMM AMENDMENT

What it Does:

- Eliminates funding for four crime-fighting programs: the Local Partnership Act, the Crime Prevention Block Grants, the Model Intensive Grants, and the National Community Economic Partnership Program.
- Makes it harder for states to get funding for prison construction and operation, by raising eligibility standards for prison grant money (i.e., truth-in-sentencing).
- Increases mandatory minimum sentences for some gun and drug crimes; modifies procedures for deporting criminal aliens; and narrows the mandatory minimum "safety valve."

Why it Should be Defeated:

- It slashes funding for a variety of crime-fighting efforts -- 70% of Sen. Gramm's cuts are in programs that give local officials flexible funding for crime-fighting programs -- including funds that can be used to fund local DARE, GREAT, and child abuse prevention efforts.
- Why cut crime-fighting efforts now, at a time when the Crime Bill is just getting off the ground, and when crime is such a serious problem?
- Sen. Gramm's proposal to make it harder for states to get money for prison construction and operation means that more violent criminals will be on the street, and fewer will be behind bars.
- Much of the rest of the Gramm amendment is meaningless grandstanding, that adds little to our law enforcement efforts.
- It is no surprise that those who voted against the Crime Bill now want to stand for "something." But they should join in a bipartisan effort to implement the sweeping, anti-crime legislation -- not launch this effort to tinker, slash, and repeal parts of that law.

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

June 26, 1995

MEMORANDUM FOR KENT MARCUS

FROM: SUSAN BROPHY *SB*
LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS

SUBJECT: PRESIDENTIAL CORRESPONDENCE

Enclosed please find a copy of the letter that was sent to the President from Representative Charles E. Schumer (D-NY) and others.

The President has requested that he see and sign every letter going to Capitol Hill. We did not want to fully answer the issues addressed in the Representative's letter without advice from your department; therefore, I am requesting that your office draft a response and return it to Jocelyn Jolley (WH-East Wing) within 48 hours.

Thank you very much for your assistance in this matter. If you have any questions, please feel free to call Jocelyn at 456-7500.

Enclosure

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June 2, 1995

The Honorable William Clinton
President of the United States
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Ave., NW
Washington DC 20500

Dear Mr. President:

We are writing to let you know of our strong support for the ban on 19 assault weapons included in last year's crime bill.

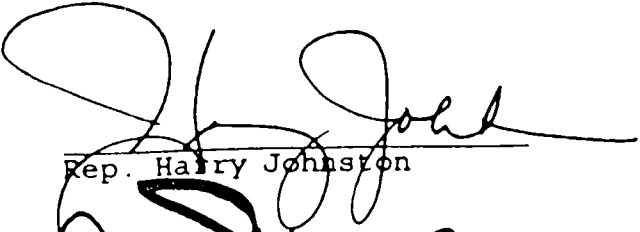
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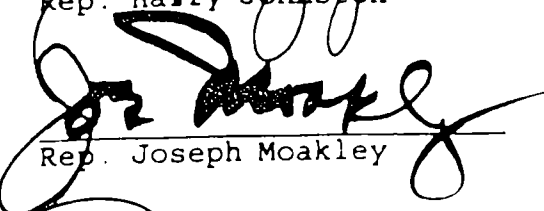
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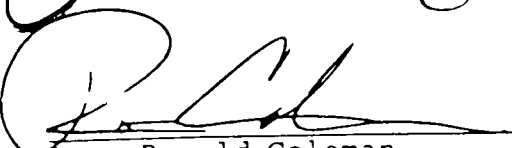
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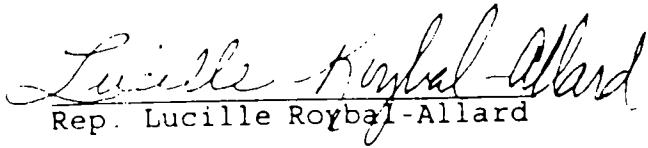

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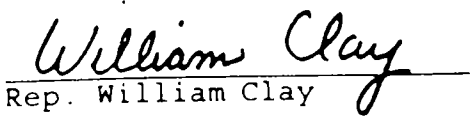

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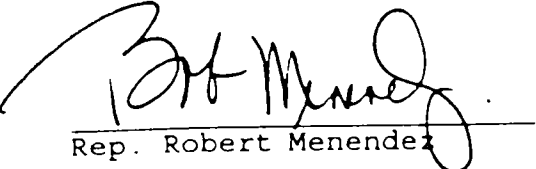

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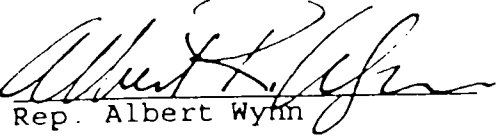

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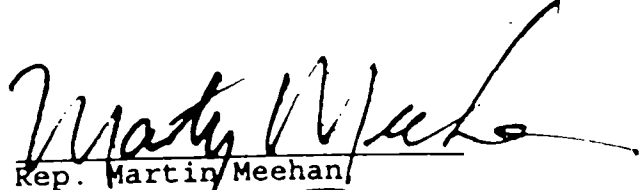

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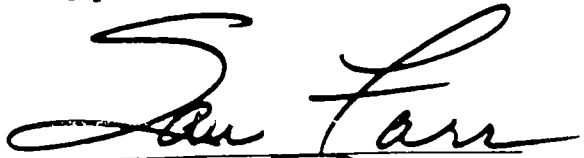

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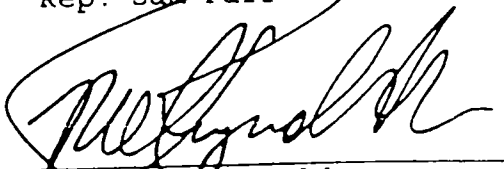

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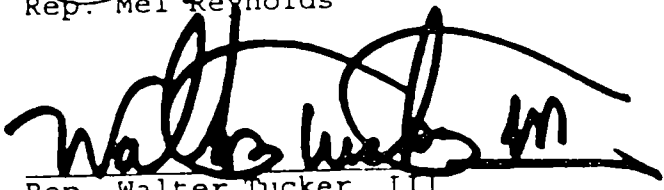

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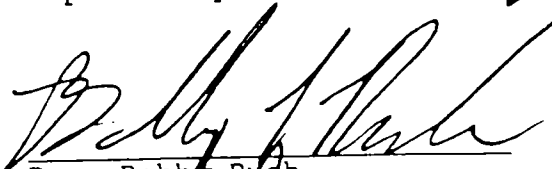

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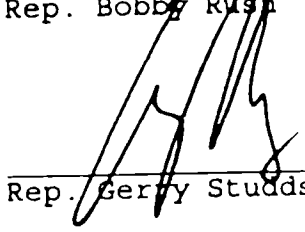

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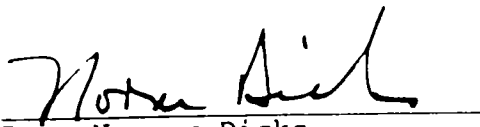

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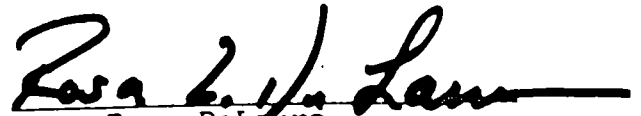
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