

FOIA MARKER

**This is not a textual record. This is used as an
administrative marker by the William J. Clinton
Presidential Library Staff.**

Collection/Record Group: Clinton Presidential Records
Subgroup/Office of Origin: Public Liaison
Series/Staff Member: Alexis Herman/Ruby Moy
Subseries:

OA/ID Number: 4276
FolderID:

Folder Title:
Health Care Information March 22, 1994 thru Present [binder] [3]

Stack:	Row:	Section:	Shelf:	Position:
S	29	5	7	1

THE SMALL BUSINESS

■ COALITION ■ FOR ■ HEALTH ■ CARE ■ REFORM ■

Memorandum

CC: MARILYN/CAREN

To: Todd Dankuyer and Phil Schneider, SBCHCR
From: Michael Whouley and Dave Katz, The Dewey Square Group
Re: Update on Media Events for Week of May 9, 1994
Date: May 9, 1994

For your information, we will be holding press conferences this week announcing the formation and local members of the Small Business Coalitions for Health Care Reform in California, Kansas and Southwest Virginia.

VIRGINIA

Monday, May 2, 1994 (earlier today)

The City Council Chambers in Bristol, VA in Congressman Rick Boucher's district will be the site of a coalition kick-off event and announcement of the eighteen small businesses that have joined the coalition in Congressman Boucher's District.

CALIFORNIA

Tuesday, May 10, 1994

The district office of Congressman Lehman will be the site of an announcement of a statewide coalition of over 100 small businesses supporting health care reform. Press conference participants have also been invited to meet with Congressman Lehman's District Director immediately following the event.

KANSAS

Wednesday, May 11, 1994

We will be holding simultaneous events in both Topeka and Wichita to announce the formation of the Kansas Small Business Coalition.

For information on any of these events, please contact Dave Katz at (202) 638-5616.

M E M O R A N D U M

TO: Michael Whouley
David Katz

FROM: Keech leGrand

DATE: May 10, 1994

Yesterday's event in Bristol went well. It took place at Bristol, Virginia's City Hall. Since it was a beautiful day, I moved the event outside to the plaza area. The press who attended were:

Anne Grundon of the Bristol Herald Courier

WKPT - Channel 19 (ABC) from Kingsport

WCYB - Channel 5 (NBC) from Bristol

WJHL - CBS from Johnson City

Jaen VanValkenburgh of the Kingsport Times-News

I opened up the event and introduced Marilyn Pace Maxwell, who read the attached prepared statement. After her statement, we took questions. In addition to Marilyn Maxwell, Jane Tickle of the Appalachian Agency for Senior Citizens was present. We handled all the questions we were asked, none of which was very difficult. The only slight disappointment I had was that we did not have more coalition members present. However, I felt we handled the press inquiries well.

In addition, we faxed the release (and other information in response to direct inquiries) to many news outlets. I talked with the AP reporter in Roanoke on the phone, and Cathy Walker talked with AP, the VA News Network and the Kingsport Times News.

Small businesses unite for health care reform

ARNE GRUNDON
Staff Writer

Small businesses throughout Southwest Virginia's 9th District are joining a national coalition that supports health care reform and plan to call U.S. Rep. Nick Brown's help in sponsoring legislation to make affordable insurance coverage possible.

"It's time to bring some controls into this rapidly escalating health care cost," said Marilyn Fane Marshall of Mountain Empire Older Citizens Inc. "We need reform. It is in the interest of

small business; it is in the interest of the employer; it is in the interest of the country. We are asking you to health care reform."

Marshall represents one of 18 businesses throughout the 9th District that have joined the coalition. She said her business employs 127 people but provides health care insurance for only 22 at a cost of almost \$100,000 per year. Although she would like to provide coverage for all employees, Marshall said the cost is prohibitive.

Speaking to reporters Monday, Mar-

shall said the coalition is growing throughout the area and other small businesses are being encouraged to join. The group plans to meet with Senator to explain the reasons they support health care reform that meets 10 established criteria.

Among other things, the plan must guarantee comprehensive benefits for each covered individual and provide a level of health insurance as money, not playing field by giving small busi-

nesses the same purchasing power as larger ones; simplify the administrative burden; and implement effective cost-containment mechanisms.

Marshall said the coalition is prepared to support any plan that meets the stipulated criteria. "Once of mind on this issue will pay dividends in making employees more productive," Marshall said. "The proposed benefits include an outbreak of prevention — which, in the long run will save all of us money. The uninsured are costing the system money, and they often don't get treatment until a condition is out-

of control and more costly than it might have been if caught early or prevented."

Under the current system, Marshall said small businesses pay as much as 50 percent more than large firms for the same coverage, and many have said their premiums have been rising by 25 percent each year. The national coalition represents 300,000 businesses that employ 3.1 million people.

Those interested in joining the Southwest Virginia coalition should contact Maria Ingram at (800) 333-6511.

Owners, group discuss health care

Business leaders, coalition meet

Southwest Virginia Bureau

A group of small-business owners met in Bristol, Va. Monday with members of a national coalition advocating reform in the health care industry.

Eighteen businesses ranging

from a Marion investment firm with just one employee to a Cedar Hill senior citizens agency employing 375 joined the 9th Congressional District Small Business Coalition for Health Care Reform, which represents more than 1,200 employees in Southwest Virginia.

"Small business needs health care reform because the system is just too expensive," said Jim Robinson, one of the area's first members in the national group.

Robinson is the owner of Robinson Steel & Scrap Metal Co. in Big

Stone Gap, which employs 14 people.

Nationally, the reform group represents about 340,000 businesses and 2.1 million employees. The coalition states 10 guiding principles for re-

Please see BUSINESS, page 2A

Continued from page 1A
forming health care in the United States, guaranteeing accessible and affordable health care for small businesses desiring to totally or partially cover employees' and their families needs.

Representatives of the group claim that small-business employers are forced to pay 35 to 50 percent more than larger firms for the same coverage. According to a survey conducted for the National Federation of Independent Businesses, nearly two-thirds of all small businesses would like to provide better coverage for their employees, but costs rising at a rate of nearly 25 percent annually are prohibitive.

"This is just the beginning," said Marilyn Pace Maxwell of Big Stone Gap's Mountain Empire Older Citizens Inc., which employs 187.

"Until now, the public and Congress have only heard from business people who oppose health care reform. The businesses we have talked to want to offer health insurance to their employees, but the premiums and administrative burden make it almost impossible. We need a new system," Maxwell said in a prepared statement Monday.

The group is the second to target Virginia's 9th Congressional District for health care reform initiatives. The Health Care Reform Project, an arm of Charlotte, N.C.-based Families USA, is also lobbying 9th District Rep. Rick Boucher, D-Abingdon, to support President

Clinch's Health Security Act.

Boucher has declined to voice support for any of the current health care bills presently before Congress.

Maxwell said the plan would require small-business employers to pay a maximum of 7.5 percent of the company payroll, as opposed to the 15 percent to 18 percent that such businesses are currently paying.

Member organizations of the coalition include the National Association of Retail Druggists, Business and Professional Women, and the National Farmers Union.

Reformer opponents often offer small-business owners as a prime example of a group that would be hurt by reforms touted by Clinch.

Although Boucher has yet to endorse any particular plan, Maxwell said, "I think Congressman Boucher is very supportive of reform, particularly regarding the insurance industry, in providing affordable coverage to all."

"It's an issue that affects everyone in the country. No one is insulated from health care."

It's those who bring some controls into rapidly spiraling health care costs. It is in the interest of small business; it is in the interest of the employee; it is in the interest of the country. We are saying yes to health care reform," Maxwell said.

For more information on the coalition or to join, call Maria leGrand at (804) 685-4511.

KINGSTON (VA)
TIMES-NEWS
MAY 10, 1994

BARNES CLARKE
INCORPORATED

May 10, 1994

TO: Dave Katz

FROM: Charlene Clarke
Stefani Katz

RE: Status Report/Fresno Press Conference for
California Small Business Coalition for Health Care Reform

Dave, this is a quick status report about how the press event unfolded this morning in Congressman Lehman's district.

Event:

The event, which was held in front of Congressman Lehman's district office, drew approximately 15 people from the Coalition. These individuals were mainly from the local business community but also included the business owners from the Bay Area and San Luis Obispo. The coalition members who spoke at the event did "stick" to the draft comments we had prepared in advance. Our coalition speakers included:

John Sorenson
Dave and Marjorie Allen
Alan Martin
Don Parker

WECO Supply, Fresno
BRC Printing, Fresno
Economy Drug, San Luis Obispo
Parker Automotive, Bay Area

The press event lasted about twenty minutes. After the event, our coalition members (i.e. Sorenson, Allens, Martin and Parker) met with Congressman Lehman's chief of staff, David Brody. At that meeting they presented Brody with the scroll list of 100 small business coalition members. The list had been blown-up so it was about 16ft. long. (We do want to point out that one of the tv cameras followed our group to their meeting and filmed the "presentation.")

Media Present and Other Media Coverage:

In addition to the event coverage by this mornings' Fresno Bee, the following media were present at the conference:

Ch. 24 - (local NBC station)
Ch. 47 (local CBS station)
Ch. 21 (independent, UNI)
KMJ Radio - News Talk

362 MISSION STREET SUITE 201 • SAN FRANCISCO, CA 94105 • (415) 227-4000 • FAX: (415) 227-4711

page two

Also, Associated Press was contacted regarding interviews with business coalition members.

And finally, we are expecting coverage from other local print media, including:

- Visalia Times
- Madera Tribune

That's all for now. We will be in touch with you about actual media coverage and placement of the coalition's story.

Group urges health-care ruling

By Jerry Blaw
The Fresno Bee

Fresno businessman John Sorenson is getting fed up watching Congress deal with health-care reform.

"It just seems insane that they haven't passed anything yet," said Sorenson, who today will join a group of other small-business representatives in another demonstration outside the Fresno offices of Rep. Richard Lehman, D-North Park.

This time, Sorenson, the owner of WECO Supply Co. in Fresno, will be part of the Small Business Coalition for Health Care Reform. In April, he was part of the Health Care Reform Project Coalition urging change.

How is one coalition different from the other?

"It's probably not," Sorenson said, laughing. "They just figure it's additional pressure. If they keep hammering at the guy, maybe he will say yes."

The latest coalition is scheduled to be at Lehman's office today at 10 a.m. to announce a plan that will allow small businesses to calculate the financial benefits to them under President

Clinton's health-care reform plan.

But Sorenson said Lehman has to decide what side he is on in the health-care debate.

"I get the impression he (Lehman) is tired," Sorenson said. "... He's just beat up. He has to either come out against it openly or really for it. He's blowing it by taking no stand."

A Lehman spokesman said the congressman has not ducked the issue.

"On the contrary, he has taken a position," the spokesman said. "He has said he would vote for a compromise health-care reform bill offered by Energy and Commerce Committee chairman Rep. John Dingell if specific changes are made."

In the meantime, the Lehman spokesman said, the congressman continues to meet with individuals and groups "who are interested in this important issue."

One of the things Lehman says he is against is a mandate on small businesses to pay up to 80 percent of the health-care costs for employees.

But Sorenson, who has 19 employees, said if changes were made, he would be willing to pay

for coverage even if the rates were higher.

"The fact of the matter is, is this going to put me on a level playing field with gigantic companies that are taking advantage better rates than I am? The mind."

SUNDAY

SUNDAY EDITION

APRIL 30, 1994
OMAHA, NEBRASKA

Omaha World-Herald

Omaha World-Herald

Midlands News Part 2

Small-Business Group Backs Clinton Health-Care Reforms

BY T.A. HENDON
WORLD-HERALD STAFF WRITER

Carl Barr said that as a small-business man who supports President Clinton's health-care reform plan, he is swimming against the mainstream belief of his peers.

But Barr, a Blair, Neb., pharmacist, and 11 other small-business owners have formed the Small Business Coalition for Health Care Reform with the intent of trying to convince others of the Clinton plan's merits.

The new organization is part of the Small Business Coalition for Health Care Reform in Alexandria, Va.

"I own a small business. I can't afford to purchase health-care insurance for my wonderful and loyal employees," Barr said. "But I, like thousands of other small-business people, pay dearly for increased health care now through higher

taxes to pay for Medicaid and cost sharing."

Barr made the announcement of the group's campaign Friday near the emergency room entrance at St. Joseph Hospital. Barr said the site was symbolic of what is wrong with the health-care system.

"This is where people without health insurance go every day for treatment," Barr said. "It's expensive for the taxpayer and it puts unfair demands on the emergency room staff."

"Under the president's plan, health insurance would be available for all, and this emergency room could be used just for emergencies."

The businesses that have joined Barr's group include attorneys, a florist, a travel agent, a construction company, architects and engineers, a bagel shop and a title insurance company. All except Barr are from Omaha.

Bureau of National Affairs

May 4, 1994

LENGTH: 522 words

Lobbying, Health Care, Labor and Daily Executives reports

SMALL BUSINESS COALITION FORMED TO BACK COMPREHENSIVE REFORM, MANDATES

WASHINGTON (BNA) -- A coalition of 10 national small business organizations spearheaded by the National Association of Chain Drug Stores and the National Association of Retail Druggists was announced May 3 to support comprehensive health reform, including mandates on employers to provide health insurance.

The Small Business Coalition for Health Care Reform was formed to show that despite the opposition of some large organizations, many small businesses support the principles of President Clinton's reform plan, spokesman Robert Peck, group vice president for government affairs of the American Institute of Architects, said at a Capitol Hill press conference.

"The National Federation of Independent Business doesn't speak for all small business owners," Peck said of NFIB, one of the staunchest critics of Clinton's proposed employer mandate. "We are here to state clearly and strongly that the impression created by the NFIB is wrong."

TEXT:

Peck said the new coalition supports an employer mandate because it would create "a level playing field" among small businesses and would bring an end to cost shifting. He added that Clinton's proposed subsidies, which would cap employer contributions to between 3.5 percent and 7.9 percent of payroll, would be a boon for small business, who now frequently spend 13 percent to 15 percent of payroll on health care.

Also participating in the news conference were several congressional leaders who support employer mandates, including House Majority Leader Richard A. Gephardt (D-Mo), Senate Majority Leader George Mitchell (D-Maine), and House Energy and Commerce Committee Chairman John Dingell (D-Mich).

Gephardt said that while opponents of Clinton's plan have run a great media campaign, the health care crisis faced by small business needs "serious medicine--not a public relations placebo."

Other members of the coalition include Architects/Designers/Planners for Social Responsibility, Business and Professional Women, Institute of Business Designers, Institutional and Municipal Parking Congress, National Council of Non-Profit Associations, National Farmer's Union, and the Owner-Operator Independent Drivers Association.

However, most other small business organizations have sided with NFIB in lobbying against any employer mandates, including the U.S. Chamber of Commerce and National Small Business United.

Following the press conference, Dingell told reporters he is still seeking consensus among Energy and Commerce Democrats on the employer mandate and other issues before he begins committee markup. "We'll do what we have to get the votes," Dingell said.

Dingell denied reports that he asked Rep. Ralph Hall (D-Texas), one of the swing votes on the panel concerned about mandates, to abstain from voting either for or against Dingell's proposed reform plan, but said he is still discussing ways Hall "can be helpful to the chairman."

###

Copyright 1994 Federal Information Systems Corporation

FNS DAYBOOK

MAY 3, 1994, TUESDAY

EDITION: FINAL

SECTION: GENERAL NEWS EVENTS-PART 4

LENGTH: 253 words

HEADLINE: EVENT: (SMALL BUSINESS/ CONGRESS) NEWS CONFERENCE

TIME: 11:30 am

BODY:

SUBJECT:

The Small Business Coalition for Health Care Reform holds a news conference to discuss its support for health care reform that incorporates funding shared by employers, employees and the government. Participants include Senate Majority Leader George Mitchell (D-Maine), Sen. Thomas Daschle (D-S.D.), House Majority Leader Richard Gephardt (D-Mo.) and Rep. John LaFalce (D-N.Y.).

LOCATION: The Capitol, House Triangle --May 3

CONTACT: Pam Jenkins, 202-543-0923

LANGUAGE: ENGLISH

LOAD-DATE-MDC: May 3, 1994

National Journal's CongressDaily**May 3, 1994****SECTION: HEALTH****LENGTH: 400 words****HEADLINE: ...As Small Business Coalition Backs Clinton Plan****BODY:**

The Small Business Coalition for Healthcare -- a new group that says it represents 340,000 small businesses employing 3.2 million people -- today endorsed the Clinton administration's healthcare plan, saying it will allow small businesses to better compete with big business. While the Clinton plan has come under sharp criticism from groups such as the Chamber of Commerce and the National Federation of Independent Businesses, Robert Peck -- vice president of the new coalition -- contended that an NFIB survey of its own membership shows seven out of 10 small business owners support universal coverage. "The NFIB doesn't speak for all small business owners," declared Peck, who is a vice president of the American Institute of Architects.

In a news conference also attended by House Majority Leader Gephardt, House Small Business Chairman LaFalce and Sen. Tom Daschle, D-S.D., Peck said the cap on payroll costs for healthcare insurance "will be a boon for small businesses, who now frequently pay 13 to 15 percent of payroll for health insurance. For small businesses, the costs will be lowered through subsidies to at least a range of 3.5 to 7.9 percent of payroll." Besides the AIA, members of the new coalition include Business and Professional Women, the National Association of Chain Drug Stores, and the National Farmers Union.

On another healthcare front, the American Psychiatric Association today said a study by the actuarial firm Milliman & Robertson found that providing mental health services is not as expensive as originally believed. According to the study, a comprehensive mental illness and substance abuse benefit would cost nearly as much as the limited benefit proposed in the Clinton administration's healthcare plan. The APA said the cost estimates used by the administration -- and provided by the Health Care Financing Administration -- "used outdated data and overly conservative assumptions regarding utilization and demand."

Description: Panel Nixes Health Reform Plan

Header: AP Online

Date: Wednesday, May 4, 1994

AP 05/03 23:50 EDT V0569

Copyright 1994. The Associated Press. All Rights Reserved.

WASHINGTON (AP) -- A House panel considering a modified version of the Clinton health plan voted down a narrower Republican approach Tuesday that would not require or provide health insurance for all.

The House Education and Labor Committee's labor-management relations subcommittee is considered one of the more liberal House panels. The health bill drafted by its chairman, Rep. Pat Williams, D-Mont., drops the Clinton plan's mandatory alliances but expands the basic benefits package.

On Tuesday, Rep. Marge Roukema of New Jersey, the subcommittee's ranking Republican, offered a substitute bill along the lines of House Minority Leader Bob Michel's proposal. The bill, which she nicknamed "Michel Plus," was voted down by Democrats, 16-10.

The substitute would require employers to offer their workers health insurance, but would not make them pay for it. It would also create voluntary pooled employer health programs, to help employers with 50 workers or less form pools to buy health insurance.

The bill also would make health insurance portable and would slightly limit insurance companies' ability to deny coverage on the basis of pre-existing health conditions.

Republicans touted what the bill did. Democrats catalogued what it didn't do. At times, the debate grew heated.

Republicans on the committee repeatedly said most Americans -- 80 percent to 85 percent -- already had health coverage they liked.

"Many Americans now realize that they are part of the vast majority -- perhaps as many as 85 percent of Americans -- to whom our system delivers the best quality of health care in the world," Roukema said.

But Williams said Roukema's bill was much like a minimal health reform proposal once put forward by former President Bush. He called her plan "Bush lite."

When Williams said the president simply wouldn't sign a bill that didn't provide universal coverage, Rep. John A. Boehner, R-Ohio, challenged him.

"I wonder if the gentleman would like to make a wager as to whether this Congress will send to the president a bill that includes universal coverage. I say no," Boehner said. "And the second question, whether the president will sign the bill we send him that does not include universal coverage and I say he will sign it."

"No," Williams called back.

The subcommittee passed, 17-9, an amendment to Williams' bill proposed by Rep. Eliot Engel, D-N.Y., that would let state and local governments with more than 5,000 people opt out of state health alliances and continue their own insurance system. It also passed by voice vote another amendment that would phase in premium caps for state and local government to help control costs.

Meanwhile, Dr. James S. Todd, executive vice president of the ~~American Medical Association~~, suggested that an employer mandate only cover firms with 100 or more employees. Those working for smaller firms should be required to buy insurance on their own, "with sliding scale subsidies that people can afford," Todd told the Health Insurance Association of America.

Also Tuesday, the lead sponsors of a less regulatory reform bill said they had gotten encouraging news from the Congressional Budget Office about their so-called managed competition plan.

"It's much better news than we expected," said Rep. Jim Cooper, D-Tenn., the chief author of the bipartisan bill. He said the CBO concluded the Cooper-Breaux bill has a shortfall of \$19 billion over five years, but would reduce the deficit by \$86 billion over nine years.

Sen. John Breaux, D-La., said the CBO concluded their bill could cover 40 percent of the nation's 39 million uninsured in its first year.

Robert Reischauer, the CBO director, was testifying on the 53-page report before the Senate Finance Committee Wednesday. Cooper and Breaux would not force any business or individual to buy insurance, but would offer subsidies for people earning up to 200 percent of the poverty level, create purchasing pools for businesses with fewer than 100 workers, and allow businesses to deduct only the

Description: Panel Nixes Health Reform Plan
Header: AP Online
Date: Wednesday, May 4, 1994

costs of the least expensive health plan in their area.

Also on Tuesday, several key lawmakers, including House Majority Leader Richard Gephardt, D-Mo., and John Dingell, D-Mich., chairman of the House Energy and Commerce Committee, held a news conference to announce that a group of small businesses had joined together as the Small Business Coalition for Health Care Reform.

They said the group represented 340,000 small businesses, with more than 3.1 million employees nationwide. Unlike many small businesses, which oppose having to pay for their workers' health insurance, the coalition members believe in "shared responsibility," they said.

"Health care reform would level the playing field by making sure everybody was involved and was covered," said Gephardt. "Health care reform doesn't destroy jobs, it creates them."

May 24, 1994

MAY 25 1994

MEMORANDUM FOR DISTRIBUTION

FROM: Mike Lux and Debbie Fine

SUBJECT: Summary of Allied Group Activities in the Field

Attached is the weekly update of allied group activities in selected districts. Also attached are:

- local clips from events in the districts, as well as from state opinion leader and constituency day interviews;
- a sample flier being circulated for one of the local events (D-Day for Health Reform in Indiana);
- an ad placed in Roll Call by the Small Business Coalition for Health Care Reform last week;
- a booklet compiled and circulated by the Health Care Reform Project on small business recruitment in support of health benefits at the workplace;
- and a calendar of OPL health care activities and D.C. based activities.

KEY OF GROUPS

AC: American Corngrowers
AAFP: American Academy of Family Physicians
AAM: American Agriculture Movement
AAP: American Academy of Pediatrics
AARP: American Association of Retired Persons
AFL: AFL-CIO
AFSCME: American Federation of State, County, Municipal Employees
ALZ: Alzheimer's Association
ANA: American Nurses Association
APA: American Psychological Association
CA: Citizen Action
CDF: Children's Defense Fund
CHS: Campaign for Health Security
CRPCHR: Community Retail Pharmacy Coalition for Health Reform

CU: Consumers Union
CWH: Campaign for Women's Health
FUSA: Families USA
HCRP: Health Care Reform Project
HRIGHT: HealthRIGHT
IAM: International Association of Machinists
LTCC: Long Term Care Campaign
LWV: League of Women Voters Education Fund
NARD: National Association of Retail Druggists
NASW: National Association of Social Workers
NCSC: National Council of Senior Citizens
NEA: National Education Association
NLC: National Leadership Coalition for Health Care Reform
OWL: Older Women's League
SBC: Small Business Coalition for Health Care Reform
SEIU: Service Employees International Union
UAW: United Auto Workers

May						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

Health Care Events

May 15 - 21, 1994

Sunday
15

--

Monday
16

12:45 PM Children/Teachers CD (FLOTUS)	Natl Multiple Sclerosis Society Conf
2:00 PM Int'l Auto Dealers	
4:00 PM Sheetmetal Contractors	
Children's Week	
Family Voices	

Tuesday
17

9:00 AM Computer Technology Industry Assn	Natl Multiple Sclerosis Society Conf
9:30 AM CDF background brfing on kids	
9:30 AM Hospitals CD	
1:00 PM Building Service Contractors	
Children's Week	

Wednesday
18

Children's Week

Thursday
19

9:30 AM Mental Health CD
Children's Week
National Mental Health Association Lobby Day

Friday
20

11:00 AM Greek Americans
2:00 PM Asian Pacific Americans
Children's Week
March of Dimes Leg Conference

Saturday
21

Cisneros w/Gardener's Supply (Burlington,Vt)
Pena w/Independent Truckers (Austin,TX)

May						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

Health Care Events

May 22 - 28, 1994

Sunday
22

Monday
23

2:00 PM Wholesale Sales Reps Briefing
ABC mini series on women's health
Citizen Action Rprt on Campaign Contributions Rls
Shalala w/Chrysler (Detroit)

Tuesday
24

2:00 PM American Medical Women's Assn Mtg
4:00 PM ILGWU labor/small businesses (Erskine)

Wednesday
25

9:30 AM Youth CD
1:00 PM Natl Association of Realtors Briefing
3:00 PM American Academy of Pediatrics mtg

Thursday
26

3:00 PM Ukrainian American Brfing
FLOTUS/ Press Roundtable
NCSC PC on Seniors Coalition

Friday
27

Saturday
28

JUNE 6, 1994

D-DAY FOR HEALTH REFORM

The health insurance industry has spent millions of dollars to convince us and our elected officials that comprehensive health reform is not needed. Through advertising, direct mail campaigns, and financial contributions to our Congressional representatives, they are controlling this debate. If we want **REAL HEALTH REFORM NOW** we must

FIGHT BACK!

**IT'S TIME TO DECLARE WAR
ON THE
HEALTH INSURANCE INDUSTRY**

DATE OF ATTACK:	6 JUN 1994
TIME OF ATTACK:	1200 HRS LOCAL (Noon)
BRANCHHEAD/RALLY POINT:	120 MONUMENT CIRCLE, INDIANAPOLIS, IN
ATTACK ADVANCES TO:	INDIANA WAR MEMORIAL
OBJECTIVE:	TO RALLY SUPPORT FOR COMPREHENSIVE HEALTH REFORM AND TO SEND A CLEAR MESSAGE TO OUR OPPONENTS--this is WAR!

SPONSORED BY:

**AFL - CIO • AFSCME • Citizens Action Coalition
Communication Workers of America • Indiana State
Council of Senior Citizens • National Association of
Social Workers • Indianapolis Resource Center for
Independent Living • Region Three United Auto
Workers • United Cerebral Palsy of Central Indiana
COVON**

For info call Julie Vaughn (317) 921-1120

Think all small businesses hate employer mandates?

Think again.

We represent more than 340,000 small businesses employing 3.2 million workers. And we believe the cost of providing health care for every American *should* be shared—by employers, employees, and the government. That will put an end to the mandate we have borne for years: the one that makes owners of small businesses pay 30 to 50 percent more for insurance to fund health care for those who aren't insured.

That is the unfair mandate.

We support:

- Good health insurance for everyone, guaranteed.
- Shared responsibility among employers, employees, and government.
- Portability of health insurance.
- Community rating.
- Elimination of discriminatory insurance practices, including redlining, denial of coverage for preexisting conditions, and cancellation for any reason other than non-payment or fraud.
- 100% deductibility of health insurance costs for the self-employed.
- The same purchasing power as large corporations.
- Health care cost containment and paperwork reduction.
- Bringing workers' compensation medical costs under control.

We believe President Clinton's plan best achieves the objectives of small business.

The Small Business Coalition for Health Care Reform

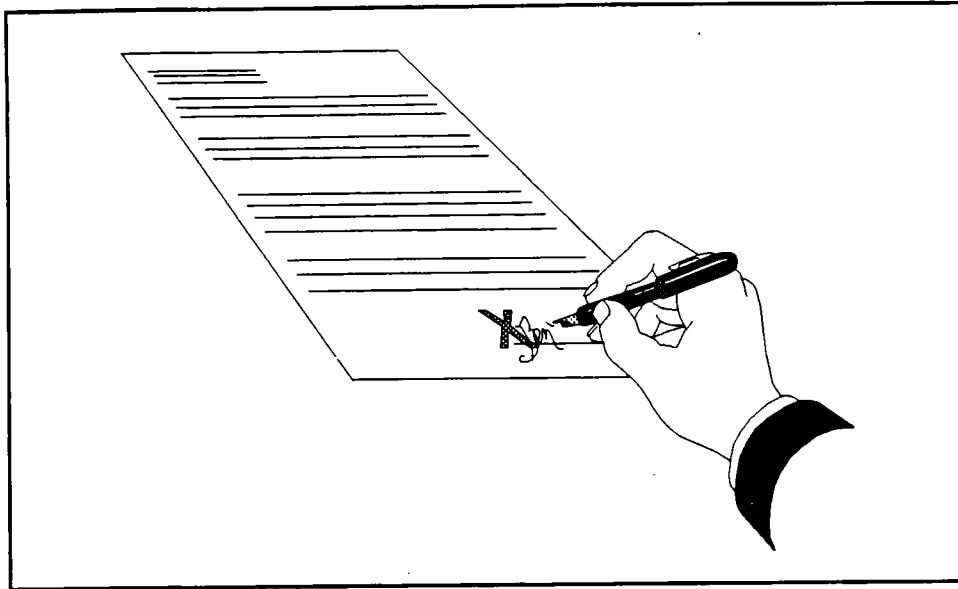
THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS
ARCHITECTS/DESIGNERS/PLANNERS FOR SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY
BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL WOMEN
INSTITUTE OF BUSINESS DESIGNERS
INSTITUTIONAL AND MUNICIPAL PARKING CONGRESS

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF BLACK ACCOUNTANTS
NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF CHAIN DRUG STORES
NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF RETAIL DRUGGISTS
NATIONAL COUNCIL OF NON-PROFIT ASSOCIATIONS
NATIONAL FARMERS UNION
OWNER-OPERATOR INDEPENDENT DRIVERS ASSOCIATION

***Join us in the fight
for real health care reform.***

Call (703) 836-7900 today.

ORGANIZING FOR THE MANDATE:



How to Develop Small Business Support for National Health Care Reform

Health Care Reform Project, May 1994



Table Of Contents

Successful Methods of Recruiting Small Business Supporters of Health Care Reform	1
♦ ♦ ♦ ♦ ♦ ♦ ♦ ♦ ♦ ♦	
Fact Sheet: Health Care Reform: What's In It For Small Business	2
♦ ♦ ♦ ♦ ♦ ♦ ♦ ♦ ♦ ♦	
Small Business Discounts Under the Health Security Act	3
♦ ♦ ♦ ♦ ♦ ♦ ♦ ♦ ♦ ♦	
Small Employer Cost Savings Under the Health Security Act	4 - 5
♦ ♦ ♦ ♦ ♦ ♦ ♦ ♦ ♦ ♦	
Small Businesses Provide Health Benefits	6
♦ ♦ ♦ ♦ ♦ ♦ ♦ ♦ ♦ ♦	
U.S. Businesses by Number of Employees.	7
♦ ♦ ♦ ♦ ♦ ♦ ♦ ♦ ♦ ♦	
Health Security Act Employer Premium Worksheet	8 - 9
♦ ♦ ♦ ♦ ♦ ♦ ♦ ♦ ♦ ♦	
Statement of Principles - Letter to Congressional Delegation	10
♦ ♦ ♦ ♦ ♦ ♦ ♦ ♦ ♦ ♦	
Partial List of Employers Who Support National Health Care Reform	11 - 16
♦ ♦ ♦ ♦ ♦ ♦ ♦ ♦ ♦ ♦	
News Clippings	17 - 18

Successful Methods of Recruiting Small Business Supporters of Health Care Reform

- 1 *Through elected officials:* Ask the Mayor or a friendly member of the local city council to construct a list of small businesses that they believe would sign the principles and ask them to assign a staff person to fax these principles out and follow-up with phone calls.

This approach is being used in Oakland, California where the Mayor and a member of the city council are working together. They also engaged a city funded agency, the Oakland Commerce Commission, and asked the Commission staffer to generate a list of businesses he could call. After obtaining signatures, the city will host a meeting with the signatories to brief them on the impact of health care reform legislation on small business owners.
- 2 *Through unions which have contracts with small employers:* Ask Locals to send a copy of the principles to all employers with whom they have contracts and assign a staff person to call each employer to request their signature.
- 3 *Through organizations which use vendors:* Ask the labor union or other organization to send a letter to all companies with whom they do business requesting that they sign the principles. The President of the ILGWU and the owner of a New York City architectural firm are doing this.
- 4 *Through your organization's field operation:* Send a small business recruitment packet to your field representatives. The League of Women voters mailed to its health action network in 35 states.
- 5 *Ask a small business owner to convene a meeting of other small business owners to discuss the impact of health care reform on them:* This approach was taken in Boston, Massachusetts and generated a dozen signatures and interest among other businesses in promoting health care reform.
- 6 *Ask several small business owners to sign a letter asking other small businesses in a targeted Congressional District to sign the principles.* This approach was used successfully in Fresno, California. (see attached news article)
- 7 *Finally, carry the principles with you into establishments with whom you conduct business (i.e. cleaners, a deli, shoe repair shop, etc.).* You may find that it is easy to collect signatures in this manner.

Health Care Reform: What's In It For Small Business?

Small business has a big stake in health care reform. Today, the majority of small businesses cover their employees, but at great cost. Administrative costs account for 40 percent of the premiums paid by the smallest firms.

The risk of out-of-control premium increases tomorrow is an even greater threat. Next year, too many companies will face the choice between losing coverage for their workers or paying astronomical premium increases.

Universal coverage means that no one will ever have to worry about losing their health insurance again, small business owners included. Health coverage and health services will be affordable, for employers and employees alike.

Cost containment will slow down health costs so they don't grow faster than the overall economy. Small businesses will pay less for the same coverage because they'll be part of large buying groups. This will free up funds for wages and investment. Currently, insurance companies charge small businesses up to 40 percent more than large businesses for the same benefits.

Simplification will ease the paperwork burden for employers and doctors and save everybody money. With a standardized benefit package, employers won't need to constantly renegotiate coverage and premiums. At long last, a standardized claims form will make paying for medical care as simple as buying a shirt.

Fair financing means that all employers will contribute to health coverage, instead of letting some businesses get a free ride. By spreading the costs more broadly, costs will be lower for everybody. And, it gives everyone a stake in making sure that health costs are controlled.

Full deductibility for the self-employed will end the unfair tax code discrimination that currently limits their deduction to only 25 percent of premium costs.

A limit on employer contributions as a percentage of payroll will protect small businesses against sudden cost increases as they make the transition to the new system. Financial assistance should be targeted so that businesses that employ workers at or near the minimum wage get the greatest help.

Today, the health-care crisis is driving small business owners to the brink of ruin and even out of business. Comprehensive health-care reform will end this national disgrace and let small companies get back to the real business of creating new jobs.

Small Business Discounts Under the Health Security Act

Under the Health Security Act, employers will be required to pay 80 percent of the average premium for each of their employees. for employers with more than the equivalent of 75 full-time employees (for example, two or more part timers who work a combined total of 40 hours equal one full-time worker), the employer's liability for premiums will be capped at 7.9 percent of total payroll. For employers with fewer than 75 full-time employees and whose wages are, on average, below \$24,000, their liability will be capped at the following percentages of total wages:

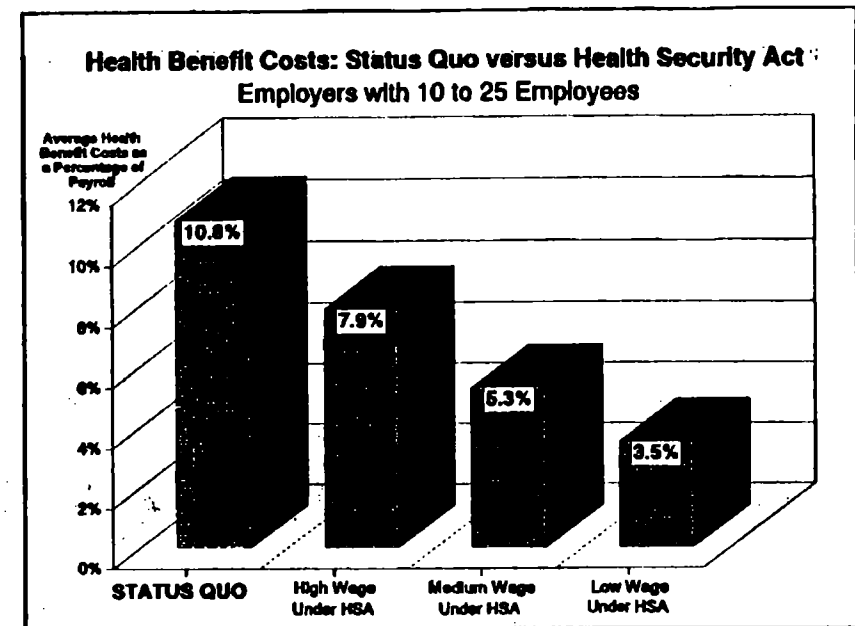
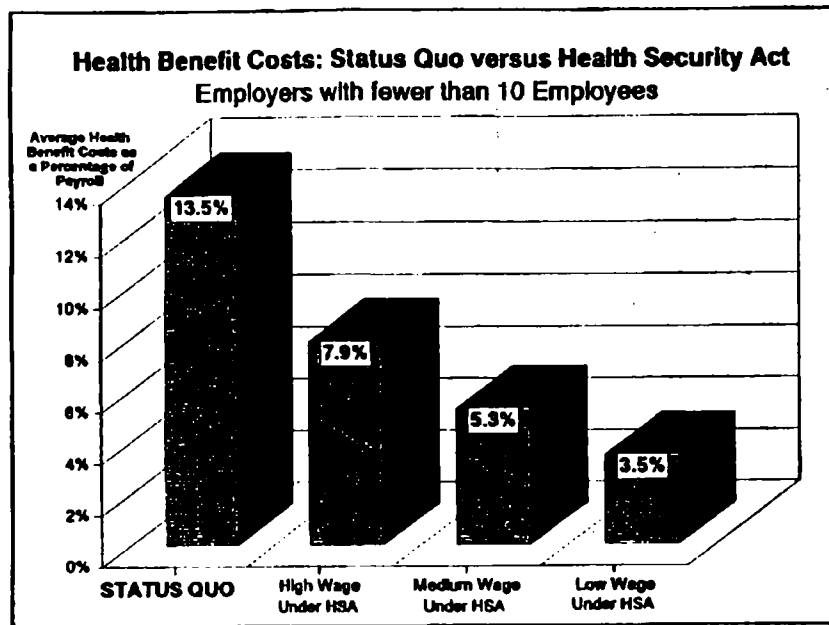
Caps on Small Employer Premium Contributions

FIRM SIZE	AVERAGE ANNUAL PAY					
	Less Than \$12,000	\$12,001 - \$15,000	\$15,001 - \$18,000	\$18,001 - \$21,000	\$21,001 - \$24,000	Over \$24,000
1-25 Full-Time Employees	3.5%	4.4%	5.3%	6.2%	7.1%	7.9%
26-50 Full-Time Employees	4.4%	5.3%	6.2%	7.1%	7.9%	7.9%
51-75 Full-Time Employees	5.3%	6.2%	7.1%	7.9%	7.9%	7.9%

Health Insurance Premiums Maximum Monthly Cost Per Employee

FIRM SIZE	AVERAGE ANNUAL PAY					
	Less Than \$12,000	\$12,001 - \$15,000	\$15,001 - \$18,000	\$18,001 - \$21,000	\$21,001 - \$24,000	Over \$24,000
1-25 Full-Time Employees	Less Than \$34.94	\$44.01 - \$54.91	\$66.24 - \$79.37	\$92.96 - \$108.43	\$124.30 - \$141.90	> \$158
26-50 Full-Time Employees	Less Than \$43.93	\$53.01 - \$66.14	\$77.48 - \$92.85	\$106.45 - \$124.17	\$138.30 - \$157.88	> \$158
51-75 Full-Time Employees	Less Than \$52.91	\$62.01 - \$77.38	\$88.73 - \$106.33	\$118.58 - \$138.17	\$138.30 - \$157.88	> \$158

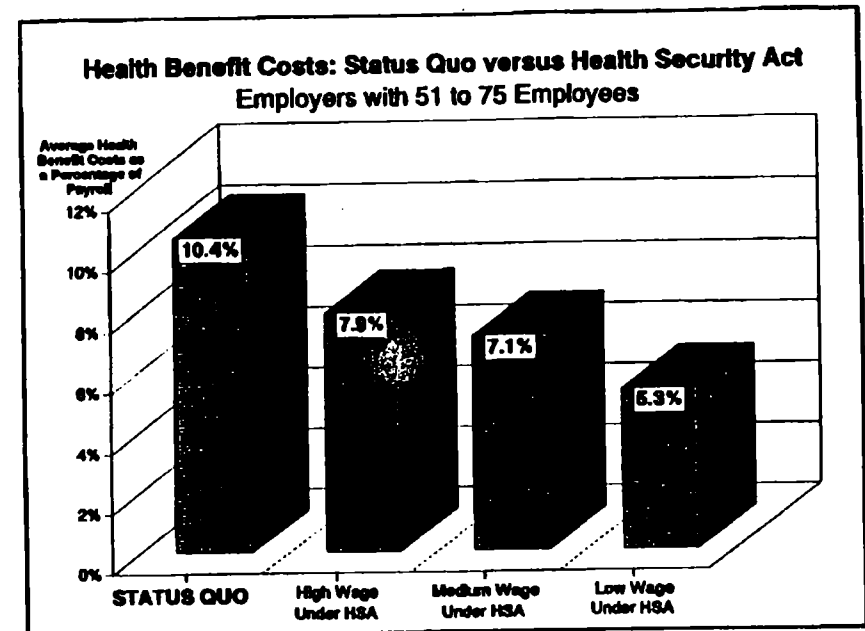
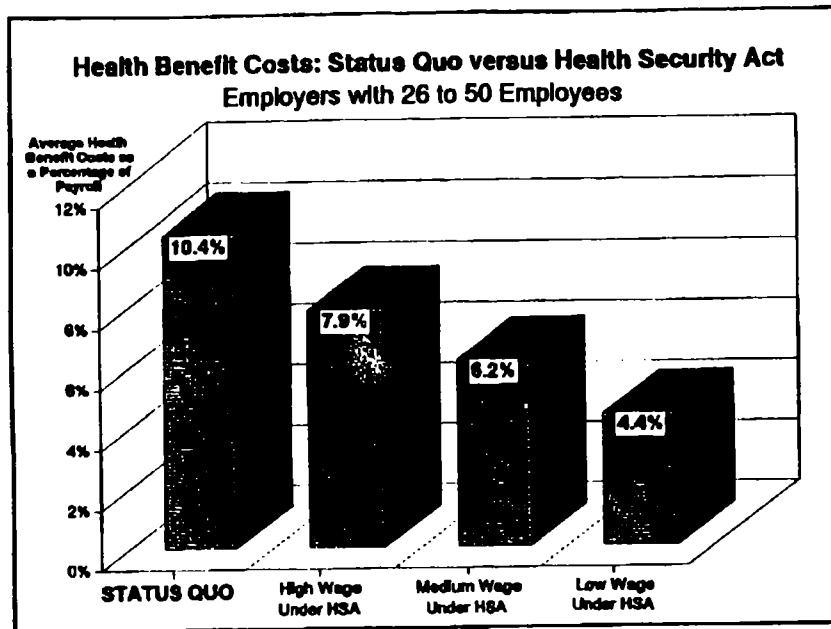
SMALL EMPLOYER COST SAVINGS UNDER THE HEALTH SECURITY ACT (Employers with fewer than 10 and with 10 to 25 employees)



The above graphs show how the Health Security Act will save money for small employers who are currently providing health insurance coverage to their workers. "Low Wage" is defined as average annual payroll of less than \$12,000 per worker. "Medium Wage" is defined as average annual payroll of \$15,001 - \$18,000 per worker. "High Wage" is defined as average annual payroll of over \$24,000 per worker. Employees in this case refers to Full-Time Equivalent Employees.

Source: Employee Benefit Research Institute (EBRI) tabulations of the March Supplement to the 1992 Current Population Survey and National Medical Expenditure Survey, unpublished data; U.S. Congress, *The Health Security Act* (S. 1557/H.R. 3600), Section 6123, "Premium Discount for Certain Employers."

SMALL EMPLOYER COST SAVINGS UNDER THE HEALTH SECURITY ACT (Employers with 26 to 50 and with 51 to 75 employees)

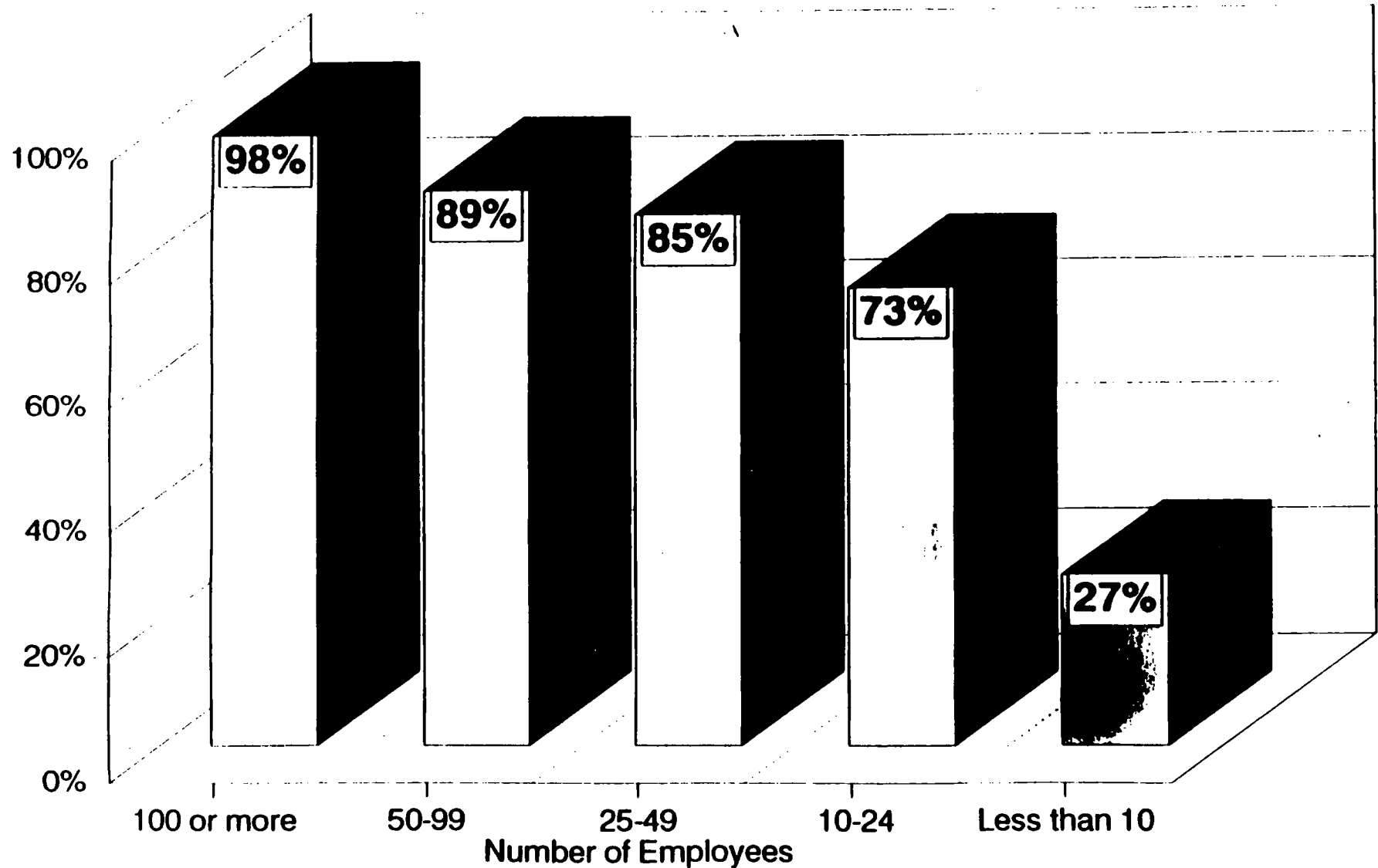


The above graphs show how the Health Security Act will save money for small employers who are currently providing health insurance coverage to their workers. "Low Wage" is defined as average annual payroll of less than \$12,000 per worker. "Medium Wage" is defined as average annual payroll of \$15,001 - \$18,000 per worker. "High Wage" is defined as average annual payroll of over \$24,000 per worker. Employees in this case refers to Full-Time Equivalent Employees.

Source: Employee Benefit Research Institute (EBRI) tabulations of the March Supplement to the 1992 Current Population Survey and National Medical Expenditure Survey, unpublished data; U.S. Congress, *The Health Security Act* (S. 1557/H.R. 3600), Section 6123, "Premium Discount for Certain Employers."

Small Businesses Provide Health Benefits ⁶

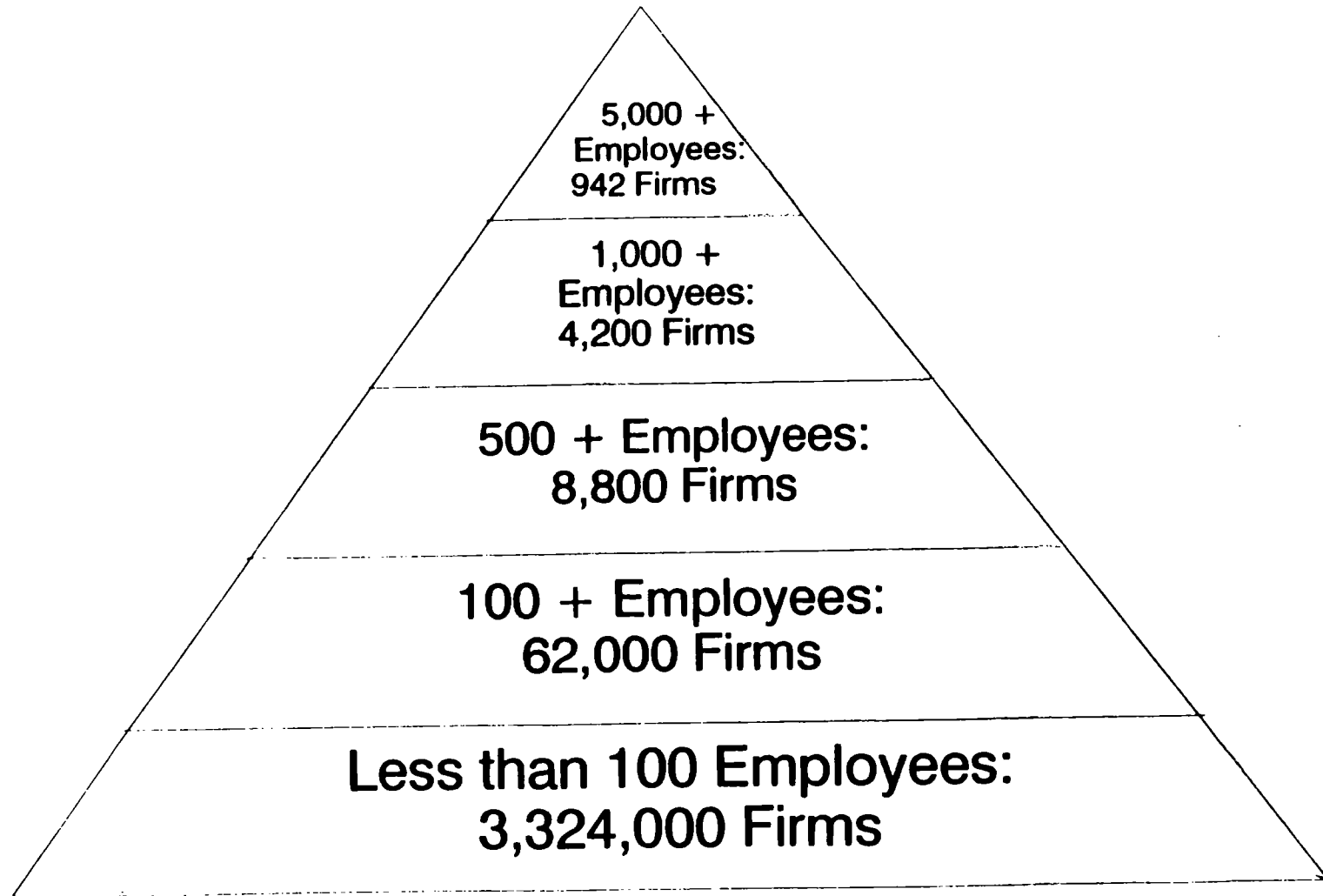
Percentage of small employers providing health benefits, by size of employer



Source: Health Insurance Association of America, 1991

U.S. Businesses by Number of Employees

7



3.4 Million Businesses in the United States

Source: Employee Benefits Research Institute

WORK THE NUMBERS...

Health Security Act Employer Premium Worksheet

By carefully following this step-by-step worksheet, you will be able to calculate your estimated health insurance costs under the Health Security Act, as proposed*.

What The Employer Will Pay Under The Health Security Act:

Under the Act, you will pay the lesser of:

- Option (1) 80% of the adjusted premium for each full-time worker plus a pro-rated share for part-time/seasonal workers, or
- Option (2) A fixed percentage of your firm's total payroll.

Calculating Monthly Employer Premium Payments

Option (1)

	Individual	Couple	Family	Total
1. Number of full-time employees.	_____	_____	_____	_____
2. Total monthly hours worked by part-time and/or seasonal employee	_____	_____	_____	_____
3. Divide line 2 by 120 hours. This is the full-time equivalent for part-time employees.	_____	_____	_____	_____
4. Add line 1 and 3. This is the company's total full-time equivalent number of employees.	_____	_____	_____	_____
5. Multiply line 4 by premium cost on line 5.	\$1,549	\$2,125	\$2,479	
6. Enter amount here.	_____	_____	_____	_____
7. Divide line 6 by the number 12. This is the total monthly premium cost for all of the full-time equivalent employees from line 4.	_____	_____	_____	_____
8. Enter the number from the total column on line 7. This is the total estimated monthly premium payment from the employer.				_____

- 1 Full-time employee: an employee who works at least 120 hours a month.
- 2. Part-time/seasonal employee: an employee who works at least 40 hours a month but less than 120 hours a month. The part-time employee is counted as a fraction of a full-time employee depending on the number of hours worked that month.

*This worksheet was accurate as of January 14, 1994. To the extent that changes in the Health Security Act occur subsequently, further revisions to the worksheet may become necessary to assure continued accuracy.

Calculating Premium Costs Based On Payroll Percentage

Option (2)	Individual	Couple	Family	Total
1. Number of full-time employees.	_____	_____	_____	_____
2. Total monthly hours worked by part-time and/or seasonal employees.	_____	_____	_____	_____
3. Divide line 2 by 120 hours. This is the full-time employee equivalent for part-time employees.	_____	_____	_____	_____
4. Add line 1 and 3. This is the company's total full-time equivalent number of employees.	_____	_____	_____	_____
5. Divide total annual payroll by the number on line 4. This is the average annual wage per employee.			_____	
6. Using the average wage calculated on line 5 above, look up the small business discount on the table below and multiply the appropriate discount factor by the company's total payroll. Enter amount here.			_____	
7. Divide line 6 by number 12. This is the total monthly premium payment cost for all of the full-time equivalent employees.			_____	

Your actual monthly health insurance costs will be the lesser of the amount on line 8 Option (1) or the amount on line 7, Option (2).

Note: Under Option (1) you are not required to make contributions on behalf of employees who are under the age of 24 and are full-time students. Individuals under the age of 18 (regardless of student status) are also excluded and will be covered through the policies held by their parents. You are responsible for employees over the age of 18 who are not full-time students. Under Option (2), however, the payroll of the above mentioned individuals is included for purposes of the percentage calculation.

Note: Subchapter S Corporations: If you receive your income from a service related business, materially participate in the activities of the S corporation, and you own 2 percent or more of the stock, your wages would be treated as "net earnings from self-employment" and must be included in the total payroll.

Small Business Discounts Under The Health Security Act

You will be asked on the worksheet to refer to the chart below in order to calculate your discount. Find the column across the top that shows your company's total number of full-time equivalent employees (Option (1), line 4). Then find your company's average annual wage per full-time equivalent employee (Option (2), line 5).

Average Annual Wage*	Number of Full-Time Equivalent Employees			
	25 or less	50 or less	75 or less	75-4,999
Under \$12k	.035	.044	.053	.079
\$12k-\$15k	.044	.053	.062	.079
\$15k-\$18k	.053	.062	.071	.079
\$18k-\$21k	.062	.071	.079	.079
\$21k-\$24k	.071	.079	.079	.079
Over \$24k	.079	.079	.079	.079

* k = thousands

Note: When calculating discounts, even if you are not responsible for an employee's health insurance cost, all employee's payroll amounts must be included in the total payroll used to compute the discount. However, you may not be responsible for making an employee premium payment for a full-time dependent student under 24 years of age; a dependent child under the age of 18, regardless of student status; or a part-time employee working less than the required 40 hours a month.

Please Note: The discounts are based on an annual retrospective look at the company's payroll and average wage per employee. These premium amounts will have to be estimated monthly and reconciled in February of the following year.

A Letter To Our Congressional Delegation From The Undersigned Small Businesses

We believe that it is time for a comprehensive change in our health care system.

As small businesses, we cannot afford escalating health insurance premiums and the ever-increasing costs of providing health care coverage for our employees. We can no longer ignore the structural defects in our system which have left millions of Americans without adequate health care coverage, cast a cloud of fear and financial insecurity over both employers and employees, and created an unfair competitive edge for businesses who choose not to provide employees with basic health benefits.

Although health care reform may result in additional costs for some businesses, we believe that each of us has a responsibility to fix the current system. This will require sacrifices from individuals, businesses, physicians, and insurance companies alike.

We urge you to fight for national comprehensive health care reform legislation which includes the following principles:

- 1) **Universal coverage.** All Americans must be guaranteed health security. With universal participation, we will largely curtail the unfair cost-shifting from the public to the private sector.
- 2) **Cost containment.** Controlling health care costs is an absolute necessity to reduce unnecessary public and private expenditures and to make health care coverage affordable for all. We must slow the growth of health care inflation by eliminating waste, fraud, and overcharge throughout the health care system.
- 3) **Simplification.** Simplify the current system to allow for an array of attractive health plan options for employees and ease of administration for employers.
- 4) **Full deductions for self-employed.** End the tax code discrimination against the self-employed by allowing full deductibility for self-employed individuals.
- 5) **Limit employer contributions.** A limit on employer contributions as a percentage of payroll would protect small businesses against potential price shock as they enter the system.

Today, we face a rare opportunity for change - for a solution to the long entrenched problems in our healthcare system. We cannot shrink from this challenge - nor seek timid half-solutions. Health care costs are a serious barrier to our economic growth, and the courage to change must come from every sector of America. That's why we support comprehensive health care reform, and why we urge you to fight for the principles outlined above.

■ RESPONSE FORM ■

Yes, I believe that national healthcare reform is long overdue. I would like to add my name to this letter of support, and I'd like to know more about how small businesses will benefit from passage of national healthcare reform legislation. Please send more information to the address below.

NAME (please print): _____ Position: _____
Company: _____ (Check here if under 500 employees: ☐)
Address: _____
Signature: _____ Phone: _____

Please send or fax your response to: Ken Grossinger, Health Care Reform Project
1311 L Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20005. Phone 202/783-6323. FAX 202/783-6327



HEALTH CARE REFORM PROJECT

Small Business Support For National Health Care Reform (List In-Formation) May 6, 1994

State/City

Company/Contact

Congressional District

CA/Carlsbad	Juice Company - Clete Hamilton	(49) Schenk
CA/Del Mar	Linda Moreland & Associates - Linda Moreland	(49) Schenk
CA/San Diego	Cafe Eclipse - Donald Jack	(49) Schenk
CA/San Diego	Central Construction - James Kammerer	(49) Schenk
CA/San Diego	Escondido Fire Equipment Company - Stephen Siptroth	(49) Schenk
CA/San Diego	Genevieve M. Bolin - Genevieve Bolin	(49) Schenk
CA/San Diego	Interior Surroundings - Minh Lam	(49) Schenk
CA/San Diego	J&D Enterprises - David Lewington	(49) Schenk
CA/San Diego	Jeri Strunz - Jeri Strunz	(49) Schenk
CA/San Diego	La Guma Trends - Dean Wise	(49) Schenk
CA/San Diego	Leo Harmel Co. - Lisa McCarthy	(49) Schenk
CA/San Diego	Lorena Productions - Bernard Thomas	(49) Schenk
CA/San Diego	Mainstream Magazine - Cindy Jones	(49) Schenk
CA/San Diego	Mission Valley Cabinet - Judith A. Young	(49) Schenk
CA/San Diego	Nails by Kristy - Jana Kristine Brose	(49) Schenk
CA/San Diego	Pip Printing - Jay F. Levine	(49) Schenk
CA/San Diego	Postal Place - Robert Walters	(49) Schenk
CA/San Diego	Rainbow Flowers - Marie Thomas	(49) Schenk
CA/San Diego	Ray's Tennis - Lynn Ray	(49) Schenk
CA/San Diego	The George Glenner Alzheimer's Family Centers - Joy Glenner	(49) Schenk
CA/San Diego	San Diego Realtor - Patrick Alexander	(49) Schenk
CA/San Diego	Setili Investments, Inc. - Michael Setili	(49) Schenk
CA/San Diego	The Flower Shack - Alan Chenautt	(49) Schenk
CA/San Diego	Ulee Hair, Nail and Skin Salon - Debra Dauber	(49) Schenk
CA/San Diego	Uptown Image - Yvonne Ringnell	(49) Schenk
CA/San Diego	Uptown Pharmacy - Steve Malzin	(49) Schenk
CA/Oceanside	Quality Painting - Patrick Hinkhouse	(49) Schenk
CA/San Diego	One Night Only - Patricia Lind	(49) Schenk
CA/Fresno	Cal State Muffler and Brake - Frank Cortez	(19) Lehman
CA/Fresno	Lew and Patnaude Inc. - William Patnaude	(19) Lehman
CA/Fresno	Louis Frame Wheel and Brake - John Michael Wenzel	(19) Lehman

<u>State/City</u>	<u>Company/Contact</u>	<u>Congressional District</u>
CA/Fresno	Louis Frame Wheel and Brake - John Michael Wenzel	(19) Lehman
CA/Fresno	Mid-State Medical Claims Processin - Ernesto Vera	(19) Lehman
CA/Fresno	Pharm-Kee - David Wilcox	(19) Lehman
CA/Fresno	Peak Performance - R.A. Massoyan	(19) Lehman
CA/Fresno	Gerry Smith Masonry - Ray Smith	(19) Lehman
CA/Fresno	S&D Sales - Stewart Weil	(19) Lehman
CA/Fresno	WECO Supply Company - John Sorenson	(19) Lehman
CA/Fresno	Why USA HTC Realty - Sharon Envernizzi	(19) Lehman
CA/San Francisco	Bolerium Books - Michael Pincus	(08) Pelosi
CA/San Francisco	Castagnola's Restaurant - Andrew Lolli	(08) Pelosi
CA/San Francisco	Fox Plaza Deli - Emil Yarnin	(08) Pelosi
CA/San Francisco	Royal Cleaner - Amy Ho	(08) Pelosi
CA/San Francisco	Pharmacists Planning Services, Inc. - Frederick Mayer	(08) Pelosi
CA/San Francisco	Superfresh Foods - Sean Kelly	(08) Pelosi
CA/San Francisco	Waldick Stationary - Cliff Waldick	(08) Pelosi
CA/Oakland	Stein and Smith - David Stein	(09) Dellums
CA/Oakland	Bizarre Bazaar Inc. - Liz Ibarra	(09) Dellums
CA/Oakland	Brock's Flower Shop - Terry Kintz	(09) Dellums
CA/Oakland	Cactus Taqueria - Gustauo Houghton	(09) Dellums
CA/Oakland	Cafe of the Bay - Nader Davarri	(09) Dellums
CA/Oakland	Cody's Bookstore - Andy Ross	(09) Dellums
CA/Oakland	Fashion Center - Connie Chang	(09) Dellums
CA/Oakland	Glenview Florist - Douglas K. Brown	(09) Dellums
CA/Oakland	Henderson & Levy - Hank Levy	(09) Dellums
CA/Oakland	Holiday Motel - Kisnor Patel	(09) Dellums
CA/Oakland	KDIA Radio - Elihou Harris	(09) Dellums
CA/Oakland	Market Hall Produce - Tony Wilson	(09) Dellums
CA/Oakland	Oaks Motel - Jay Patel	(09) Dellums
CA/Oakland	Pasta Shop - Sarah Wilson	(09) Dellums
CA/Oakland	Rockridge Fishmarket - Allen Kuehn	(09) Dellums
CA/Oakland	Rockridge Kids - Nishan Shepard	(09) Dellums
CA/Oakland	The Art Club - Janette Mackinlay	(09) Dellums
CA/Oakland	The Food Mill - Kirk Watkins	(09) Dellums
CA/Oakland	Travel Consultant - Barbara Houston	(09) Dellums
CA/Oakland	Ultimate Grounds - Richard Campbell	(09) Dellums
CA/Oakland	Wilson Associates - Peter Wilson	(09) Dellums

<u>State/City</u>	<u>Company/Contact</u>	<u>Congressional District</u>
CA/Los Angeles	Pro Printing - Margaret Rondeau	
CA/Los Angeles	Union Friendly Systems, Inc. - Richard Van Elgort	
CA/Los Angeles	Uribe Printing - Carlos Uribe	(29) Waxman
CA/Los Angeles	Malcolm Tucker & Associates - M.C. Tucker	(29) Waxman
CA/Los Angeles	NAMCO - Dave Shapiro	(32) Dixon
CA/Los Angeles	Sheriff Associates - Garth Sheriff	
CA/Los Angeles	*West Coast Industries - Art Lohr	
CA/Los Angeles	*Bailly Showcase & Fixture Co., Inc. - Gus Bailly	
CA/Burbank	*Phillips, Roger B., Inc. - Ross Bowen	
CA/Riverside	*Roy E. Whitehead, Inc. - David White	
CA/Fair Oaks	*Nova Works, Inc. - Kay Watson	
CA/Rancho Cucamonga	*Edwards Manufacturing Inc. - Michael Johnson	
CA/Ontario	*The K & Z Cabinet Company - Heinz Zaiser	
CA/Sacramento	*Burnett & Sons Mill & Lumber Co. - R. Burnett Miller	
CA/Milpitas	Systems Industries - Lisa Paul	(15) Mineta
DC/Washington	Burrito Brothers - Eric Sklar	(DI) Holmes-Norton
IL/Chicago	American Waste and Wiper Company - Irving Levin	(07) Collins
IL/Chicago	Chicago Furniture - Philp Pikofsky	(07) Collins
IL/Chicago	Elston Metal - Louis Slotnick	(07) Collins
IL/Chicago	Maxi's Store for Men - Herbert Raffeld	(07) Collins
IL/Chicago	Monarch Graphics - Mona Castillo	(07) Collins
IL/Danville	*Danville Cash & Carry Lumber Co. - C. W. McDowell	
IL/Evanston	Paul Baker Graphics - Paul Baker	(09) Yates
KS/Topeka	Kel-Kraft, Inc. - Ken Kelly	(02) Slattery
KS/Lawrence	Farmer - Alan Martin	(02) Slattery
KS/Atchinson	Blish-Mize Co. - John Mize	(02) Slattery
KS/Salina	Farmer - Grey Stephens	(02) Slattery
KS/Topeka	Capital Building Services - Alan Majeroni	(02) Slattery
KS/Home	Farmer - David Vogelsberg	(02) Slattery
KS	Farmer - Edward Reznicek	(02) Slattery

<u>State/City</u>	<u>Company/Contact</u>	<u>Congressional District</u>
KS/Topeka	The Toy Store Downtown - Margaret Guffy	(02) Slattery
KS/Topeka	Farmer - R.D. Busch	(02) Slattery
KS/Lawrence	Independence, Inc. - Ann Brandon	(02) Slattery
KS/Lindsborg	Farmer - Paul Krumm	(02) Slattery
LA/Baton Rouge	City Pawn Shop - Murray Horowitz	(04) Fields
MA/Boston	Boston Links Club - Jesse Faulkner	(09) Moakley
MA/Boston	Conservation Services Group - Steve Cowell	(09) Moakley
MA/Boston	Union International Systems - Mike Roberts	(09) Moakley
MA/Manchester	Harbor Software - Ronald Hams	(09) Moakley
MD/Clinton	Total Wiring Systems - Andy Long	(05) Hoyer
MI/Detroit	Canterbury Health Care, Inc. - David Dieter	
MI/Detroit	Continental Window Cleaning - Fran Adler	
MI/Detroit	Elmwood Geriatric Center - Gloria Shand	
MI/Detroit	Great Lakes Plastics - Betsy Kelly	
MI/Detroit	New Detroit Nursing Center - Thelma Scott	
MI/Detroit	Pembrook Nursing Center - Martha Little	
MI/Detroit	Bagley Acquisition - Anthony Pieroni	(14) Conyers
MI/Detroit	Cambridge North Nursing Center - Barbara Iseppi	(14) Conyers
MI/Manistee	Manistee County Medical Care Facility - David Vaughn	(02) Hoekstra
MI/Three Rivers	Three Rivers Area Hospital - Brenda Smalley	(06) Upton
MI/Wayne	Wayne Living Centers - Lesley Skog	(06) Upton
MI/Stockbridge	City and Country Convalescent Home - Joyce Novak	(08) Carr
MO/St. Louis	*Lancia Brothers Woodworking & Fixture Mfg. - Angelo Lancia	
NH/Brookline	Hall Manufacturing Company, Inc. - Betty Hall	(02) Swett
NJ/Edison	Schill, Frederick & Co., Inc. - Albert C. Morante	
NJ/Northvale	*Dimensional Communications, Inc. - L. Brandecker	
NV/Las Vegas	Quinn-Cohen + Associates - Thomas Quinn	(02) Vucanovich

<u>State/City</u>	<u>Company/Contact</u>	<u>Congressional District</u>
NY/New York	*Greater Blouse, Skirt & Undergarment Association, Inc. - Paul Lau	
NY/New York	Future Times Sportswear - Kwan Fee Ling	
NY/New York	A.W. Hochberg, Inc. - Allen Hockberg	
NY/New York	Abraham Losclow, P.C. - Abraham Joselow	
NY/New York	American Aviation International Co - Elaine Stone	
NY/New York	Anschuetz Christidis & Lauster - Chuck Lauster	
NY/New York	Architecture & Furniture - John Petrarca	
NY/New York	Bahar Associates - Judy Ennes	
NY/New York	Gary Gordon Architectural Lighting - Gary Gordon	
NY/New York	Giesecke/Rhodes Architects - Craig Rhodes	
NY/New York	Heisel Associates Architects - Ralph Heisel	
NY/New York	Kreisler Borg Florman Construction - John Cricco	
NY/New York	L & L Construction, Inc. - David Lee	
NY/New York	Leers, Weinzapfel Associations - Andrea Leers	
NY/New York	Micro Decision Systems, Inc. - Ronald Ebner	
NY/New York	Dress Up Fashion - Maria Wong	
NY/New York	Softset Design, Inc. - Ashley Louis	
NY/New York	TJR Construction Co., Inc.	
NY/New York	The Edelman Partnership - Judith Edelman	
NY/New York	The Mediterranean Shop - Carla Giannini	
NY/New York	Tom Huth, Architect - Tom Huth	
NY/New York	Whitney Cox Photography - Whitney Cox	
NY/New York	Yorke Construction Company - Robert Goldberg	
NY/Albany	Communication Services - Libby Post	(21) McNulty
NY/Albany	*Goodrich Displays, Inc. - Edgar Cozzens	(21) McNulty
NY/Buffalo	*Forest Materials, Inc. - Bruce Hoffman	
OH/Franklin	Hi-Mark Corporation - Stephen Hightower	(02) Portman
OH/Toledo	Gross Electric - Richard Gross	(09) Kaptur
OH/Youngstown	*McRoyal Industries, Inc. - John Lallo	
PA/Philadelphia	Black Cat	(02) Blackwell
PA/Philadelphia	White Dog Cafe - Judith Ann Wicks	(02) Blackwell
PA/Philadelphia	*Alexander Woodwork Co. - Richard Herskovitz	

<u>State/City</u>	<u>Company/Contact</u>	<u>Congressional District</u>
PA/Bridgeville	*Griffin Interior & Fixture, Inc. - Gordon Giffen	
PA/Orwigoburg	**Atlantic Apparel Association	
PA/Scranton	McCarthy Flowers - Brian McCarthy	(10) McDade
SD/Yankton	Pied Piper Flower Shop - Kathleen Piper	(AL) Johnson
TN/Nashville	Realtor - Nancy Niehouse	(05) Clement
TN/Murfreesboro	Fabric Magic - Pam Laclaire	(06) Gordon
VA/Arlington	The Potomac Consulting Group - Chris Moss	(08) Moran
VT/Shelburne	Vermont Teddy Bear Company - Spence Putnam	(AL) Sanders
WY/Jackson Hole	Unilink - Roger Amadon	(AL) Thomas

Prepared by Ken Grossinger
 Service Employees International Union
 202/898-3380

w = represented by The Carpenters Union

**Represents 150 small apparel manufacturing businesses.

Some owners tout Clinton health plan

By Wanda Coyle
The Fresno Bee

Several small-business owners in Fresno want their congressman to know that they not only are willing to shoulder their fair share of responsibility for their employees' health care but also eager.

At a news conference Wednesday, five owners of small businesses called on their local colleagues to join them in endorsing major components of President Clinton's health-care reform plan.

They urged other business owners to tell Rep. Richard Lehman, D-North Fork, that they want a reform bill that would guarantee private insurance through the workplace and stop "discriminatory pricing" against small employers.

Lehman is a member of the House Energy and Commerce Committee, a key panel in drawing health-care reform legislation and has become a focus of intense lobbying from people on all sides of the issue.

He has not made a commitment on specific legislation but has said he favors exempting small businesses from paying the costs of health

Please see Health, Page D2

BUSINESS

Health: Some owners tout Clinton plan

Continued from Page D1

insurance for their employees. That is in line with the stance of the National Federation of Independent Businesses and some other business organizations.

But the Fresno business-people who spoke out Wednesday as members of the 60 million-member Health Care Reform Project coalition said that those organizations did not represent their views.

Strong supporter

"I can't imagine a small-business owner not being in favor [of the Clinton plan] if he has read what it does," said John Sorenson, owner of WECO Supply Co. where the news conference was held.

Sorenson said he was asked to be a spokesman for the Clinton plan as the result of a letter he wrote endorsing its principles.

The plan has "features that everybody wants," he said and, by requiring insurers to offer the same coverage to all employers at the same price, would allow small companies to compete more evenly with large ones.

In addition to Sorenson, those speaking for the reform bill were David Wilcox of Pharm Kee Inc., William Patnaude of the Lew & Patnaude architectural firm, Ernesto Vera of Mid-State Medical Claims and Processing Co. and Frank Cortez of Cal State Muffler & Brake.

'A moral obligation'

All of them said that the president's plan would help small business because it would level off and set ceilings on premiums, spreading costs more evenly among small and large businesses.

Patnaude, an architect, said that as an employer he con-

siders providing health insurance "a moral obligation," but one that's more and more difficult to meet because of rising costs. He said he always has provided insurance for his employees and their dependents but recently has had to pull back on its scope.

Wilcox, whose company operates a chain of pharmacies, said that health care was a major concern to prospective employees and a small business that can't afford to offer insurance could not compete in hiring.

In answer to a question whether government regulations would stifle choices in health care, he said that it would mean "more choice, not less" because it would offer individuals a fee-for-service option at an additional fee.

Others favor it

Vera concurred, saying that under current health plans, "people are losing a lot of choices — there are lots of restrictions now."

Cortez, who said he had to drop insurance coverage for his four employees because he couldn't afford fee increases, said that he believed the Clinton plan will work. "It has to work."

The Health Care Reform Project is a national coalition of 37 organizations representing business, labor, health-care providers, seniors and children advocates.

It has launched a widespread advertising campaign for "real health-care reform" to combat what it says are misleading ads sponsored by the insurance industry.

FRONT PAGE OF BUSINESS SECTION

Small Business Coalition Backs Clinton's Plan

By EDWIN CHEN
TIMES STAFF WRITER

WASHINGTON—A new coalition of small businesses, claiming membership of 340,000 employers, announced support for President Clinton's health reform plan Tuesday, stressing that private entrepreneurs are not united in opposition to a requirement that all businesses provide insurance to workers.

The coalition's support is significant because it exposes the first major split in small business opposition to the reform package and suggests that employers are responding to efforts in Congress to revise the President's plan to make it less onerous to small companies.

If Clinton and his congressional allies can effectively tap into this wellspring of support, the chances of comprehensive health care reform this year may be significantly enhanced.

The Administration is expected to get another boost today when the Congressional Budget Office releases its long-awaited analysis of a rival health reform plan introduced by Rep. Jim Cooper (D-Tenn.).

Rep. John J. LaFalce (D-N.Y.), who chairs the House Small Business Committee, said of the new small business coalition: "A very sizable segment of the small business community has seen the light."

Robert Peck, a coalition spokesman, told a Capitol Hill press conference: "The coalition came together not because we are 100% behind every clause of President Clinton's proposal but because we recognize that the train is leaving the station."

Senate Majority Leader George

J. Mitchell (D-Me.), House Majority Leader Richard A. Gephardt (D-Mo.) and several committee chairmen attended the press conference.

The small business community has hardly been monolithic in its opposition to Clinton's plan—it is divided, as is big business. But the highly organized National Federation of Independent Business has effectively dominated the debate with its high-decibel opposition to the employer mandate.

"We are here today to state clearly and strongly that the impression created by the NFIB is wrong," Peck said.

That many small businesses back Clinton's initiative is "one of Washington's best-kept secrets," he added.

The coalition represents more than 32 million workers, and includes such organizations as the National Assn. of Chain Drug Stores, the National Farmers' Union and the National Council of Non-Profit Assns., according to Peck.

The NFIB, however, said that the coalition's members favor the reforms because they are ill informed.

"There's a lot of small businesses out there who support the Clinton plan. But those are small businesses that don't know much about it," said Terry Hill, a spokesman for the NFIB, whose 600,000 members employ between 7 million and 9 million workers. "Once they look at the details and see what it's going to cost them, we believe they will not support it," Hill added.

But many coalition members claimed just the opposite, saying that their health spending would drop if Clinton's plan were enacted because of its limits on how much any employer must pay in employee premiums and because of subsidies for small firms with low wage earners.

Clinton would require firms to pay at least 80% of the insurance premiums for full-time workers, with the employee paying the rest. But no firm would have to pay more than 7.9% of its payroll, while some small businesses would pay as little as 3.5% of payroll.

"The caps are a boon to small businesses," said Peck, group vice president for government affairs of the American Institute of

Architects. He said that 70% of small businesses already provide some insurance for workers, with many spending 13.5% or more of payroll.

Peck also pointed out that small businesses, as individuals and small group insurance buyers, pay as much as 40% more than large businesses for the same coverage. Clinton's plan would group all but the largest employers into purchasing cooperatives that can command lower prices.

"Small businesses know that the current system is stacked against them. While many provide coverage, they often do so at higher rates," said Lorrie McHugh, a spokeswoman for the White House, which arranged a Tuesday meeting for coalition members with Vice President Al Gore and other senior Administration officials. "Today's support proves that small businesses want to provide coverage for their workers."

Also Tuesday, the American Medical Assn. advanced a new "formula" that it said might help break the logjam in the debate over the employer mandate.

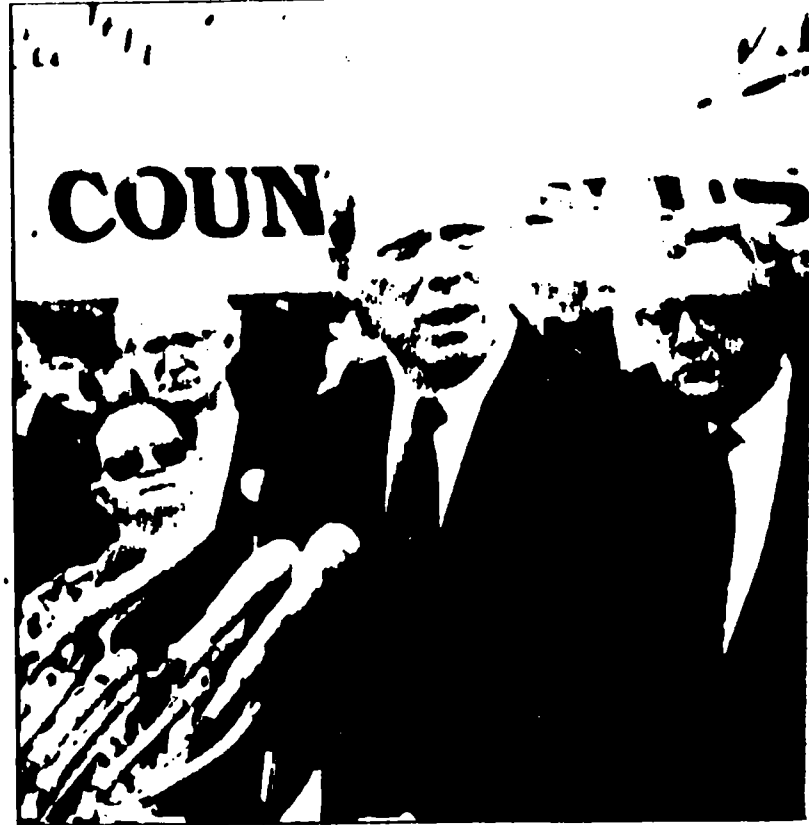
Dr. James Todd, AMA's executive vice president, reiterated the group's support for the employer mandate but said that the AMA now believes companies with fewer than 100 workers should be exempt.

At those companies, the workers themselves should be required to have insurance, just as they are under the Clinton plan, Todd said. Low-income workers would receive government subsidies to help buy insurance, he said.

The Congressional Budget Office has concluded that Cooper's plan—similar to Clinton's but with far less direct government involvement—would cost \$189 billion more over five years than Cooper has calculated, congressional sources said Tuesday night.

The only ways to make up for that shortfall, the agency said, would be to cut other government programs, raise taxes or increase the federal deficit, according to sources who were given summaries of the analysis.

Despite the added cost, Cooper's plan would leave as many as 25 million Americans still uninsured—out of an estimated 38 million persons now lacking medical cover-



House Majority Leader Richard Gephardt talks Tuesday about health care reform.

age, the sources said the Budget Office has concluded.

CBO Director Robert D. Reichbauer is scheduled to testify on the Cooper plan this morning before the Senate Finance Committee.

Earlier this year, his office estimated that Clinton's plan would increase the federal deficit by \$74 billion over six years—con-

trary to White House projections that the President's plan would reduce the deficit \$60 billion over that same period.

Unlike Clinton's, Cooper's proposal requires employers only to offer employees health plan but not to pay for it. Cooper also supports the notion of a basic benefit package, but he does not spell out what would be in it.

NATION

The Fresno Bee • Wednesday, May 4, 1994 A5

Small businesses back health plan

■ "A very sizable segment of the small-business community has seen the light," said Rep. John J. LaFalce, D-N.Y.

By Edwin Chen
Los Angeles Times

WASHINGTON — A new coalition of small businesses, claiming membership of 340,000 employers, announced support for President Clinton's health reform plan Tuesday, stressing that private entrepreneurs are not united in opposition to a requirement that all businesses provide insurance.

The coalition's support is significant because it exposes the first major split in small-business opposition to the reform package and suggests that employers are responding to efforts in Congress to revise the president's plan to make it less onerous to small companies.

If Clinton and his congressional allies can effectively tap into this wellspring of support, the chances of comprehensive health-care reform this year may be significantly enhanced.

"A very sizable segment of the small-business community has seen the light," said Rep. John J. LaFalce, D-N.Y., who chairs the House Small Business Committee.

"The coalition came together not because we are 100 percent behind every clause of President Clinton's proposal but because we recognize that the train is leaving the station," Robert Peck, a coalition spokesman, said at a Capitol Hill news conference attended by Senate Majority Leader George J. Mitchell, D-Maine, House Majority Leader Richard A. Gephardt, D-Mo., and several committee leaders.

The small-business community has hardly been monolithic in its opposition to Clinton's plan — it is divided, as is big business. But the highly organized National Federation of Independent Business, or NFIB, has dominated the debate with its high-decibel opposition to the employer mandate.

"We are here today to state clearly and strongly that the impression created by the NFIB is wrong," Peck said. That many small businesses back Clinton's initiative is "one of Washington's best-kept secrets," he added.

The coalition represents more than 3.2 million workers and includes organizations such as the National Association of Chain Drug Stores, the National Farmers' Union and the National Council of Non-Profit Associations, according to Peck.

The NFIB, however, said the coalition's members favor the reforms because they are ill-informed.

The Fresno Bee**Monday****May 16, 1994**

Lehman off fence in health reform

■ Congressman says he's
"laid out the conditions
that get my vote."

By Jerry Bler
The Fresno Bee

The telephone calls to Rep. Richard Lehman's congressional office in Fresno more often than not are from someone who wants to tell him how to vote on health-care reform.

His office has been the site of frequent demonstrations, again urging him to support or oppose health-care reform. The White House flies Fresnoans from Lehman's district to Washington to meetings on the Clinton health-care package.

Critics say that Lehman, a member of a House committee playing a key role in health-care reform, is sitting on the political fence despite the urgency of passing reform.

He bristles at that criticism.

"You can characterize it any way you want," Lehman responds to a questioner. "The fact is I've laid out the conditions that get my vote. I'm not saying that all of them have to be met, but there has to be substantial progress in that direction."

To a small businessman who participated in a demonstration at his office, Lehman later writes: "Your statement that I have not taken a stand on health-care reform is untrue. At public forums, on local radio, in a press release and in a letter to the editor, I have indicated that I will not vote for the [president's] proposal as currently drafted."

Lehman knows what he doesn't want. He doesn't want to force the small-business owner to pay for employees' health-care insurance.

"I don't like the employer mandate [in the Clinton bill]," he said in an interview. "I'm not saying you won't get my vote without any mandates. I'm saying you've got to relax them. The one that's in the bill is not workable."

Lehman said he also is "not comfortable telling all those small employers out there that on a date certain they've got to take money they might not have and be taxed for a health-care plan over which they have no control on the cost side."

So what would he tell the

Please see Health, Page B3

Continued from Page B1
worker who has no health insurance?
"We need to find a way to get him health care and get him a plan he can participate in," Lehman said. "... I would like to accomplish the objectives of getting real coverage to the working guy who doesn't have it because I would argue that what we are doing right now is more expensive and terribly inefficient."
What Lehman also wants to protect are large self-insurance plans now in effect. As an example, he names the lawyer-supported California public employee retirement system plan, which provides coverage for 900,000 state workers.
Lehman argues that the answer to health-care reform is not in dumping existing plans like the state plan that are working, but in finding ways to bring similar coverage to everyone else.
"Why fix what isn't broken?" he asked.
Another of his demands for reform is to allow market forces, such as competition, to reduce

costs, an argument against price controls. Still another is that any plan be fiscally sound before it's approved.
Ninety members in the House have supported Rep. Jim McDermott's single-payer plan to reform the \$900 billion health-care industry.
But Lehman believes that plan, in which the government would collect taxes for health care and then pay providers such as doctors and hospitals, is not popular.
But he concedes, "The single-payer plan may be preferable to what the president's plan is of-

fering. Ultimately I think that's where we are headed in probably 20 to 30 years."
Signatures of more than 1 million voters were turned in recently to put the single-payer measure on the California ballot in November.
Lehman said he doesn't support the state initiative, but "if California wants to do it for California, I think it should have the option to do it."
He believes Congress will move health-care reform bills out of committees by Memorial Day or soon after and that the House will pass a measure by the time

Congress recesses for the July 4 holiday.

"The issues are narrowing and things are getting close," he said. "We think it would be a real mistake not to move legislation."

And Lehman said he believes Congress will accept the same reform plan it gives citizens.

"We will have to do that," he said.

Lehman sees the health-care reform as the most important decision he has to make.

"I do spend most of my time on this," he said.

But he is not fence-sitting, he insists. "I want to vote for a bill," he said. "Definitely."

Health: Lehman says he's not fence-sitting on care-reform issue

Small businesses unite for

Bristol Herald Courier/Virginia-Tennessean

Page 4A

health care reform

ANNE GRUNDON

Staff Writer

Small businesses throughout Southwest Virginia's 9th District are joining a national coalition that supports health care reform and plan to enlist U.S. Rep. Rick Boucher's help in sponsoring legislation to make affordable insurance coverage possible.

"It's time to bring some controls to this rapidly spiraling health care cost," said Marilyn Pace Maxwell of Mountain Empire Older Citizens Inc. "We need reform. It is in the interest of

small business; it is in the interest of the employee; it is in the interest of the country. We are saying yes to health care reform."

Maxwell represents one of 18 businesses throughout the 9th District that have joined the coalition. She said her business employs 187 people but provides health care insurance for only 23 at a cost of almost \$100,000 per year. Although she would like to provide coverage for all employees, Maxwell said the cost is prohibitive.

Speaking to reporters Monday, Max-

well said the coalition is growing throughout the area and other small businesses are being encouraged to join. The group plans to meet with Boucher to explain the reasons they support health care reform that meets 10 established criteria.

Among other things, the plan must guarantee comprehensive benefits; include shared financial responsibility among employers, individuals and government; level the health insurance playing field by giving small businesses the same purchasing power as

larger ones; simplify the administrative burden; and implement effective cost-containment mechanisms.

Maxwell said the coalition is prepared to support any plan that meets the stipulated criteria. "Peace of mind on this issue will pay dividends in making employees more productive," Maxwell said. "The proposed benefits include an emphasis on prevention — which in the long-run will save all of us money. The uninsured are costing us money now — and they often don't get treatment until a condition is out

of control and more costly than it might have been if caught early or prevented."

Under the current system, Maxwell said small businesses pay as much as 50 percent more than large firms for the same coverage, and many have said their premiums have been rising by 25 percent each year. The national coalition represents 340,000 businesses that employ 3.1 million people.

Those interested in joining the Southwest Virginia coalition should contact Maria leGrand at (804) 233-6511.

Business owners, coalition gather

Continued from page 1A
forming health care in the United States, guaranteeing accessible and affordable health care for small businesses desiring to totally or partially cover employees' and their families' needs.

Representatives of the group claim that small-business employers are forced to pay 35 to 50 percent more than larger firms for the same coverage. According to a survey conducted for the National Federation of Independent Businesses, nearly two-thirds of all small businesses would like to provide better coverage for their employees, but costs rising at a rate of nearly 25 percent annually are prohibitive.

"This is just the beginning," said Marilyn Pace Maxwell of Big Stone Gap's Mountain Empire Older Citizens Inc., which employs 187.

"Until now, the public and Congress have only heard from business people who oppose health care reform. The businesses we have talked to want to offer health insurance to their employees, but the premiums and administrative burden make it almost impossible. We need a new system," Maxwell said in a prepared statement Monday.

The group is the second to target Virginia's 9th Congressional District for health care reform initiatives. The Health Care Reform Project, an arm of Charlotte, N.C.-based Families USA, is also lobbying 9th District Rep. Rick Boucher, D-Abingdon, to support President

Clinton's Health Security Act.

Boucher has declined to voice support for any of the current health care bills presently before Congress.

Maxwell said the plan would require small-business employers to pay a maximum of 7.9 percent of the company payroll, as opposed to the 13 percent to 15 percent that such businesses are currently paying.

Member organizations of the coalition include the National Association of Retail Druggists, Business and Professional Women, and the National Farmers' Union.

Reform opponents often offer small-business owners' as a prime example of a group that would be hurt by reforms touted by Clinton.

Although Boucher has yet to endorse any particular plan, Maxwell said, "I think Congressman Boucher is very supportive of reform, particularly regarding the insurance industry, in providing affordable coverage to all.

"It's an issue that affects everyone in the country. No one is insulated from health care.

"It's time to bring some controls into rapidly spiraling health care costs. It is in the interest of small business; it is in the interest of the employee; it is in the interest of the country. We are saying yes to health care reform," Maxwell said.

For more information on the coalition or to join, call Maria leGrand at (804)233-6511.

2A Kingsport Times-News / Tuesday, May 10, 1994

★ 2 Sections

78th Year, Number 130



Printed on recycled newsprint

© 1994 Kingsport Publishing Corp.

Owners, group discuss health care

Business leaders, coalition meet

Southwest Virginia Bureau

A group of small-business owners met in Bristol, Va., Monday with members of a national coalition advocating reform in the health care industry.

Eighteen businesses ranging

from a Marion investment firm with just one employee to a Cedar Bluff senior citizens agency employing 375 joined the 9th Congressional District Small Business Coalition for Health Care Reform, which represents more than 1,200 employees in Southwest Virginia.

"Small business needs health care reform because the system is just too expensive," said Jim Robinson, one of the area's first members in the national group.

Robinson is the owner of Robi-nette Steel & Scrap Metal Co. in Big

Stone Gap, which employs 16 people.

Nationally, the reform group represents about 340,000 businesses and 3.1 million employees. The coalition states 10 guiding principles for re-

Please see BUSINESS, page 2A

Race on to meet holiday deadline for health care

Scripps Howard News Service

WASHINGTON — With just three weeks to go before a Memorial Day deadline, key congressional committees charged with drafting health care reform legislation are scrambling to pull together plans with enough votes to reach the House and Senate floor.

Although health care is being hashed out in several committees, the major battlegrounds are expected to be in the two panels that must figure out how to pay for any insurance plan, the House Ways and Means Committee and the Senate Finance Committee.

In Ways and Means, as with two other

House committees, leaders are attempting to forge a consensus among Democrats alone. Chairman Dan Rostenkowski, D-Ill., has spent more than two weeks in discussions with the 32 majority members of his committee.

"We're talking about everything in the way of raising money for this — tax caps on deducting benefits, tobacco taxes, payroll taxes — it's all on the table," said Rep. Mike Andrews, D-Texas. "No matter how generous a benefit package we come up, we need a lot of money to pay for everyone to have it."

Rostenkowski has suspended the talks until he gets specific Congressional Budget Office estimates on how much money various

proposals might generate.

House Democrats are also trying to figure out a way to make the guarantee of giving everyone private insurance coverage more palatable to employers who, under Clinton's plan, would be required to pay the bulk of insurance premiums.

In the Senate, although the Finance Committee's 11 Democrats and 9 Republicans have been meeting behind closed doors regularly for three weeks, "there's no center forming yet," said one senior GOP aide. "But there is a sense that time is growing short if we're going to pass anything this year."

See HEALTH CARE, Page 4A

Democratic congressional leaders hope to have at least the bulk of committee work completed by the end of May to allow time to fold various proposals into one House package and one Senate package. Under the Constitution, the House must act first, probably in June, since the measure would raise taxes.

Debate in the Senate could take up much of July and early August before summer recess, leaving September for differences between the two chambers to be worked out if Congress is to hit its election-year adjournment target of Oct. 7.

The Finance panel is considered the keystone of compromise in the Senate, since both Democratic leader George Mitchell of Maine and Republican leader Bob Dole of Kansas are members and have been actively involved in the talks.

Chairman Daniel P. Moynihan, D-N.Y., has concentrated on keeping his members from taking hard stances on controversial matters such as individual or employer mandates, cost controls and taxes, participants said.

He's delegated two senators who back a rival "managed competition" plan — Democrat John Breaux of Louisiana and Republican David Durenberger of Minnesota — to begin drafting legislation on points where there seems to be general agreement.

Durenberger said those elements include: setting standards for health plans, medical liability and anti-trust reform, state flexibility and rules for employers that might operate outside group health pools.

Donville Register & Bee: Monday, May 9, 1994 9A

LOCAL/STATE

Payne: Health care reform's best chance to pass is now

CHARLOTTESVILLE (AP) — The nation's window of opportunity to overhaul the health care system could close if Congress can't put together a passable bill this year, said Rep. L.F. Payne, D-5th.

"We are on a critical path. If we can't get it done in this Congress, I don't think we can have this kind of momentum built up in the next Congress," Payne said Saturday night at a meeting of the Virginia League of Women Voters in Charlottesville.

Payne said most of the committee work on the controversial health care reform bill will be done over the next four weeks.

The various House proposals are being handled in a more partisan manner than in the Senate, but the final bill will need strong bipartisan support to succeed, he said.

When asked what type of bill will be sent to President Clinton this year, Payne said he sees a move toward universal coverage — possibly achieved by 2000 — with emphasis on preventive health care. He also thinks there will be provisions to allow states to add more features to the system.

Several members of the audience expressed doubt that a managed health care system would create the vigorous price-cutting competition its backers hope for.

One woman said an existing system in New York has forged an oligopoly in which larger hospitals have swallowed up smaller ones, ostensibly to create "networks." The net effect, the woman said, is a reduction in competition.

Payne countered by pointing out that that situation has not occurred everywhere in the country.

He suggested that the growing trend toward managed care could help explain the relatively slight increase in health care costs in 1993. Health care costs rose by 5.4 percent last year, the smallest jump in about 20 years, Payne said.

Besides, he said, only about 8 percent of Virginians are currently covered under managed care.

Payne said the Managed Competition Act, known as the Cooper bill, was reintroduced this year because of fears that not enough people would be covered under the Clinton plan.

About 85 percent of Americans have health coverage now, he said. With managed care, that figure could grow to an estimated 91 percent. While that is less than the 100 percent sought through universal coverage, Payne said it would ensure that Americans don't end up with nothing.

Payne: Now's best chance for reform

CHARLOTTESVILLE (AP) — The nation's window of opportunity to overhaul the health care system could close if Congress can't put together a passable bill this year, said Rep. L.F. Payne, D-5th.

"We are on a critical path. If we can't get it done in this Congress, I don't think we can have this kind of momentum built up in the next Congress," Payne said Saturday night at a meeting of the Virginia League of Women Voters in Charlottesville.

The 5th District includes the city of Martinsville and the counties of Henry and Patrick.

Payne said most of the committee work on the controversial health care reform bill will be done over the next four weeks.

Health coverage for all would cost

WASHINGTON — If the 37 million uninsured in this country had the same access to health care as other Americans, they'd see doctors 20 percent more often and check into hospitals 50 percent more often, two researchers say.

The uninsured already receive \$40 billion worth of hospital and doctor care each year, and a universal coverage scheme would raise their bills to \$80 billion, according to a study published Sunday in the journal Health Affairs.

People without insurance now go to the doctor only 60 percent as much as people who are covered, and spend only 70 percent as much time in hospitals.

Stephen H. Long and M. Susan Marquis, senior economists with the Rand Corp., a think tank, estimated that if the country adopted some form of universal coverage, the previously uninsured would see doctors 20 percent more often, and be admitted to hospitals 50 percent more often.

Coverage boost for uninsured seen expensive

WASHINGTON (AP) — Giving the 37 million uninsured the same access to doctors and hospitals as other Americans would boost the nation's health care bill by \$20 billion, or 2 percent, two researchers say.

The uninsured already receive \$40 billion worth of hospital and doctor care each year, and a universal coverage scheme would raise their bills to \$60 billion, according to a study published Sunday in the journal Health Affairs.

People without insurance now go to the doctor only 60 percent as much as people who are covered, and spend only 70 percent as much time in hospitals.

Stephen H. Long and M. Susan Marquis, senior economists with the Rand Corp., a think tank, estimated that if the country adopted some form of universal coverage, the previously uninsured would see doctors 20 percent more often, and be admitted to hospitals 50 percent more often.

That would translate into 55 million more visits to doctors' offices, clinics and hospital outpatient departments, and 6.1 million more days of bed care in hospitals, they said.

But that amounts to a small fraction of the care provided in the \$1 trillion U.S. health system. Hospitals could accommodate these people by increasing their occupancy rates from 66 percent to 68 percent, the analysts said.

If the uninsured got coverage for prescription drugs and other professional services, the total bill would climb to \$70 billion, or \$30 billion more than is now spent.

The economists based their figures on the government's estimate that 37 million Americans were uninsured in 1992. The number rose to 39 million in 1993.

They calculated that 57 million Americans went without insurance at some point during the year, and 21 million were uninsured for a full year.

Advocates of health reform argue that 20 million more Americans are seriously underinsured. The Rand study did not calculate the cost of improving coverage for them.

They estimated that uninsured adults would average 64 hospital days per 100 persons under universal health coverage:

Danville Register & Bee: Monday, May 9, 1994

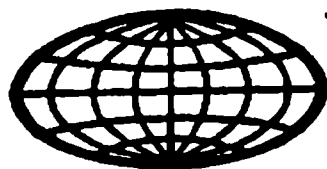
Post-It™ brand fax transmittal memo 7671		# of pages »	
To	From	Co.	Phone #
Sam Church	Sam Church		
Co.	Co.	Dept.	Fax #
Murray			

Kingsport

May 11, 1994

Price 35 Cents

★ 3 Section



Times-News

The world at your doorstep

Southwest Virginia edition

is

78th Year, Number 131



Printed on recycled newsprint

© 1994 Kingsport Publishing Corp.

Group pushing Clinton plan

By JOE DICK
Southwest Virginia Bureau

A Charlotte, N.C., consumer group that helped launch efforts to reform health care has issued a call for Saturday to be "Real Truth Day for National Health Care Reform."

Families USA, one of two

groups advocating the adoption of President Clinton's Health Security Act throughout Virginia's 9th District, issued a release Tuesday describing "scare stories" created by "the insurance industry and other wealthy lobby groups (trying) to scare us into believing health care reform will create red tape, cost jobs, or reduce health care choice and quality."

Advocates of the consumer group's Health Care Reform Project will be distributing leaflets at area shopping centers Saturday in an effort to convince Southwest Virginians that Clinton's plan is not socialized medicine and that the opposition scare tactics are founded on myth.

"It is time for the citizens of the 9th District of Virginia to hear the

truth — not the misleading television, radio and newspaper ads paid for by the insurance companies and other wealthy lobby groups," said Sam Church in the prepared statement.

Families USA denies that;

• Another billion-dollar bureaucracy will be created. In fact,

Please see GROUP, page 6A

Group pushing Clinton proposal

Continued from page 1A
The group contends, 1,500 insurance companies have already created that bureaucracy, with new "health bureaucrats" outnumbering new doctors in the last 10 years, 10 to 1.

The president's plan will cost jobs and hurt the economy. False again, said Families USA, quoting Congressional Budget Office figures that indicate by the year 2000, the total premiums employers would pay for a worker would drop by about \$20 billion (that year).

Choice of doctors will be restricted. Not true, the group said, noting restrictions on Medicare will restrict doctors in the same manner as they do now. They will be able to get help with long-term home care, and will also be covered for prescription drug purchases. The statement claims that no one will be forced to join a health maintenance organization, and doctors will be given incentives to practice in rural communities.

Monday, an unrelated reform advocacy group, the Small Business Coalition for Health Care Reform, organized 18 9th District businesses representing more than 1,200 employees. That coalition became a reality in Bristol Monday afternoon.

Reform opponents often claim that small-business owners would be most adversely affected by passage of the Health Security Act.

Contributions on the rise

Health care lobbyists' contributions to members of the House Ways and Means health subcommittee are nearly three times higher in the 1994 election cycle than in 1993.

\$206,135

1993

\$579,352

1994

Source: Campaign reports through March 31

Subcommittee becomes health money magnet

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — They were the first in Congress to take a crack at President Clinton's health care reforms, a distinction that has brought financial largesse to the 11 members of the House Ways and Means health subcommittee.

They have been showered with nearly \$600,000 in contributions from the health care and insurance lobbies during the 1994 election cycle, according to a review of campaign reports through March 31. Those special interests have much at stake, and much to safeguard, as the health care plan winds through Congress.

The \$579,352 total from lobbyists known to represent health care interests marks almost a threefold increase over the same period in the last election cycle, when the same members got just \$206,135 from health and insurance political action committees.

"It's pretty obvious that health care legislation has become the money magnet for members of this subcommittee," said Ellen Miller, executive director of the private Center for Responsive Politics.

Bristol Virginia-Tennessean
Southwest Virginia Edition
Wednesday, May 11, 1994
Wise
Kizerwell
Dickenson
Russell/Scott
Buchanan/Lee

people have to be good at what they do or the bookie goes belly up.

All the cash flow tends to make some insurers financial behemoths. Some are major stockholders in almost every major publicly traded corporation and major lenders to many private ones. They take our bets, invest them, and try to make more money than they might have to pay out. When the claims go higher, the companies "recalculate" and adjust their premiums for the next year to compensate. I realize this is a bit simplistic, but I think it's basically how insurance works.

Insurance companies, those wonderful folks who brought us "fine print" and "exclusions," are mounting a huge effort to oppose government intrusion in the health insurance business. They have launched a spectacular campaign that includes television ads with a Volvo-esque couple whining over losing their "choice."

This is more than I can take. While I'm not too hip on the idea of government health insur-

restricted my "choice" when it comes to access to health care than has a private insurer. This insurer has, under the guise of cost management, decided everything from my doctors to my pharmacies. In other words, no one has restricted private enterprise more than private enterprise itself.

I am hard pressed to accept that any medical care provider that gets a vast majority of its business by accepting the fee and payment structure imposed by an insurance company does not see the insurance company as the customer, not me.

Excuse me, but my EKG line is more important to me than your bottom line. I don't like the government plan, but at least if they do things I don't like, I can vote the @#\$% out.

Well, until the insurers determine my choices there, too.

Jim Welch is a Kingsport resident and teaches in the city schools.

Kingsport Times-News

Friday, May 13, 1994

Tobacco tax

*Boucher denies
claim he backs
proposed increase*

By JOE DICK
Southwest Virginia Bureau

Bothersome as it may be to public officials to be misquoted, being quoted out of context can be equally irksome.

After all, the response to the former is simple enough — "I was misquoted" — but quotes out of context require an explanation of the surrounding scenario, and using the quotes of a newspaper reporter to define a public figure's position is more annoying still.

Just ask Rep. Rick Boucher, the 12-year incumbent Rep.

HE BACKS TOBACCO TAX

Continued from page 1A

Steve Fast, the Republican from Tazewell who hopes to unseat Boucher, issued a press release early Thursday that strongly suggested Boucher supports an increase in the tax on tobacco products in order to support health care reform.

Fast was relying on a May 1 Washington Post article by Michael Weisskopf that said Boucher is "the first tobacco lawmaker to grudgingly acknowledge the likelihood of a hefty tax" on tobacco.

"That's what's known as a political reality," Boucher said when informed of the release. "We probably are going to have some sort of tax hike. It's probably not going to be hefty, and if I have my way, we'll have none at all."

When Fast was asked if he had the impression that Boucher is a supporter of the tax, he said he would stand by comments in the article.

He did say the article "reported that he's the first legislator from tobacco country willing to support a tax increase on tobacco."

The Washington Post arti-

The article stated that Boucher has been able to garner a small amount of support from tobacco farmers who "agree that the taxes are likely to pass and that he should try to get some of the revenue sent back to tobacco country."

"Boucher's startling shift in position on tobacco has made national news in recent weeks," said the statement from Fast's office.

"I have no control over what newspaper writers write," Boucher replied. "That article, if you read it, clearly says that I'm opposed to a tobacco tax."

Fast also maintained that Boucher "further angered tobacco farmers by refusing to attend a rally they organized in Gate City on April 30."

Said Boucher: "I was already committed, months in advance, to be in Montgomery County on that particular day. I had a meeting scheduled with hospital administrators the same day (the rally) was going on."

"We told the organizers of the Gate City rally that if they were willing to schedule it for

crat who serves Virginia's 9th Congressional District.

Please see BOUCHER, 2A

... realizing the reality of a potential increase, is trying to divert some of those revenues back to the tobacco farmer. Weisskopf wrote: "Boucher is quietly trying to build support ... for using hundreds of millions of the new tax revenue dollars to help wean Southern farmers off the golden leaf."

"Giving tobacco farmers a stake in higher taxes may lessen their die-hard opposition to compromise," the article continued.

Weisskopf further characterized Boucher as "a stalwart of Congress' Tobacco Caucus ... no friend of anti-smoking activists."

another time, I'd be happy to be there. They did not give us that courtesy," he added.

"I strongly oppose any increase in the excise tax on tobacco," Boucher said. "Any suggestion by anyone to the contrary is totally false and is a blatant attempt to mislead Southwest Virginians."

The proposed levy would increase the tax on a single pack of cigarettes from 24 cents to \$1.25.

"Tobacco farmers need a leader who will stand up and fight for them, not a slave to Bill and Hillary Clinton," Fast said in his prepared statement.

Friday, May 13, 1994

Fast off the mark

GOP candidate doesn't wait for nomination to attack Boucher

By JOE DICK
Southwest Virginia Bureau

WISE — Republican congressional hopeful Steve Fast, who hopes to unseat 12-year incumbent Rep. Rick Boucher, D-Abingdon, was in Wise Thursday to begin attacks on the incumbent and to thank party supporters for his pending nomination as the GOP candidate Satur-

day in Wytheville.

Fast noted the need to build the transportation infrastructure in Southwest Virginia to promote tourism and new industry, and said Boucher "sat and did nothing about working on getting I-73" through the region.

Noting timber, other natural resources, and the quality of people in the coalfields, Fast said, "This

should be one of the most prosperous areas in Virginia, if not the entire country. However, Boucher spends more time in Congress working on horse trails than interstate highways."

He said when the Southwest Virginia delegation of federal, state and local officials failed to get the Commonwealth Transportation Board's endorsement for the pro-

posed Interstate 73, Boucher recommended the "Coalfields Expressway" connecting Beckley, W.Va., and Pound. He said Boucher claimed that road doesn't need to be built to interstate standards.

"We need to push (Boucher) to build that road to interstate standards and open us up to the Mid-

Please see FAST, page 2B

...news (Sunday), May 10, 1984

Fast blasts Boucher

—Continued from page 1B
west," he said.

"We're going to hold his feet to the fire," the Bluefield College math department coordinator added.

Fast also attacked Boucher for casting "the deciding vote on the largest tax increase in history," and said Boucher supports an additional excise tax on tobacco, which Boucher vehemently denies.

Fast referred to a May 1 Washington Post article.

"It reported that (Boucher) is the first legislator from tobacco country willing to support a tax increase (on tobacco)," Fast claimed.

"Rick Boucher can't say no to regulation or big government," Fast told supporters assembled at Shannon's Restaurant in Wise.

"That's going to stop this fall," he said.

After the meeting, Fast decried President Clinton's campaign promise to hold

down taxes before passing the aforementioned increase, with Boucher's support.

Fast said he had supported the alternative family budget plan presented by Rep. John R. Kasich, R-Ohio, which would have given an additional tax credit of \$500 per child to families whose annual income totaled \$200,000 or less.

"The hope was to bring the amount of money a family can keep back up to what personal deductions should be (when adjusted to inflation)," he said.

"Obviously, the vast majority of us don't make that kind of money, but I supported that plan over Clinton's," he said.

"We've got to have a federal government that allows families to keep more of the money they earn for their children," Fast said.

"The federal government takes too much in taxes from working families."

What right have insurers to whine about 'choice'?

During my college years and summers of my early teaching career, I worked for a company that provided vast amounts of information about individuals, businesses and properties to customers who needed such information to make vital business decisions. Most of the customers were insurance companies.

This industry fascinated me, and had I not successfully made a pest of myself until Kingsport hired me, I probably would have had some type of career in information or insurance.

Insurance held a special fascination for me. In my job, it became relatively easy to determine the risk-management strategies of various companies. By reading the inquiries and deciphering the codes, it was, at times, obvious that the insurer was looking for a reason to either rate the client a higher risk or drop their coverage altogether. Not that the suspicions weren't often valid, but any warm body with half a brain could spot when particular agencies or underwriters were bumping their limit on loss ratios.



Jim
Welch

While it is true that many of us hold some moralistic qualms about wagering, it is interesting to observe that I don't transpose those qualms when it comes to buying insurance. Insurance is, after all, a bet.

I bet one company seven hundred dollars a year that my house might burn down, bet another several hundred that I won't live. I bet another that I'll have a wreck. I even wager that someone

might sue me or that I'll get deathly ill. Each time I make these bets, by the way, I hope to lose. That means my insurers get to keep my money.

The insurance industry handicaps my wagers. They have this special breed of people called actuaries who actually sit around and figure the statistical probabilities of each c

SA Kingsport Times-News / Friday, May 13, 1994

Opinion

lamity and the odds of them striking me. These days, I wish to point out that

GOP sets unified effort

ANDREA ROSE
Staff Writer

Mountain Empire Republicans were gearing up for a unified effort to defeat incumbent Congressman Rick Boucher in the upcoming election — meeting Saturday in Wytheville to select those who will lead the charge.

Ninth District Republicans nominated Steve Fast as their congressional candidate and selected Lee County resident Gary Waddell to serve as district chairman for the party at the convention Saturday. Fast — who was unopposed — was nominated by acclamation to run against Boucher, D-Va., in the fall election.

About 900 Republicans attended the convention, which unlike other district conventions across Virginia was not marked by infighting among party members. Delegates to the convention said there is no rift in the party locally, unlike other parts of the state where conservative Christian elements of the party have been in conflict with more moderate Republicans.

"In the 9th District, we are absolutely unified and ready to bring back conservative representation for the district that respects our people and respects our families," Fast said Sunday.

While Fast does not identify himself as a member of the Christian right, he did say he is a churchgoing family man who

PI GOP, Page 10A

GOP

From Page 1A

believes in conservative values. Those values are being trampled by President Bill Clinton and by Boucher, Fast said, adding that he believes he will beat Boucher in the election.

"Bill Clinton is taking this district and this country in a fundamentally wrong direction and Boucher is Clinton's man," Fast said. "What I am, is a family man with traditional values. ... I share the values of the majority of the people in Southwest Virginia. That's why I'm in this race."

Fast, a professor at Bluefield College and a Tazewell resident, said he believes the party is unified behind his campaign and the effort to unseat longtime incumbent Boucher. Fast predicted victory for the Republican party in the election.

Also Saturday, area Republicans picked the man who will lead the party locally as 9th District chairman, filling the post

was appointed by Gov. George Allen as the state's secretary of public safety.

Waddell, a disabled coal miner from Pennington Gap, will serve as 9th District chairman. Waddell beat out two other candidates for that post, winning on the first ballot at Saturday's convention.

Dr. Carl Stark of Wytheville and Paul Varson of Wise County were also seeking the chairmanship. Waddell was nominated for the post by Dr. Lew Sheckler of Radford.

"I've been involved in politics all my life and have worked my way up to this point," Waddell said of the vote. "There's an exciting time going on in the state as a whole for the Republican party."

Waddell echoed Fast's opinion that there is no rift in the party in the 9th District, adding that both he and Varson are affiliated with the religious right. Waddell said Varson is a member of the Christian Coalition — a group led by former presidential candi-

date and evangelist Pat Robertson — and said that he also has the support of that organization.

"I'm a conservative Republican. I have been all of my life," Waddell said. "I'm more in agreement with the Christian right than not. Until last year, I didn't realize what a radical I was because I believed in God and had moral values."

Waddell predicted the party's strength will grow in Southwest Virginia and also predicted a unified effort to put Fast in office.

"The party's had a bum rap for being an elitist group," Waddell said. "We're just everyday people — teachers, miners, farmers and janitors. I want us to be the majority party."

Although much local attention is focused on the race between Boucher and Fast, area Republicans also are looking toward the state convention in Richmond June 3-4. At that convention, the party will select its candidate to battle for the U.S. Senate seat now held by Sen. Charles Robb.

The bid for the party's nomi-

GOP senators criticize Kennedy proposal

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Sen. Edward M. Kennedy's health reform bill reads like a directory of the committee that will vote on it. But whether the carefully crafted compromise proposal will woo any Republicans or Democrats who espouse different approaches is still very much up in the air.

The 32-year Senate veteran has taken the pulse of Congress and produced a document designed to smooth some ruffled feathers and calm jittery nerves — not just in the Labor and Human Resources Committee but, in the long run, in the Senate as a whole.

The bill is less onerous for small business, less coercive in its approach to health alliances and full of extra benefits

for women, children and the disabled — benefits for which many lawmakers have been pushing hard.

And in a particularly savvy move in sync with the mood of Congress and public demands, the bill offers all Americans the very same health plans lawmakers themselves now choose from.

Most of the committee's seven Republicans so far have been disdainful of the Democratic chairman's efforts — with the clear exception of Sen. James Jeffords of Vermont, the only Republican co-sponsor of the Clinton bill.

"I think the framework from which we're working is the discounted framework of the Clinton bill. And I think whether its Republicans or Democrats, there's pretty

much a consensus that the Clinton bill is, if not dead, a heartbeat away," said Sen. Dan Coats, R-Ind., a committee member, adding, "I think he's going to have a very hard sell with Republicans."

Rep. Dave Durenberger, R-Minn., a member of both the Labor and Finance committees, and backer of a managed competition approach, said: "We're just cogitating what's the best course of action. Obviously we can't support it." Asked the reasons why, he said, "There's a hundred of them."

Senate Minority Leader Bob Dole, R-Kan., speaking Sunday on NBC's "Meet the Press," called the Kennedy plan "Clinton heavy," saying it has a bigger benefit package than the president's plan and keeps price controls. "In some as-

pects it's more government, more bureaucracy," Dole said, "so it's not going to fly."

But for all the initial bad-mouthing, Kennedy's bill is no maverick piece of legislation. For months and months, he and his staff have been working to place it just where they want it.

The White House has been closely involved, as has Senate Majority Leader George Mitchell, D-Maine, who will ultimately bring a health bill to the Senate floor.

Mitchell, appearing with Dole on NBC, praised Kennedy's plan as "a good, strong bill and a good effort by Senator Kennedy."

Post-It - brand fax transmittal memo 7671

To: ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~	From: ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~	# of pages: 1
Co: ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~	Co: ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~	
Dept: ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~	Phone: ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~	
Fax: ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~	Fax: ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~	

Who's in charge on health care?

THE WASHINGTON STAFF
Scripps Howard News Service

WASHINGTON NOTEBOOK

WASHINGTON — After months of telling the White House to "let us alone to do our work" on health care reform, Capitol Hill bosses now grumble "we're not getting any guidance from Downtown."

President and Hillary Clinton's deliberate "above the fray" approach drew early ap-

plause, but some lawmakers are having second thoughts now that the legislative year is half over and stalemate continues.

Legal woes of House Ways and Means boss Dan Rostenkowski have muddied the waters for health care, especially coming on top of Senate Democratic leader George Mitchell's unexpected decision to retire.

"They can't just rely on Mitchell and (House Democratic Leader) Gephardt to float watered-down Clinton alternatives," said one frustrated senior Democrat.

Bristol Herald Courier
Bristol Virginia-Tennessean

T. Eugene Worrell
Chairman of the Board

Arthur S. Powers
Publisher

Anne R. Worrell
President

John Malley
Executive Editor

Rebecca Masters
Opinion Page Editor

QUOTABLE, TOO: "Bashing Congress I think has become the second leading pastime after baseball."

So said Sen. Ben Nighthorse Campbell, D-Colo., miffed at finding a gaggle of photographers around his car at National Airport after the Senate took "this ridiculous vote about where we park out cars."

Monday MA 10:00

Cigarette tax: Where there's smoke, there's ire

STEPHEN B. EVANS
Washington County Bureau

Tobacco farmers across Southwest Virginia are mobilizing for another round of rallies against a proposed federal tax increase on cigarettes in what may become a significant grassroots political war on Washington.

Two protest rallies and five public forums on tobacco issues are scheduled

throughout the region within the next five weeks, following the first major rally attended by hundreds of farmers and their families April 30 in Gate City.

By mid-summer, area tobacco farmers expect to form a coalition and choose representatives who will fight their cause in the lobbies of Congress, according to burley farmer Paul Repass, one of the organizers of the Gate City rally.

But what began as a fundamental economic protest — tobacco farmers fearing the gradual loss of their lucrative cash crop — is rapidly developing into a divisive political issue that Republican congressional candidate Steve Fast has seized upon in his race for the seat held by U.S. Rep. Rick Boucher, D-9th.

The Fast attack plan includes a "Farmers for Fast" rally Tuesday at the

J.S. Easterly Park in Scott County, where campaign staffers will serve up grilled hot dogs, sodas and the candidate's conservative political platform, stressing tax cuts for families and small businesses.

Iran-Contra figure Oliver North, a retired Marine officer who seeks the Virginia GOP nomination for the U.S. Sen-

Please see TAX, Page 16A

Post-it™ Brand fax transmittal memo 7671		* of pages *	
To	~~Mr. Boucher~~	From	SAM CHURCH
Co.	MURRAY	Co.	
Dept.		Phone #	
Fax #		Fax #	

TAX

From Page 1A

ate in November, is scheduled to speak at the rally in support of Fast and his own campaign.

Fast, who is unopposed for the 9th District GOP nod at the party's nominating convention Saturday in Wytheville, has repeatedly criticized Boucher for toeing Clinton's political line.

"Boucher could at least stand up and fight for his district," Fast campaign manager Matt Leen said Thursday.

Boucher, an 11-year incumbent, plans to attend public forums on tobacco issues before Congress on May 27-28 in Russell, Lee and Washington counties, respectively, and May 30-31 in Chilhowie and Independence.

The congressman has declined to discuss his re-election bid or Fast's increasingly vitriolic charges until the campaign season begins this fall.

But when reached Thursday in Washington, Boucher said, "I strongly oppose any increase in the excise tax. That point should be made crystal clear."

Meanwhile, what infuriates the estimated 14,000 burley-tobacco families in this rural area of the Old Dominion is the Clinton administration's plan to increase the excise tax on cigarettes from 24 cents to 89 cents

per pack. In March, a House subcommittee approved a \$1.25 per-pack increase in the excise tax, although the House Ways & Means Committee is not expected to consider the proposal until June.

If approved, the tax dollars would be used to help finance national health-care reform, and a portion of the money would go toward retraining programs to help tobacco producers grow alternative crops.

Burley farmers complain they are being singled out unfairly, saying a major tax added to the price of cigarettes would only prompt more people to quit smoking. That would defeat the stated purpose of the tax and would eventually put many farmers out of business, they say. And retraining programs are worthless without a strong market for alternative crops, area farmers say.

Spurred by the success of the rally two weeks ago in Gate City, organizers in Russell County say a rally set for June 18 in Lebanon will attract hundreds more.

Fast, who volunteered to speak at the Gate City rally, is also scheduled to appear at the Lebanon event next month. Boucher is not.

With the proposed tax increase

threatening tobacco farmers' financial security, "When you raise 35 acres on up, you've got to do something," said Tammy Gray, one of the rally organizers in Russell County. "Right now we're just farming on hopes. We have no idea what we'll do or what will happen if this tax increase goes through."

Burley farmer Repass said he hopes the protest efforts will help people throughout the 9th District understand the significant economic role of tobacco in the region.

Statewide, the tobacco industry pulls in about \$200 million annually and the ripple effect of those sales boosts the Virginia economy by twice that amount each year.

"We're not politicians. We're just farmers," Repass said. "But we do know that if you stand up and tell the truth ... that will carry you through."

Repass said most of the farmers he knows are not interested in party politics or congressional campaigns; they're fighting for the only way of life they've ever known, he said.

"We feel like we're going to get dragged into a political hogwallow, and we don't want that," the farmer said. "We're just saying give us a fair shot."

Healthy donations rolling in

Lawmakers working on reform, insurance see

Participation in the process.

By RICHARD KEIL

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Eleven members of the House Ways and Means health subcommittee, the first in Congress to deal with President Clinton's health-care reforms, have reaped a financial windfall as a result.

They were showered with nearly \$600,000 in contributions from the health-care and insurance lobbies in the 1994 election cycle, as revealed by campaign finance reports through March 31.

The \$579,352 from lobbyists representing health-care interests

marks a nearly threefold increase over the last cycle, when the same members got 206,134 from health-related political action committees.

"Rarely do we see a more direct correlation than this: Put a piece of legislation before a panel, and watch the money come in," said Ellen Miller, executive director of the private Center for Responsive Politics.

An analysis of contributions to the Ways and Means subcommittee offers a glimpse of how lobbyists target donations to pending legislation.

Two members of the subcommittee — Nancy Johnson, a Connecticut Republican, and Gerald Kleczka, a Wisconsin Democrat — even scheduled fund-raisers in March as the subcommittee was

preparing to vote. (It passed a modified version of the Clinton plan by a 6-5 vote.) Among the lobbyists are the health and insurance industry lobbyists.

Johnson picked up \$2,750 from five medical professionals at a March 5 event at the Farmington Country Club. Kleczka raised \$33,925 through March from the health-care lobby, the most of anyone on the panel during those three months.

Johnson declined to comment. Kleczka's office declined several requests for interviews.

"Quite frankly, we want to gain access to those who are in a position to make progress in those areas that interest us," said John Carson, governmental affairs director for the American Podiatric

Medical Association. "It's as straightforward as that."

Carson's group donated more than \$100,000 to subcommittee members. It has yet to give the maximum \$10,000 donation to any single member because political action committees like his may need to give more money to the same 11 members when the Clinton health-care plan is considered by the full House Ways and Means Committee.

The biggest recipient of health-care money in the 1994 cycle is the subcommittee's chairman, Rep. Fortney "Pete" Stark of California, who wrote the modified Clinton plan that his panel approved.

Stark got more than \$100,000 from health and insurance interests, most of it last year when he

Women's health and Bill Brewster

Washington insiders predict health care in the United States will look substantially different - reformed, if you will - by the time Congress adjourns this fall. And Oklahoma's third district congressman Bill Brewster, D-Marietta, could have more than a little say in the outcome.

Brewster is a member of the pivotal House Ways and Means Committee where, during this month and next, decisions will be made (in sessions known in Washington talk as "mark-ups") about what's in and what's out of the package.

As we watch the Clinton plan being dissected, with body parts undoubtedly replaced, grafted onto other proposals or removed, one segment of the population had better look out for ourselves: Women.

It should not have to be said that the health care needs of women are real and pressing, but it does, because if the final plan does not meet three minimum standards, women will suffer.

These key ingredients - universal coverage, access to quality care and comprehensive services - must emerge from this wild process, or family values will be a platform no self-respecting politician from any party can stand on.

Women are not only the care givers in most families, we also make most of the health care decisions. Yet more women and their children than men are uninsured because women are more likely to work in part-time or low-wage jobs, not to mention the hundreds of thousands of women on Medicaid who may be technically "insured" but certainly do not receive quality care.

Women comprise most of the growing "contingent" workforce in the U.S., the fastest growing segment of our labor force. Contingent workers include part-time, temporary, and contract employees. Over two-thirds of all part-time workers and more than three-fifths of all temporary workers are women.

Whether they are forced to work part-time or choose to do so, contingent workers lose out on benefits often taken for granted in full-time employment. Only 23 percent of temporary employees and 22 percent of part-time receive health insurance benefits through their employers. Only 6 percent of part-time workers in firms with fewer than 10 employees have employer-provided health care coverage. In addition, women work for lower wages than men and in jobs that do not carry health insurance benefits.

A requirement that employers contribute to the costs of providing health care coverage for all employees and their families is essential to close this gap. Without some form of employer involvement - call it mandates, responsibilities or whatever you like - women's health care problems will not be solved.

Beyond universal coverage, comprehensive services must be defined, and the services that most matter to women included in any reform package - including a full range of reproductive health care, including pre-natal care, family planning and abortion, long-term care and care with an emphasis on preventive services, like routine check-ups, mammography and pap smears.

Finally, costs must be affordable, and cost-sharing measures like co-payments and deductibles not erected as barriers to care. The current system in which the quality of care a woman receives depends on her income level must end.

Brewster is a pharmacist with substantial knowledge about medicine, but he may not fully realize the tragedy facing the huge numbers of uninsured women and their children in Oklahoma - 338,240 - or those who receive substandard care now because they obtain their insurance only through Medicaid - 349,559. (Presuming they can even find a decent package of Medicaid benefits or a health care provider who will look twice at their Medicaid card.)

Fearing damage to rural hospitals or small business owners, Brewster supports the Rowland bill, a minimalist approach that provides little more than insurance reform, helping those who are already insured and hardly anyone else - least of all those in poverty (mostly women and children) and certainly not women in

rural areas. It isn't nearly enough.

Because "women's health" has developed some political clout during the past few years, members of Congress are anxious to tell female constituents how supportive they are of "women's health issues." But our representatives, including Mr. Brewster, should not believe they are helping women and their families in Oklahoma unless some form of employer-based, universal, comprehensive and accessible health care plan is enacted.

To run in 5/19 issue
w/ Fleischaker byline/photo

Rep. Brewster hears of need for health care reform from one Weowka family

BY JULIE CARR

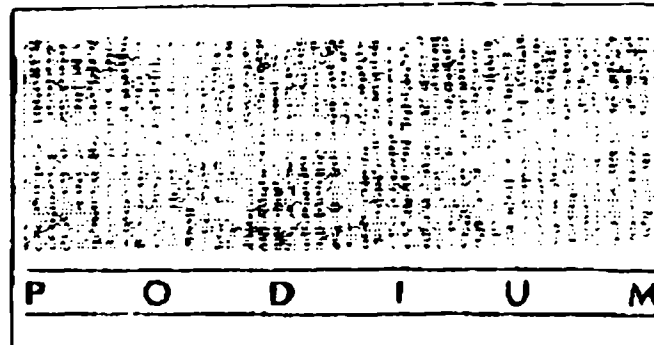
When the factory where I worked closed in February of 1992, I was left without a job or health insurance. Of course, my husband and I had the right to pay our health insurance premiums ourselves. But the premiums cost \$285 a month which was a tremendous burden with me no longer bringing home a paycheck. Then in October of 1992, our insurance company jacked our rates to more than \$300 a month. Even though my husband was still working, we simply could not afford to pay our premiums and pay our other monthly bills. We were forced to drop our policy.

Three weeks later, my husband suffered a heart attack. Our lives will never be the same.

Since my family's crisis, I have been following the national debate on health care reform. Some politicians in Washington say we don't have a health care crisis. But, as one of the 31,000 Oklahomans who lose their health insurance each month, I think we most certainly do have a crisis. And I am greatly encouraged by President Clinton's commitment to guarantee every American private health insurance that can never be taken away. If this had been the case when I lost my job, my husband and I would not be saddled with such a burdensome debt for his heart treatments.

Recently, I spent several days in the nation's capital with a group of people who experienced similar pain and financial devastation. Families USA, the national consumer group working on behalf of families like mine, gathered seven of us from different parts of the country to help illustrate their new report, "How Americans Lose Health Insurance." I was shocked to learn that most people lose health insurance when they lose a job or take a new job. I had no idea that so many Americans were in the same position that my husband and I are in. In a country as great as the United States, it is unthinkable that we could let this sort of thing happen to millions of Americans every month.

While in Washington, I participated in a press conference sponsored by Families USA that included Senate Majority Leader George Mitchell, D-Maine, Sen. Tom Daschle, D-S.D., House Majority Leader Richard Gephardt, D-Mo. and Congressman John Dingell, D-Mich. I listened as they pronounced their strong support for a comprehensive solution to our health care crisis, and was reminded of Pres. Clinton's promise to use his pen to veto any legislation that does not include private health insurance that can



never be taken away.

The president's pen has become a symbol to those of us who have lost our health insurance, and to those who live with the fear that they are a pink slip or a good job offer away from losing their own coverage.

After the press conference, I spent some time with our own congressman, Rep. Bill Brewster, D-Marietta, who listened with compassion as I told him my story. I reminded him that thousands of Oklahomans are in the same position I'm in. I wish that every Oklahoman could have the chance to speak directly with their elected officials in Washington, but since that is impossible, I tried to represent the 31,000 Oklahomans who will lose their health insurance this month, next month and every month until this problem is solved.

Before our visit, I think the congressman truly believed the health care was not the crisis I, and many others, think it is. After our visit, I know he understood my message. I hope he will have the courage to stand up to the insurance companies trying to defeat the president's health reform. I hope Rep. Brewster will have the courage to vote for guaranteed private health insurance that cannot be taken away, just as Pres. Clinton has asked Congress to do.

It's too late to save my family from the pain we have suffered. It's time to protect other Oklahoma families from this horrible fate.

Julie Carr lives in Weowka, Oklahoma and has recently received her degree in nursing from Seminole Junior College.

main
issue of
5/12

Art is a friendship with oneself, with one's

Sunday, May 8, 1994

Accessible care is vital to NEA

Lambert cites health reform

By LISA TURNER
Sun Staff

Arkansas First District Congresswoman Blanche Lambert said Saturday that accessible health care is just as important as affordable health care.

Speaking at the Health and Fitness Expo at the Arkansas State University's Convocation Center, Lambert said that a universal health coverage package would be useless to rural residents unless a doctor or medical clinic is located nearby.

"In many of our areas, you may have insurance, but if there's no health care professional in the community, it does you no good," she said. "It's important that we look at the issue of accessibility and think about how to solve that kind of problem. The health care plan that fits New York City may not fit Ravenden Springs or Smithville."

Lambert said she also wants to make sure that the quality of health care will not decrease during the process of lowering costs. Often, she continued, the elder-

SEE ACCESSIBLE-2A



HEALTHY DISCUSSION

U.S. Rep. Blanche Lambert (right) talks with Tommy Lynn Crawford (left) and Joe Gamrill, both nursing home administrators in Northeast Arkansas. Lambert was in Jonesboro Saturday to discuss health care reform and what it will mean to the First Congressional District.

Staff photo - Bill Thompson

middle-of-road reputation

g through' list

attorney general of Arizona, once said he wasn't interested in a lifetime Supreme Court post. It

back's we
nomic pri
not be fal
U.S. econ
has in yer

But tha
ing. The d
last week
tration, al
cy descri
since tak
versed co
sive reac
tions to t
the Germ
from hit
the Japan

The re:
success,
renewed

Accessible—

ly are hardest hit when cutbacks begin.

"Long term care is designated not only for the elderly, but for every individual," Lambert said. "But as we look at long term health care in relation to the elderly, we must keep in mind to look for not only affordability in health care, but also the quality of health care."

Americans 65 and older — many of them on restricted budgets — are currently forced to pay 64 percent of the cost of their prescription drugs, she said.

"That money comes directly out of their pockets when many of them

can't afford it," Lambert said. "We need to look at a way to help the elderly afford their prescription drugs. We've missed seeing the forest for the trees in this debate on health care reform if we don't face the rising cost of health care."

"As we compete with other nations in the business market, they are getting more bang for their health care dollar by offering a higher quality of health care, and that's a disadvantage to us."

Lambert said one way the health care industry has been working around uninsured patients is by letting those who are insured bear the

burden.

"Thirty-seven million people in this nation still have no insurance for long term health care, but they are getting health care," she said. "But those of you who have health insurance, your taxes and your premiums are increasing to compensate for those without coverage."

"Health care reform is not going to happen overnight. We knew it wouldn't," Lambert said. "But it is our duty as legislators to look at every plan and decide which can offer good quality, accessible, affordable health care for all people."

wage, the material benefits as well as the psychological benefits."

Congressman Bill Brewster

Congressman Bill Brewster has been working diligently to direct the health care debate on Capitol Hill. Brewster, a pharmacist and member of the powerful Ways and Means Committee, has been an outspoken advocate of the special health care problems faced by rural areas in the nation. The Administration and President Clinton understand that his leadership in the House and the unique position he holds as a rural legislator and pharmacist are important to the culmination of their passage of a health care plan.

Recently, Congressman Brewster brought Roger Altman, Deputy Treasury Secretary, to Oklahoma to explain President Clinton's health care plan to the people of Oklahoma. The Congressman stated at that time, "I wanted to allow the architect of the Administration's health care financing mechanism to explain the President's plan to the people of Oklahoma."

The meeting, held at the State Capitol, was well attended and brought much attention to the President's health care proposal. It allowed Oklahomans, including many business leaders, health care providers, and other individuals the opportunity to question Altman on the specifics of President Clinton's health care plan.

Congressman Brewster maintained that the Clinton health care plan and other plans pending in Congress may not necessarily be the remedy needed to fix our health care system. What is imperative says the Congressman, and what he has been preaching on Capitol Hill the last several months, are specific changes desperately needed to correct obvious problems.

Specifically, Congressman Brewster supports instituting a single claims form which would cut administrative double-work, tort reform, insurance reform and adjustments in the insurance market. "Each of these," Congressman Brewster stated, "would save the federal government, doctors, and individuals billions of dollars annually. The Congressman feels changes in

Continued Page 6

Working For Oklahoma

From Page 3

the health care system must also be accompanied by President Clinton's proposed changes in the welfare system. Congressman Brewster and Congressman Roy Rowland (D-GA) continue to push for changes in health care that would drastically improve the current situation without overhauling a system that provides quality care to 85 percent of the population.

"Our current system of welfare, which incurs much of its costs by providing health care to the indigent, should be reorganized using the President's welfare reform plan. By providing education and job training to welfare recipients, limiting the amount of time individuals are allowed to receive benefits, and reforming the operating theory behind welfare, we will substantially cut costs over the long-term. Without President

Clinton's reforms, we will continue the cycle of welfare dependence that has gripped many families over the years. Although the elderly and the disabled must depend on this system for assistance, it is important to discharge able-bodied individuals into private sector jobs." Congressman Brewster notes that it is imperative that health care and welfare reforms happen simultaneously since a large part of welfare costs are brought on by increased health care costs. "As a pharmacist, I understand first-hand that these two issues are interconnected. As the Ways and Means Committee addresses these reforms, I will ensure that the special problems inherent in the reform of health and welfare reform in rural Oklahoma are addressed."

4-27-94

Small Businesses Wary of Health Reform

By Charles T. Jones
Staff Writer

How will health care reform affect small business?

What form will such reform take? How do you make soup?

You gather up a passel of ingredients that hopefully complement one another, throw them in a pot, let them simmer and you've got soup.

It could be bad soup. It could be good soup. Depends on the ingredients, and how many cooks bring their stuff to the kitchen. You know what they say about too many cooks and what happens to their broth.

What effect would President Clinton's proposed reform plan have on small business in Oklahoma?

"Devastating," says Charles E. Jones, executive director of the Oklahoma Business Council.

The Clinton health care reform plan, as proposed, could require small businesses

to pay up to 80 percent of an employee's health insurance premium, a prospect that most small business advocacy groups find distasteful.

"There have been any number of programs, good ideas, none of which, in and of themselves are a program that's viable," Jones said. "But, taken together, you could put bits and pieces (together); even bits and pieces of Hillary Clinton's program," he said.

"Portions of the Canadian program are good," Jones said. "Portions of the German program are good. Other portions are terrible, by our standards.

"But this country, irrespective of all the sad stories ... the United States has, on balance, the best medical care program in the world, by a long way," the executive said.

Meanwhile, the debate about health care reform rages on.

As a high-ranking U.S. Treasury Department official recently told a gather-

ing of Oklahoma legislators and business people, the studying and theorizing on possible impacts of the Clinton plan — or any other health care reform proposal — has created "a whole new cottage industry."

Among those involved in the new cottage industry are the Washington, D.C.-based National Federation of Independent Business — which bills itself as "the nation's largest small-business advocacy organization" — and the Health Equity Action League, "a coalition of more than 800 business groups, corporations, health providers and insurers."

Those groups recently completed a study, reaching some scary conclusions.

"The president's plan's overall negative impact would fall disproportionately on females, those earning less than \$14,000 a year; parents with children; African-Americans; part-time workers and those currently uninsured. The heaviest job loss would hit significantly more in-

sured and full-time employees," the advocacy groups said.

"If enacted, the Clinton plan would cost taxpayers more than \$81 billion just to subsidize employers. Even with these massive subsidies, some 850,000 jobs would vanish and nearly 23 million workers would get less pay and fewer benefits," the groups said.

"Without the subsidy, job loss could approach nearly 4 million, while some 19 million workers would see their earnings and benefits shrink," the groups said.

Still, as one government official said, the Clinton plan must pass through at least five congressional committees during an election year. It will be picked apart like a carcass on the plain.

The rhetoric will fly, the cooks will posture and expostulate, ingredients will be added and subtracted.

How will it taste?

How blue is the sky?

Mike -
what paper?

Clinton Easing Tough Stance on Reform

NEW YORK (AP) — President Clinton signalled flexibility on health reform Monday, welcoming the latest Democratic attempt to modify his plan but warning against letting employers "off the hook altogether."

Clinton, in an interview with health reporters, acknowledged that "we're still having our ups and downs," but he predicted a bill would pass this year with Republican support.

"I wouldn't write off the possibility before it's over even Senator Dole might support some sort of system to cover everybody," said Clinton, referring to the Republican minority leader, Bob Dole of Kansas.

He praised a new compromise plan offered by Sen. Edward M. Kennedy, D-Mass., that would allow small businesses with five or fewer workers to pay a 2 percent payroll tax to escape the requirement imposed on other businesses to pick up 80 percent of their workers' premiums. Kennedy's plan also would make Clinton's health purchasing alliances voluntary.

"I think it's a good place to start," said Clinton. "It still has coverage for everybody and even the smallest firms have to assume some responsibility."

"If you let employers off the hook altogether and they contribute nothing... how many others will abandon the system?" he asked. The government also would have to come up with more subsidies to help people buy coverage.

The president said he wanted to leave "the widest possible leeway for good faith debate.... We'll just see what else happens, what



President Clinton, left, and New York City Mayor Rudolph Giuliani exit a helicopter Marine One upon Clinton's arrival in New York Monday.

comes out of the other committees where we go from here."

"There's more than one way to skin this cat," he said.

Avoiding the term "employer mandate," Clinton predicted the final health bill would retain "some sort of shared responsibility requirement."

Earlier he visited a 24-hour Pathmark supermarket beneath the Manhattan Bridge that is distributing groceries in sacks promoting universal health coverage and made a pitch for reform

before the Association for a Better New York.

He took pains to stress his openness to compromise.

"There's got to be some way of providing health care for all Americans. Even under our bill it doesn't happen tomorrow," he said.

Asked if he would veto any bill that sought to pay for universal coverage with a broad-based tax, as Ways and Means Chairman Dan Rostenkowski, D-Ill., has suggested, may be necessary, Clinton declined to make such a threat, but said, "I do not believe (that) is sound policy or fair."

And asked if he would be satisfied with a plan that covered 91 percent of Americans instead of the current 86 percent, Clinton replied, "If they were all 21 years old, strapping healthy and never showed up to the doctor's office, it might not matter."

But "if those 9 percent are all workers with pre-existing conditions in their families, you're going to have some pretty serious dysfunctions in the American economy and a whole lot of misery," he said.

Clinton said, "There's plainly a core of about six Republicans in the Senate — and maybe more — who are very interested in solving this problem."

"In the end people will have to decide one way or the other on whether we're going to cover all Americans or not. That will be the decision," said the president, who afterwards was holding a televised town meeting in Providence, R.I., on his health reforms.

He said he was trying "to keep the big issues on the griddle" in

the face of attacks on his plan by the National Federation of Independent Business and other groups.

He defended his proposal to limit the growth of insurance premiums, which critics have charged amount to price controls that would stifle innovation and damage Americans' health.

"What's their answer? Do they want to have an open-ended system where we continue to have medical costs go up at two and three times the rate of inflation?" he asked.

He said there was "no pre-existing conditions lobby" to take the side of the millions of people who have trouble getting insurance today because of their health problems.

"They're basically unorganized, so if the president doesn't fight their battle for them, nobody's going to fight for them," he said.

"For human reasons, for American economic reasons, and for management of the budget reasons, it is irresponsible to walk away from this," he said.

At the supermarket, Clinton held up the grocery bags with the message endorsing health benefits at work and urged the workers, "Every time you fill up that bag, tell people you mean it and ask them to call their member of Congress, or write them or drop them a note and say, 'This is important for America.'"

But Clinton said the success of Pathmark, the country's 10th largest supermarket chain with 175 stores in the New York, New Jersey and Philadelphia areas, "proves you can be socially responsible and still make money."

Firm's Scientists E...

Taste Change

Steven Wade Hamilton for a quarter. He called Friday to the market-variety store calling a diamond ring

Hamilton had swallowed rays.

Staff confirmed that his stomach, including that if he ate other, Sgt. Barbara Glass

Mah County Detention and criminal mischief. That Hamilton had, at still had the Fred, showed up only later, complaining of intense

ler of 17 Case

as if they were alive, said in his closing argu-

Barbara K. Win, testi- Rikfin is a paranoid ic who suffered ballu-

said Rikfin "knew ex- he was doing. His be- very purposeful."

cutor said Rikfin even e teeth and cut off the of several victims so isn't be identified. Sever- victims were prostitutes agedly picked up.

DAILY OKLAHOMAN

The State Newspaper Since 1907

TUESDAY, MAY 10, 1994

36 PAGES

Brewster Is State's Leader of the PACs

Funds Make Up 68% of War Chest

By Chris Casteel
Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON — U.S. Rep. Bill Brewster ranked ninth in the House in collecting campaign money from political action committees over a recent 15-month period, according to the Federal Election Commission.

Brewster, D-Marietta, received \$353,717 from political action committees from Jan. 1, 1993, through March 31, 1994 — more than double the amount raised from PACs by any other Oklahoman.

Brewster's total, which topped those of more than 420 other House members, even put him ahead of

House Speaker Tom Foley, D-Wash., and House Minority Whip Newt Gingrich, R-Georgia.

Meanwhile, Rep. Mike Synar ranked 13th in the House in campaign contributions from individuals, receiving \$352,564 in the period. Synar, D-Muskogee, does not take PAC contributions.

Brewster raised a total of \$523,963 in the 15 months, which also ranked him first in total fund-raising in the Oklahoma delegation. He was also the state congressman with the highest percentage of PAC donations making up his total, 68 percent.

Rep. Jim Inhofe, R-Tulsa, was the
See BREWSTER, Page 2

Brewster —

From Page 1

only other Oklahoma House member who got more than half of his money from political action committees in the period. Of the \$193,803 Inhofe raised, 62 percent came from PACs.

Rep. Dave McCurdy, D-Norman, got 48 percent of his \$296,354 in campaign funds from PACs, and Rep. Ernest Istook, R-Warr Acres, got 21 percent of his \$250,698 in campaign contributions from PACs.

If a campaign finance reform bill passes this year, Brewster, Inhofe and McCurdy might have to go on a PAC diet.

The House version of the bill, which passed last year and is now in a conference committee, would limit candidates' PAC receipts to one-third of their total campaign funds. The Senate version of the bill would ban PACs.

One possible compromise between the House and Senate versions would be to reduce the amount PACs can give. Currently, a PAC can give \$10,000 to a candidate in an election cycle — \$5,000 for the primary and \$5,000 for the general election. Individuals can give only \$2,000 per cycle.

Brewster's appeal to PACs stems in part from his seat on the House Ways and Means Committee, which writes tax policy and is working on health care reform legislation.

Brewster has said only modest health care reform is necessary.

His latest campaign contribution report shows numerous PAC donations from health care and insurance organizations, including a medical association, optometrists, podiatrists, physical therapists, a hospital association, ophthalmologists, druggists, American Health Systems, BlueCross BlueShield, nurse anesthetists, chiropractors, Metropolitan Life, emergency physicians, independent insurers, New England Life and Healthcare Company.

He also received thousands from energy companies, transportation interests, liquor companies and distributors, agricultural interests, financial organizations, communication companies and the National Rifle Association.

House Majority Leader Richard Gephardt, D-Missouri, received the most PAC money of House members. He reported getting \$761,250 in the 15 months. Rep. Dan Rostenkowski, D-Ill., came in second with \$613,700.

Post-It™ brand tax transmittal memo 7671		# of pages • 1
To <u>Anne Bradley</u>	From <u>Pete</u>	
Co. <u>HCRP</u>	Co. <u>FUSA TX</u>	
Dept. <u>South by Southwest</u>	Phone # <u>800 593-4041</u>	
Fax # <u>202/783-6807</u>	Fax # <u>512 469-6306</u>	

Fight over health care reform gets dirty 'n southwestern Mich

Sister Romayn Pajot, SSJ, is worried about health care.

So when a packet of anti-Clinton health plan materials arrived in the mail from the Seniors Coalition, complete with pre-printed, pre-addressed postcards to her congressman, two U.S. senators and local newspaper, declaring that "under the Clinton plan, senior citizens will surely face drastic cuts in Medicare coverage, lose their right to choose their own doctors, face

COMMENT

long waiting lines and possibly be denied life-saving medical treatment," she mailed them in.

Pajot is one of hundreds of thousands of senior citizens being mobilized as part of the grass-roots fight over the Clinton health plan. It has been waged in Washington, D.C., for over a year. Now the fight is making its way here.

The Seniors Coalition was formed in the late 1980s specifically to defeat the Catastrophic Health Insurance plan. Supporters of the plan accused the



Kalamazoo Gazette
Sunday, April 10, 1994

POLITICS
CHARLOTTE CHANNING

Seniors Coalition, chaired then by former Congressman Mark Siljander, of using — big surprise! — deceptive tactics and lying to senior citizens to trick them into helping destroy catastrophic health insurance for Americans.

(Siljander, you'll recall, was defeated for re-election in 1986 by Fred Upton, after pleading with Christians to "break the back of Satan" and vote for Siljander. A year and a half later, his plans to market home AIDS test kits were nixed by the Food and Drug Administration. Then he lost a Republican congressional primary in Virginia in 1992. Siljander now is part of the Alliance Defense Fund, a non-profit

group that hopes to raise money from Christian broadcasting audiences to pay for litigation for conservative Christian causes.)

Upton now will have to vote on whatever health care reform package is finally hammered out, and already finds the campaign getting dirty.

Television commercials aired for two weeks telling voters in Upton's 6th District, which includes Kalamazoo, that he has free health care. The commercials, which target five members of Congress, were produced and purchased by a coalition of pro-Clinton labor organizations.

Upton has countered that he has the same health insurance as other federal employees and pays about 25 percent of the premium and has a hefty deductible besides.

Before the congressional session resumes, Upton has been making the rounds of the district, explaining he is for health care reform, but arguing the Clinton proposal is dead.

"Universal coverage should be our goal," Upton said at a forum sponsored by the American

Association of Retired People last week. "Whatever bill comes forward, I will not support it unless it provides a choice of whatever care a person wants access to."

Seniors Coalition spokesman T. J. Parmelee said, U.S. Sen Daniel Coats, R-Ind., has received 30,000 of their postcards so far.

Upton's office has gotten about 1,500.

It's not clear how many of the senders are as opposed to Clinton as the Seniors Coalition would have lawmakers believe.

"I don't believe what I hear in the press," said Pajot, 82. "The coalition tells me one thing. I hear something else."

She listened to Clinton's comments on health care recently and seems somewhat reassured.

If the Clinton health plan guarantees choice of doctors and doesn't destroy Medicare, "I'm with him," she said.

"I'm still in a quandary. I'm praying hard and see where we should give President Clinton a chance."

APR 06 1994
ALBION NEWS
ERA

W. 2.120

Colus.

892-1452-062-1462

Chamber . . .

(continued from page three)

- Provide incentives for providers and employers to use cost-effective treatments.
- Encourage collaborative efforts among hospitals and reform anti-trust laws.

- Pressure government to impose real cost controls and efficiency measures for its own programs to avoid the easy fix-cost shifting to the private payor.

- Consider reevaluating a certificate-of-need program.

Health Care Reform - Year II - What's Next?

How will the proposals effect your business? Let your U.S. senators and congresswoman know what you think.

These are the addresses:

- U.S. Senator Richard G. Lugar, 306 Hart Senate Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20510

- U.S. Senator Dan Coats, 411 Russell Senate Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20510

- U.S. Representative Jil Long, 1513 Longworth Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20510.

During the next several months, several committees will debate the issue of health care reform. The committees will uncover more detail on winners and losers, the impact of employer mandates and give better scrutiny to the numbers. The alternative proposals will also be part of the discussion.

Indiana Chamber issues
The Indiana Chamber of Commerce believes that the public and private system should be retained. Efforts should be made to improve cost efficiency and effectiveness of utilization in the present system. Changes in the health care delivery system should be encouraged to eliminate inappropriate medical care.

The Chamber believes a state-run or a national form of health care, or a "pay or play" system that would ultimately lead to a single-payer, government-run health care plan, is not the solution.

There is a general agreement that the problem is not that we spend too little on health care, but that the availability of health care

coverage should be expanded to include many who are not now covered by private or public health care.

Health care reform should focus on access to basic health care, affordability rather than entitlement programs (public subsidized retirement) and Medicare program.

Efforts that should include the

- Encourage wellness programs to make health care more healthful.

- Increase responsibility to better informed health care consumers.

- Encourage market solutions: Medical Savings Accounts which involve ex-

INDIANA PRESSCLIP, INC.
P.O. BOX 66808
INDIANAPOLIS, IN. 46205-6808
317-263-8588

APR 25 1994

NEW ALBANY
TRIBUNE

D. 12,003

We need tax reform for married families filing jointly. The traditional family unit is the most healthy in society, yet tax codes discriminate against them. Premiums should be fully deductible for all workers. This would allow all to use pre-tax dollars for health insurance and not just corporations. Medical savings accounts and medical IRAs could be used for medical expenses, easing the Medicare crunch. The medical IRA would follow the worker and induce people to guard health care dollars, thus lowering costs. We need caps on malpractice awards to lower costs of defensive medicine. Low premium plans for catastrophic illness should be available. These proposals would not require more government control and bureaucracy and a loss of freedoms. The Nickles/Stearns bill (S1743 and HR3698) offers most of these proposals.

Clinton's plan takes decisions away from you and your doctor. Managed care leads to denial of services to save money. Price controls and spending caps would increase health care rationing. A 90-year-old grandmother can get elective surgery if she chooses. Under Clinton's plan she may not. Quality care will suffer, and despite less care and freedom, you will pay more if you're a worker or employer.

Want Hillary's agenda for change? Pay for all abortions? Pay for condoms being distributed to your children at school-based clinics without your consent. More government control and bureaucracy? The Clintons need this plan for re-election. We don't. Call your congressmen today.

Thomas W. McKain, M.D.
New Albany

Readers write

A doctors' view of health care plans

Dear Editor,

I have two main points. First, we need changes in health care, but not a package conceived and administered by the government. Second, the Clintons' plan is full of political agenda. Hillary's plan would change America. The Clintons' political future rides on the passage of a health care package.

Our health problems can be met by the people, and through legislation. Doctors and hospitals are already operating more efficiently and cutting costs. People need to change lifestyles. They are responsible for much of the health care costs with unhealthy decisions and lifestyles. The Clinton plan offers no incentives for healthy living and moral choices. Their plan encompasses all behaviors such as AIDS treatment, abortion, drug addiction, etc. Guess who'll pay the premiums? You will not have a choice. It is one plan for all.

There are policies to solve specific problems. We must keep the freedom to choose coverage for our needs. Workers who change or lose jobs would continue their insurance if they choose. They should not be denied coverage on a pre-existing condition. Medicaid should be expanded for poor families, but restricted from those who abuse it.

MAY 23 1994

HAMMOND
TIMES

D. 71,933

157-224
T 1462-1162

President Clinton's health-care plan sells seniors short

It was with disgust that I watched President Clinton, smiling, tell a businessman he should raise the prices of his products to pay for the health care plan. Looks like the taxpayers will pay more than we bargained for by paying higher prices for items we buy, higher taxes and, of course, the senior citizens will be paying more for Medicare in both deductibles and co-payments to keep the Clinton plan alive. It's obvious that the older people, who have been paying taxes for years and years, are being pushed to the back of everything. It was reported that programs that prolong life are being ignored because they would make the health plan more costly than has been predicted. What is amazing is that Medicaid, a totally tax dependent entitlement, is rarely in trouble but Social Security and Medicare, which are partially funded by the participants, seem to be short of funds.

It was also disgusting to see how the Clintons got by with a \$14,000 tax bill for so many years. If you or I owed \$20 to the Internal Revenue Service we would hear about it the following year. Hillary, Bill and all their friends should go back to Arkansas where they obviously had all the voters really snowed under.

It is also sickening that we have to have two presidents constantly running around the country at taxpayer expense to get their health bill passed. We have a bunch of people called congressmen sitting in Washington, D.C. who will eventually pass one themselves. This is their job and that's what we elected them to do.

The president's crime stopper bill is another costly item. It's just another way to keep his face on television and I'm sure it hasn't stopped any criminals from doing what they intended to do in the first place.

JOSEPH P. SALUS
Griffith

hospitals, doctors give health care prescription

By Eric B. Schoch
STAR MEDICAL WRITER

Indiana's congressional delegation was issued some health care advice Thursday, as a coalition of doctors and advocates urged comprehensive reform and a hospital group warned against price controls.

Local representatives of the Health Care Reform Project, a national coalition of 40 organizations, held a news conference to urge broad reform that would include permanent universal health coverage.

The coalition also seeks reform on health insurance and consumers' choice of health care providers. It also supports employer contributions to help pay for coverage.

Setting lawmakers straight

In a letter drafted for mailing to members of Congress, the coalition said it wanted to correct any impression that health care providers are against reform.

Those urging reform at a news conference were William Schmidt, executive director of Lifelines Children's Rehabilitation Hospital; Dr. James Trippi, president of Genesaret Free Clinic; Dr. Ken Templeton, representing the Indiana chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics; Dr. Richard Campbell, governor of the Indiana chapter of the American College of Physicians; and Dr. Richard Feldman, director of the family practice residency at St. Francis Hospital Center.

Meanwhile, the Indiana Hospital Association announced a series of radio advertisements had begun, warning against legislation that would add government bureaucracy and price controls. The result, the ads say, would be rationing of health care.

The ads, paid for by the American Hospital Association, target Rep. Phil Sharp, D-Ind., a member of the House Energy and Commerce Committee, which is involved in reform legislation.

The Clinton administration's Health Security Act proposes caps on insurance premium increases as a backup measure to control the growth in health spending. The bill also proposed creation of a national health board to oversee implementation of reform.

INDIANA PRESSCLIP, INC.
P.O. BOX 55808
INDPLS., IN. 46205-5808
317-253-8588

APR 23 1994
HAMMOND
TIMES

133.6 1113 157 1162 1462

Senator says health-care reform stopped by Dems

BY THOMAS INKLEY
Times Staff Writer

CHESTERTON - The reason why there are delays in approving a health-care reform package is because the Democrats can't seem to agree on what form the plan should take, U.S. Sen. Dan Coats, R-Ind. told the Northwest Indiana Forum.

"The days of Washington not working because of gridlock are over," he said. "We keep telling (Democrats) 'You run the whole thing: the executive branch, the Senate and the House.'"

Coats used Senate Democratic Leader George Mitchell's proposal of three alternatives to President Clinton's health-care reform as an example of the Democrat's indecisiveness.

And if a health-care package isn't agreed upon, the President Clinton's plan could be lost, Coats said Monday.

"If it wasn't dead before, this is the last stake in the heart of the Clinton

plan," Coats said, adding that the Senate Finance Committee will eventually define what the health-care package will be for the full Senate.

"No one yet knows what it is. The more we get into health care, the less we know about it," he said. "What we have floating around Capitol Hill is a whole series of (Democrat and Republican) initiatives. At this point nothing is defined, nothing is clear."

He said what Congress seems to know is mandated health care, especially for small businesses, appears dead.

Because many of the various proposals overlap in some areas, Coats believes the final compromise version from this session will contain many of the elements of the various ideas.

Right now, there's great confusion over what universal coverage means and what every American ought to be guaranteed as part of a comprehensive health-care package, he said.

See REFORM, Page E-2

Reform

Continued from Page E-1

A faulty assumption in health-care reform, Coats said, is government can deliver services more effectively than the private sector and the government is more cost effective than the private sector.

As an example, he cited the projected cost of the Medicare program approved in 1965 for the year 1991 would be \$9 billion.

"The cost last year was \$170 billion," Coats said. "Just a small error from what we projected."

He views this as the problem with the health-care plan. He said reforms are possible without reinventing the system.

Coats proposed removing the restriction of insurance companies pooling their coverage and be able to cross state lines to

form pools to provide the coverage.

He praised the Forum for its voluntary alliance of business and industry to provide health-care coverage in Northwest Indiana. "Those ought to be allowed to continue."

Other areas of reform Coats is proposing are liability limits, simplification of paperwork and changes in the tax code.

He predicted some form of health-care reform will be passed by Congress before it adjourns in October.

"At this point we're at a state of mass confusion because there is no clear consensus (of health-care reform), Coats said. "This has the potential of very significance consequences for our economy and for our nation. Either positive or negative. I fear the negative."

More coverage, regulation

Dr. Jack Harris, a clinical researcher at Eli Lilly & Co., gave an overview of the length of time and expense involved in bringing a new drug from concept to the pharmacy shelf. His points, nothing new, were these: Drug companies already are closely regulated; research and development are costly; drug costs represent a small proportion of the overall cost of health care.

Others chafed under the costs of sometimes inept regulation of health licensing and technology development.

In a summary session, Louis Reich, a former state regulator who now lobbies for the Indiana State Medical Association, brought up the issue of access: Who gets health care? "Persons who have money have access," he said.

While health insurance may not necessarily provide full access, those who don't have any insurance can find themselves in costly trouble.

The unfortunate people assembled by the Citizens Action Coalition illustrated a point made by a consumer group supporting comprehensive health reform.

Human side of reform

Families USA says 2 million Americans lose their health insurance every month, mostly when they lose or change jobs, or see their hours and benefits cut back.

Annette Eason said she can't afford even the cheapest health care plan offered by her employer, Wishard Hospital, on her \$6-per-hour wage in the housekeeping department. So she and her 6-year-old son, who has asthma, have run up medical bills she can't afford either.

"Everybody should have health insurance, not (just) everybody who can afford it," she said.

A sales manager says his employer delayed an extra month bringing him under medical coverage, too late to pay expensive bills for a heart ailment. A foundry worker injured in an industrial accident says he exhausted workers' compensation, lost his insurance and narrowly avoided being evicted from his apartment.

The study showed people who lose their insurance are often earning good salaries. Two out of five Americans who lose their health insurance had family incomes of \$30,000 or more, the study found.

"Not only are these individuals at risk, it is their families, their children, who are at risk," said Julia Vaughn of the CAC.

- Wyman covers the Statehouse for The Associated Press.

INDIANA PRESSCLIP, INC.

P.O. BOX 66808
INDPLS., IN. 46205-6808
317-253-8588

APR 26 1994

HAMMOND
TIMES

D. 71.933

581-137-11462-



THOMAS P. WYMAN / Capitol Eye

Health providers, uninsured look for the best deal from new policies

Any major changes in the delivery of health care nationally may have deep effects on two groups that met here recently and pleaded their cases.

Health professionals, represented by doctors, hospitals, pharmaceutical companies and others, held a two-day conference organized by the Indiana Public Health Foundation Inc.

Just after that conference ended, several people who had health insurance but lost it told their stories at a news conference organized by the Citizens Action Coalition.

The health conference was titled "The Impact of Regulation on Health Professionals and Technology." Many of the speakers, though, rather than attempting to assess the effect of government regulation, asked instead to be left alone to make their own rules, or at least not to be burdened by new ones.

Dr. Daniel H. Johnson Jr., representing the American Medical Association, made the doctors' plea: Let the patient choose which doctor he or she uses, and give the patient some financial incentive when making choices about medical care.

"The magic word there is choice," Johnson said.

NATION & WORLD

Young patients give kids'-eye view of health care

By ROSALIND JACKLER
POST WASHINGTON BUREAU

WASHINGTON — Monica Kincaide is 11 years old and a sixth grade honors student in Austin. Her mother died unexpectedly last month at age 38 from a congenital heart defect.

The freckle-faced youngster stood up in the ornate East Room of the White House on Monday and told her story to first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton.

Clinton, seated with Monica and 15 other youngsters with sad tales, said she wanted to move away from statistics and focus on "the children who have so much at stake in this health-care reform debate."

"I feel that my mother would not

have died if she had the regular health care she needed," Monica said.

Monica also was born with a heart defect and had surgery at Texas Children's Hospital in Houston four years ago. That was paid for by the Chronically Ill and Disabled Children's program. She may need more surgery.

Her mother had worked full time to support Monica and her 5-year-old brother Jimmy but didn't have medical insurance.

Monica and Jimmy now live in Austin with their grandmother, Ernie McCurdy, who is unemployed and whose insurance ran out in October. She has applied for Medicaid for the children, but doesn't know if that will cover Monica's future operation and health expenses.

McCurdy has lost three of her six children because of heart defects — one at birth, her 28-year-old son about five years ago and Monica's mom last month.

Monica's story prompted a sharp response from the first lady: "It's a fact that people don't like to hear but it's true, that if you are uninsured you have three times more of a chance to die from the same ailment than if you are insured."

Clinton said "one of the biggest lies" in the health reform debate is that eventually every one gets taken care of. "That is just not true," she said.

But the strongest heart-tugs came for 12-year-old Michael Anderson of Bala Cynwyd, Pa., who has cerebral palsy and was in a wheelchair. When it

was his turn, his eyes welled with tears and he was unable to speak.

His mother, Susan Tachau, got up from the audience, comforted Michael and told his story for him. His cerebral palsy was a result of complications from a premature birth. Tachau explained while gently massaging Michael's shoulder.

Michael needs physical and occupational therapy, with hopes of eventually living an independent life as an adult. He's now going through a growth spurt — like most 12-year-olds — and will need new equipment.

Some of his therapy and equipment are not covered by insurance. His parents have good jobs and are able to afford the costs, but not all children with disabilities are as lucky.



Associated Press

First lady Hillary Rodham Clinton looks on in the White House East Room as 11-year-old Monica Kincaide of Austin tells about losing her mother to a congenital heart defect.

State 10-year-old issues call for health reform

By JOHN A. MacDONALD
Current Staff Writer

WASHINGTON — Ten-year-old Michael Skubel hates to see his mother cry.

That is one reason Michael, a fourth-grader at East Haddam Elementary School, wrote to President Clinton and his wife, Hillary Rodham Clinton. Michael wanted the Clintons to work hard to overhaul the nation's health care system so his mother, Eva, would not cry any more.

Monday, Michael read his letter to Hillary Clinton at the White House, part of an on-going administration campaign to promote the

Clinton's health reform proposal. "Because my sister is so sick, we have lost our insurance twice," Michael read, telling of his 11-year-old sister, Jacinta, who is sick with a brain disease.

"I worry about my mom because I see her cry, because she is afraid we will lose our health insurance again," Michael read. "If we lose our insurance again then maybe my sister will have to go live in a nursing home."

Michael's letter was one of hundreds written as part of an effort by the Children's Defense Fund to raise awareness about children's

Please see State, Page A8

HARTFORD COURANT

A8 THE HARTFORD COURANT: Tuesday, May 17, 1994

State 10-year-old issues health reform plea

Continued from Page 1

health issues. He was the second of six children Hillary Clinton

called on to read letters during a 40-minute ceremony in the White House East Room.

Michael started reading so softly that no one could hear, and Hillary Clinton urged him to speak louder.

In his letter, Michael wrote that his mother told him she voted for Clinton. "She said President Clinton will put health care on the shelf where everyone can reach it," he wrote. "I hope that you can do that so my sister can always be where she should be, at home with us."

After he finished, Hillary Clinton thanked Michael for reading his letter and talking about his sister. She also recognized Eva Skubel, Michael's mother, who was seated in the audience of about 100.

Besides Michael and Jacinta, Eva Skubel has another daughter, Denise. A single mother, Eva Skubel works as a parent advocate with the Family Center at Newington Children's Hospital in Connecticut.

Eva Skubel has health insurance at the hospital, but she still worries constantly about losing it again, according to the White House.

Monday's event was the second time in less than two weeks that a Connecticut child has participated in a Washington event to promote the Clinton health reform plan. May 4, a Waterbury boy was the center of attention at a Capitol Hill event with Hillary Clinton. It was organized by a coalition of health advocacy groups.

In addition to hearing the letters of six children, Hillary Clinton in-



Michael Skubel of East Haddam, left, listens as First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton discusses health care at the White House Monday. Michael was one of six children who read letters they had written to the White House in appeal for health care reform as part of a Children's Defense Fund campaign.

roduced five other children, who briefly described their own health problem or that of a family member.

Children's Defense Fund chairwoman Marian Wright Edelman, whose organization helped arrange the event, said more than 17 million of the nation's 60 million children are uninsured for at least part of the year. She said 19 million are at risk of losing their Medicaid coverage because of state budget crunches.

"This is a clarion call for Congress to pass, this year, universal,

affordable and comprehensive health coverage that guarantees health security for every child and family," Edelman said of the children's letters and stories.

Leaving the White House after the ceremony, Eva Skubel said she was more hopeful about the prospects for health care reform than before. "Hearing children speak is more powerful and more helpful," she said.

Meanwhile, Hillary Clinton criticized a Manhattan real estate company for firing bookkeeper Catherine Rosen the day after she

discussed her health insurance problems with the president last week.

It was the second such incident. In both cases, the employers "fired the person because they didn't want to be embarrassed by having people know that they didn't provide insurance," Hillary Clinton said.

Rosen's former employer, Peter Sharp & Co., said she was fired for unspecified "valid business reasons."

An Associated Press report is included in this story.

bc-insurance
DECISIONLINE/Insurance
USA TODAY Update
May 17, 1994
Source: USA TODAY/Gannett National Information Network

FIRST LADY WEARY OF STORIES:

Hillary Rodham Clinton said Monday she's tired of hearing about sick Americans without health insurance. The first lady, meeting with uninsured families at the White House, said such stories are sometimes ``more than I can take.'' They have no justification in a nation that spends ``more money on health care than any other.''

PM-Health-Kids, 470
Children Tell Hillary Clinton of Health Care Crises
By MICHELLE MITTELSTADT= Associated Press Writer=
WASHINGTON (AP) An 11-year-old girl whose mother died last month of a heart defect that had gone untreated because she lacked medical insurance joined Hillary Rodham Clinton in appealing for health care reform.

``All children and all families should never have to worry about health care,' ' Monica Kincaide of Austin, Texas, said Monday, as she read from a letter she had written President and Mrs. Clinton last week.

The sixth-grader was one of 11 children invited to the White House to share the health-care crises facing them and their families.

``I feel that my mother would not have died if she had the regular health care she needed,' ' Monica said. ``My mom could not get health insurance even though she worked hard.''

Like her mother, who died at 36, Monica has congenital heart defects. The girl went through open-heart surgery four years ago and probably faces more operations as she grows.

At a time when most 11-year-olds are thinking about summer vacations or their next trip to the mall, Monica is worried about her future.

``I want to be guaranteed that I will have health care when I am an adult,' ' she read from her letter.

Mrs. Clinton used Monica's story to support her point that the uninsured are three times more likely to die of

an ailment than someone with health coverage.

"It is absolutely one of the biggest lies that has been put forward during this whole health care debate that we don't need to reform health care because eventually everybody gets taken care of," she said.

"Eventually you get taken care of, (but) often it's too late," she said at the meeting with the children and some of their relatives.

Twelve-year-old Michael Anderson of Bala Cynwyd, Pa., who has cerebral palsy and uses a wheelchair, brought tears to the eyes of many as he struggled to voice his concerns.

His mother, Susan Tachau, went to his side to help. She explained he is worried about being able to maintain his therapy and about having personal attendants when he is older.

"Michael, as all of us in his family, have the same dreams of (his) living independently, going to college, having a job; and we need help to get him these personal care attendants," she said. "And we hope that any national health insurance plan would have that."

Children's Defense Fund President Marian Wright Edelman, whose organization helped arrange the event, urged passage of health reform that will cover society's youngest members.

More than 17 million of the nation's 66 million children go without health coverage for at least part of the year, she said. And, she said, 19 million risk losing their Medicaid coverage because of state budget crunches.

10f3
The Philadelphia Inquirer

Suburban/Metro

Section B

Obituaries, B5.
Automotive, B6.
Weather, B11.

Penna. lawmakers return
to Capitol to begin work
on budget. B5.

News in Brief B2

Monday, May 16, 1994

Bala Cynwyd boy gets a say in nation's health-care debate

The 12-year-old has expertise on the medical needs of people with cerebral palsy. He'll share it with Hillary Clinton today.

By Ralph Vignola
INQUIRER STAFF WRITER

Michael Anderson is more than a little worried about growing up.

Because he is 12, Michael, diagnosed with cerebral palsy a few months after his birth, is covered by his father's health insurance. What costs aren't covered, his working parents are able to make up.

Those costs include his wheelchairs — one electric, one manual — at \$23,000. A device that supports him so he can stand and stretch is \$1,000. The leg braces go for \$750. Therapy, which he needs four or five times a week, is \$75 an hour.

What, he wonders, will happen to him when he becomes an adult? Who will pay for the full-time care he will need? Who will pay for his equipment? Who will help him at work?

These are the questions he had wanted to ask Hillary Rodham Clinton — the point person on health-care reform for her husband's administration — if he had the chance.

Today, he has the chance. Michael, of Bala Cynwyd, is one of 10 children with medical problems from across the country who will meet with Clinton this afternoon to share their concerns.

Whether he actually shares his, though, is another matter; he hopes he's not so awestruck during the session in the East Room of the White House that he turns speechless.

"He's very excited," said his mother, Susan Tachau. "And he's extremely nervous."

So nervous that at first he couldn't be interviewed. But after some time to gather his thoughts, he was ready to give a preview of what he'd like to say to Hillary Clinton.

"I want to tell her how important health care is and how I need equipment and therapy to help keep my body loose to keep me from having surgery," he said.

He's already gone through a major operation that put him in a body cast for six weeks. And, he points out, while in the cast he developed chicken pox.

"It was really uncomfortable," he said. "But I managed."

The trip for Michael and his mother is sponsored by the Children's Defense Fund, a children's advocacy group based in Washington. The two left yesterday by train and planned to return today.

Michael's name was suggested by U.S. Rep. Marjorie Margolies-Mezvinsky (D., Pa.), whose district includes Bala Cynwyd, where Michael lives with his parents and two sib-

lings. One of Margolies-Mezvinsky's children went to school with Michael, so she was acquainted with the family.

When the White House declared this week Child Health Week, Margolies-Mezvinsky was asked if she knew anyone who would want to meet with Clinton.

"The White House called and asked if there was anyone in the community affected by health-care coverage," said Margolies-Mezvinsky.

"The first person who came into my mind was this adorable little guy."

In a letter he wrote to the White House
See B6Y on B2

Boy has a say in U.S. health-care debate

BOY from B1
before his journey, Michael told about his affliction.

"I need a lot of therapy to keep my body flexible and to help me do as many things as possible by myself," he wrote. "I also need speech therapy to help me talk so that my family and friends can understand what I have to say. I also need a lot of equipment to help my body grow the right way and to help me be independent. And if I can't see the right doctors, they won't be able to find out about problems I'm having with my body."

A spokeswoman for the Children's Defense Fund said it's important for children like Michael to be heard.

"Children don't vote, they don't lobby, and often their needs fall by the wayside," said Stella Ogata. "We're trying to turn that around so they can speak for themselves, as opposed to adults speaking on their behalf. They can all speak from experience about how they've been affected by the health-care system."

Born prematurely, Michael suffered an intercranial hemorrhage right after birth. As he grew, his parents noticed his progress wasn't normal. "He was not rolling over or reaching for things," said Tachau.

The results from a series of tests confirmed their suspicions about cerebral palsy.

The bulk of the family's expenses is covered under the policy held by Mark Anderson, Michael's father, who is a law professor at Temple University. Michael's parents' income — his mother is a policy analyst at the Institute on Disabilities at Temple — pays for the uncovered costs.

By state law, Michael has round-trip transportation to Penn Valley Elementary School, where he is a fifth-grader. The school also provides a full-time aide.

That won't last forever, though, and as he ages, Michael's needs are not likely to diminish.

"He will not be a walker," said

Tachau. "And I doubt if he'll be able to feed or dress himself. He will need someone who understands him, and a doctor who understands cerebral palsy."

In his letter to the White House, Michael emphasized how important it is that he and others like him don't get lost in all the talk of health-care reform.

"I know there are lots of kids with disabilities who don't have insurance and who don't have much money," he wrote. "They don't get the kinds of equipment and therapy they need. That's not right. We need to change the health care system so they get what they need."



Michael Anderson, 12, got help from his dad, Mark, before setting off for Washington. Michael, accompanied by his mother, Susan Tachau, is one of 10 children with medical problems who will meet with Hillary Clinton in the East Room of the White House today.



Doris Paquin/Associated Press

Hillary Rodham Clinton is made up before appearing at yesterday's health-care forum in Washington.

Three health experts from Pittsburgh were among a small delegation from Pennsylvania who met with first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton and members of the president's health care task force.

First lady woos health plan allies

By Pat Griffith

Post-Gazette Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON — While President Clinton has been devoting much of his public schedule since Easter to promoting passage of a major crime bill, efforts to generate support for his health reform package have been proceeding on a parallel track inside the White House.

Taking a page from the successful strategy plan that led to passage of the controversial North American Free Trade Agreement last fall, the White House has been inviting groups of health care leaders by state to attend special briefings in the hope they will become advocates for the Clinton proposal back home.

Yesterday, three health experts from Pittsburgh were among a small delegation from Pennsylvania who met with first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton and members of the president's health care task force, including Deputy Chief of Staff Harold Ickes, who is heading the White House campaign to get its reform measure through Congress this year.

Ned Zechman, president of Children's Hospital; Dr. Brad Bradford, chairman of the pediatrics department at Mercy Hospital; and Michael Senko, director of the city's services for the aging, emerged from almost three hours of discussion with the clear message from the first lady that the president will veto any legislation that does not include the major elements of his proposal, including health coverage for everyone.

Zechman said she was asked if the White House would accept an incremental approach to reform, and answered: "Absolutely not. He would veto that."

"It was impressive," Bradford said. "It was clear this is a real priority, and extremely clear that they are working harder than ever to get this. They may compromise on some details, but not on the major components."

While generally in agreement with what they heard, Zechman and Bradford said they remain uncertain about the eventual impact of the Clinton plan on children with chronic illnesses or special need for long-term psychiatric help or drug counseling.

Further, they said, there needs to be more attention to dealing with a host of social problems, from substandard housing to illegal immigration to poor nutrition and AIDS that take a toll on the health of children.

Bradford said he was worried that "kids may get lost in the shuffle," and that specialized support services to deal with psychological problems or drug addiction could be short-changed as emphasis shifts towards preventive care.

"We have a whole generation of young people who need more than that [preventive care]," he said.

But overall, Zechman said, "we're not opposed. . . . We want to work with them" as the health reform legislation proceeds through Congress.

He said he would be meeting with his hospital staff and others in Pittsburgh to address how the special needs of the children they deal with can be provided for in an overall reform measure.

Senko, who said he was representing the National Council on Aging at the meeting, said elderly patients should be reassured by the administration's insistence on preserving choice of doctors and health care plans.

He also said the Clinton plan's proposal to cover prescription drugs and in-home health care was "very important" for seniors in Pittsburgh.

He said he expected to talk to senior citizen groups to explain the Clinton plan in "generic form," including the importance of covering children, the largest group without health insurance. "I think with these generic components we would be able to support the Clinton health plan," Senko said.

Converts to health-care plan

Pharmacy owners convinced after trip to White House

By Edward C. Hewitt
For The Times Herald

After a four-hour visit with First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton, a Jeffersonville couple count themselves as converts to the President's plan for health-care reform.

"I was definitely not an advocate of this plan before going down there," said David F. Cole, president of Cole Associates Inc. managed care consulting.

Cole traveled to the White House with his wife Henrietta "Henny" Cole, pharmacist and co-owner with her husband of the Medicine Shoppe in Jeffersonville.

After hearing the first lady's presentation of the plan and answers to questions, he was much more receptive.

"Looking her in the eye, I believe she's a smart lady and that it's not political," said Cole, 52.

"She made the point that this is the most important piece of legislation since Social Security," his wife added.

On April 14, the Coles joined nearly 50 of the state's small-business owners, health-care professionals and opinion leaders for a review of the package.

Both of the Coles are registered pharmacists. David Cole has been in the pharmaceutical industry for 25 years in several capacities, and Henny Cole has run the Medicine Shoppe for 18 years.

The questions the group posed to the first lady and White House staff were tough and pointed, according to Henny Cole, 50.

"This was not a partisan rah-rah thing," her husband agreed.

The Coles told the White House staff that they were con-

cerned about governmental intervention.

"One of our major concerns is not that it is a Clinton proposal, but that it's a government proposal," David Cole said. People are skeptical about government initiatives."

As pharmacists, the Coles often work with government programs — particularly Medicaid.

"We told them that we are concerned with the attitudes of government workers toward the people they serve," David Cole said. "You can't mandate caring, and often they don't want to be bothered."

He finds the problem especially difficult with respect to the elderly.

"I am concerned with the cumbersome way plans are handled," Henny Cole said. "They need to simplify procedures and submissions and deal with handling problems."

The White House staff addressed issues they thought were misunderstood, such as claims that universal coverage through employers would price many jobs out of the market.

"They said that the numbers were based on present premium rates, and that universal coverage would drive premiums down," David Cole related.

He added that universal coverage would create a level playing field for small-business owners who already provide health benefits for employees.

"They are at a competitive disadvantage if they provide benefits now," he said. If group rates become available to small-business owners, premiums would be driven down as well, the White House staff said.

"Many people think that if it doesn't work, we'll end up with a single-payer system run by the



Cole waits for Times Herald

Medicine Shoppe co-owner and pharmacist Henny Cole counsels a customer at the Jeffersonville store.

government," Cole said. "They would be surprised to find that that is the last thing they want to do."

He criticized the "If it ain't broke, don't fix it" attitude to-

ward health care.

"How can you say it's not broke when infant mortality rates are worse here than in Cuba, Poland and Bulgaria?" he said.

Nation

★ Tuesday, May 3, 1994 A-5
The Kansas City Star

White House enlists Kansans as lobbyists

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The White House held briefings Monday to encourage 31 Kansas health-care reform supporters to head for Capitol Hill and start twisting arms.

"If we agree with them, they would certainly appreciate us conveying that message to our congressional delegation," said Kansas Lt. Gov. James Francisco.

The Clinton administration has lavished a great deal of attention on Kansas in the last few weeks, including last month's visit by the president to Topeka and Kansas City.

The administration also has held high-level briefings for Kansas reporters and sent emissaries such as Health and Human Services Secretary Donna Shalala to the state.

A group of Kansas business, government, labor and education leaders heard Monday from top aides and first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton. They had little doubt the state's congressional delegation would be crucial to passage of health-care reform.

"I know we were targeted because of the major congressional leaders that come from our state," said Carolyn Middendorf, president of the Kansas State Nurses Association.

Senate Minority Leader Bob Dole will have a big say in success of any legislation, as will the state's other senator, Nancy Kassebaum. Both are Republicans. The heat is currently on Rep. Jim Slattery, Democrat of Topeka, who is a key swing vote on a House committee now considering health-care reform.

"We've got some big dogs in our back yard," said Gary Green, an independent truck driver from Edwardsville who was invited to the briefings.

Francisco said Slattery's name came up often during the session.

"I've got confidence in Congressman Slattery, in the end, making the right decision that will best benefit all Kansans," Francisco said.

Jones takes her message to D.C.

Jones

(Cont. from Page 1)

By Michelle McClendon
Tribune City Editor

On Monday, a Fort Scott woman will travel to the nation's capital for an informative briefing on a concern for all citizens — health care.

Ruth Jones drives a truck for a local trucking company. Although she is not considered an owner/operator, she is an active member of the Owner/Operator Independent Driver Association.

As a member, she has been chosen as a representative to health care forums, including the recent meeting with President Clinton in Topeka. After being nominated by the driver's association, she was also invited as one of about 50 guests from Kansas to a briefing on the President's Health Care Security Act on Monday.

Jones looks forward to learning about the plan. She said she and her husband are pleased with the benefits they receive from their current employer. She is concerned, however, about her fellow drivers.

"Most owner/operators do not have health insurance except through a spouse," Jones said.

Even though she and her husband are happy with their current employer, Jones said they have had

to put some personal decisions on hold because of the health care issue.

Jones' husband suffers from high blood pressure, therefore he is uninsurable outside of a group situation. Recently, a friend suggested starting an independent business.

"(My husband) could not become independent without losing his health coverage," Jones said.

Jones has considered returning to school, but again can not take that step for fear of losing her current health care coverage.

Jones is not sure the President's plan is the answer, but to this point there has been little information available on other plans. If briefings are scheduled for those plans, she said she would attend.

Jones said it is important to research the plans instead of simply believing the " scare stories " told about them.

She learned that lesson after the President's meeting with small business owners in Topeka. Mainly, Jones learned the plan does not seek to tell people what doctor to see or what treatment to receive.

"It will try to work within the existing structure of insurance com-

panies. It will allow small business owners to join together in large groups to buy insurance," Jones said.

A mandate would be required to achieve the ultimate goal of health insurance for everyone. Jones said the idea of mandated health coverage is frightening for some.

"If everybody had to do it, everybody would be on the same footing," Jones said.

After returning from Washington, Jones said she plans to know even more about "the ins and outs" of the plan. Eventually, she hopes a cure for some of the health insurance tragedies is discovered.

"Something needs to be done," Jones said.

Jones told The Tribune a friend who's wife was diagnosed with cancer during an insurance company's waiting period. Obviously, the couple was denied coverage.

During the year and a half the wife lived, the medical bills became overwhelming.

"He lost his wife and everything he had — his home, his truck, his car — and he was still deeply in debt. Nobody should have to go through that," Jones said.

(Continued on Page 2)

The Fort Scott Tribune

MAY 22 '94 12:42PM COLLIER, SHANNON & S

Beacon suffers third flood

By Michelle McClelland
Tribune Managing Editor

Considering the damage done at The Beacon building, 329 E. Wall, during Thursday's flood, most of the witnesses present today had smiles on their faces.

The optimism appeared based on the ability to contain the last of the day. The water level has again reached its high in The Beacon building.

Food, clothing, toys, pots and all the items The Beacon regularly gives to Southern County families unable to make ends meet piled in high.

"If somebody comes in here and says they're hungry, we'll help them," Cochran, who regularly serves as emergency shelter and grandmother to clients, said. She was walking through The building picking up items. Her knee-high rubber boots squished as she moved.



From left to right, Stefan Seewert and Oda and Don Keeney clean up at The Beacon.

Cochran pulled out a yardstick and placed it against a partition separating supply rooms. The water line measured 21 inches. But the back storage room at The Beacon was submerged an additional two or three inches due to a lower floor level.

This is the third flood The Beacon has had at its present location, and the second flood this year. Only 2 1/2 weeks separate Thursday's incident with the last flood.

In fact, this most recent flood made it into the top three flood levels registered in Southern

County since 1915. The Missouri River crested at 6 p.m. Thursday evening at 47.8 feet above flood stage, which is 36 feet. In September 1915, the flood level rose to 49.34. And in 1986, a year most

(Continued on Page 6)

Jones takes her message to D.C.

By Michelle McClelland
Tribune City Editor

On Monday, a Fort Scott woman will travel to the nation's capital for an informative briefing on a concern for all citizens — health care.

Ruth Jones drives a truck for a local trucking company. Although she is not considered an owner/operator, she is an active member of the Owner/Operator Independent Driver Association.

As a member, she has been chosen as a representative to health care forums, including the recent meeting with President Clinton in Topeka. After being nominated by the driver's association, she was also invited as one of about 30 guests from Kansas to a briefing on the President's Health Care Security Act on Monday.

Jones looks forward to learning about the plan. She said she and her husband are pleased with the benefits they receive from their current employer. She is concerned, however, about her fellow drivers.

"Most owner/operators do not have health insurance except through a spouse," Jones said.

Even though she and her husband are happy with their current employer, Jones said they have had

to put some personal decisions on hold because of the health care plan.

Jones' husband suffers from high blood pressure, therefore he is uninsurable outside of a group situation. Recently, a friend suggested starting an independent business.

"(My husband) could not become independent without losing his health coverage," Jones said.

Jones has considered stopping to school, but again can not take that step for fear of losing her current health care coverage.

Jones is not sure the President's plan is the answer, but to this point there has been little information available on other plans. If hearings are scheduled for these plans, she said she would attend.

Jones said it is important to research the plans instead of simply believing the "scare stories" being about them.

She learned that lesson after the President's meeting with small business owners in Topeka. Mainly, Jones learned the plan does not seek to tell people what doctor to see or what treatment to receive.

"It will try to work within the existing structure of insurance com-

(Continued on Page 2)

Military tax refund is within reach

Walk changed due to Thursday flood

STANDARD MEXICAN FIRM
 MIN 599 EAPC QUEEN \$160 EAPC
 FULL \$139 EAPC KING \$146 EAPC

E & STORAGE
 1401
 ERIE AVE.
 NE PHIL
 215
 89-2400

FIRED
 12-8800



Beautiful
AZALEAS
25% OFF

CANNON'S
 FLOWERS AND GIFTS
 TWO CONVENIENT LOCATIONS

BRIDLEY TOWN
 211 KENNEDY AVE. PH. 421
 1/2 BLOCK SW OF BRIDGE ST.
832-8838

GREENWILL
 RT. 1 & BENTLEY LANE PH.
 FLOWER ST. & MARKET ST.
888-2238

Extended Page
 than what he outlined last Sep-
 tember.

"All of health care is spinning. Physicians are spinning because they don't know what's happening. Clients are scared. At some point everyone will have to stop spinning and give the plan a chance," said Walls.

After her meeting with the First Lady, Walls' impression is that the president's proposed health plan puts the consumer in the driver's seat.

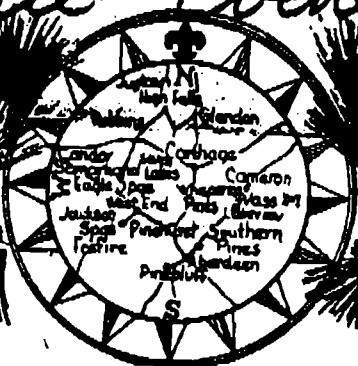
"People as consumers more than ever need to listen. It's an overwhelming amount of material," said Walls. "We need to listen and ask appropriate questions of our legislators. If we think things aren't on target, we have to say this is what I think will work."

The Lanedowne nurse realizes that the plan in its initial incarnation will not be perfect, she maintains, it's a start.

Noted Walls, "A lot of us are doubtful, but what we have now sure is not working."

Mrs. Clinton told the Pennsylvania delegation that total health care packages should be ready for debate in the House and the Senate some time in May. She also told them that the president will not settle for a plan that is anything less

Senior Affinity Day Witness Maxine Simmons
Nat'l Assn for Home Care Witness Coverage
@ White House Event.



THE PILOT

HONE 692-7271

THE PILOT-Southern Pines, North Carolina

THURSDAY, MAY 5, 1994

110 PAGES

plits As Upsets Mark Prim

In the 2nd, which in-
of Moore, David Funderburk of
Buies Creek captured the Repub-
lican nomination over three op-

turer.

Moore, 33, is seen as one of the
brightest stars on the Democratic

at the vote in his primary
victory over former state Rep. Don
Dawkins of Rockingham.

Hefner, who also turned back a
primary challenge from Dawkins
two years ago, is a 20-year veteran
of Congress.

In all three primaries, Moore
County voters went with the win-
ners.

Funderburk got 2,499 votes in
Moore. Hal Sharpe of Nashville
was second with 806, Ted Stone of
Durham was third with 182, and
Larry Norman of Louisburg fin-
ished fourth with 164.

Moore led the way locally with
1,065 Democratic primary votes to
708 for former state Rep. Bobby
(Continued On Page 13-A)

who had 10,
Republican
Southern Pin
election.

In the only
House of Rep
Moore Coun
cratic Rep. I
Laurinburg
winner over
Robeson Cox
16th State H
only one M
River, along
Robeson, Ho
counties.

Yongue, a
educator, had
percent, to B
percent. Kay
County, who

Moore Woman Aiding Clinton Health Plan

BY FLORENCE GILKESON

At the invitation of President Bill
Clinton a Pinehurst woman last
week participated in a workshop
and conference on the Health Care
Reform program in Washington,
D.C.

Mary Maxine Boyd Simmons
was asked to participate in the pro-
gram because of her work with the
National Association for Home
Care, the program in which the late
U.S. Senator and Representative
Claude Pepper of Florida took a
leadership role.

Simmons told The Pilot that she
found the program helpful, espe-
cially as it filled in gaps in her un-
derstanding of the proposal ad-
vanced by the President and based
on the studies of his wife, Hillary
Rodham Clinton, and a special
study committee.

She called it a very productive
event.

"I am very much aware that we
need comprehensive care for every-
one. My problem has been how to
pay for comprehensive care," Sim-
mons said in a telephone interview.
The President's speech helped
me to understand the total
program--who it would help, the
differences between the President's
program and those available in in-
surance programs."

She thinks the President's
proposal would actually strengthen
the Medicare program.

One problem she has observed in
following the issue on television
and in newspapers and magazines
is that of having questions and "you
don't have the opportunity to ask
these questions and get answers."

This was an opportunity to ask
questions, get answers and discuss
those answers.

(Continued On Page 15-A)

Architect Contra Given For Buildi

BY FLORENCE GILKESON

A new building for the Moore
County Department of Social Ser-
vices came a step closer to reality
Monday, when the board of com-
missioners approved a contract
with architect Calvin Howell.

Under the contract Howell's firm,
Hayes/Howell of Southern Pines is
to design a building to cost \$2.5
million for a lump sum fixed fee of
\$150,000.

In the board's discussion Monday

comparison as
the most cost-
financing the p

His findings
would enjoy a
over 45 years t
and owning th
as opposed to
He calculated o
year loan at s
with the state l
tion of the cost.
In the long

Health Care

(Continued From Front Page)

Simmons was among about 100 persons attending the workshop and conference. Participants were asked to share their personal experiences or those observed in the community as they pertain to health care needs and the special needs of the aging.

She told The Pilot that her comments included the need for a health coverage program encompassing not merely the needs of senior citizens but those of persons of all ages. (Attendance at the conference included members of the American Association of Retired Persons but was not confined to older adults).

A diabetic with a hypertension condition, Simmons said she is "fortunate to have good coverage."

McNeill Jr., the Moore County Board of Commissioners deferred

But this is not the case with other members of her own family.

A daughter living in California has lost her job and as a result has lost all of her health care coverage. Her son, also living in California, is disabled and recently was notified that he too will be terminated from his job. Not only will he lose his health care insurance but because of a pre-existing disability he will not be eligible for other resources, she said.

These were the types of experiences the conference leaders were seeking, Simmons explained.

Simmons said that she has helped her own family by picking up the cost of insurance for one of her grandchildren and for some of the other needs of her family.

She cited the needs of a friend with hypertension who has not seen a doctor in years because she has no insurance and no way to pay

(Continued On Page 20-A)

such costs.

After studying these problems for a number of years, Simmons said she has come to the conclusion that people can help solve the problem by becoming more caring about each other and offering to help.

"Everybody's going to have to pay something and make a sacrifice," she said.

Another need she sees is for mental health coverage.

"People ask why should we pay for kids getting killed in the ghetto, kids dying because of drugs. They are sick also. They are ill. They need more mental health care than most of us. We're all going to have to sacrifice," she said.

She was accompanied on the all-expense-paid trip by her husband, Dr. James S. Simmons, a retired physician who hails from Sanford.

The workshop was held last Thursday in the Executive Office Building in Washington, and the group was taken by bus to the Hilton Hotel to hear the address by President Clinton.

Portions of the program were taped and were later seen over Channel 11, Durham.

The program was originally scheduled on Wednesday, April 27, but was postponed until Thursday because of the day of mourning designated on the death of former President Richard M. Nixon. The program coincided with the gathering of the National Council on Aging.

Simmons said she was personally impressed with President Clinton.

"The President was cordial. He was very warm and gracious. He appeared down to earth and spoke on a level where the average person could understand," she said.

Born in Pinehurst, Simmons attended school in Southern Pines until she was in her teens, when the family moved to Boston.

Although she has nurse's training, Simmons went to work for the National Park Service and retired as a park ranger superintendent assigned to the William Howard Taft homeplace in Cincinnati, Ohio. For about 20 years she and her husband lived in Washington, D.C. She was one of the first women to serve as a superintendent in the Park Service.

Simmons has been active in the NAACP and the Urban League. Last year she was the author of an article recounting the 1963 Civil Rights March on Washington, led by Martin Luther King and which she attended. The article was printed in The Pilot to mark the 25th anniversary of the march.

Griffin also said that ably recommend a \$250,000 in the 1994 cover the cost in the 1 (Continued On Pa

ets Ho

most been electrocuted saved by his mother. "I prayed on my recalled.

So he attended an evening training class. Who could know later, Clay would be strummed to preserve different child in a minute struggle.

The national certificate from the American Inn presented to Clay during the annual appreciation luncheon

June 10, 1994

JUN 13 1994

MEMORANDUM FOR DISTRIBUTION

FROM: Mike Lux, Debbie Fine

SUBJECT: District Activities

Attached is this week's summary of allied group activities in selected districts around the country. The activities listed date back through May.

We would note some of the highlights from Memorial Day Recess:

- Health Care Reform Project launched its new ad campaign on June 2 which includes \$500,000 in paid radio and newspaper advertisements in ten districts and states; 300,000 pieces of direct mail and extensive phone banking. The message conveyed focuses on the coverage Members of Congress have, and on the importance of benefits through the workplace.
- Campaign for Health Security launched its new ad campaign on June 3 in New York, Oregon, Connecticut, Pennsylvania, Maine and Kansas. These radio ads will run for nine days with a message personalized to Members of Congress demanding that they be held accountable for sponsoring health care legislation that will give constituents less than they have.
- Campaign for Health Security, Citizen Action and Jobs With Justice sponsored over 65 health care events in thirty five states on June 2nd with the message to Members of Congress, "Give Us The Health Care We Give You."
- Many supportive organizations sent out action alerts and mailings asking their members to call, visit and write Congress. Many also included kits with samples of op eds, letters to the editor and letters to Congress. The organizations include AFL-CIO and its affiliates, American Psychiatric Association, American Academy of Family Physicians, American Medical Women's Association, National Association of Community Health Centers, Children's Defense Fund, Alzheimer's Association, the ARC, Catholic Health Association, Epilepsy Foundation, American Occupational Therapy Association, American Academy of Pediatrics, American College of Preventive Medicine, National Council of Senior Citizens and AIDS Action Council.

- The Small Business Coalition for Health Care Reform worked with Members of Congress in approximately 12 districts to focus local press and constituents on the existing support in the small business community for health care reform.
- Supportive groups continued and increased the level of activity throughout the recess with press conferences, leafletting, building crowds for town hall meetings, and other traditional grass roots activities.

June 24, 1994

MEMORANDUM FOR DISTRIBUTION

FROM: Mike Lux and Debbie Fine

SUBJECT: Summary of Allied Group Field Activities

Attached is an update of allied group activities in selected districts in the field. Much of the coalitional activity revolved around the Robert Wood Johnson NBC Special on June 21st, including house watch parties that in many cases generated press around local people in attendance with compelling stories. Call-ins to Members' offices demanding universal coverage for the two days following the show were also organized. In addition, many allied organizations sent out urgent action alerts asking their membership to flood district offices with demands for universal coverage.

Although the pressure continues to build in the field, much energy has focused on Washington D.C. because of the perceived threat to universal coverage.

First lady lays health-care cards on table for 100

BY JANE FULLERTON
Democrat-Gazette Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON — First lady Hillary Rodham Clinton discussed the administration's health-care reform plan Thursday with a group of doctors, including two from Little Rock. Dr. Charles Feild, a pediatrician at Arkansas Children's Hospital, and Dr. Joe Hargrove, a Little Rock cardiologist, were among about 100 doctors at the private White House meeting. The group also heard from Harold Ickes, deputy chief of

staff, Stan Greenberg, the president's pollster, and Ira Magaziner, the senior policy adviser who has overseen the White House's health-care reform effort.

Feild said the tone of the meeting differed sharply from that of a similar meeting he attended in February. At the earlier gathering, he said, White House officials were much more defensive about the president's plan.

"I felt like they were more up-front with us today that the

plan isn't perfect," Feild said. "They're obviously going to compromise on some things."

But Feild noted White House officials' insistence that their bottom line would still have to include two key features — universal coverage for Americans and a comprehensive benefits package.

President Clinton's health-care plan is being considered by a number of congressional committees. The plan has received a mixed reaction on Capitol Hill, where opponents

are backing a variety of alternatives.

Feild acknowledged that doctors, like the general public, are split in their views on the various health reform proposals. But he warned that physicians and the public could vote against lawmakers if they fail to pass a meaningful reform package.

"If they just pass something, I have to say they passed health care reform at some point the American people and physicians and a group are going to rear up and over-

take

re-

ch-

an-

and

only

also

from

Washington

• FRIDAY, MAY 19, 1984 • A14

new cardston table for 100 doctors, 2 from ER

plan isn't perfect. Feld said they're obviously going to come from someone else. But Feld noted that House officials "insistence that their bottom line would still have to be healthy or reforming, not just a patchwork of new ideas." Feld said he would like to see a plan that would be considered a "major number of congressional committees. The plan has been already in the medical profession in Capitol Hill, where opponents

are backing a variety of alternatives. Feld acknowledged that doctors, like the general public, are split in their view on the part of health reform proposals. But he warned that physicians and the public would unite against a measure if they fail to pass a meaningful reform package. If they just pass something to satisfy a need for health care reform, at some point the American people and physicians as a group are going to tear up and

take it back. People who promised to reform and didn't deliver it, he said, are not going to be respected. Feld said he respects the Clinton administration's effort to try to fix the nation's health care system, though he is not a fan of the White House plan. He said he thinks they've done pretty well, but the only thing anyone could have done at this point, which is to try to pass a bill, he said. Feld cited a letter showing a number of uninsured children

and adults in the past year of the Clinton administration. But even though he said he respects the Clinton administration's effort to try to fix the nation's health care system, he said he is not a fan of the White House plan. He said he thinks they've done pretty well, but the only thing anyone could have done at this point, which is to try to pass a bill, he said. Feld cited a letter showing a number of uninsured children

To Liz

Shunnahon

From

Dr Feld

The Parade isa very conservative

paper - For them,

this is a very positive advice

x Anti Clinton!

Saturday, June 4, 1994

The Dickinson Press

Dickinson, North Dakota

Health care concerns heard

Conrad hosts forum

CARY SHIMEK
Staff Writer

U.S. Senator Kent Conrad has heard story after story about the horrors of the state's health care system, as he conducts a series of health care hearings across North Dakota.

Dickinson also has its share of horror stories.

At a hearing Friday afternoon at Dickinson State University, Conrad heard from a woman who had health insurance, but — since her specialized operation had to be done outside the state — she was left with a \$27,000 bill.

Conrad said he wanted feedback from the people of North Dakota since Congress will soon vote on health care.

At the Dickinson hearing, Conrad heard testimony from a seven-member panel of consumers, small business owners, health care providers and insurance representatives. He also took comments from the audience.

About 100 people attended the hearing.

Conrad used a series of charts to illustrate spiraling health care costs. He said North Dakotans pay a higher percentage of their income to health insurance than most other states with 17.4 percent. The national average is 13.1 percent.

John Studsrud, administrator of St. Joseph's Hospital, later corrected Conrad's figure. He said that since North Dakota has a net 10-percent patient in-migration, North Dakota's percentage actually hovers around 15 percent — still above the national average.

Conrad said even if Congress adopts Clinton's health care plan,



Conrad

health care costs will still grow drastically.

"But it's still less than if we do nothing," he said.

Conrad took an informal survey of the audience and learned they generally support a 75-cent tax on each pack of cigarettes, they want restrictions placed on malpractice suits to reduce insurance costs and they want patients to pay a portion of their medical bills to reduce abuse or overuse of a new system.

However, the audience was

more divided over whether they wanted a universal health care system — where everybody is covered — or milder health care reforms. The audience also seemed torn over how much mental illness costs should be covered.

Each of the seven panelists had about five minutes to speak. All agreed that some health care reforms are needed, but they disagreed about the breadth and scope of those changes.

Paul Bosch, representing small businesses, said many businesses soon won't be able to afford health insurance.

Del Gab, representing the insurance industry, said underwriters are concerned about premium caps on insurance.

"Artificial price controls like that could lead to inadequate resources and put people out of business," he said.

State legislator Frank Wald addressed Conrad from the audience.

"Whatever you come up with on health care," Wald said, "please don't send us (federal) mandate without the funding. If it's a federal law, please send the bucks along with it."

Another woman claimed the medical clinics in Dickinson couldn't accept patients dependent on Medicaid. Clinic administrators admitted that a tangled health care bureaucracy has made accepting Medicaid patients nearly tolerable.

"Hearing about these cases is important," Conrad said. "They illustrate serious problems with our health care system."

COMMENTARY

WASHINGTON WATCH

Sen. Breaux upsets business lobbyists

US. Sen. John Breaux, D-La., horrified lobbyists at the National Federation of Independent Business last week when he offered a compromise on mandatory employer-provided health insurance.

Breaux, who had opposed the mandatory provision, proposed a compromise that would impose the employer mandate, but exempt businesses with 10 or fewer employees.

But NFIB held its fire on Breaux. The senator always has been a small-business advocate, and "we know his heart's in the right place," said NFIB's lead lobbyist, John Motley.

Still, the exemption isn't wide enough to suit the NFIB, and its membership of small and medium-sized businesses opposes almost all expansions of government regulation.

Some of those members have been counting on the Cooper-Breaux health-care bill, precisely because that bill rejects employer mandates in any form.

At one point last week, Breaux said his proposal solves most problems with employer mandates, because "78 percent of the businesses in this country have 10 or fewer employees" and would qualify for his exemption. But he insisted this isn't a proposal; it's just an option for discussion.

Said Motley:

"It appears to me that what we have here is John Breaux being John Breaux. This is a man who loves to legislate. He is a deal-maker. He likes to be at the center of the deal, and that's always been a concern to us — how long would John Breaux stay with it (opposition to mandates)? My sense is he just can't resist playing the game... But I think it's going to be very difficult for him to broker a compromise like this."

After key environmentalists, regulators and manufacturers reached an unexpected — and delicately balanced — agreement, the House Energy and Commerce Committee last week reported a Superfund bill for cleaning up abandoned hazardous waste dumps.

A long-running Louisiana complaint against the current Superfund program: it's been too slow, and too few sites have been placed on the Superfund list, which qualifies them for federal aid, and oversight,



**JOAN
MCKINNEY**

"It appears to me that what we have here is John Breaux being John Breaux."

in cleaning up toxic pollution.

Committee member U.S. Rep. Billy Tauzin, D-Thibodaux, predicts that, if this bill becomes law, its new definitions and procedures will result in Superfund listings for Louisiana's Devil's Swamp and for Capitol Lake in Baton Rouge.

Vice President Al Gore is scheduled for a June 3 fund-raising appearance in New Orleans for U.S. Rep. William Jefferson, D-New Orleans.

Two setbacks for U.S. Sen. J. Bennett Johnston's legislation that would reduce, or forgive, the federal royalties owed on oil and gas extracted from deep-water tracts on the federal Outer Continental Shelf: the Clinton administration still isn't cooperating, and the Senate last week said no.

A few weeks ago, the Louisiana Democrat was excited when a top Department of Energy official, testifying before Johnston's Senate Energy Committee, implied that the administration would soon be endorsing Johnston's bill, or endorsing at least the concept of royalty relief.

That endorsement has not come — and, meanwhile, the Senate took up a major OCS bill last week.

Johnston offered his royalty-relief amendment, and it was tabled (killed) 65-34.

Johnston isn't giving up. An aide says he is looking for another piece of legislation to carry the royalty-relief amendment, and that legislation could surface in a week or so.

Johnston is getting some slight movement, though, on another rescue bill for some offshore operators — the independents.

All offshore operators are coming under new regulations dealing with oil spills, and each offshore operator must certify that it can handle \$150 million worth of oil-spill liability.

Johnston says many smaller independents can't certify to that high sum. So he proposes some flexibility for the U.S. secretary of the interior, who would — under a Johnston bill — be allowed to relax the liability certification for independents if the secretary feels the risk of oil spills is low.

Environment and Public Works Committee Chairman Max Baucus, D-Mont., reportedly has promised to consider Johnston's oil-spill liability legislation within the next two or three weeks.

Louisianians in Washington last week:

• Mike Millay, executive director of the New Orleans Sports Foundation. He testified at a Senate subcommittee considering a bill to redirect money from the federal Urban Parks program into youth recreation programs in high-crime neighborhoods.

Millay said New Orleans could use the money to upgrade its existing recreation buildings, which he said have bad lighting, hazardous sidewalks and falling ceiling tiles.

• George Barnich of the Governor's Shrimp Task Force, Louisiana Office of Fisheries Assistant Secretary Corky Perret and Pete Juneau, of the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries.

They were in Louisiana congressional offices seeking information on federal aid for the fisheries industry, endangered-turtle regulations and the shape of future legislation dealing with "bycatch" — that is, other marine life captured with the commercial harvest.

Joan McKinney is The Advocate's Washington correspondent.

Baton Rouge Advocate 5/19/94

Kennedy health plan debate begins



Sen. Edward Kennedy, D-Mass., third from left, presides over hearing on health care reform Wednesday on Capitol Hill with Labor and Human Resources Committee members Sens. Nancy Kassebaum, R-Kan., right, and, from left, Howard Metzenbaum, D-Ohio, and California Pat, D-R.I.

GOP senators armed with 91 amendments

By NITA LELYVELD
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — Republican and Democratic senators staked out widely differing positions Wednesday as they began debating Sen. Edward M. Kennedy's version of President Clinton's health plan. Kennedy's approach, like Clinton's, is sweeping, and Republicans want something less.

They came armed with 91 amendments, many of which would strike key mechanisms of the proposal.

"We can and must do this together," Kennedy told his Labor and Human Resources Committee, the first Senate panel to begin debating a health bill. The committee has 10 Democrats and seven Republicans.

In the House, the Ways and Means Committee, which began considering a health bill approved by a subcommittee in March, also got off to a partisan start. Rep. Pete Stark, D-Calif., blamed Republicans for standing in the way of health reform.

Stark said universal coverage "has been frustrated by the Republican Party for the previous 12 years. ... Finally it had a chance to grow and flourish under the leadership of President Clinton."

As the two committees got down to work, Vice President Al Gore urged organized labor to keep up the pressure on Congress. "The American people understand that it's time to act," he told the legislative conference of the Service Employees International Union.

"We are going to pass health reform this year," said. Nearly half the union's 1 million members are health-care workers.

Kennedy, who in 32 years as a senator has learned the value of compromise, has gone to great pains to incorporate many points advocated by Republican members.

He also wrote his bill in close consultation with Senate Majority Leader George Mitchell and the White House.

Despite Kennedy's efforts to win over Republicans, "Right now the bipartisan consensus is just a bit thin," said Sen. James Jeffords, R-Vt., who has endorsed the Democratic approach.

Most Republicans insist Kennedy's plan is too like Clinton's and both are too bureaucratic.

Sen. Nancy Kassebaum of Kansas, the committee's ranking Republican, likened Kennedy's bill to "a casserole that's made with the previous night's meal."

She said it included "a small forest of new programs."

Kennedy's bill builds on Clinton's but drops the requirement that consumers buy health insurance from big "mandatory alliances." It includes greater benefits in areas such as women's health, mental illness and drug abuse. It also exempts the smallest of businesses — with under six employees — from paying for workers' health insurance.

But Kassebaum argued that many of the changes are cosmetic.

Even if the alliances are voluntary, they still exist, Kassebaum said, and states still have to pick up a host of regulatory duties in overseeing them.

Her first amendment, which immediately bogged down the committee, would get rid of the alliances, state responsibilities toward them and many other key parts of the bill's structure — nearly 30 pages worth.

Democrats said Republicans shouldn't try to strike parts of the bill, but should work constructively to revise the parts they didn't like.

"We do not want to legislate more regulatory requirements than are necessary to get the job done," said Sen. Jeff Bingaman, D-N.M.

In a brief afternoon meeting of the committee, Kassebaum agreed to put her amendment aside and discuss compromise solutions.

Kennedy's staff has been working through the night to make last-minute changes in the bill. One such change on Wednesday brought a major victory for the drug industry, particularly the many biotech companies in Kennedy's home state.

Kennedy stripped away a special council that Clinton had proposed to monitor drug prices. Drug companies

Breaux proposal spurs alarm

By JOAN MCKINNEY
Advocate Washington bureau

WASHINGTON — Lobbyists for small business reacted with alarm Wednesday to the prospect that U.S. Sen. John Breaux, D-La., is now circulating a legislative proposal that would require many businesses to pay a share of their workers' health insurance.

Breaux also is testing the waters for a new health-care reform tax, which he calls an "assessment," to be imposed on larger businesses.

Breaux is a chief co-sponsor of the Cooper-Breaux bill, which has drawn widespread business support because it specifically rejects all employer mandates for health-care reform.

Breaux continued to insist Wednesday that his new proposal is not a hard-and-fast piece of legislation but is only a discussion paper about the concept of requiring large businesses to provide insurance while exempting small businesses from that mandate.

Nevertheless, one pro-business lobby, Citizens for a Sound Economy (CSE), said Breaux has always opposed the employer mandate and always said the mandate would hurt small businesses and could cost jobs.

CSE President Paul Beckner said it is difficult to understand why Breaux would "keep mandates on the bargaining table as an option he might support." CSE has ties to longtime conservative Republicans and to the oil industry and claims a Louisiana membership of about 2,500.

At the far more influential National Federation of Independent Business, the chief lobbying organization for the nation's small businesses, spokesman Terry Hill said, "There has been some strong discussion around here today about his (Breaux's) retreat on mandates."

But John Motley, the NFIB's vice president for government affairs, said his organization would withhold its heaviest fire while "we try to get to the bottom of this — I'm not at the point of saying we're going to declare a jihad (holy war) in Louisiana."

Motley said NFIB will not yield in its opposition to all employer mandates, is unhappy about Breaux's latest move and is seeking some non-confrontational talks with Breaux as a first step.

Motley said he has contacted two NFIB members in Louisiana and NFIB's Louisiana director and asked them to talk with Breaux. He also called Breaux's office.

what surprised that the Breaux proposal is very detailed and was presented in writing at the weekly private policy meeting of all Democratic senators.

The proposal would:

- Exempt businesses with 10 or fewer workers from all mandates.

These smallest businesses would not have to provide insurance, and they would not have to subsidize health-care reform in any other way.

- Give a choice to businesses with 11 to 20 workers. These businesses could either provide insurance coverage for their workers, or, if they did not provide insurance, they would be required to pay a new payroll tax of 1 percent for businesses of 11 to 15 workers or 2 percent for businesses of 16 to 20 workers.

- Impose a mandate on businesses with 21 to 1,000 employees, whereby they would be required to provide health insurance for their workforce.

- Impose a different, tougher mandate on businesses with more than 1,000 employees.

These largest businesses would be required to provide insurance and also pay a 1 percent payroll tax.

The new tax revenues in Breaux's plan would cover "subsidies," such as subsidies to smaller businesses with a low-wage workforce.

In effect, that means Breaux's proposed new tax structure could have some larger businesses further subsidizing small business insurance costs. Breaux conceded that may cost him some big business support should his proposal develop into serious legislation.

But for the moment, Breaux said, many big businesses are lobbying for employer mandates. Executives of some large businesses that already pay all or most of their workers' health insurance premiums say they want their competitors to pay, too.

They also say their insurance premiums are too high because hospitals and doctors shift the costs of treating uninsured people onto the bills of insured patients.

Breaux said a Louisiana representative of Dow Chemical and several other Louisiana plant managers visited him this week, and "they advocate employer mandates."

"The small companies, they have the biggest problems with mandates, so let's correct that" by a small-business exemption, Breaux said.

The proposal he took to the Democratic caucus "solves the problems of mandates, to a large degree," he said.

Baton Rouge
Advocate
May 18, 1994

Breaux denies change in health-care stance

By JOAN McGINNEY
Advocate Washington bureau

WASHINGTON — U.S. Sen. John Breaux, D-La., kicked up a flurry of talk about health-care compromises Tuesday when he led Senate Democrats through a closed-door discussion of several alternatives that would require some businesses to buy health insurance for their workers and exempt others.

In the past, and again in an interview Tuesday, Breaux has publicly rejected all forms of mandatory, employer-paid health insurance.

Breaux's own health-care bill, widely known as the Cooper-Breaux bill, does not include employer mandates. That is a main reason why many business executives, especially small business owners, endorse the Breaux bill.

Conversely, a powerful small business lobby adamantly opposes President Clinton's health-care bill because it would require everybody to buy health insurance and would require most businesses to pay a large share of the premiums for their workers.

The employer-mandate controversy is regarded as a main stumbling block to passage of a health-care reform bill.

Although details are not clear, Breaux initiated some discussion of employer mandates Tuesday when Democrats met in private for their weekly policy luncheon.

Speculation began immediately that Breaux had signaled a willingness to yield on his opposition to employer mandates. By some accounts, Breaux had made one or more proposals.

But that is not accurate, Breaux said in a late afternoon interview.

After the caucus, "somebody called reporters and leaked that 'Breaux made a proposal,' which is not correct," the senator said.

But Breaux confirmed he did ask senators to discuss what options or alternatives would suit them on employer mandates. "I need to try to find out how these people think," he said.

Specifically, Breaux said senators discussed mandatory employer-financed insurance for larger businesses, with exemptions for smaller businesses. There was

some talk about how small a business might have to be — 10 workers or 5 or less, for example — to qualify for a total exemption.

Breaux stressed that he personally did not endorse an employer mandate in any form.

"I prefer no employer mandates," he said. "I'm concerned about the potential effect, especially on small businesses."

But asked if he has permanently drawn a line against all employer mandates, Breaux said, "I don't draw lines in the sand. I'm trying to get a healthcare bill that works."

As a Senate Finance Committee member and a sponsor of a major health-care initiative, Breaux has been attending regular, private meetings — as many as three a week — where all the committee's Republicans and Democrats have tried to hammer out a consensus health-care bill. To date, that committee effort has not produced anything concrete.

On Tuesday, the sessions varied somewhat. Senate Finance Democrats met alone early in the day, and then Democrats and Republicans met together.

More Finance Committee caucuses are tentatively set for Thursday, and Clinton is said to be calling key senators to the White House next week for a health-care discussion.

The Wichita Eagle

Op-Ed Page

In America, health-care politics . . .

by Teresa Beard

Special to The Wichita Eagle

In October of 1992, I gave birth to a beautiful baby boy. I named him Dallis. After Dallis was born, I returned to work as an administrative assistant to the director of a disability services group in Topeka. I would have preferred to stay at home with my new son and his older sister, Mia, but I needed a job to support my family.

In May of 1992, I had health insurance through the Medicaid program. But I lost that protection when I returned to work. That seemed strange to me — when I was unemployed I had the type of health security that I always thought every hard-working person deserved. But when I was working, I was no longer eligible for that protection. Fortunately, my new salary was low enough that my children were able to stay on Medicaid.

It was good at my job and I worked hard. So, in October of 1993, I got a salary adjustment that made me very happy. But I soon got a shock: As a result of the extra money, my children no longer qualified for Medicaid coverage!

I looked into the health-insurance plan that my employer offered, but my share of the premium would have been more than \$440 per month. With a modest salary and two children to feed, I just didn't have an extra \$440 for monthly premiums. Thus, my children and I became three of the 20,000 Kansans who lose their health insurance every month. Many of them lose their health insurance when they lose their job. I lost my health insurance because I got a job.

Since my family's crisis, I have been following the national debate on health-care reform. Some politicians, such as Sen. Dole, say we don't have a health-care crisis. I beg to differ. I know firsthand that there is a crisis. I am greatly encouraged by President Clinton's commitment to guarantee every American private



Peter Kuper

health insurance that can never be taken away. If this had been the case when I accepted my job, my family would not now be vulnerable to financial ruin if any of us need serious medical attention.

Recently, I spent several days in the nation's capital with a group of people who experienced similar pain and frustration with our health-care system. Families USA, the national consumer group working on behalf of families like mine, gathered seven of us from different parts of the country to help illustrate their new report, "How Americans Lose Health Insurance." I learned that most people lose health insurance when they lose a job or take a new job. I had no idea that so many Americans were in the same position that my children and I are in. In a country as great as the United States, it is unthinkable that we could let this sort of thing happen to millions of Americans every

month.

While in Washington, I took part in a Families USA press conference in the U.S. capitol that included Senate Majority Leader George Mitchell, Sen. Tom Daschle, House Majority Leader Richard Gephardt and Congressman John Dingell. I listened with pride as an American as they pronounced their strong support for health reform, and was reminded of President Clinton's promise to veto any legislation that does not include private health insurance that can never be taken away. The president's promise has become a symbol to those of us who have just lost our health insurance, and to those who live in fear that they are a pink slip or a new job away from losing their own coverage.

After the press conference, the other people in my group spent time talking with their representatives in Congress about the health-care crisis in America. My representative, Jim Slattery, couldn't find time to see me. None of his staffers could fit me in either. I took this as a real slap in the face. It is my sincere hope that he does not receive all Kansans the way I received me.

I had a simple message to give Rep. Slattery and, since he wouldn't listen while I was in Washington, I'll tell him now. Each month 20,000 Kansans will lose their health insurance until this problem is solved. I want Rep. Slattery to represent Kansans in the health-reform debate, not the insurance companies. And finally, I want every Kansan to get what he gets guaranteed private health insurance with comprehensive benefits that can never be taken away. Why should Congress get these benefits and deny them to hard-working Americans? It is time for Mr. Slattery to do what is right. For the honest and hardworking Kansans he wants to represent as our governor. Support President Clinton on health-care reform.

Teresa Beard lives in Topeka.

Wichita Eagle

6/1/94

Long-term care on tour agenda

By Dave Ranney

The Wichita Eagle

An association dedicated to making sure that the needs of the elderly aren't left out of the national health care debate is bringing its road show to Wichita.

A listening tour sponsored by HealthRIGHT will be at the Downtown Senior Center, 200 S. Walnut, from 9 a.m. to noon today to hear from Kansans whose needs are not being met under the current health care system.

Wichita is one of 38 cities in the group's bus tour of 26 Eastern and Midwestern states. The group is led by former Congresswoman Mary Rose Oakar of Ohio, and Arthur Flemming, a former U.S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare secretary under Dwight Eisenhower.

U.S. Rep. Dan Glickman, D-Wich-

ita, is expected to comment on the status of the health care in Congress.

Much of the testimony is prearranged, but time has been set aside for anyone not already on the agenda.

Plans call for videotaping the testimony. Copies of the tape will be presented to President Clinton, Hillary Rodham Clinton and members of Congress.

"Our emphasis is making sure that long-term care is included in whatever health care package comes out of Washington, and by long-term care I mean nurses going into elderly people's homes to help them continue living at home, hospice care, caring for the chronically ill and the disabled," said Julie Jasperson, a spokeswoman for the Kansas Home Care Association, which is affiliated with HealthRIGHT.

active aging



June 1994

active aging

National health care forum comes to Wichita

A national group working for health care reform will hold a public forum in Wichita on Wednesday, June 1 at the Downtown Senior Center.

The National Association for Home Care's "Speak Out America! The Heartland Tour" will be in Wichita to solicit reaction from Wichita area residents about the various health care reform bills pending in Congress, "taking the public pulse" on which plan will meet the nation's needs.

Area residents can share their comments for a video presentation compiled by HealthRIGHT at the Downtown Center, 200 S. Walnut, beginning at 9 a.m. Wichita is one stop on a tour of 36 cities in 25 states to compile a "video petition" for health care reform.

After the tour concludes July 6, videotaped summaries of the public's views will be presented to President Clinton, First Lady Clinton and Congress.

HealthRIGHT is a non profit coalition for comprehensive, compassionate health care reform, organized by the National Association for Home Care and sponsored by the ALS Association; the American Association of Retired Persons; the American Federation of State, County

and Municipal Employees; the American Federation of Teachers; the Center for Health Care Law; the Child Welfare League of America; the Cleft Palate Foundation; the Gray Panthers; the Long-Term Care Campaign; the March of

Dimes; the National Association of Area Agencies on Aging; the National Caucus and Center on Black Aged; the National Council of Senior Citizens, and the Organization for Care in the Home and Hospice.

JUNE 1, 79

The Wichita Eagle

Glickman offers advice

Clinton told it's time
for health bill deals

By Dave Ranney
The Wichita Eagle

Rep. Dan Glickman had some advice Wednesday for the Clinton administration on how to get a health care reform package through Congress: Cut the chatter and get ready to deal.

"My only criticism of the White House is that there's been a little too much salesmanship and not quite enough leadership in being direct with the American people as to what's really needed to achieve the goals we're talking about," he said.

Addressing a morning forum sponsored by HealthRIGHT, a national association representing the long-term health care needs of the elderly and disabled, the Wichita Democrat said Clinton needs to quit promoting the administration's package and start dealing with Congress.

Those negotiations, Glickman said, should not be limited to faithful Democrats.

Congress will spend the next four weeks refining its reform package, Glickman said. "This is what they not-so-eloquently call nut-cutting time, the time to make decisions and move things forward."

Despite all the media attention being focused on health care reform, Glickman warned that several special interest groups stand ready to fight change.

"Right now one out of every seven dollars that's spent in this country is spent on health care. And with the aging of our population, that figure is likely to grow to one out of six, maybe one out of five," he said. "There are people, I assure you, who are quite comfortable with the status quo."

Glickman criticized the health insurance industry for "spreading fear" about reform efforts while failing to mention that its profits are tied to the status quo.

"Certain parts of the health care industry and the White House have both engaged in excessive rhetoric and hyperbole about who's at fault. All I'm saying is that the time for that has ended. It's time for the president to sit down and cut his deal."

TOPEKA CAPITAL Journal

JUNE 3, 94

Rep. Wagnon fires back at Slattery

The Associated Press

Democratic gubernatorial candidate Joan Wagnon fired back Thursday at U.S. Rep. Jim Slattery for his campaign's criticism of her choice for a running mate.

Wagnon, a state representative from Topeka, named state Sen. Doug Walker of Osawatomie as her lieutenant governor running mate. Walker, a relatively liberal legislator, is best known for his work on health-care issues.

Slattery's press secretary, Jim McLean, said Walker's selection moved the Wagnon ticket closer to the "radical fringe." Slattery, who is considered the front-runner in the Democratic gubernatorial race, hasn't named a running mate yet.

In response, Wagnon noted that Walker is a farmer and the son of a Baptist minister. She said McLean's comments show that Slattery has "an absolutely astonishing lack of understanding of the day-to-day reality of Kansas life today."

"Only a congressman would think that a small Kansas farmer who is a member of the Baptist church and the son of a Baptist minister is the radical fringe," Wagnon said. "Washington ideas and Washington methods can't solve Kansas problems."

Opinion

Tobacco under siege

I am responding to a recent letter by Scott Stallard of Nickelsville. Mr. Stallard referred to a Washington Post article to support his statement that 9th District Congressman Rick Boucher supports a tobacco tax increase. I, too, read the article, and Mr. Stallard is wrong; it did not indicate that the congressman supports a tax increase on tobacco products.

I have attended four recent town meetings (Saltville, Mendota, Dunganon, and Castlewood) during which Congressman Boucher stated a number of times that he opposes a tobacco tax increase. Tobacco farmers were present at the meetings. Congressman Boucher's aide, Becky Coleman, spoke at a rally of tobacco farmers in Gate City. She also stated that Congressman Boucher opposes a tobacco tax increase.

Congressman Boucher estimates that approximately 25 percent of the citizens of the 9th District are without health care benefits (including many tobacco farmers and their families) and he does support health care coverage for all citizens. I have long been an advocate for health care reform, and I commend Congressman Boucher for his efforts to assist our tobacco farmers. Less than 10 percent of the members of Congress represent tobacco farmers. There is a nationwide trend to ban the production and use of tobacco products; public support against the use of tobacco products is overwhelming. School programs tout the ills of the use of tobacco products. Nationwide concern over the exposure to secondhand cigarette smoke dominates bans on smoking. Physicians and other health officials continuously warn about the devastating health effects of exposure to and the use of tobacco products. Yes, Mr. Stallard, for these reasons, the tobacco industry is under siege. But Congressman Boucher's efforts to assist tobacco farmers includes transition monies for tobacco farmers in any legislation that might involve increases of penalties on tobacco products.

Congressman Rick Boucher has been, and continues to be a friend to all farmers in our district.

Sam Church
Appalachia, Va

Opinion

Kingsport  Times-News

Fought for farmer

I recently came across a handwritten flier accusing Rick Boucher of selling out tobacco farmers. I would like to refute this accusation.

Mr. Boucher is the hardest working congressman this district has ever had. In addition to all the work he has done for the Southwest Virginia agricultural community, he has also brought to our region economic development, technology and advances for our schools.

He has almost single-handedly, with only a small group of other congressmen from tobacco regions, fought back an onslaught of anti-tobacco legislation. The tide is turning against tobacco in many areas, but Mr. Boucher has defended our tobacco economy. Whether it was fighting against larger tobacco warnings on cigarette packaging or arguing against proposals to further limit smoking in public, Mr. Boucher was aggressively working for our tobacco-based economy.

Congressman Boucher has fought for the tobacco farmer. Don't be misled by his opponents' accusations!

Joseph L. Green
Gate City, Va.

4A Kingsport Times-News / Monday, June 6, 1994

Post-It brand fax transmittal memo 7671

• of pages •

To	MURRAY RAPP	From	Sam Ch...
Co.		Co.	
Dept.		Phone #	
Fax #		Fax #	

Nation/World

Congress nears critical point on health care

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The defection of a prominent, big-state Democratic senator from President Clinton's health bill was just one more kick at a plan that stood no chance of being enacted as presented.

The next four weeks may well determine whether Con-

gress passes any health bill at all this year, or whether incumbents like Sen. Dianne Feinstein will have to face the voters having failed at the task.

None of the five major committees was able to finish its work by the Democratic leaders' informal Memorial Day deadline, and now they are all shooting for the Fourth of July.

Sen. Edward M. Kennedy, D-Mass., the pacesetter, is determined to push his Clinton-lite bill through the Senate Labor and Human Resources Committee this Thursday — by 6 p.m., no less. He would keep the requirement that most businesses help pay for their workers' coverage.

The House Ways and Means Committee resumes work

Thursday under a new acting chairman, Sam Gibbons, D-Fla., in the wake of the indictment of Dan Rostenkowski, D-Ill. Gibbons will work from a subcommittee blueprint to open Medicare up to the uninsured and low-wage workers.

The staff of the Senate Finance Committee, which many lawmakers expect to serve as the engine of compromise, has

spent the long Memorial Day break drafting a list of proposals that Democratic and Republican senators can agree on and options for dealing with their differences.

The Finance Committee will resume its informal, closed-door talks Wednesday, with a vote at least two weeks away. Sen. Daniel Patrick Moynihan, D-N.Y., told a convention of New York Demo-

crats in Buffalo on Wednesday. "In this Congress, my mission is clear: Get the president his bill."

The liberal House Education and Labor panel will likely see its labor-management subcommittee, which has already voted for a version of the Clinton plan, put its stamp of approval as well Thursday on a Canadian-style, government-financed health system for all.

Moynihan reveals vow to soon draft health reform bill

By DOUGLAS TURNER
News Washington Bureau Chief

Sen. Daniel Patrick Moynihan, D-N.Y., revealed on Wednesday he has promised President Clinton that his Senate Finance Committee will complete its draft of a health-care reform bill by next week.

That public commitment by the Finance Committee chairman means that the two most powerful panels in the Senate will be fully engaged in designing health-care legislation by midmonth, greatly increasing the possibility that Congress might produce a bill this year.

Sen. Edward M. Kennedy, D-Mass., who heads the Committee on Labor and Human Resources, introduced a detailed bill, called a chairman's mark, on May 11. His committee has been working on the bill in a series of meetings called markups.

In a speech at the State Democratic Convention in Buffalo, Moynihan said, "(Last) Thursday I told the president the committee staff would draft a chairman's mark during this Memorial Day recess, and that I would present it to the committee" when it returns. That will be Tuesday.

Both Moynihan and Kennedy have missed self-imposed deadlines. Moynihan said in March his committee would complete its work by May 27. Kennedy said the same thing May 11.

Under pressure from liberal activists for his criticism of the president's bill, Moynihan told the convention, "In this Congress, my mission is clear: Get the president his bill."

Western New York Health Care Campaign, which supports a Canadian-style single-payer plan, circulated handbills at the convention criticizing Moynihan's "repeated support for Republican positions on health-care reform."

It also plans a demonstration today in Buffalo criticizing his acceptance of \$259,685 in campaign contributions from the health and insurance industries since becoming finance chairman in January 1993.

An allied organization, Citizen Action of New York State, announced Wednesday it will hold "an old-fashioned town meeting" and picnic in Pindar Corners, in the Catskills on June 11 to tell Moynihan, "Don't come home without health-care reform."

Rev. Al Sharpton, who said he will circulate petitions to oppose Moynihan in the Democratic Senate primary this September, has denounced Moynihan for failing to enthusiastically support the president's bill.

However, in his speech, Moynihan said he is a sponsor of Clinton's bill, has held 31 hearings on it, and taken testimony from 149 witnesses.

Moynihan said he wants these elements in a health-care bill: All persons should be included; there should be a single standard of care; medical care should be easily accessible, and all persons should retain the right to choose their own doctor.

News political reporter Robert J. McCarthy contributed to this report.

Buffalo News 6/2/93

Consumer groups criticize Pickle's health care proposal

Austin agencies say exemptions destroy chances for single-payer system

By Michele Key
American-Statesman Washington Staff

WASHINGTON — Two consumer groups in Austin have accused U.S. Rep. Jake Pickle, D-Austin, of trying to derail health care reform — particularly the single-payer system they support — by seeking exemptions for large employers who operate in several states.

The exemptions sought by Pickle would give these companies immunity from single-payer systems that states might put in place. They also would continue to free these companies from other state rules on health insurance, which has been the law since 1974.

Texas Citizen Action and the

Southwest office of Consumers Union believe Pickle's efforts will make it more difficult for Congress to enact health care legislation, particularly a single-payer system in which the government would collect premiums and provide the same health coverage for everyone.

Pickle is a member of the influential House Ways and Means Committee, which is debating changes in the nation's health care system. In a letter dated May 26, Pickle asked U.S. Rep. Dan Rostenkowski, D-Ill., who was then the committee's chairman, to exempt employers from state mandates who are now covered by the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974.

Under the ERISA provisions, all employers who self-insure and thus assume the financial risk of their health benefit plans, are exempt from state regulations.

In Texas, for example, ERISA plans do not have to provide coverage for a long list of conditions the state's Legislature requires other



U.S. Rep. Jake Pickle, D-Austin, is debating health care reform on the House Ways and Means Committee.

employers to offer. These include chemical dependency treatment, home health services and mammography for women 36 and older.

That is unacceptable to the two consumer groups.

If single-payer legislation is passed, the consumer groups say, the exemptions will get progress because they will allow the larger companies to negotiate discounts with health care providers and shift costs to smaller employers. In addition, universal access to health care and the ability of employees to keep their coverage if they change jobs would be jeopardized.

"Everyone loves Pickle, and we love him, too, but this is not the way to go out," said Tim Curtis, executive director of Texas Citizens Action.

Pickle, who is due to retire from Congress at the end of the year, was not available for comment. He is in France attending D-Day celebrations.

But Alfred Gilchrist, director of legislative affairs at the Texas Medical Association in Austin, said Pickle's critics were "inaccurate."

"I have personally heard him talk passionately about wanting to close his congressional career by

supporting a health care plan that will pass into law and that the president will sign," Gilchrist said.

Curtis said that although Pickle assured groups in Austin this spring that he was concerned about the effects of health care reform on small businesses, all he has done is try to help large corporations.

In his letter to Rostenkowski, Pickle said he wanted companies with operations throughout the country to offer their employees the same benefits, regardless of their location. Nineteen other House members signed the letter, including U.S. Rep. Mike Andrews, D-Houston, the only other Democrat from Texas on the Ways and Means Committee.

"Should the current system of uniformity for multi-state employer plans be disrupted, hundreds of thousands of employees will suffer," Pickle wrote.

But consumer advocates discounted Pickle's reasoning and accused him of catering to the health

insurance industry.

"Since 1988, he (Pickle) has taken \$264,266 in campaign contributions from the health and insurance industry," Curtis said. "Could this be a payoff for his professional politician pals in Congress or for the special interests who stand to lose if Congress does pass comprehensive reform?"

Lisa McMillert, senior policy analyst at the Consumer Union's Southwest Regional Office in Austin, said preserving the ERISA exemption would destroy the standardized benefits all Americans would receive under health care reform. She said the immunity was not necessary because companies could offer additional benefits if they wished. Instead, the ERISA exemption would allow them to provide workers with less coverage.

"Pickle's proposal is the perfect wrench to throw into the works. It will appeal to anyone who wants to stop health care reform," McMillert said.

Post-It brand fax transmittal memo 7671 # of pages 1

To ~~Sam Church~~	From Sam Church
Co Murray	Co.
Dept	Phone #
Fax #	Fax #

6A Kingsport Times-News / Wednesday, June 1, 1994

Farmers to protest tobacco tax with 'party'

Associated Press

Kentucky farmers plan to emulate the Boston Tea Party by tossing stalks of tobacco into the Kentucky River to protest massive proposed increases in federal tobacco taxes.

The June 9 rally is expected to attract about 3,000 tobacco growers and their families to Frankfort in one of the biggest pro-tobacco events ever in the nation's top burley-producing state, an organizer said Wednesday. The event is expected to coincide with a special session of the General Assembly.

Farmers will hurl handfuls of tobacco off the Capitol Avenue Bridge into the river, said Denny Wilson, executive director of the Burley Auction Warehouse Association.

The association is a member of the Council for Burley Tobacco, which is sponsoring the "Fairness for Tobacco Farmers" demonstration.

The correlation between the tobacco tossing and the Boston Tea Party is aimed at illustrating the importance of tobacco to the nation's economy, Wilson said.

Each stalk of tobacco represents a total of \$5 in federal, state and local

taxes, according to a statement previewing the event. Tobacco farmers grow an average of 8,000 stalks per acre, so each acre of burley represents \$40,000 in taxes. Yet each acre produces only about \$8,300 in gross revenue for the farmers, the statement said.

President Clinton's tobacco tax proposal, including a 75-cent per pack increase on cigarettes, for health-care reform "would be devastating" to Kentucky and other tobacco-producing states, Wilson said. Farmers as well as many merchants who rely on farmers' business would

suffer, he said.

"We've been kind of railroaded the last few months, and I don't think people understand what it's going to do at the grassroots," he said.

The rally signals that tobacco farmers are becoming more aggressive in defending their way of life in the face of mounting pressure from anti-tobacco forces, Wilson said.

"We've been sitting back and taking it all," he said.

The event has been organized at the grassroots level through word-of-mouth in communities across Kentucky, Wilson said.

Health, insurance industry contributes heavily to Brewster

By ANA RADELAT
Evening News Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON — Rep. Bill Brewster, who will cast a key vote on health care reform, is among the top House recipients of campaign donations from the health and insurance industries, a public interest group said Monday.

From Jan. 1, 1993 to March 31, 1994 Brewster received more than \$100,000, or nearly 20 percent of his total campaign contributions, came from health-related special interests, according to the report by Citizen Action.

Pharmaceutical and medical equipment PACs alone accounted for \$27,825 of Brewster's donations.

While Brewster's contributions came mainly from political action committees, at least \$12,650 was donated to Brewster's campaign by individuals associated with the health and insurance industries.

Brewster led the Oklahoma House delegation in contributions from the medical and insurance industry, receiving five times more money than fellow Democrat Dave McCarty, who ranked second.

Brewster is a member of the powerful House Ways and Means Committee, one of five congressional panels crafting a health care bill. He opposes President Clinton's plan and one drafted by Rep. Dan Rostenkowski, the chairman of the Ways and Means panel, that is modeled after the president's plan.

Citizen Action found that health and insurance interests spent 23 percent more during the 15-month period studied than they did in the

Health care cash

preceding 15 months.

The group, which supports Clinton's plan, charged that special interest groups have persuaded key members of Congress to water down the reform effort.

"While this report cannot document what each dollar of health industry special interest money buys from members of Congress, it is obvious that, absent the money, there would be a much greater chance for Americans to get a decent health care system that limits the power and greed of the insurance companies, drug companies, for-profit hospital networks and other segments of the industry," said Michael Podhorzer, a Citizen Action lobbyist.

Brewster did not respond to calls seeking comment on the Citizen Action report.

Boy hospitalized after hitting head during fall at local swimming pool

ADA — A 12-year-old Ada boy

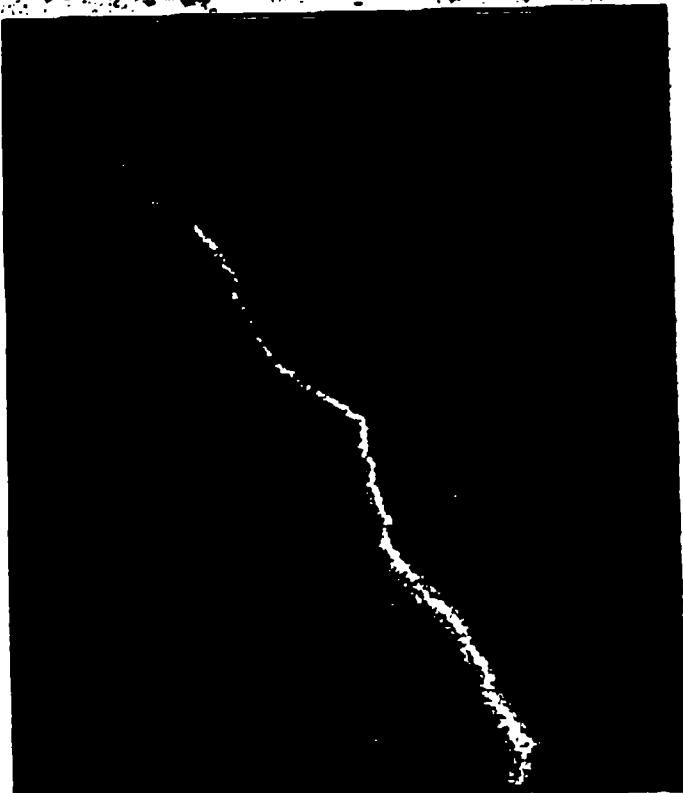
room. When officers arrived, they

ADA EVE NEWS 5/26/94



Richard R. Brown

swimming at East Central University. Morris was elected governor and her parents, Jim and Elizabeth Morris, are both are High School Brown was elected Northeast governor.



Topetia Capital - Journal

5-22-94

Halfway to the moon?

There have been references in recent letters to the so-called special interests who are supporting comprehensive health care reform and who are deeply disappointed in the position taken by Rep. Slattery on this issue. While it's true that I consider my family to be special, I do not think we qualify as a special interest. Like many Kansans, I am disappointed that Rep. Slattery has decided to offer up an ill-conceived health care plan that fails to guarantee that all Americans will have insurance. History is littered with politicians who only went halfway when confronted with a challenge. But we do not remember them. Instead, we remember those leaders who looked at the problem squarely and found a way to solve it.

When the challenge was to go to the moon, President Kennedy did not offer a plan to get us halfway there by the end of the decade. When the problem was the Berlin Wall, President Reagan did not attempt to tear it halfway down. Both presidents had a vision, and both pursued that vision with the leadership necessary to put a man on the moon and to bring the Berlin Wall crumbling down.

I only wish Rep. Slattery shared in some of that bold vision and can-do American spirit.

— PAT DEHOFF, Lawrence.

Tucumville News-Southland

A-1

May 5 1994

Gross cost of Cooper health plan criticized

By Richard Powelson
News-Southland Washington Bureau

GOP Senate candidate Fred Thompson on Wednesday blasted the potentially high cost of rival Jim Cooper's health-care reform package — \$381 billion over nine years — warning that it could force a "substantial tax increase" if Congress passes it.

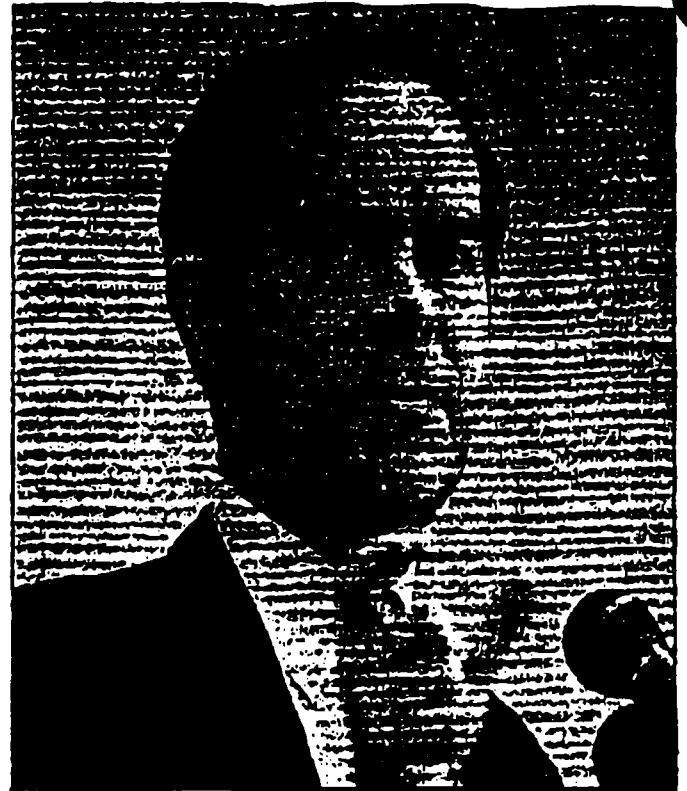
But Cooper, a House Democrat, repeatedly pointed Wednesday to a different row of numbers on page 22 of the same federal study Thompson, an actor and lawyer, referred to.

Cooper noted, "the bottom line" of the Congressional Budget Office study, which projected a net increase in the deficit of \$19 billion over five years but a \$105 billion deficit savings from 2001 to 2004, a net savings of \$86 billion.

"My enemies are upset that my bottom line looks relatively good," Cooper said.

The gross cost number that Thompson seized on did not include the provision in Cooper's bill that federal subsidies for insurance premiums for low-income people would be reduced if expected savings levels were not reached. CBO said the offsets to the gross cost could be \$171 billion.

Please see COOPER, page A5



Rep. Jim Cooper, D-Tenn., addresses the American Farm Bureau Federation on Wednesday in Washington. The Senate Finance Committee began hearings Wednesday on a health-care reform proposal sponsored by Cooper.

Cooper

Continued from page A1

tion over five years or \$387 billion over nine years.

Such deep cuts in subsidies, however, would add much "uncertainty and instability" to the insurance pool system the bill calls for, CBO said.

Thompson said Congress should pass a more modest reform plan than Cooper's — something that would increase the federal budget deficit little if at all.

He said he has several ideas for reforming national health care and the insurance system but conceded that he doesn't know how much his ideas would cost.

Now that the potentially high cost of Cooper's plan is under focus by the CBO study, Thompson said, "I think it's going to end up being more of a down side for him (in the Senate race) than an up side."

The CBO study said Cooper's plan would leave 24 million people uninsured but would help 18 million current uninsured to buy health insurance. Cooper called that finding a good first step and

said future legislation could try to move closer to universal coverage.

Cooper said the CBO study doesn't address a basic health insurance plan he envisioned but instead looks at potential costs of two possible health plans that are either more luxurious or more spartan than he advocates. Cooper's bill would let a new national board — not Congress — define the basic benefits plan.

A top supporter of Cooper's package in the Senate, Sen. John Breaux, D-La., said the CBO study was encouraging for giving the plan "much credit" for potentially reducing health-care costs through market competition and without price controls and many more government regulations.

Breaux said the CBO's cost concerns of the Cooper-Breaux plan might be addressed by one or more options: defining a benefits package that is more modest than Clinton's, proposing some level of tax increase or cutting subsidy levels to low-income people.

Thompson said the CBO study found that Congress and federal officials don't know how much health reform will cost.

Flaws cited in Cooper health plan

By Tom Ivers

WASHINGTON — A health-care reform proposal, popular with big business, would save \$120 billion less than President Clinton's plan and leave 25 million people uninsured, the Congressional Budget Office said yesterday.

But the managed competition plan sponsored by Tennessee Rep. Jim Cooper, also could save money over time, the CBO said. Since the plan does not specify what is in its standard benefits package, the magnitude of these savings remains largely a matter of speculation.

"The full consequences of this proposal, as with [the Clinton plan], will not be felt for over a decade," CBO Director Robert Reischauer told the Senate Finance Committee.

Cooper largely was pleased with the CBO report, although he acknowledged it pointed out problems that must be fixed. "The important thing is to look at the bottom line, and that's not too bad," he said.

Meanwhile, two leading Democratic senators

crossed party lines to endorse a second competitor to the Clinton plan.

Bob Kerrey of Nebraska and David Boren of Oklahoma signed on to a plan sponsored by a Republican colleague, John Chafee of Rhode Island, the first Democrats to endorse a major GOP bill. The Clinton bill has 400 Republican cosponsors. Cooper's plan has both Democratic and Republican sponsors.

Kerrey endorsed the Chafee bill, which would require individuals to buy insurance, because it was closest to what Nebraska health care task forces seem to want. The White House was not publicly disturbed by the loss of support.

"Mr. Kerrey and Mr. Boren and Mr. Chafee are committed to enacting a bill that provides universal coverage ... and that's the President's bottom line," said White House spokeswoman Lorrie McHugh.

The Chafee and Clinton plans rely on mandates to provide universal coverage. Cooper's plan is similar to Clinton's in that both rely on networks of doctors and hospitals to provide care and control costs, and creation of large pools from which people can buy insurance. But Clinton's bill requires companies to help pay for insurance; Cooper's does not.

Business groups, including the U.S. Chamber of Commerce and the Business Roundtable — a coalition of 200 CEOs of major companies — oppose employer mandates and have endorsed Cooper's plan or its principles.

Senators have been fretting over ways to achieve the President's goal of universal coverage without the mandate, while the Clintons have said repeatedly it is crucial for employers to help pay.

Some on the finance committee thought the CBO report gave them an out. The report said the Cooper plan would insure at least 91% of Americans, cutting the number of uninsured by 40%. Hawaii, a state with mandated insurance, covers only about 85% of its residents.

"Even without a mandate, we're not far off the Hawaii model, which is a mandate," said Sen. Robert Packwood, R-Ore., who said he supported mandates. "So why go for a mandate?"

Sen. John Breaux, D-La., primary Senate sponsor of the managed competition plan, said the CBO report was a sign that mandates aren't needed.

But Senate Majority Leader George Mitchell, D-Maine, said a mandate is essential. ■



COOPER

The Job-Cost Of Med Plan

Most of the talk about a new national health plan has centered on what people would "get."

There is no accurate figure indicating what it would cost. But it is obvious that the cost would be huge. And it is remembered that the original estimates of Medicare and Medicaid costs have proved to be far wrong, as expenses have skyrocketed.

But adoption of a sweeping socialized medical-care plan would have major costs in addition to the actual dollar outlays required to pay for promised services.

President Bill and Mrs. Hillary Rodham Clinton have called for their plan to be paid for by employers. That would add to employer operational expenses, meaning they would have to raise prices, causing fewer sales, thus reducing their need for so many employees, resulting in lost jobs.

It would also mean that some marginal businesses, that could not pass on the higher pay-

roll costs, would be forced out of business, leaving their employees jobless.

The independent Washington-based organization called the American Legislative Exchange Council (ALEC) has studied the prospects and has come up with disturbing figures.

Nationwide, says ALEC, the loss would be a million jobs, with a reduction in annual personal income of \$112.3 billion and a reduction in wages of \$93.7 million.

For Tennessee, this would mean loss of 21,000 jobs, with a reduction in annual personal income of \$2 billion and a loss in wages of \$1.69 billion, ALEC says.

When the Clintons promise to end your medical-insurance worries by "giving" universal coverage, that may sound attractive. But when taxpayers, employers and employees realize they would have to pay a tremendous cost in taxes, prices, lost jobs and lost income, the Clintons' medical plan may appear more as a plague than a cure.

Chattanooga Free Press

5/11/94

Political notebook

NEA panel asked to support Cooper

The Tennessee Education Association is recommending that the National Education Association Political Action Committee endorse U.S. Rep. Jim Cooper, D-Shelbyville.

The national organization is expected to act on the recommendation at its meeting next month.

Cooper met with delegates last month and told them that he wants the teachers' endorsement but is not seeking PAC contributions. He has not accepted contributions from any PAC since 1991.

Cooper told educators that he opposes voucher programs for private schools. "I don't like basically any of those Republican schemes to kill public education," Cooper said.

Cooper, who is seeking the U.S. Senate seat formerly held by Al Gore Jr., also told educators he wants to have a teacher serve as an education specialist on his Senate staff.

Cooper will likely face GOP candidate Fred Thompson, a lawyer actor, in the Nov. 8 general election.



Cooper



Meyer

of jail inmates by Morris were dropped.

"His being unindicted is the best thing that has happened to the Democratic primary," Bredesen said during a campaign swing through Chattanooga last week. "We were in danger of having disaster. With one of the main candidates kind of indicted out of the race, there were a lot of questions and conspiracy theories put forth. That's not good for anybody."

"With him in the race, it increases the risks to me because I think he is the one person that could win other than me," he added. "At the same time, it makes the prize worth having."

Chattanooga Times

5/20/94

Choice Or Compulsion?

Many people have become wary of the claims of President Bill and Mrs. Hillary Rodham Clinton that they can give more people more medical care at less cost, and without general tax increases. Somebody will have to pay the bill.

But what if we adopted the Clintons' plan — and then found it to be the catastrophe it probably would be? How would we bail out? How would we resurrect the pretty-good medical system we now have that would be ruined?

That's a question that has no answer. If a giant new federal program is begun, it is not likely to be reversed. It would just get bigger, more bureaucratic and more expensive.

While Mr. and Mrs. Clinton unconvincingly insist that their plan would preserve patient

"choice," an interesting recent column by Phyllis Schlafly included this impressive statement:

"The Clinton bill is based on raw compulsion. It uses the word 'penalty' 59 times, 'mandatory' 24 times, 'restrict' 54 times, 'enforce' 87 times and 'limit' 269 times."

What program does the federal government run without major compulsion? What program does the federal government run well? What program does the federal government have that does not have a tendency to expand? What does the federal government do that ever costs less?

Give Washington more power to dictate, penalize, restrict, enforce and limit — and what do you think the result would be?

Charlotte Free Press

5/22/94

Up with smokes?

RJ Reynolds brings pro-tobacco campaign to Mountain Empire

STEPHEN B. EVANS
Washington County Bureau

ABINGDON — Officials with RJ Reynolds Tobacco Co. brought their pro-smoking message Thursday night to the Martha Washington Inn, where about 60 people vented a little smoke over a proposed federal tax hike on cigarettes.

Company spokesman Pat Buckley outlined a battle plan for the crowd to follow, including strategies for drawing more people to their side and tips on lobbying members of Congress.

"There's a difference between non-smokers and anti-smokers," Buckley said. "We've got to win over the non-smokers because they can be more fa-

vorable to our cause."

One of the top two cigarette manufacturers in the United States, RJR kicked off a national public relations campaign Monday designed to promote smokers' rights, oppose tax increases on cigarettes and keep the debate alive on the health effects of secondhand smoke.

Like virtually all the smokers and burley farmers who came to the meeting, officials with the corporate behemoth based in Winston-Salem, N.C., oppose the legislation before a congressional subcommittee that would raise the excise tax on cigarettes from 24 cents to \$1.25 per pack.

Please see SMOKES, Page 16A

SMOKES

From Page 1A

If approved, revenues from the measure would help pay for national health care reform, but tobacco farmers say they are being singled out for an unfair tax that would cripple them economically.

"I think what they're doing is coming down too hard on tobacco," Washington County burley farmer Paul Jackson said.

"You guys know what (the tax) is going to do to the economy in this area. And North Carolina knows," Buckley said. But a hefty cigarette tax would reverberate throughout the national economy as well, he added.

A tax increase of 75 cents proposed by the Clinton administration could lead to the "disappearance" of nearly 274,000 U.S. jobs, according to an RJR leaflet distributed at the meeting. Paycheck losses nationwide could amount to \$8 billion, the leaflet states, although there is no mention of a time period over which the lost wages might occur.

Buckley also urged farmers and smokers to flood the U.S. Occupational Safety and Health Administration with letters opposing a planned ban on smoking in the workplace. The OSHA ban could take effect by the end of 1995.

While Buckley spoke, the room

filled quickly with smoke from dozens of cigarettes, and the dull, burning smell soon obscured the aroma of black coffee brewing in an immense pot on a side table.

The RJR consultant kept his remarks moving on a non-partisan line, but he was occasionally forced to referee audience debates on the tobacco positions favored by the two 9th District congressional candidates — incumbent Rick Boucher, a Democrat, and his Republican challenger Steve Fast.

U.S. Rep. Boucher and Fast have each said they oppose the federal tax-hike proposal.

Standing on the long porch outside the inn, Nickelsville burley farmer John Stallard dipped

a good-size portion of snuff between his cheek and gum, and said he would vote for the candidate who fights the hardest for tobacco.

"I don't understand why more smokers haven't stood up and said, 'Hey, don't discriminate against me,'" Stallard said.

Perhaps ironically, there was no discussion Thursday about whether the U.S. Food and Drug Administration would eventually declare nicotine an addictive drug. Such a move could immediately place the sale of cigarettes and other tobacco products on a prescription-only basis.

That could reduce smokers' rights and the impact of tobacco taxes to a moot point.

Bristol Herald Courier
MAY 30, 1994

Sunday, May 29, 1994

Boucher says tobacco tax discriminates

STEPHEN B. EVANS
Washington County Bureau

Whether the pungent burley leaf? The debate goes on:

U.S. Rep. Rick Boucher, D-9th, outlined a litany of problems facing the American tobacco grower and possible solutions during a brief meeting Saturday at Valley Institute Elementary School in Washington County.

Reassuring the dozen farmers who attended, the congressman vowed once again that he would vote against a proposed federal excise tax hike on cigarettes if the legislation survives a vote in the House Ways and Means Committee. The committee could consider the \$1.25 per-pack tax proposal next month. If approved, revenues from the tax would help finance national health care reform.

Cigarette smokers now pay a 24-cent tax on each pack they buy.

"I do not think the excise tax should be increased at all for health care reform or any other reason," Boucher said. "It simply isn't fair. The tax would place the cost on a single group of consumers ... and would affect a narrow geographic region of the country — the Southeast."

Boucher said 9th District burley farmers have told him they "are not prepared" to ask for a share of excise tax revenues if the proposal goes through. The Clinton administration has promised that a portion of the money raised from an increase in the excise tax would be available to set up retraining programs and help tobacco farmers grow alternative crops.

Southwest Virginia farmers say there is no market for alternative crops that could yield profits comparable to the money they earn from the golden burley leaf.

Boucher is up for re-election in November and has been repeatedly criticized by Republican opponent Steve Fast, who claims Boucher has been vacillating on the tobacco tax proposal.

The incumbent has said, however, that he has always opposed the proposed tax increase and would vote against it.

Fast's campaign manager, Matt Leen, said Saturday morning that some of the challenger's

Please see TAX, Page 2C

Dems: Health care reform on course

Monday, May 30, 1994 / Kingsport Times-News SA

despite Rostenkowski's woes

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Rep. Dan Rostenkowski's legal problems will not interrupt the march toward health care reform, Democratic leaders said Sunday. But one member of Rostenkowski's Ways and Means Committee stressed that the Illinois Democrat is crucial to winning a consensus.

Rostenkowski understands the political pressures lawmakers are under, "and when he finishes talking with the people, he would know those who cannot vote for a bill, those that can vote for a bill, and what changes have to be made in order to get that vote," said Rep. Charles Rangel, D-N.Y., a senior committee member.

But White House senior adviser George Stephanopoulos said health care reform "is



Rostenkowski

was premature to talk about replacing Rostenkowski as head of the committee, but added: "We're certain that we're going to be able to work with whoever becomes the chairman of the committee and that health care is going to go through."

Rostenkowski reportedly has until Tuesday to decide whether to accept a plea bargain agreement or face a criminal indictment on several federal corruption charges.

bigger than any one person. There is great momentum right now to make sure we get health care reform."

Stephanopoulos said it

He has denied any wrongdoing and is thought to be ready to fight the charges, which include taking illegal cash payments from the House post office and putting people on his office payroll who did not work.

Under Democratic caucus rules, he would have to give up chairmanship of his committee if indicted.

House Majority Leader Richard Gephardt, D-Mo., appearing with Stephanopoulos on ABC's "This Week With David Brinkley," also expressed confidence that health care reform would not be a casualty of Rostenkowski's legal battle.

"Ways and Means is going to get a bill out no matter what happens and we're going to have it on the floor in July," he said.

But Rangel said on ABC that Rostenkowski's genius

"was being able to fully understand the needs of the different regions, the needs of members who had to vote for it."

Rangel said Rostenkowski's personal problems so far haven't "diminished one bit" his ability to move on health care, although Rangel said it would be difficult.

Rep. Newt Gingrich, R-Ga., said that while Rostenkowski is "a tremendous force in Congress on behalf of liberal Democrats," a string of Republican wins in local elections is more significant to the fate of President Clinton's health care package.

Gingrich, appearing on CBS' "Face the Nation," also said he was concerned about "the weird situation where the president's lawyer is negotiating with the president's Justice Department on behalf of the president's health care leader

in the House." Rostenkowski's lawyer, Robert Bennett, also represents Clinton in the sexual harassment lawsuit filed by former Arkansas state worker Paula Jones.

Gingrich said he was wary of "some kind of rigged deal where 15 or 20 felony counts magically get reduced to a misdemeanor to allow him to stay in charge of health care."

Tuesday, May 31, 1994

Bristol Herald Courier/Virginia-Tennessean

Local/Virginia

Fast gets campaign advice from Allen

STEPHEN B. EVANS
Washington County Bureau

Gov. George F. Allen told Republican congressional candidate Steve Fast Monday afternoon that Fast must "stick to his principles" in his effort to unseat U.S. Rep. Rick Boucher, D-9th, in November.

After speaking at a Memorial Day service in Bristol, Allen and his entourage drove on to Sugar Hollow Park in Washington County, where the candidate and about 200 Fast supporters were waiting for the governor to rip into Boucher and the Clinton administration.

Using football metaphors, Allen advised Fast "to try some unusual plays" in his campaign. "You gotta be resourceful."



Fast

Allen played quarterback for the University of Virginia in the early 1970s. His rhetorical strategy Monday was occasionally reminiscent of the Gipper himself — former President Ronald Reagan.

"We Republicans understand that the government is not there to constantly be hobbling us. ... The Clinton administration believes they know how to spend your money better than you do," Allen said. "Steve Fast is a mathematician. He knows if you subtract eight from five it leaves minus three. The Clinton administration doesn't understand that."

Fast, a Bluefield College mathematics professor, received the 9th District GOP nod earlier this month to oppose Boucher, an 11-year incumbent. The challenger has been campaigning vigorously since the college semester ended, stumping around the district on a platform consisting mainly of family values and a pledge to fight federal tax hikes

— especially a proposed excise-tax increase on tobacco products.

Fast was a volunteer staffer last year for Mike Farris, who waged an unsuccessful race for lieutenant governor against Democrat Don Beyer. Fast and Farris are advocates of home school and Fast has frequently invoked family values theme that became a distinguishing characteristic of the Farris campaign.

Curiously, Allen did not mention Boucher by name at the rally and offered minimal criticism of the incumbent. But the governor repeatedly bashed Clinton and the "Washington liberals" who, Allen said, are constantly trying to regulate the lives and livelihoods of Virginians.

Boucher had introduced Allen earlier Monday during a Memorial Day ceremony at Bristol Virginia City Hall.

"Freedom. That's what this day is about," Fast said. "And that's what this campaign is about. ... For 12 long years

Tuesday, May 31, 1994

we have suffered in this district."

Fast said he would be concerned for "the next generation; not the next election" and described Boucher as "bold and arrogant," criticizing the incumbent for allegedly telling his constituents "one thing and saying another in Washington."

Boucher could not be reached immediately for comment. The incumbent has indicated he will not get into a political skirmish with Fast until the campaign season begins in the fall.

Boucher has actually served in Congress for about 11½ years. Former Republican congressman William Wampler Sr. held the 9th District seat 12 years ago.

Wampler attended the Fast rally at Sugar Hollow Park with his son, state Sen. William Wampler Jr., R-Bristol. Also at the rally were Delegate Terry Kilgore, R-Gate City, and his twin brother Jerry, secretary of public safety in the Allen administration.

Gary Waddell, 9th District GOP chairman, admitted that Fast faces an uphill challenge in his effort to defeat Boucher. But the incumbent is vulnerable on his "liberal record" in Congress, Waddell said.

"I think Boucher's in trouble," Waddell said. "I think people are going to start looking closer at his voting record."

Allen worked the crowd before his speech at the Fast rally, shaking hands and answering questions — several of which involved tobacco issues.

Asked about his views on the decline of U.S. tobacco consumption, Allen, smiled and produced a can of snuff from his jacket pocket.

A moment later he accepted a grilled hotdog and soda from a Fast supporter.

As the governor gobbled his lunch, a man standing nearby chimed out, "Did you ever see a politician who didn't have his mouth open?"

His female companion tugged on his sleeve and told him to hush.

'Where were you?'

Congressman Boucher is the first tobacco lawmaker to acknowledge the likelihood of a hefty tax hike and to explore ways of softening the blow to tobacco growers. Mr. Boucher, the tobacco farmer would appreciate you not selling them out so quickly and continue to represent the people in the Ninth District.

Mr. Boucher should realize that a tax on cigarettes will not support Mrs. Clinton's National Health Care Plan. How can you expect the Tobacco Industry to support a Health Care Plan, while the Federal Government is trying to ban smoking in all public buildings? Seems to me that a tax on a growing industry rather than a declining industry would bring in more tax dollars. I think the Federal Government should be made to live as the tobacco farmer does, on what he takes in and forget about new taxes. This ban, along with gun

control is just another way the Federal Government is slowly but surely, taking away our rights as American citizens.

Mr. Boucher should be speaking out about an unfair tax levied against a small group of people, rather than trying to come up with alternate crops.

Steve Fast (candidate for 9th District Congressional seat) did attend the Tobacco Rally in Gate City and gave his support of the industry. We appreciate your support Mr. Fast.

Mr. Boucher, where were you?

C. M. Bond
Nickelsville, Va.

'Universal coverage' the public wants is compassion

MARSHA MERCER
Media General Newspapers

WASHINGTON — Rarely have so many been so confused about so much.

Health care reform has become a national maze with the public, Congress and the president, and the news media all struggling to find a way through it.

President Clinton gets credit for bringing reform to the level of a national debate, although he wins no prizes for introducing such baffling terms as "mandatory health alliances" to America's dinner tables without explaining them thoroughly.

A recent study provides a glimpse of just how bewildered people are.

Public Agenda, a nonpartisan research group that tracks public attitudes on policy issues, reported last week that "there is widespread lack of understanding of the hidden costs of health care and their impact on the economy and government spending."

ASKED WHETHER the government presently spends more on humanitarian aid to foreign countries or on health care for the elderly here at home, three-fourths of those surveyed recently said foreign aid. In fact, Medi-

care alone costs \$129 billion — more than 17 times the \$7.4 billion spent on humanitarian foreign aid.

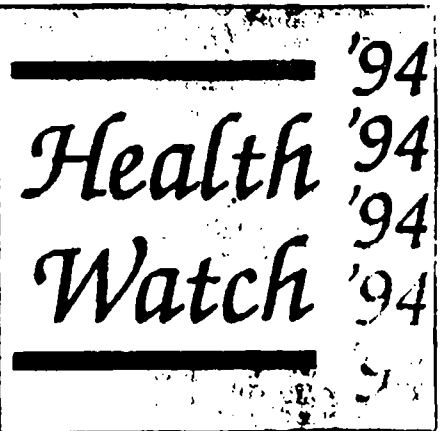
To see how opinions might change as people learned more about health care reform, Public Agenda convened citizen panels in 13 cities. Researchers asked 564 people questions before and after a two-hour presentation of facts on health care and reform alternatives. The information was reviewed for accuracy and balance by the Employee Benefit Research Institute.

Public Agenda was impressed with how open-minded, fair and serious about public policy the panelists were, and the survey turned up some results Congress and Clinton should heed.

In their zeal to cut health care costs and expand coverage, lawmakers are overlooking a deep worry people have about reform. It's loss of compassion.

THE PUBLIC'S No. 1 fear is that health care reform will result in "impersonal, perfunctory, cattle-car medicine," Public Agenda reported.

Asked to choose among goals for health care reform, 89 percent selected "medical professionals who take time with their patients" as the top goal.



"Lack of time, growing anonymity, bureaucratic procedures, lost files, continual changes in personnel — these form the soft underbelly to many ideas for health care reform," Public Agenda reported.

At almost the same hour those findings, titled "Second Opinions," were released earlier this year, Budget Director Leon Panetta was telling reporters that a consensus is gathering in Congress over two principles of reform — universality and cost containment.

Glossing over the conflict between

BRISTOL HERALD

MAY 29 - BRISTOL HERALD

the president and many in Congress over whether to provide universal coverage or access, Panetta warned of serious budget woes ahead if Congress doesn't move now to contain health care costs. He said not a word about compassion.

THE GOVERNMENT can't legislate compassion, but it can't ignore the public's fears.

"To the degree that patients sense that doctors don't have enough time for them or that they are continually running cost calculations in their heads, the 'reformed' health care system may be seen as violating one of the most central of the public's values," Public Agenda said.

Clinton believes Americans want "guaranteed private insurance" for all — and that universal coverage is the only way to contain exploding health care costs. He's vowed to veto any bill that lacks it.

Public Agenda's research confirms that people overwhelmingly support making quality health care available to everyone, and they're gradually realizing it won't be simple.

TWO YEARS ago, another Public Agenda survey found that people believed overwhelmingly that the costs of universal coverage could be paid solely by eliminating waste, greed and fraud in the health care system.

In the most recent survey, though, people were more evenly split, and after the presentation a plurality believed that cost-cutting measures such as health maintenance organizations and less choice of doctors would be necessary.

The findings strongly suggest that when people learn more about reform, "support for universal coverage may be contingent on whether other important public values will be sacrificed to obtain it," Public Agenda says.

"Many people are beginning to feel that they are losing something precious and important."

Clinton has challenged Congress to craft a health care reform plan this year that will meet his standard of guaranteed coverage for everyone. Now it looks like the people may challenge Clinton and Congress to make sure any reform of the system provides for compassionate care.

■ Topic: Health

Times World

Wednesday, May 1, 1984

Insurance Industry to Muzzle 'Harry and Louise'

By Christopher Connell
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — The health insurance industry said Tuesday it has agreed to muzzle "Harry and Louise," the make-believe couple whose ads have battered the Clinton reform plan, while the House Ways and Means Committee tries to hammer out a compromise.

Health Insurance Association of America officials said they will refrain from any attack ads because of concessions on insurance reforms they expect Rep. Dan Rostenkowski, D-Ill., the Ways and Means chairman, to support.

The changes would allow insurance companies to charge different rates for individuals, small groups of two to 100 people, and larger groups. The Clinton plan and a bill fashioned by a Ways and Means health subcommittee would force insurers to charge the same rate to everyone.

Meanwhile, Sen. Edward Kennedy, D-Mass., conceded that his Labor and Human Resources Committee will not be able to meet a self-imposed deadline for approving a health reform bill by Memorial Day.

"Haste right now would make waste. The more time we spend, the more progress we are making. It would be foolish to jeopardize further cooperation by forcing too many decisions prematurely," he said.

Sen. Bob Packwood, R-Ore., emerged from the

Senate Finance Committee's latest private session to say that he and Sen. Daniel Patrick Moynihan, D-N.Y., the chairman, were ready to put a bipartisan bill together. He said their staffs will start drafting it over the 10-day Memorial Day break.

"It will be a middle of the road bill and both sides will be pulled toward the center," said Packwood, the panel's top Republican who added that the votes are not there for "an immediate employer mandate."

Rostenkowski has not yet revealed the proposal he will try to push through his committee next month. "Rostenkowski is not going to talk about the specifics," said Jim Jaffe, the committee spokesman. "He has no written deals with anybody."

But Bill Gradison, president of the health insurers, sent Rostenkowski a letter saying, "The amendments which you are considering for inclusion in your mark are a major step forward."

Gradison, a former Republican congressman and Ways and Means member, said the insurers still object to controls on premiums and the idea of expanding Medicare to cover the uninsured and low-wage workers. But he promised, "We will not publicly advertise against these issues while your bill is under consideration in the committee."

Harry and Louise actually have been off the air since February, but the insurers have been developing new ads.

President Clinton and Hillary Rodham Clinton have blamed the \$10 million "Harry and Louise"

ads for undermining public support for their plan.

Gail Shearer, a policy analyst for Consumers Union, decried the concessions, saying, "This is a nightmare for consumers. ... Insurance companies are going to continue to game the system."

Clinton will head to Capitol Hill Wednesday evening to bundle with Democratic leaders from the House and Senate to discuss "the end game" on health reform before lawmakers go home for the Memorial Day recess. White House press secretary Dee Dee Myers said. He also plans to meet with the House Democratic caucus.

The health insurers earlier had said that Rostenkowski might support letting them charge more for older workers than young workers.

The Clinton plan would require most Americans to buy health coverage through insurance-purchasing alliances at community-wide rates, adjusted only for whether they were single, married or had a family. Their age, gender, health, occupation and habits — including smoking — could not be considered.

Democrats in both the House and Senate want to make the alliances voluntary, but preserve the community rating. The health insurers said Rostenkowski's amendments would create five markets — individuals, small groups of two to 100, large groups of more than 100, associations and alliances — and allow companies to decide where to sell.

The individual and small group markets would be rated for each community, with adjustments only

for family size, a year after employers or individuals are required to buy insurance. In the interim, companies could exclude individuals or small group customers with pre-existing conditions for six months if they allowed their insurance to lapse for 90 days or more.

In other developments:

■ Kennedy's committee voted down, 15-2, 11 Republican proposals to make new long-term care benefits for the severely disabled subject to im-

tests. Sen. Daniel R. Coats, R-Ind., infuriated Democrats by charging that money would be wasted "on booze and drugs and lottery tickets" if states were allowed to give cash long-term care benefits to individuals.

"We're talking about people who can't wash, can't get out of bed, can't bathe themselves," Kennedy responded angrily.

■ The House Education and Labor Committee's labor-management relations subcommittee voted to keep companies with 1,000 or more workers out of insurance-purchasing alliances. They would pay a 1 percent payroll tax instead.

■ Rep. Pete Stark, D-Calif., the chairman of the Ways and Means health subcommittee, predicted that health reform will "squeak through" Congress this year, with the House "shaming" the Senate into voting for universal coverage. But Stark told reporters, "The world won't come apart ... if we have to go at it next year."

Health care forum scheduled to be held at Center of Town

The Scott County Democratic Party, the Kentucky Association of State Employees/AFT and the Kentucky Health Care Network will jointly present a forum on Health Care Reform on May 26, at 7 p.m.

The health care forum will be held at the Center of Town on O Street and will be open to anyone who wishes to attend. There is no charge for admission.

The forum will focus on recent changes in the state health care system and national health care reform proposals currently being considered by Congress.

The May 26 health care forum will feature John Abraham, Senior Research Director for the Washington, D.C. based, 800,000 member, American Federation of Teachers (AFT) and Kentucky State Representative Ernesto Serrano of Lexington. During the past year, Abraham has served as an advisor to First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton's Health Care Reform Task Force and has traveled throughout the United States answering questions on

the president's health care proposal and promoting the need for health care reform.

Abraham will discuss the various national health care reform proposals currently being considered in Washington and their potential effect on local citizens. Representative Serrano served as one of the key architects of the state health care plan which passed the state legislature and was recently signed into law by Governor Jones. Serrano will discuss the details of the new state law and the changes that will occur at the state level on

July 16, (the date that the legislation becomes effective).

Scott County Democratic Party Chairman, Charles R. Wells and the purpose for his group's involvement in the health care forum is their desire to give local citizens an opportunity to hear, first-hand, what is going on with health care reform.

According to Wells, "This is probably the single most important issue since the Social Security Act was passed by Congress, no other piece of state or local legislation will have such a dramatic impact on people's lives as

health care reform."

Wells continued, "Our local people have a lot of questions on how state and federal health care reform will affect them personally, this forum will give them a chance to get those questions answered."

Les A. Jackson, president of the Kentucky Association of State Employees/AFT said that his group had decided to get involved in the health care forum because public employees health benefits will be the first to be affected by state or national health care reform legislation.

"Public employees support health care reform," stated Jackson, "But we want to make sure that any reform passed does not have a negative impact on them. We want to make sure that public employees have a say in all aspects of the reform process including how it will affect the quality and cost of our benefits."

The new state health care reform plan will mandate all state, county, city, university and judicial employees into a state wide purchasing alliance which will create a large purchasing pool which its creators predict, will

lower costs through more effective bargaining power with insurance companies. Small businesses and individuals will also be allowed to buy health insurance through the pool once its established.

The third participant of the May 26 forum is the Kentucky Health Security Network, a coalition of businesses, labor unions, doctors and other organizations and concerned citizens who are interested in the passage of health care reform. For more information on the health care forum, please call: 1-800-248-3273.

Post-It® brand fax transmittal memo 7671		# of pages •
To ~~Steve Fast~~	From SAM Church	
Co. MURRAY	Co.	
Dept.	Phone #	
Fax #	Fax #	

The Coalfield Progress

Norton, Virginia 24273



Fast's faulty thinking on Boucher tobacco record doesn't add up

Only one day after receiving his party's nomination to challenge Congressman Rick Boucher, Steve Fast has taken the political low road by spreading outright lies about Boucher's views on a tobacco tax.

A *Washington Post* news article quoted Boucher as saying it appeared likely that a cigarette tax would pass Congress as part of the overall health care reform bill. Fast incorrectly assumed that because Boucher said he thought something would pass Congress that he necessarily supported it. As a math professor, Fast should know this faulty reasoning doesn't add up.

Rick Boucher adamantly opposes any attempt to raise taxes on tobacco as a means of financing health care reform and Steve Fast knows this.

It is a shame that Mr. Fast seems willing to say or do anything in his first attempt at public office.

Rick Boucher is a true friend of Southwest Virginia's tobacco farmers and would never do anything to jeopardize an industry vital to our region's economy.

Just last year, Boucher sponsored legislation requiring cigarette manufacturers to obtain 90 percent of the burley and fine-cured tobacco they use in manufacturing cigarettes in the United States from U.S. farmers regardless of point of sale.

The 90 percent minimum purchase requirement from U.S. growers became effective this year and helps our tobacco farmers compete with foreign grown tobacco.

Rick Boucher is an honest representative who works hard for all the industries of our region, including our tobacco farmers. We need to keep Rick Boucher in Congress.



Letters

Mark R. Graham
Abingdon

Tobacco tax divides farmers in Ninth District campaign

BRISTOL (AP) — Tobacco farmer John Stallard said there's one litmus test in the race between Dem. Rep. Rick Boucher and Republican challenger Steve Fast: "I'm going to hack the one who does the most for tobacco. Period."

But the proposed tax hike on cigarettes is dividing the political loyalties of Southwest Virginia tobacco farmers.

Farmers supporting Boucher gathered last week to defend the Democratic incumbent's position on the proposed tax increase. Another group of farmers rallied for Fast the day before.

Stallard attended a rally for Fast, but sat under a pine tree while the candidate talked and shook hands with supporters. "Elections don't interest me so much," he said.

Fast has accused Boucher of lying to 9th District constituents about the proposed federal excise tax hike on tobacco.

"It's time we had a representative who says the same thing to you, the people, that he's saying on Capitol Hill," Fast said. "Our con-

gressman is such a Clinton man that he has already conceded the fight."

But Robert Winiger, a Scott County tobacco farmer supporting Boucher, said, "The opposition's claim is that he (Boucher) has thrown in the towel."

"Well," Winiger said, "anybody that reads the papers can see that it is going to pass, and he's making plans in case it does pass to get some money back to the burley tobacco farmers ... to help grow some other crops."

Next month, a House subcommittee is expected to consider whether to raise the cigarette tax from 24 cents to \$1.25 per pack. The Clinton administration has called for a 75-cent increase to 99 cents per pack.

Revenues from the tax hike would be used to help finance health care reform. Clinton, Boucher and others in Congress also want the revenue used to fund training programs for farmers interested in growing other crops.

About 14,000 Southwest Virginia families earn a living from burley sales, and many say there is no market in the region for alternative cash crops. Statewide, tobacco pulls in about \$200

million annually, according to county extension agents, and the ripple effect of those sales boosts the Virginia economy by almost \$400 million each year.

Boucher dismissed his opponent's claims, saying, "I am adamantly opposed to an increase in the tobacco tax. Period. Exclamation point."

"The only thing I can divine from (the Fast campaign attacks) is they are preying on the concerns and fears of tobacco growers in a deliberate campaign to misinform and mislead those growers for their own narrow political advantage," Boucher said.

Boucher said he does not believe a tax increase is inevitable.

"I'm doing everything I can to keep the excise tax from increasing any," he said.

Mark Graham, chairman of the Washington County Democratic Party, said, "Representatives of the agricultural community are going to be laying out the facts that Rick Boucher is and has been a supporter of the tobacco farmer."

Kingsport Times-News

Southwest Virginia edition

May 26, 1994

Price 35 Cents

★ 4 Sections

Post-It™ brand fax transmittal memo 7671		# of pages
To	~~XXXXXXXXXX~~	From
Co.	MURRAY	Co.
Dept.		Phone #
Fax #		Fax #

President rallies reform allies

Clinton travels to Capitol Hill for meeting on health legislation

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Clinton said he got "a very heartening progress report" on the prospects for a health reform bill from congressional Democratic leaders during a high-profile visit Wednesday to Capitol Hill.

"I was urging the position that I strongly feel that we must pass

health care this year. I think we must find a way to cover all Americans," Clinton said after the meeting, which lasted about 40 minutes.

"And I got a very heartening progress report about the efforts being made in the committees and the subcommittees and in reaching out to Republicans."

Vice President Al Gore, Health and Human Services Secretary

Donna Shalala and Treasury Secretary Lloyd Bentsen attended the meeting with Clinton.

Sen. Daniel Patrick Moynihan, D-N.Y., chairman of the Senate Finance Committee, Senate Labor and Human Resources Chairman Edward M. Kennedy, D-Mass., and Rep. Dan Rostenkowski, the embattled chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee

among those at the meeting. Senate Majority Leader George Mitchell, D-Maine, and House Speaker Thomas Foley, D-Wash., and House Majority Leader Richard Gephardt, D-Mo., also attended.

"This is something we very much want to do in a bipartisan fashion. We want this to work for all

CLINTON, page 10A

Clinton rallies reform allies

Continued from page 1A
Americans," Clinton said before heading off to a meeting in Mitchell's office with key Republicans, including Senate Minority Leader Bob Dole.

"I believe we can do it. I'm committed to it. The leadership is as well. So I feel very good about this meeting," he said.

Dole described the Republican meeting as "somewhat helpful."

"I indicated that we're not together yet. ... We're not trying to put together a bill. We're trying to put together a group of provisions we agree on to see if we can reach out to like-minded Democrats," Dole said.

Mitchell, who sat in with Clinton and the Republicans, said he suggested Clinton meet with Republican senators. "The number of different views far exceeds the number of senators," he quipped.

"It's obvious that there remain substantial disagreements about how best to proceed but I think it's also obvious, at least to me, that there's a growing desire to get something done, to reach a bipartisan agreement and to pass a bill," he said.

Clinton later met for about 40 minutes with members of the House Democratic Caucus, traveling by motorcade from the Capitol building to a House office building where the caucus members were waiting.

Clinton's sweeping health proposal has had a hard time on Capitol Hill. Even its most ardent supporters have worked to reframe the bill to make it more palatable to their colleagues. Mandatory alliances are no longer mentioned, for instance, and concessions to small business seem inevitable.

But momentum appears to be building for some sort of health reform bill this year, though its contents are still far from certain.

Kennedy's committee, which started debating a bill last week, has come together across party lines on several key issues. Moynihan says he and his committee's ranking Republican, Sen. Bob Packwood, R-Ore., will begin drafting a bill over the break.

In the House, just before Clinton's arrival Wednesday, Democrats on the House Education and Labor Committee's labor-management relations subcommittee voted 17-10 to approve a version of the Clinton health bill drafted by the panel's chairman, Rep. Pat Williams, D-Mont.

The bill builds on the president's but substitutes voluntary purchasing cooperatives for mandatory alliances, expands the benefits package in areas including women's health, mental health and dental care.

**RALLY SET
ON HEALTH**

A health care reform rally will be held at noon Thursday in front the the Bernhard Center at Western Michigan University, according to the South Central Michigan AFL-CIO Labor Council.

The rally is designed to "talk about the positive aspects of health care."

Speakers include Ralph Chandler from WMU, Betty Ongley, former mayor of Portage, William McNary from the Public Action Council, Steven Townsend from the American Psychological Association, Lana Boldt, UAW Region 1-D CAP education representative, David Schneider from AFSCME Local 1868, Jorge Ruano, executive director of the Hispanic Council, Lyn Bartley from AAUP and Richard Frantz, president of the South Central Michigan AFL-CIO Labor Council.

To: Murry Rapp

Clipping from Kalamazoo Gazette
5-30-94

From Cindy Jones Three Rivers, mi.

THE Greek American.

Greek-Americans and Health Care Reform: Continuing The Tradition



by CHRISTINE WARNEKE
& GREGORY PAPPAS

WASHINGTON--Greek-Americans, over the past one-hundred years, have created and sustained communities to improve their lives away from their Greek homeland. First in their home-town ethnic societies, then in their regional and fraternal organizations, Greek-Americans have come together to meet the social and welfare needs of their community. The earliest Greek immigrants, who grappled with the difficult realities of a new country, organized networks to support their fellow home-town members when they were faced with dire medical needs. Later, fraternal organizations, similar to AHEPA, came together to create prototypes for what we now know as health insurance plans. Recently, the Greek-American community has taken a leadership role in the fight against juvenile diabetes and Cooley's Anemia, a genetic blood disorder which afflicts people in those lands visited by Alexander the Great. Greek-American organizations, such as AHEPA, have a history of helping to provide for medical care needs, which includes building hospitals in Greece and in this country. We should not overlook the contributions of our doctors and medical scientists, including Dr. Nicholas Papanicolaou, creator of the Pap test which detects cervical cancer in its early stages. Another prominent Greek American medical scientist, Dr. Panos Koutrouvelis, invented a stereotactic three dimensional device for treating prostate cancer without general anesthesia or hospitalization. The Daughters of Penelope have helped

form the Papanicolaou Cancer Center in Miami, Florida, which continues our long-standing tradition of supporting our community's health care needs. In New York City, the Hellenic American Neighborhood Action Committee (HANAC) has become a model of community support by providing a service network for medical and mental health care needs, family problems, as well as housing. This year, Greek-Americans have the opportunity to expand upon the principles of our long-standing tradition of community support of health care needs by helping to enact health care reform.

We, in the Greek-American community, now have the challenge and opportunity to reach out to the broader community and bring health care to all Americans. As we approach the end of this century, we see ourselves as full members of American society with an obligation to ensure that our family, friends, and neighbors have health care regardless of any pre-existing conditions and to assure that health care continues when we change or lose our jobs. Our community supports freedom of choice. Our families need to be able to choose a health care plan and health care providers who meet their particular needs and circumstances.

The time is now. An historic opportunity awaits Americans of Hellenic descent to participate in the long overdue reform of our health care system. While there are many plans currently being debated in Washington, we think there are a number of key elements, like those in President Clinton's health care plan, upon which we can all agree:

1. Guaranteed private insurance -

every American is guaranteed private insurance coverage;

2. Choice - everyone has the right to choose their own doctor and health plan;

3. Improving insurance practices - no person's benefits can be terminated or rates increased in cases of major illness;

4. Preservation of Medicare - older Americans have the right to rely on Medicare coverage, choose their doctor, and have options for prescription drugs and long term care at home and in their communities; and

5. Guaranteed health benefits at work - all workers will be guaranteed health insurance coverage and the government will provide discounts for workers in small businesses and will help cover the unemployed.

Greek-Americans should be assured that their families will have health security regardless of changing economic situations. Women should have access to an annual Pap test, which is every woman's right. Our children deserve the

best we can offer, and they should have immunization, regular health screenings, and medical treatment.

Terrie Papouris Dacales, Former Grand President of the Daughters of Penelope, herself a long time health activist, tells us, "Greek-Americans should rally for health reform now! Not for ourselves but for our children and our community across the nation." We, of the Concerned Greek-Americans for Health Reform, urge you to join with us in bringing about these changes which will mean so much for the Greek-American community as well as the broader community that needs our support.

Christine Warnke, Ph.D., and Gregory Pappas, M.D., Ph.D., members of Concerned Greek-Americans for Health Reform. Local chapters have already been formed in five states. If you would like to form a local chapter or receive more information write Concerned Greek-Americans for Health Reform, 3016 Tilden Street, N.W., #201, Washington, D.C. 20008, fax number 202/966-5412.

FRIDAY
JUNE 3, 1994

SUNNY
High 78, Low 54
Details/A2

25 Cents

The Times

SERVING OUR COMMUNITY FOR MORE THAN A CENTURY

INTO THE WOODS
N.J. Pinelands hold hidden
wonders to explore

A DIVIDING GAP
Clinton, pope fail to come to
terms over abortion

Health-care plea: Give us as good as Congress gets

By STEVEN FROMM
Staff Writer

TRENTON — Many New Jerseyans may overhear this conversation on the radio in the next few days: "Hey, Marge, I'm thinking about running for Congress." "Alfred, you can't be serious. You don't even like Congress." "Well, they're got some good bene-

fits." "Alfred, are you feeling OK?" "That's the point, Marge. Every one in Congress is guaranteed health coverage, good benefits and a choice of plans and doctors. Best of all, their employer — that's us, Marge — pays around 70 percent of the cost." Marge finally cuts to the chase and suggests that, instead of running for Congress, Alfred call his

congressman and urge a vote for universal health care, comprehensive benefits, and a requirement that employers provide at least part of the coverage. The announcer ends by telling listeners to call U.S. Sen. Bill Bradley and gives the senator's phone number. The radio spots, as well as newspaper and television ads and a direct-mail program that started this week,

Health Care

are part of a \$500,000 nationwide campaign sponsored by the Washington D.C.-based Healthcare Reform Project.

About \$80,000 of that total will be

spent in New Jersey to pressure Bradley, a member of the powerful Senate Finance Committee, into backing the health-care proposals that the coalition wants, according to Charles Leonard, a spokesman for the group.

Print advertisements that ran yesterday in the Newark Star-Ledger, the largest newspaper in New Jersey, and the Times of Trenton told readers, "You shouldn't have to be

in Congress to get health insurance like Congress gets," and also included the telephone number of Bradley's New Jersey office.

WHILE NEW Jerseyans have heard a good deal about the ongoing debate over national health care, and what form it should take, they see HEALTH CARE

U.S. talks

Health

• continued from A1

Healthcare Reform Project's New Jersey blitz is one of the first signs of the mega-lobbying triggered by the issue.

The Healthcare Reform Project is a 44-member coalition that includes such giants as the Ford Motor Co., the General Motors Corp., American Airlines, the American Academy of Family Physicians, the Children's Defense Fund, and several labor groups, including the AFL-CIO.

Each member must make a financial contribution to the project, which has been operating for a year, according to Leonard.

And they've been kicking in plenty of cash.

"We spent \$3 million in the last four months," Leonard asserted. "We want to tell the members of Congress that the simplest and fairest way to go with health-care reform is to build on what exists — and that means supplying health care through the work place."

He added, "We've tested the message through focus groups and found it very compelling. There is a sense of fairness involved here."

And the initial response shows that New Jerseyans did find it compelling.

"We got a lot of calls in the Newark office," said Eric Hauser, a spokesman for Bradley.

But the Bradley camp wasn't angry. Just philosophical.

"People care a lot about this issue, and they should because it involves their families and their pocketbooks — and sometimes life and death," Hauser said. "All input is welcome. This is part of the process."

BRADLEY IS not a co-sponsor of any of the health-care proposals now floating around Congress, but "his view is that comprehensive health care is absolutely essential and we need to make it available in a way that is fair and controls costs as much as possible," Hauser said.

Bradley supported a Senate resolution — approved earlier this year by voice vote — that whatever type of health care the average American ends up with, members of Congress should be insured under the same system, Hauser said.

Bradley is not the only member of Congress to feel the heat of the Healthcare Reform Project's media campaign. Radio spots and newspaper ads are being run in about 10

cities across the nation, Leonard said. They include Tulsa, New Orleans, Providence, Bismarck, Nebraska and Omaha.

"We're targeting members of the Senate Finance Committee and members of the House Ways and Means Committee," Leonard said. "We've also tried to focus attention on members who have not definitively declared their position on providing health care through the work place."

There are six major health-care reform proposals before Congress, ranging from President Bill Clinton's "Health Security Act" to U.S. Rep. Jim Cooper's "Managed Competition Act of 1993."

Under Clinton's proposal, insurance coverage would be financed through mandatory employer contributions, individual premiums and state and federal contributions.

Cooper's proposal, which — at least in the early stages — has drawn more attention than the other rival plans, would have health insurance financed through individual and voluntary employer contributions.



Staff photo by Mark Shuman

Members of N.J. Citizen Action yesterday picketed the office of Rep. Chris Smith in Hamilton to press demands that health care for the public be as good as that provided to members of Congress.

Phony

• continued from A1

Special Agent Tony Colgary of the Secret Service Newark office said the agency will continue to investigate where the money was printed.

"We are working with Hamilton police on the counterfeit money operation today," Colgary said. "Beyond that, we can't release any information."

charges, plus \$500 for a Union County motor vehicle warrant and \$55 for a Raleigh, N.C., motor vehicle warrant.

Stanley said Riscivato was not cooperating with investigators, "but there are no indications he made the money himself."

Stanley said that police are working to find other victims who may have accepted the fake money.

"We would ask any store that believes it may have received counterfeit money to call us immediately."



CHANNEL®

YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD LAWN & GARDEN CENTER

**COUPONS GOOD ONE DAY ONLY,
SATURDAY June 4th ONLY!**

WEEKEND





**HEALTH CARE
REFORM PROJECT**

**THE VOICE OF
AMERICANS FOR
CHANGE, NOW.**

For Immediate Release
June 2, 1994

Contact: Bob Chlopak
or Charlie Leonard
202-289-5900

**MEMBERS OF CONGRESS TO RECEIVE PRO-HEALTH CARE
REFORM BOOST DURING MEMORIAL DAY RECESS**

WASHINGTON — The Health Care Reform Project today announced an extensive campaign of paid media, public rallies and other events in targeted states and congressional districts designed to persuade key Members of Congress who will soon cast deciding votes that broad support for comprehensive legislation does exist back home.

The campaign includes \$500,000 in paid radio and newspaper advertisements in 10 swing districts and states; 300,000 pieces of direct mail; extensive phone banking; and numerous local press conferences, rallies and meetings with Members of Congress organized by health care providers, small business owners, union members and other participants in the various local Health Care Reform Projects.

"Our efforts over the recess are designed to ensure that Members don't hear a one-sided message from extreme groups that oppose real reform," said Gerry Shea, vice chair of the Project. "We believe it is vital for Members to know that important local constituencies favor a bill that includes universal coverage, comprehensive benefits and shared responsibility between employers and employees."

For example, a press conference will be held in New York City featuring small business owners who favor requiring all employers to help pay for the cost of their employees' coverage. They will release a letter to their Senator, Chairman Daniel Patrick Moynihan (D-NY) of the Finance Committee (Details TBA). Another example is a scheduled June 6 "D-Day for Health Care Reform" rally in Indianapolis. Rep. Andy Jacobs (D-IN) is one of the swing votes on Ways & Means. Other similar events are also scheduled.

While highlighting local support, the Reform Project is also running new print and broadcast ads that focus on the generous health insurance benefits that Members of Congress receive. The point is to highlight that the health care financing concept of 'shared responsibility' between employers and employees already exists for Members of Congress and is, indeed, the only

financing mechanism that will lead to universal coverage without massive new taxes -- a fact that the nonpartisan Congressional Budget Office has now confirmed.

"You shouldn't have to be in Congress to get health insurance like Congress gets," reads the headline on the newspaper ad. The text points out that 70% of the cost of Members' coverage is paid by their employer -- meaning taxpayers -- but that "some in Congress don't want to guarantee us good health coverage at work like we provide them." A 60-second radio spot features a conversation between a fictitious "Alfred and Marge" during which Alfred says he is "thinking about running for Congress" because "everyone in Congress is guaranteed health coverage, good benefits and a choice of plans and doctors. Best of all: Their employer -- that's us, Marge -- pays around 70% of the cost."

"You don't have to be in Congress, Alfred. Why don't you just call Congress and tell them to guarantee us health care coverage at work like they have."

Both the radio and print ads ask citizens to call their local Members and urge support for reform. The total buy for the ads is about \$500,000 and will run through the end of the holiday recess. Scripts are attached.

###

Health Care Reform Project**Radio :60****"Running"- Final**

Alfred: Hey, Marge, I'm thinking about running for Congress.

Marge: Alfred, you can't be serious. You don't even like Congress.

Alfred: Well, they've got some good benefits.

Marge: Alfred, are you feeling okay?

Alfred: That's the point, Marge. Everyone in Congress is guaranteed health coverage, good benefits and a choice of plans and doctors. Best of all: Their employer... that's us Marge... pays around 70% of the cost.

Marge: We'd save thousands. But there's one problem, Alfred.

Alfred: What's that?

Marge: You'd have to win the election...and, I'm not even sure your mother would support you for Congress.

Alfred: Would so.

Marge: Would not.

Alfred: Well, maybe you're right.

Marge: You don't have to be in Congress, Alfred... Why don't you just call Congress and tell them to guarantee us health care coverage at work like they have.

Announcer: Tell Congress you want guaranteed health care coverage at work like Congress has. Nothing less. Call Senator John Chafee today at 401/528-5294. That's 401/528-5294.

Marge: Now promise me you're just going to call Congress, not run for it.

Announcer: Paid for by the Health Care Reform Project.

You Shouldn't Have To Be In Congress To Get Health Insurance Like Congress Gets

EVERY MEMBER OF CONGRESS:

Is
Guaranteed
Coverage

Chooses
Plans and
Doctors

Has Good
Benefits



Enjoys
Affordable
Prices

Gets Most
of Their
Premium
Paid By
Their
Employer
(That's Us)

The health care debate is confusing, but the solution can be quite simple. Just guarantee every American quality health coverage at work like Members of Congress get.

Right now every Member of Congress is guaranteed health coverage at work and our tax dollars pay most of the cost, about 73%. But some in Congress don't want to guarantee us good health coverage at work like we provide them.

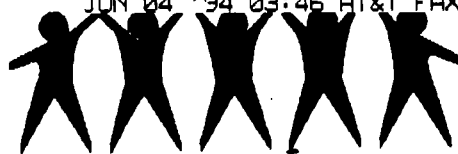
They say that we can't cover everyone or that businesses shouldn't pay a fair share of their employees' health care costs. Small businesses would even get discounts. But after all the excuses the simple fact is: some Members of Congress don't want to guarantee you health care coverage at work like you give them. And, that's not fair.

So call your Senators and Representatives in Congress. Tell them to stop the proposals in Congress that would give you less coverage than Congress gets. Because all of us should be guaranteed quality health coverage at work like Congress has. Nothing less.

**Call Senator John Chafee at
(401) 528-5294**

**Tell Him To Guarantee Us
What Congress Gets**

**—
NOTHING LESS!**



Campaign For Health Security

501 Third Street, N.W. ♦ Washington, DC 20001 ♦ Phone: 202/434-1186 ♦ Fax: 202/434-1201

PRESS RELEASE ♦ PRESS RELEASE ♦ PRESS REL

PRESS ADVISORY

"GIVE US THE HEALTH CARE WE GIVE YOU"

**Citizens to Protest Congressional Opposition to
Real Health Care Reform During Recess**

TO: Peter Barnes, CNBC
FROM: Gail Dratch, Director, Campaign for Health Security
RE: Local Activists to Demand that Members of Congress
"Give Us What You Get"
DATE: June 1, 1994

On June 2, all across the country, thousands of members of the Campaign for Health Security, Jobs with Justice, Citizen Action and local organizations supporting comprehensive health care reform will confront key Members of Congress at rallies, at their offices, and at town meetings to demand that they provide Americans with the same kind of health care coverage that American taxpayers give them.

Health Action Day "Give Us What You Get" actions will take place in 35 states, targeting over 65 Members of Congress. Among the planned activities, citizens will distribute flyers explaining why those Members of Congress are unwilling to provide their constituents with the same type of affordable, quality health care that they receive (see attached sample).

For further information on specific events, please contact:

Gail Dratch, Campaign for Health Security (202) 434-1186

A Coalition of: Amalgamated Textile and Clothing Workers Union ♦ American Federation of State, County and Municipal Workers ♦ American Public Health Association
♦ AIDS Action Council ♦ Church Women United ♦ Citizen Action ♦ Coalition of Labor Union Women ♦ Communications Workers of America ♦ Consumer
Federation of America ♦ Consumers Union ♦ Gay Men's Health Crisis ♦ International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers ♦ International Brotherhood of
Teamsters ♦ International Ladies' Garment Workers' Union ♦ International Union of Electronic, Electrical, Salaried, Machine and Furniture Workers ♦ Jobs with Justice ♦
League of Women Voters ♦ National Association of Social Workers ♦ National Council of Senior Citizens ♦ National Education Association ♦ National Family Farm
Coalition ♦ National Farmers Union ♦ National Hispanic Council on Aging ♦ NETWORK ♦ Older Women's League ♦ Screen Actors Guild ♦ United Cerebral Palsy
Association, Inc. ♦ United Church of Christ, Office of Church in Society ♦ United Automobile, Aerospace and Agricultural Implement Workers of America

Congressman Andrews

If it's good enough for you, it's good enough for us!

We think members of Congress get a pretty good health plan:

- ✓ Comprehensive care, including all doctor and hospital costs.
- ✓ Outpatient services and prescription drugs.
- ✓ A choice of plans, including fee-for-service options that allow choice of doctor or other provider.
- ✓ They aren't excluded for pre-existing conditions or age or physical condition.
- ✓ And their out-of-pocket costs that are limited to 3% of income.

**And you know who pays
for their plan?
Their employer,
the American
taxpayer.**



Don't we deserve the same?

Now Congress is about to vote on health care for all Americans. Many members are looking for the easy way out, responding to the special interests instead of thinking about what we need.

That's why we're here: we're the Jobs with Justice/Campaign for Health Security. We're fighting for a few basic principles to be included in any health care reform bill that comes out of Congress:

Employer-paid coverage. Good benefits, including prescription drugs and long-term care. The freedom to choose your own plan and provider. No exclusions for pre-existing conditions. And a cap on out-of-pocket costs.

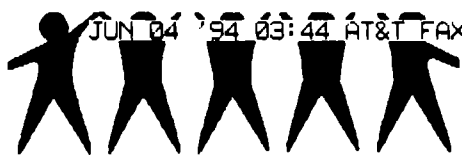
**In other words,
we want to make
sure that every
American gets
health care as
good as Congress
gets—nothing less.**

Call (609)627-9000 or (609)848-3900.

Tell Congressman Andrews:

"If it's good enough for you, it's good enough for us!"

We want health care as good as Congress gets, nothing less.



Campaign For Health Security

501 Third Street, N.W. ♦ Washington, DC 20001 ♦ Phone: 202/434-1186 ♦ Fax: 202/434-1201

PRESS RELEASE ♦ PRESS RELEASE ♦ PRESS REL

Campaign for Health Security

Press Advisory

June 1, 1994

To: Health Care Reporters

From: Ed Rothschild, Public Affairs Director (Citizen Action)

Coalition to Run Radio Ads Calling on Senator Bob Dole to "Give Us Health Care Coverage As Good As We Give You"

Beginning on Friday, June 3, 1994 and continuing for nine days, the Campaign for Health Security will run a 60-second radio ad that asks citizens in Kansas to call Senator Bob Dole to "Tell him you've provided him with good health insurance. Now you want coverage that's as good as his, not less."

The Campaign will run similar ads directed at Senator Bob Packwood of Oregon, Rep. Richard A. Santorum of Pennsylvania, Rep. Olympia Snowe of Maine, Rep. Nancy Johnson of Connecticut, and Reps. Sherwood Boehlert and Benjamin Gilman of New York.

"We are running these ads," said Gail Dratch, Executive Director of the Campaign for Health Security, "a coalition of labor, consumer, farm, senior citizen, public health and religious groups, "to make it absolutely clear that Members of Congress must be held accountable for sponsoring health care legislation that will give their constituents less coverage than they receive."



Campaign For Health Security

501 Third Street, N.W. ♦ Washington, DC 20001 ♦ Phone: 202/434-1186 ♦ Fax: 202/434-1201

Campaign For Health Security 60 second Radio spot

Audio:

How can you make sure that health care reform helps you? By urging Congress to guarantee every American health care coverage at work like Congress has.

Today everyone in Congress is guaranteed coverage.

Has a choice of health plans.

Prices are affordable.

And their employer -- that's us -- pays a fair share of the cost.

The bottom line...we treat Congressman [Gilman] and every Member of Congress right. But now Congress is debating health reform for the rest of us, and Congressman [Gilman] supports a bill that gives you less coverage than he has. His bill doesn't cover everyone, and doesn't guarantee that your boss contributes to your insurance. Get it? You cover him at work, but he doesn't think your boss should cover you. Well, that's not fair. So call Congressman [Gilman]. Tell him you've provided him with good health insurance. Now you want coverage that's as good as his, not less.

Call Congressman [Gilman] at 914-357-9000. That's 914-357-9000.

Paid for by the Campaign For Health Security

A Coalition of: Amalgamated Textile and Clothing Workers Union ♦ American Federation of State, County and Municipal Workers ♦ American Public Health Association ♦ AIDS Action Council ♦ Church Women United ♦ Citizen Action ♦ Coalition of Labor Union Women ♦ Communications Workers of America ♦ Consumer Federation of America ♦ Consumers Union ♦ Gay Men's Health Crisis ♦ International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers ♦ International Brotherhood of Teamsters ♦ International Ladies' Garment Workers' Union ♦ International Union of Electronic, Electrical, Salaried, Machine and Furniture Workers ♦ Jobs with Justice ♦ League of Women Voters ♦ National Association of Social Workers ♦ National Council of Senior Citizens ♦ National Education Association ♦ National Family Farm Coalition ♦ National Farmers Union ♦ National Hispanic Council on Aging ♦ NETWORK ♦ Older Women's League ♦ Screen Actors Guild ♦ United Cerebral Palsy Association, Inc. ♦ United Church of Christ, Office of Church in Society ♦ United Automobile, Aerospace and Agricultural Implement Workers of America

Campaign For Health Security

60 second radio spot to air statewide in Oregon

Audio:

Horace: Hey, Madge, what do you make of this health care reform debate?

Madge: I wish they'd do something already. I can't afford my health insurance and my boss won't pay a dime.

Horace: Why don't you call Senator Packwood. He's on the committee that handles the health care bill.

Madge: Packwood, huh. You think he wants businesses to pay some of the cost so people like me can afford health insurance.

Horace: He should. After all, we're his employer and we pay for most of his insurance.

Madge: Nooo...

Horace: Yup, we do...our taxes pay over 70% of his premium.

Madge: Really! So I could call Packwood and say...guarantee me health coverage at work just like I give you.

Horace: That's right...but, Madge, you should also tell him to stand up to the opponents... like Bob Dole. Because Packwood used to be on the side of working people, but now he wants to give some businesses a free ride.

Madge: Give me the phone, Horace. I'm calling Packwood now and telling him to guarantee me coverage at work just like he has. Nothing less. Let's see 326-3370.

Announcer: Paid for by the campaign for health security.

July 1, 1994

MEMORANDUM FOR DISTRIBUTION

FROM: Mike Lux and Debbie Fine

SUBJECT: Weekly Summary

Attached is this week's summary of allied group activities in the field. We would note that the groups have shifted some of their focus from organized press events to action alerts urging calls from their membership and phone banking to Senate offices in support of universal coverage, coverage like Congress has and in response to the introduction of Dole's proposal.

A sketch of some upcoming Fourth of July recess activities is also attached.

AL

Spencer Bachus

Planned Activities

5/2: CA leafletting at Rep's office

AR

Blanche M. Lambert

Planned Activities

6/1: LTCC : plan to issue report cards of several hlth plans; pc

6/20: HRIGHT video tour

Jay Dickey

Planned Activities

6/2: CWA /seniors leafletting at Rep's office; pc

Pryor, David

Mail

6/17: AFL-CIO taxation of benefits mailing: 5,000

Y. Tim Hutchinson

Planned Activities

6/2: CWA /seniors leafletting at Rep's office; pc

AZ

Jon Kyl

Planned Activities

6/2: CA : Human Billboards "Kyl for Sale"; pc

CA

Anthony C. Beilenson

Planned Activities

6/18: Groups : 2 Town Hall mtgs w/ Rep

Carlos J. Moorhead

Planned Activities

6/2: SEIU /CWA pc w/ Rep Waxman on sup for empl contributions

Don Edwards

Planned Activities

6/3: Groups : Senior Town Hall mtg

Fortney Pete Stark

Mail

6/17: AFL-CIO 2,000 Generic Brochures

Henry A. Waxman

Planned Activities

6/2: NLC Press Conf and rally w/ Rep, NLC, So Cal Ed, ANA, UFCW at UCLA Med Ctr

John T. Doolittle

Planned Activities

6/2: CA rally w/ picket fence asking if Rep will get off the fence

Lynn C. Woolsey

Planned Activities

6/1: Groups : General Public Forum held by Rep
7/9: Groups : Women's Health Care Forum

Lynn Schenk

Planned Activities

6/12: Groups : Zelman speech to Unified Medical Group Association

Richard H. Lehman

Paid Phones

5/23-6/3: PF : calls to visit, call, write Mbr

Planned Activities

6/2: Groups : seniors town hall
6/2: SBC Open House w/ small business
6/6: Groups : Disability event
6/6-6/12: Groups :Mayor declared health care action week

Robert T. Matsui

Mail

6/17: AFL-CIO 3,000 Generic Brochures

Vic Fazio

Planned Activities

7/5: Groups : 2 Town Hall mtgs w/ Rep
7/6: Groups : Town Hall mtg w/ Rep
7/9: Groups : 2 Town Hall mtgs w/ Rep

Allied Activities

July 1, 1994

Wally Herger

Planned Activities

6/1: CA : rally at Rep's office

CO

David E. Skaggs

Planned Activities

7/25: Groups : Town Hall mtg w/ Rep

CT

Barbara B. Kennelly

Mail

6/13: Groups : 150 handwritten ltrs to Rep this week
6/17: SEIU 1,000 Generic Brochures
6/17: AFT 3,000 Generic Brochures
6/17: AFL-CIO 2,000 Generic Brochures

Paid Phones

6/21: Groups : phone bank to mbrs with 915 contacts
7/5: Groups : phone banking in conjunction w/ AFL-CIO

Planned Activities

6/1: CHS unions mtg w/rep
6/1: CHS : D-Day Action on Lieberman in K's cd
6/1: Groups : Hartford Courant has published several ltrs to the editor
6/1: Groups : call in day for mental health and substance abuse coverage
6/6: AFL-CIO mailings to union membership urging ltrs and calls to Rep
6/6: HCRP : ltr received from Rep
6/13: Groups : 105 organized phone calls to Rep this week
6/15: UAW door hanger blitz: goal is to hang 10,000
6/16: AFT : letters to editor published in Hartford Courant
6/22: Groups : press event w/ NBC to highlight local angle of hc reform
6/25: Groups : 9000 door hangers distributed by Boy's and Girl's club
6/28: Groups : Health Care action letter sent out
6/29: HCRP : Provider pc on universal coverage
7/9: Groups Rally for labor

Gary A. Franks

Mail

6/17: Groups 245 handwritten ltrs sent to Rep this week

Planned Activities

6/2: CHS Health Action Day: "Give Us What You Got"

Lieberman, Joseph I.

Mail

6/30: Groups action mailing to CSFT mbrs "5 Min for Hlth Care"

Planned Activities

6/6: CA costume event focussing on ins industry camp contrib to Rep
6/11: UAW /CA info table w/ door hangers distributed; 500
6/17: AFL-CIO : Health Care Forum w/ Rep
6/20: Groups : labor leaders mtg w/ Rep
6/21: HCRP : Watch Party for NBC Special on Health Care

Nancy L. Johnson

Paid Media

6/3-6/12: CHS :Radio "Give Us Health Coverage As Good As We Give You"

Planned Activities

6/3: CHS : Give Us What You Got"; leafletting

Rosa L. DeLauro

Planned Activities

6/6: Groups : Erskine Bowles and Rep DeLauro Town Hall Meeting

DC

Eleanor Holmes Norton

Planned Activities

7/6: Groups : Town Hall mtg w/ Rep

DE

Michael N. Castle

Planned Activities

6/2: Groups : WH Conf on Small Business

FL

Carrie P. Meek

Planned Activities

6/6: NLC Press Conf w/Gov Chiles, NLC co-Chair Paul Rogers, Rep Meek

Cliff Stearns

Planned Activities

6/2: CWA /ILGWU leafletting and informational picket at Rep's office

Corrine Brown

Planned Activities

6/6: Groups : Health Care Summit

Douglas "Pete" Peterson

Planned Activities

7/5: Groups : Town Hall mtg w/ Rep

7/6: Groups : Town Hall mtg w/ Rep

7/7: Groups : Town Hall mtg w/ Rep

E. Clay Shaw Jr.

Planned Activities

6/2: CWA /ILGWU 2 leafletting events

Earl Hutto

Planned Activities

8/22: Groups Florida Council on Aging Conference

Michael Bilirakis

Planned Activities

6/4: NACDS : O'Leary tours Eckerd Corporation

Sam Gibbons

Mail

6/17: AFT taxation of benefits mailing: 1,172

6/17: AFL-CIO taxation of benefits mailing: 2,800

Tillie K. Fowler

Planned Activities

6/2: CWA /ILGWU leafletting + informational picket at Rep's office

GA

Don Johnson

Planned Activities

6/9: Groups : Georgia Older Worker's Conf

George (Buddy) Darden

Planned Activities

6/1: Groups : opening of mental health center

Jack Kingston

Planned Activities

6/9: Groups Georgia Older Workers Conference

John Lewis

Mail

6/17: AFT 1,400 Generic Brochures

6/17: AFL-CIO 1,000 Generic Brochures

John Linder

Planned Activities

6/2: CA Meeting w/ Rep

6/3: CA : picket and leaflet of fundraiser w/ Dick Cheney

Nathan Deal

Planned Activities

6/18: Groups : Town Hall mtg w/ Rep

8/29: Groups : General Public Forum held by Rep

IA

Grassley, Charles E.

Planned Activities

6/2: CA : "Give Us What You Got" leafletting; pc

6/21: CA : call in day to Rep; "Give Us What You Got"

6/27: FUSA small business report release

Neal Smith

Planned Activities

7/26: Groups : WH Conf on Small Business

Allied Activities

July 1,1994

ID

Craig, Larry E.

Planned Activities

6/2: Groups : seniors pc

Kempthorne, Dirk

Planned Activities

6/2: Groups : seniors pc

Larry LaRocco

Planned Activities

6/30: Groups : WH Conf on Small Business

Michael D. Crapo

Planned Activities

6/2: Groups : seniors pc

IL

J. Dennis Hastert

Planned Activities

6/13: Groups : leafletting + picket of Columbia Inst Forum; Elaine Weiss

John Edward Porter

Planned Activities

6/13: Groups : leaflet of Town Hall mtg w/ Rep's Yates + Porter

Luis V. Gutierrez

Planned Activities

6/6: Groups : General Public Forum held by Rep

Mel Reynolds

Mail

6/17: AFL-CIO 2,000 Generic Brochures

6/17: AFT 2,000 Generic Brochures

Moseley-Braun, Carol

Planned Activities

7/6: Groups : Town Hall mtg w/ Rep

Richard J. Durbin

Planned Activities

8/16: Groups : WH Conf on Small Business

IN

Andrew Jacobs Jr.

Canvas

6/6-6/10: UAW :w/doorknockers

6/17: AFL-CIO taxation of benefits mailing: 7,500

6/17: AFSCME taxation of benefits mailing: 2,600

6/21: HCRP 45 handwritten ltrs to Rep from House Party

Paid Media

6/2-6/12: HCRP Radio "Give Us What You've Got" (252 spots)

6/2: HCRP Print 1/2 page "Give Us What You've Got"

6/7: HCRP Print 1/2 page "Give Us What You've Got"

Paid Phones

5/31-6/2: AFL-CIO

Planned Activities

6/1: HCRP Press Conf to announce print and radio ads

6/4: Groups : North Am Assn of Jew Homes and Housing for the Aged conf

6/5: Groups : Shalala at Am College of Sports Medicine pushing empl mand

6/6: Groups Rally on "D-Day for Health Reform in IN" (afl,afscme,ca,cwa nasw)

6/6: HCRP Coats/Lugar hc event

6/11-6/12: HCRP : letter table at Democratic Convention

6/15: UAW door hanger campaign

6/21: HCRP : House Parties for NBC Special on health care

6/22: Groups : calls to Rep after NBC Special

6/27: FUSA small business report release

6/29: HCRP : Provider pc on universal coverage

7/26: Groups : Health Care Forum w/ Rep

F. McCloskey

Planned Activities

6/4: Groups : Health Care Forum w/ Evansville Area Council of Churches

Lee H. Hamilton

Planned Activities

6/1: Groups Town Hall mtg

6/2: Groups 2 Town Hall mtgs

Peter J. Visclosky

Planned Activities

6/11: Groups : 2 Public Forums

6/18: Groups : 2 Town Hall mtgs w/ Rep

Philip R. Sharp

Paid Phones

5/31-6/2: AFL-CIO

Planned Activities

6/1: Groups : call in day for mental health and substance abuse coverage

6/6: Groups Rally : "D-Day for Health Reform in IN" (afl,afscme,ca,cwa,nasw)

KS

Dan Glickman

Planned Activities

7/11: Groups : Medical Malpractice Forum w/ Rep

Dole, Robert

Paid Media

6/3-6/12: CHS :Radio "Give Us Health Coverage As Good As We Give You"

Planned Activities

6/11: AFT state convention w/ letter table

6/27: Groups Press Conf on release of FUSA study on small business costs

6/29: HCRP : Provider pc on universal coverage

Jim Slattery

Planned Activities

6/1: FUSA Press Conf

6/1: HRIGHT bus tour stops in Wichita

6/2: CHS Health Action Day events

6/2-6/3: HCRP :leafletting and ed board visits

6/3: HRIGHT bus tour stops in Kansas City, MO

6/4: HCRP Press Conf

6/4: Groups : "Wizard of Oz" demonstration at Rep camp event

6/6: HCRP Press Conf :D-Day

6/11: AFT : state convention w/ letter table

6/27: FUSA : small business report release

6/29: HCRP : Provider pc on universal coverage

8/11: Groups : WH Conf on Small Business

baum, Nancy L.

Planned Activities

6/11: AFT state convention w/ ltr table for health care reform

6/27: FUSA Press Conf on release of FUSA study on small business costs

6/29: HCRP : Provider pc on universal coverage

KY

McConnell, Mitch

Planned Activities

6/2: CWA leafletting and informational picket of Fed Building

LA

Breaux, John B.

Mail

6/17: AFT taxation of benefits mailing: 15,000
6/17: AFSCME taxation of benefits mailing: 5,000
6/17: AFL-CIO taxation of benefits mailing: 10,000
6/17: SEIU taxation of benefits mailing: 2,000
6/20: Groups : 10 handwritten ltrs to Rep from Lake Charles

Paid Media

6/2: HCRP print 1/2 pg; "Give Us What You Got"
6/2-6/12: HCRP Radio "Give Us What You've Got" (2,880 spots)
6/5: AARP print ads run
6/7: HCRP Print 1/2 pg "Give Us What You've Got"

Paid Phones

5/23-6/3: PF : calls to call, write, visit Mbr
6/13: Groups phone bank: 150 calls to Democratic activists

Planned Activities

6/1: Groups : national call in day for mental health and substance abuse
6/2: CA : rally and informational picket at Rep's office
6/2: CHS Health Action Day: "Give Us What You Got"
6/3: HCRP : will hold pc or issue a rlse to announce new ads
6/7: AARP mtg; collected postcards
6/7: Groups : ltr to editor in 15 papers
6/9: SEIU Action: PC and March (APRI Conf, petitions to delegation)
6/10: HRIGHT rally
6/13-6/17: HCRP Press Conf : providers
6/18: HRIGHT video tour: "Speak Out America"
6/20: Groups : op-ed submitted to Baton Rouge Business Report
6/21: HCRP : House Parties for NBC TV Health Care Special
6/23: Groups : House party for discussion and ltr writing
6/27: FUSA small business report release
6/29: HCRP : Provider pc on universal coverage

Cleo Fields

Planned Activities

7/7: Groups : Town Hall mtg w/ Rep

W. J. (Billy) Tauzin

Planned Activities

6/2: CHS Health Action Day: "Give Us What You Got"
6/9: AFL-CIO Press Conf :and march to Rep's office, ackn Breaux
6/17: HRIGHT video tour

William J. Jefferson

Mail

6/17: AFT 2,000 Generic Brochures
6/17: AFL-CIO 2,000 Generic Brochures

MA

Gerry E. Studds

Planned Activities

6/10: Groups : Judy Feder speech to MA Hospital Assn's 58th annual mtg

John Joseph Moakley

Planned Activities

7/1: Groups : Town Hall mtg w/ Rep

Peter G. Torkildsen

Planned Activities

6/9: Groups : leaflet of Health Care Forum

Richard E. Neal

Mail

6/17: AFT 919 Generic Brochures

6/17: AFL-CIO 3,000 Generic Brochures

Planned Activities

6/1: Groups : call in day for mental health and substance abuse coverage

6/3: Groups : Riley speech to Am. Assn. of Mental Retardation

6/13: Groups : ltr writing campaign continued

MD

Benjamin L. Cardin

Mail

6/17: AFL-CIO taxation of benefits mailing: 2,000
6/17: SEIU taxation of benefits mailing: 2,000
6/17: AFSCME taxation of benefits mailing: 2,600
6/17: AFT taxation of benefits mailing: 1,100

Planned Activities

6/13: Groups : Sec Shalala tour and discussion at Neighbor Care Pharmacy
6/13: Groups : General Public Forum held by Rep
6/15: Groups : General Public Forum held by Rep
6/16: Groups : Admin Browner and Rep Cardin tour of Mt. Washington Hosp
6/21: Groups : General Public Forum held by Rep

Helen Delich Bentley

Planned Activities

6/2: Groups /ILGWU informational picket of Rep's office

ME

Olympia J. Snowe

Paid Media

6/3-6/12: CHS :Radio "Give Us Health Coverage As Good As We Give You"

Unpaid Activities

6/2: Groups : leafletting of Rep's offices

Mi

Fred Upton

Planned Activities

- 6/2: CHS Health Action Day
 - 6/15: UAW 6,000 pieces of mail to mbrs
 - 6/18: UAW door hanger campaign
 - 6/18: Groups : letter table at Water Carnival in Three Rivers
-

John Conyers Jr.

Planned Activities

- 6/20: Groups : Town Hall mtg w/ Rep
-

Riegle Jr., Donald

Planned Activities

- 6/2: Groups : Health Care Forum: "Faces of the Health Care Crisis"
-

Sander M. Levin

Mail

- 6/17: AFT 1,900 Generic Brochures
- 6/17: AFL-CIO 2,000 Generic Brochures

Planned Activities

- 6/21: HCRP : House Party for NBC Special
 - 6/27: FUSA Press Conf on small business release
-

MN

Collin C. Peterson

Planned Activities

6/1: Groups Press Conf at Mercy Hospital; possibly w/ Sen Wellstone

David Minge

Planned Activities

6/3: Groups : pc at DFL conv; will ask candidates to sign pledge

6/16: Groups : pc at IR conv; will ask candidates to sign pledge

Durenberger, David

Mail

6/17: AFT taxation of benefits mailing: 15,000

6/17: SEIU taxation of benefits mailing: 3,000

6/17: AFSCME taxation of benefits mailing: 5,000

6/17: AFL-CIO taxation of benefits mailing: 5,000

Paid Phones

5/23-6/3: PF : calls to call, visit, write Mbr

Planned Activities

6/21: HCRP : House Parties for NBC Health Care Special

6/27: FUSA small business report release

6/29: HCRP : Provider pc on universal coverage

Martin Olav Sabo

Planned Activities

7/14: Groups : WH Conf on Small Business

W...ne, Paul

Planned Activities

7/1: Groups : Town Hall mtg w/ Rep

MO

Bill Emerson

Planned Activities

6/2: Groups /ILGWU leafletting Rep's office

Bond, Christopher S.

Planned Activities

6/2: CA : action at Fed Building; thank Rep Wheat for signing pledge

Danforth, John C.

Mail

6/17: SEIU taxation of benefits mailing: 7,000

6/17: AFL-CIO taxation of benefits mailing: 14,000

6/17: AFT taxation of benefits mailing: 6,000

Paid Phones

5/23-6/3: PF : calls to visit, write, call Mbr

Planned Activities

6/2: CA : action at Fed Building; thank Rep Wheat for signing pledge

6/3: HRIGHT speak out

6/6: HRIGHT speak out

6/6: NCSC : beginning 10 calls per day to Rep on health care reform

6/8: CA : phone tree w/ 10-20 calls to Rep: 'Give Us What You Got'

William (Bill) Clay

Planned Activities

6/16: Groups Kansas Managed Care Conference

7/17: Groups : N4A annual conf w/ Torres-Gill

8/24: Groups Missouri State Fair/Senior Day

MT

Baucus, Max

Mail

6/17: AFL-CIO taxation of benefits mailing: 10,000

6/17: AFT taxation of benefits mailing: 4,155

Burns, Conrad R.

Planned Activities

6/2: Groups /Seniors: leaflet People's Action Annual mtg

Pat Williams

Planned Activities

6/27: Groups : WH Conf on Small Business

NC

Eva M. Clayton

Planned Activities

6/2: Groups : Health Care Forum

Melvin L. Watt

Planned Activities

6/2: Groups : General Public Forum held by Rep

ND

Conrad, Kent

Mail

- 6/1: AARP :12,000 alerts
- 6/17: AFSCME taxation of benefits mailing: 514
- 6/17: AFT taxation of benefits mailing: 3,325
- 6/17: AFL-CIO taxation of benefits mailing: 15,000

Paid Media

- 6/2-6/12: HCRP Radio "Give Us What You've Got" (1,172 spots)
- 6/2: HCRP Print"Give Us What You've Got"(Bismk,Fargo,Grnd Frks, Minot)
- 6/5: AARP print ads: Bismarck
- 6/7: HCRP Print"Give Us What You've Got"(Bismrk,Fargo,Grnd Frk,Minot)

Paid Phones

- 5/23-6/3: PF : calls to write, visit, call Mbr

Planned Activities

- 6/1-6/5: Groups : crowdbuilding/signs at 9 Conrad Town Hall Meetings
 - 6/1: Groups : national call in day for mental health and substance abuse
 - 6/3: HCRP Press Conf to announce the current round of ads running statewide
 - 6/12: Groups : White House Conference on Small Business
 - 6/21: HCRP : House Parties for NBC TV Health Care Special
 - 6/27: FUSA small business report release
 - 6/29: HCRP : Provider pc on universal coverage
-

Earl Pomeroy

Planned Activities

- 7/12: Groups : WH Conf on Small Business
-

NE

Doug Bereuter

Planned Activities

9/28: Groups Nebraska Rural Health Conference

Kerrey, Joseph R.

Planned Activities

6/1: HCRP Press Conf announcing start of radio and newspaper ads
6/3: Groups : labor mtg w/ Rep (AFL, AFSCME, SEIU, Plumbers)
6/6: Groups Meeting w/ Rep
6/6: AFL-CIO : State Fed mailed info on small business to local unions
6/10: Groups : Rep's task force asked for suggested changes to Chafee bill
6/15: HCRP : House Parties for NBC Special on Health Care Reform
6/15: Groups : radio talk show on health care reform
6/22: Groups calls to Rep after NBC Special
6/24: HCRP Meeting
6/27: FUSA small business report release
7/9: Groups : radio talk show on health care reform

Peter Hoagland

Mail

6/1: AFL-CIO : statewide small business
6/17: AFL-CIO taxation of benefits mailing: 8,000

Paid Media

6/2: HCRP Print 1/2 page; "Give Us What You've Got" (Omaha)
6/2-6/12: HCRP Radio "Give Us What You've Got" (288 spots)
6/7: HCRP Print 1/2 page; "Give Us What You've Got"

Phones

5/23-6/3: PF asking to call, write, visit Mbrs

Planned Activities

6/1: AFL-CIO : ongoing leafletting workplaces
6/2: Groups : labor meeting with rep (AFL, SEIU, AFSCME, ATU, Plumbers)
6/2-6/3: HCRP : Radio call in
6/2: HCRP : Press release on ads
6/2: CHS Health Action Day
6/3: AFL-CIO : ltr sent by State Fed to local unions urging calls to Rep
6/6: AFL-CIO : State Fed mailed small business info to local unions
6/15: Groups : radio talk show on health care reform
6/16: Groups : phone tree to thank Rep for employer mandate vote
6/18: Groups : Town Hall mtg w/ Rep
6/21: HCRP : House Parties for NBC Special on Health Care Reform
6/21: Groups : calls to Rep after NBC Special
6/24: HCRP Meeting : with Kerry
6/24: HCRP : meeting with Mutual of Omaha
6/27: Groups : radio talk show on health care reform
6/27: FUSA small business report release
7/1: Groups : Labor press published action on Rep and Kerrey
7/1: Groups : Labor press published call to action on Kerrey and Hoagland
8/9: Groups : WH Conf on Small Business

NH

Dick Swett

Planned Activities

6/6: Groups : General Public Forum held by Rep

6/9: Groups : WH Conf on Small Business

NJ

Bradley, William

Mail

6/17: AFSCME taxation of benefits mailing: 10,000
6/17: AFL-CIO taxation of benefits mailing: 5,000

Paid Media

6/2: HCRP Print 1/2 page "Give Us What You've Got" (Newark, Trenton)
6/2-6/12: HCRP Radio "Give Us What You've Got" (1,820 spots)
6/7: HCRP Print 1/2 page "Give Us What You've Got" (Newark, Trenton)

Paid Phones

5/23-6/3: PF : calls to call, write, visit Mbr

Planned Activities

6/1: Groups : call in for comprehensive mental illness & subst abuse cov
6/6: SBC : press event at the end of the month
6/6: Groups : response to Gov Whitman's criticism of cost control
6/6: AFT : distributed info at health fair in Paramus
6/17: AFT taxation of benefits mailing: 20,000
6/22: AFT : 200 calls made by AFT Nurses to Rep
6/28: Groups : pc and picket in front of Rep's office

Christopher H. Smith

Planned Activities

6/2: CA /CWA leafletting at Rep's office

Frank Pallone Jr.

Planned Activities

6/1: Groups : call in day for mental health and substance abuse coverage
6/6: Groups : mtg btw Rep and Middlesex Central Labor Council
6/14: Groups : ltr writing session at local Camden library
6/14: Groups Rally outside CIGNA headquarters
6/20-7/4: Groups : Marlboro State Hosp +Trenton St.Psychiatric Cntr ltr cmpgn
6/20: Groups : Town Hall mtg w/ Rep
6/27: AFL-CIO : ltr writing booth at convention + Casino in the Park

Marge Roukema

Planned Activities

6/2: CHS Health Action Day

Robert E. Andrews

Planned Activities

6/6: CA /CWA rally at Cigna Insurance
6/18: Groups : Town Hall mtg w/ Rep
6/25: Groups : Town Hall mtg w/ Rep

NM

Bill Richardson

Planned Activities

6/2: Groups : mtg at a mall w/ Rep

6/3: Groups : mtg at a mall w/ Rep

6/6: Groups : mtg at a mall w/ Rep

7/1: Groups : 4 Town Hall mtgs w/ Rep

7/2: Groups : 4 Town Hall mtgs w/ Rep

7/3: Groups : 3 Town Hall mtgs w/ Rep

Steven Schiff

Planned Activities

7/2: Groups : 4 Town Hall mtgs w/ Rep

NY

Amos Houghton

Mail

6/17: AFL-CIO 2,000 Generic Brochures

6/17: AFT 2,000 generic brochures

Planned Activities

6/2: CHS Health Action Day

6/11: HCRP testimony from victims/ candlelight vigil

6/11: Groups Rally Pinders Corner (Moyn hometown) picnic/mtg (ARC, UCPA, CA)

Benjamin A. Gilman

Paid Media

6/3-6/12: CHS :Radio "Give Us Health Coverage As Good As We Give You"

Carolyn B. Maloney

Planned Activities

7/6: Groups : Town Hall mtg w/ Rep

7/7: Groups : Town Hall mtg w/ Rep

Charles B. Rangel

Mail

6/17: AFL-CIO 2,000 Generic Brochures

6/17: AFT 3,000 Generic Brochures

Charles E. Schumer

Planned Activities

6/30: Groups : Union 1199 Service Employees Retirees Conf w/ Torres Gill

Frank H. Flake

Planned Activities

6/1: Groups : General Public Forum held by Rep

6/3: Groups Town Hall mtg w/ Rep and Sen Moynihan

7/6: Groups : Town Hall mtg w/ Rep

7/7: Groups : Town Hall mtg w/ Rep

James T. Walsh

Planned Activities

6/21: Groups : Watch-in, NBC has expressed interest

Major R. Owens

Planned Activities

6/27: Groups : Town Hall mtg w/ Rep

7/5: Groups : Town Hall mtg w/ Rep

Michael R. McNulty

Mail

6/17: AFT 6,000 Generic Brochures

6/17: AFL-CIO 2,000 Generic Brochures

Planned Activities

6/1: HCRP Rally : rural upstate NY (during June)

6/1: Groups : call in day for mental health and substance abuse coverage

6/6: CA ltr to Rep calling for state single payer option

6/8: AARP Meeting ;2hr satellite

Allied Activities

July 1,1994

6/21: Groups : Watch-in; NBC has expressed interest
6/21: Groups : ltr to Rep asking him to oppose Andrews amendment

Moynihan, Daniel P.

as
6/9: Groups :for small business support
Mail

6/17: AFL-CIO taxation of benefits mailing: 15,000
6/17: AFSCME taxation of benefits mailing: 20,000
6/21: Groups 250 handwritten letters

Paid Media

6/16: Groups newspaper ads run

Paid Phones

5/23-6/3: PF : calls to call, write, visit Mbr
6/21: Groups : 1 month phonebanking effort

Planned Activities

6/1: Groups flyer Sentr's delegate bfast detail suprt Repub hlth pos
6/1: Groups : call in day for mental health and substance abuse coverage
6/2: Groups : 300,000 leaflets around state
6/2: Groups : leafletting Democratic convention in Buffalo
6/2: Groups protest conventn: Moynihan dummy in bed w/insurance
6/2: Groups : leafletting subways w/ call Moynihan flyer; ltr writing
6/6: AFSCME ltrs to Rep
6/6: HCRP open ltr to Congress on employer mandate
6/6: CA ltr to Rep on state single payer option
6/7: SBC : small business event early next week
6/7: Groups Meeting w/ Rep; will ask him to sign pledge
6/11: Groups Rally Pinders Corner (Moynihan's hometown) (ARC, CA, UCPA)
6/17: AARP : phone-in and fax Moynihan day
6/21: CA /UAW watch party for NBC special
6/30: Groups Press Conf on small businesses that support employer mandates

Nita M. Lowey

Planned Activities

7/8: Groups : 2 Town Hall mtgs w/ Rep

Rick Lazio

Planned Activities

6/2: CA : action at Rep's district office

Sherwood L. Boehlert

Paid Media

6/3-6/12: CHS :Radio "Give Us Health Coverage As Good As We Give You"

Planned Activities

6/1: CA leaflet and picket of Rep Town Hall mtg

Allied Activities

July 1,1994

OH

David Mann

Planned Activities

6/6: Groups Town Hall mtg

Deborah Pryce

Planned Activities

6/9: Groups : Sec Cisneros tour + remarks at National Church Residences

7/21: Groups : WH Conf on Small Business

Eric Fingerhut

Planned Activities

6/1: Groups : General Public Forum w/ Rep and local officials

Martin R. Hoke

Planned Activities

6/2: SEIU leafletting of health care work sites

6/2: CWA /ILGWU/CA rally at Rep's district office

OK

Bill K. Brewster

Mail

6/17: AFL-CIO taxation of benefits mailing: 5,000

Media

6/2: HCRP Print 1/2 page; "Give us What You Got" (OKC)

6/2-6/12: HCRP Radio "Give Us What You've Got" (1,176 spots)

6/5: AARP print ads: Norman, Ada, Ardmore, Muskogee, OK City

6/7: HCRP Print 1/2 page; "Give Us What You Got"

Paid Phones

5/23-6/3: PF : calls to visit, write, call Mbr

Planned Activities

6/1: Groups : national call in day for mental health and substance abuse

6/1: LTCC /AARP pc: "Families at Risk"; rlse report card

6/2: CHS Health Action Day (NASW, AARP, unions)

6/3: HCRP Press Conf : to announce ads running in Rep's cd

6/7: UAW leafletting

6/8: HRIGHT :video tour

6/10: HRIGHT :video tour

6/20: HCRP : mtg of UAW Local 1999; circulation of postcards +petitions

6/21: HCRP : House Parties for NBC TV Health Care Special

6/21: HCRP : mtg w/ 8 African-American ministers to circulate petitions

6/22: Groups : 100 people phone bank Brewster

6/27: FUSA small business report release

6/29: HCRP : Provider pc on universal coverage

Boren, David L.

6/17: AFT taxation of benefits mailing: 2,223

6/17: AFSCME taxation of benefits mailing: 1,800

6/17: AFL-CIO taxation of benefits mailing: 10,000

Paid Media

6/2: HCRP Print 1/2 page; "Give Us What You've Got" (OKC)

6/2-6/12: HCRP Radio "Give Us What You've Got" (1,176 spots)

6/5: AARP print ads: Norman, Ada, Ardmore, Muskogee, Ok City

6/7: HCRP Print 1/2 page; "Give Us What You've Got"

Paid Phones

5/23-6/3: PF : calls to write, call, visit Mbr

Planned Activities

6/1: Groups : national call in day for mental health and substance abuse

6/1: LTCC /AARP pc: "Families at Risk"; rlse report card

6/2: CHS Health Action Day

6/7: UAW leafletting

6/8: HRIGHT video tour

6/20: HCRP : mtg of UAW Local 1999; circulation of postcards +petitions

6/21: HCRP : House Parties for NBC TV Health Care Special

6/21: HCRP : mtg w/ 8 African-American ministers to circulate petitions

6/27: FUSA small business report release

6/29: HCRP : Provider pc on universal coverage

OR

Michael J. Kopetski

Mail

6/17: AFL-CIO 2,000 Generic Brochures

Packwood, Robert

Mail

6/17: SEIU taxation of benefits mailing: 15,000
6/17: AFSCME taxation of benefits mailing: 5,000
6/17: AFT taxation of benefits mailing: 5,000
6/17: AFL-CIO taxation of benefits mailing: 15,000

Paid Media

6/2-6/12: HCRP Radio "Give Us What You've Got" (288 spots)
6/2: HCRP Print 1/2 pg "Give Us What You've Got" (Portland, Salem)
6/3-6/12: CHS :Radio "Give Us Health Care Coverage As Good As We Give You"
6/7: HCRP Print 1/2 pg "Give Us What You've Got" (Portland, Salem)

Paid Phones

5/23-6/3: PF asking to write, call, visit Mbr

Planned Activities

6/1: HCRP Press Conf on beginning of newspaper ads
6/14: Groups : press event in ad campaign and hc reform activities in OR
6/21: HCRP : Watch Parties for NBC Special on Health Care
6/22: Groups calls to Rep after NBC Special
6/27: FUSA small business report release
6/28: AFL-CIO mtg; march to Packwood's office
6/29: HCRP : Provider pc on universal coverage

R. Wyden

Planned Activities

6/2: AFT /AFL/IBEW/J for J/Seniors/ others mtg w/ Rep
6/4: Groups : General Public Forum w/ Rep
6/4: Groups : similar mtg to 6/2 mtg held w/ Rep
6/5: Groups : 2 General Public Forums w/ Rep
6/9: NLC Meeting w/ Rep
6/22: Groups calls to Rep after NBC Special
6/22: HCRP : Watch Parties for NBC Special on Health Care
6/27: FUSA small business report release
6/28: AFL-CIO Rally during state convention in Portland

PA

James C. Greenwood

Planned Activities

- 6/1: Groups :flyer available on Rep; "Give Us What You Got" theme; ltrs
 - 6/2: CHS Health Action Day: "Give Us What You Got"
 - 6/21: Groups : flyer targetted at Rep w/ "Give Us What You Got" theme
-

Marjorie Margolies-Mezvinski

Planned Activities

- 6/1: Groups : call in day for mental health and substance abuse coverage
 - 6/2: CHS Health Action Day: "Give Us What You Got"
 - 6/2: AFT : ltr to mbrs to push for employer mandate
 - 6/12: Groups : Bob Blancato spking to Gray Panthers
-

Paul McHale

Planned Activities

- 6/1: Groups Town Hall mtg w/ Rep
 - 6/20: Groups : Town Hall mtg w/ Rep
-

Rick Santorum

Mail

- 6/17: AFT taxation of benefits mailing: 2,000
- 6/17: SEIU taxation of benefits mailing: 1,500
- 6/17: AFL-CIO taxation of benefits mailing: 3,000
- 6/17: AFSCME taxation of benefits mailing: 1238

Paid Media

- 6/3-6/12: CHS :Radio "Give Us Health Coverage As Good As We Give You"

Phones

- 5/23-6/3: PF calls asking to visit, write, call Mbr

Planned Activities

- 6/2: CHS Health Action Day: "Give Us What You Got"
 - 6/2: CA /ILGWU leafletting and informational picket at Market Square
 - 6/13: Groups : Town Hall mtg w/ Rep
-

Robert A. Borski

Planned Activities

- 6/2: Groups : Health Care Forum w/ Rep and Erskine Bowles
-

Ron Klink

Planned Activities

- 6/7: Groups : Health Care Forum w/ Rep
-

Specter, Arlen

Planned Activities

- 6/21: HCRP : watch party for NBC special
 - 6/29: AFL-CIO :ltr to recruit small businesses to "sign the pledge"
-

William J. Coyne

Mail

- 6/17: SEIU taxation of benefits mailing: 2,000
 - 6/17: AFL-CIO taxation of benefits mailing: 2,000
 - 6/17: AFT taxation of benefits mailing: 2,000
-

RI

Chafee, John H.

Canvas

6/1: ALZ disability and long term care focus

6/1: AAP dr's office ltr writing campaign; displays set up

6/7: Groups 100 postcards collected at NCSC

6/17: AFT taxation of benefits mailing: 10,000

6/17: AFSCME taxation of benefits mailing: 10,000

6/17: SEIU taxation of benefits mailing: 3,000

6/17: AFL-CIO taxation of benefits mailing: 10,000

Paid Media

6/2: HCRP Print 1/2 page "Give Us What You've Got" (Providence, Newport)

6/2-6/12: HCRP Radio "Give Us What You've Got" (170 spots)

6/7: HCRP Print 1/2 pg "Give Us What You've Got" (Providence, Newport)

Paid Phones

5/23-6/3: PF : calls to visit, write, call Mbr

6/9-6/16: Groups Phone banking begins this week

Planned Activities

6/2: Groups Meeting :phone bank around meeting w/rep

6/2: CHS Health Action Day

6/3: NCSC Town Hall

6/3: Groups Rally at city hall

6/3: HCRP press on the start of ad campaign

6/5: Groups :Article published in Providence Journal; pressure on Chafee

6/7: Groups : Provider pc

6/9: HCRP : Article published in Providence Journal

6/21: Groups : Doctor's office ltr writing campaign conducted for AAP

6/27: FUSA small business report release

7/7: Groups : Breast Cancer Coalition mtg

Jack Reed

Planned Activities

6/11: Groups Town Hall mtg w/ Rep

SC

James E. Clyburn

Planned Activities

6/6: Groups Town Hall mtg w/ Rep and Sec Shalala

SD

Daschle, Thomas A.

Mail

6/17: AFL-CIO taxation of benefits mailing: 5,000

Tim Johnson

Planned Activities

7/2: Groups : Town Hall mtg w/ Rep

7/6: Groups : WH Conf on Small Business

TN

Bart Gordon

Planned Activities

- 6/3: Groups 5 Town Hall mtgs w/ Rep
 - 6/4: Groups : 5 Town Hall mtgs w/ Rep
 - 6/6: Groups : 5 Town Hall mtgs w/ Rep
-

Harold E. Ford

Mail

- 6/17: AFL-CIO 3,000 Generic Brochures
-

Jim Cooper

Mail

- 6/7: Groups 170 handwritten letters to Rep

Paid Media

- 6/5: AARP print ads go up

Paid Phones

- 5/23-6/3: PF call asking to write, visit, call Mbr

Planned Activities

- 6/1: FUSA blitz week: rally, informational pickets, mail (during June)
 - 6/2: CHS Health Action Day: "Give Us What You Got"
 - 6/2: CWA /ILGWU leafletting Fed Building
 - 6/4: AFSCME :health fair (ltr writing, leafletting,etc)
 - 6/4: Groups : Picketed Rep's campaign announcement at a hotel
 - 6/7: HCRP : will present a women's health letter to Rep soon
 - 6/16: HCRP Press Conf announcing ad campaign focusing on Cooper
 - 6/21: HCRP : House Parties for NBC Health Care Special
 - 6/22: HRIGHT video tour
 - 6/25: Groups : Machinists mtg; 500 postcards + AFL flyers distributed
 - 6/26: Groups : phone in "Give Us What You Got"
 - 6/27: FUSA small business report release
 - 6/28: HCRP : call Cooper media day with pro health reform message
 - 6/29: HCRP : Provider pc on universal coverage
 - 7/1-7/14: HCRP : series of small town ed board visits
-

John S. Tanner

Planned Activities

- 6/2: CWA /ILGWU leafletting
-

TX

Bill Sarpalius

Planned Activities

7/6: Groups : 2 Town Hall mtgs w/ Rep

7/8: Groups : Town Hall mtg w/ Rep

Gene Green

Planned Activities

6/7: Groups : General Public Forum w/ Rep

J. J. Pickle

Canvas

6/2: CWA /CA/ILGWU

Mail

6/17: AFT taxation of benefits mailing: 856

6/17: AFL-CIO taxation of benefits mailing: 3,000

Paid Media

6/5: AARP print ads begins

Paid Phones

5/23-6/3: PF : calls to visit, call, write Mbr

Planned Activities

6/2: CWA /CA/ILGWU leafletting Dem convention; pc

6/2: CHS Health Action Day

6/6: Groups : American Jewish Congress Health Care Forum

6/13: HRIGHT video tour

6/14: Groups : Rep met w/ low income residents of Austin

6/14: AFSCME /AARP/AFL/HCRP press events

6/25: Groups : rally and workshop by Austin central labor council

Jim Chapman

Planned Activities

6/11: ANA FLOTUS keynote at ANA in San Francisco

John Bryant

Planned Activities

6/11: HRIGHT Video Tour

Martin Frost

Planned Activities

6/2: CWA /CA/ILGWU leafletting Dem convention; pc

6/23: Groups : Town Hall mtg w/ Rep

Michael A. Andrews

Mail

6/17: AFL-CIO 1,000 Generic Brochures

6/17: AFT 884 Generic Brochures

Paid Phones

5/23-6/3: PF : calls to visit, write, and call Mbr

Planned Activities

6/15: HRIGHT Video Tour

UT

Karen Shepherd

Planned Activities

6/18: Groups : Town Hall mtg w/ Rep

8/1: Groups : WH Conf on Small Business

VA

Herbert H. Bateman

Planned Activities

6/2: Groups Association of Non-profit Homes for the Aging

James P. Moran

Planned Activities

6/2: CWA will hold an event at an area Wal-Mart

6/2: CWA : action at Rep's district office

6/24: Groups : Town Hall mtg w/ Rep

6/25: Groups : Seniors Forum

8/6: Groups : Women's Issues Conference w/ Rep

L. F. Payne

Mail

6/17: AFL-CIO taxation of benefits mailing: 5,000

Paid Media

6/2: HCRP Print 1/2 page; "Give Us What You've Got" (Charlot/Danville)

6/2-6/12: HCRP Radio; "Give Us What You've Got" (360 spots)

6/7: HCRP Print 1/2 page; "Give Us What You've Got"

Paid Phones

5/23-6/3: PF :calls to visit, write, and call Mbr

Planned Activities

6/6: Groups Meeting w/ Rep

6/15: FUSA mtg w/ Rep

6/26-7/1: Groups : calls to Rep on legislation before Ways and Means

6/27: FUSA :small business report release

6/29: HCRP : Provider pc on universal coverage

7/8: HRIGHT video tour

Rick Boucher

Mail

6/17: AFL-CIO 3,000 Generic Brochures

Paid Phones

5/23-6/3: PF : calls to visit, write, call Mbr

Planned Activities

6/1: Groups : Boucher Town Hall Meetings

6/7: NCSC : sending alerts to members to attend June 18 Town Hall mtg

6/9: Groups : materials distributed

6/15: FUSA /UMW mtg w/ Rep

6/27: FUSA small business report release

6/27: FUSA : rlse of small business health care costs study

7/2: HRIGHT video tour

7/4: Groups : Town Hall mtg w/ Rep

7/5: Groups : 2 Town Hall mtgs w/ Rep

7/7: Groups : 3 Boucher Town Hall Meetings

7/8: Groups : 2 Town Hall mtgs w/ Rep

7/9: Groups : 3 Town Hall mtgs w/ Rep

WA

Gorton, Slade

Planned Activities

6/2: CA : action outside of Rep's campaign office; pc
6/21: HCRP : House Parties for NBC TV Health Care Special
6/27: FUSA small business report release

Jennifer Dunn

Planned Activities

6/2: CA : action outside Rep's campaign office; pc

Jim McDermott

Mail

6/17: AFL-CIO 1,000 Generic Brochures

Jolene Unsoeld

Planned Activities

6/1: Groups Town Hall mtg w/ Rep
6/3: Groups Town Hall mtg w/ Rep
6/4: Groups : 2 Town Hall mtgs w/ Rep

Maria Cantwell

Planned Activities

7/7: Groups : Health Care Forum w/ Rep

Mike Kreidler

Planned Activities

7/9: Groups : Veterans Town Hall mtg w/ Rep

WI

Gerald D. Kleczka

Mail

6/17: AFT 1,000 Generic Brochures
6/17: AFL-CIO 5,000 Generic Brochures

Planned Activities

6/1: AFT : nurses rep on talk radio show
6/1: Groups : call in day for mental health and substance abuse coverage
6/2: CHS Health Action Day/rally
6/2: CA Rally : friendly towards members of Cong anti-Restaurant Assn
6/3: Groups : handbills distr at plants by 6 unions; 7000 pieces
6/11: HCRP Rally at Democratic Party State Convention; w/ phone banks
6/21: Groups : WH Conf on Small Business
6/21: Groups : House Parties for NBC Special on health care
6/21: HCRP tentative mtg w/ Rep
6/22: Groups calls to Rep after NBC Special
6/22: HCRP conference call w/ Rep
6/25: AFT participants in Kleczka health care advisory committee mtg
6/27: FUSA small business report release
6/29: HCRP : provider pc on universal coverage and provider choice

Scott L. Klug

Planned Activities

6/29: HCRP : Provider pc on universal coverage

Steve Gunderson

Planned Activities

6/11: CA Rally in LaCrosse

WV

Robert E. Wise Jr.

Planned Activities

7/5: Groups : Town Hall mtg w/ Rep

7/7: Groups : Town Hall mtg w/ Rep

7/9: Groups : Town Hall mtg w/ Rep

7/19: Groups : WH Conf on Small Business

WY

Craig Thomas

Planned Activities

6/14: Groups : WH Conf on Small Business
