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CREATOR: Diane R. Montgomery (CN=Diane R. Montgomery/OU=OMB/O=EOP [OMB])

CREATION DATE/TIME: 4-MAR-1998 15:25:24.00

SUBJECT: STPP ISTE A Summary

TO: Jeffrey A. Forbes (CN=Jeffrey A. Forbes/OU=WHO/O=EOP@EOP [WHO])

READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

I attend the STPP meetings regularly and will forward future summaries to you.

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Diane R. Montgomery

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Subject: STPP ISTE A Summary

The Surface Transportation Policy Project (STPP) has reconvened its Friday morning meetings to share the latest intelligence on what is happening on the Hill related to the surface transportation reauthorization bill. The following is a summary of highlights from Friday's (2/27) meeting:

1) Transit Funding Share. Senator D'Amato (R-NY) is trying to convince Senate leadership that transit should receive a fair percentage of any funding increases. While transit has received a 20% share of funding increases since the 1980s, STPP does not believe that D'Amato will be successful in negotiating this percentage. D'Amato reportedly believes that he does not have enough support on this issue. The American Public Transportation Association (APTA) noted that Senators Gorton (R-WA) and Bond (R-MO) might be likely Republicans to support increased transit funding. On Monday (3/2) and Friday (3/6), meetings with the Senate Banking Committee are scheduled to discuss transit strategy. Administration officials (Forbes, Palmer, etc.) are expected at the Friday meeting. STPP also noted that Senator Byrd (D-WV) is expected to funnel any funding increases through the Surface Transportation Program, while Senator Chafee (R-RI) wants to see funding increases across all ISTE A programs. STPP maintains that any increases should be provided across all ISTE A programs.

2) Welfare to Work. It does not appear that there are any amendments to eliminate or weaken the Welfare to Work initiative. Nevertheless, the STPP coalition is preparing a letter to confirm its support of this provision in the Senate bill.

3) Transit Minimum Allocation. Proponents of transit minimum allocation are selling the provision as pro-transit, i.e., areas currently receiving little or no transit funding will receive more funding. APTA is working on a report, that will be available soon, outlining the policy arguments against this provision. However, APTA notes that more States will receive more funding under than provision than will lose funding, so while the report will be useful to opponents of the provision, it will not sway proponents. The report also states that this provision would jeopardize about \$2 billion in transit projects to come on line in the next 2-3 years. In addition, Senator Allard (R-CO) may include a provision that would distribute the transit minimum allocation funding through the Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement (CMAQ) Program. It is anticipated that this allocation method would direct funding to areas with no air quality problems.

4) Revocation of New Clean Air Act Standards. STPP believes that a Senator Inhofe (R-OK) amendment (S. 1084) to revoke the new air quality standards promulgated last July may be brought to the floor early this week. Reportedly, Senator Chafee has indicated to Senator Inhofe that if he wishes to offer this amendment on the transportation bill, it should be done early. However, Inhofe's staff have reportedly indicated that he may wait to bring up this amendment on another piece of legislation. The amendment would reinstate the previous standards. New standards could not be implemented for at least 4 years until the EPA completed a thorough review of the standards.

Per a WHLA/CEQ/EPA/OMB meeting this morning, Inhofe will not bring S. 1084 to the floor. Rather, it is expected that Inhofe will offer an amendment that only addresses implementation of the particulate matter standards portion of the rulemaking promulgated last July. The expectation is that Inhofe would create a research program to collect additional data on particulate matter for three years and would not allow particulate matter nonattainment areas to be designated until collection and analysis of the data is completed. In the meeting this morning, the EPA has given a preliminary indication that should this be the case, then it would not object to this amendment because it reflects their implementation plan for the particulate matter standards. EPA is suspicious of this new provision, however, because it purportedly legislates what EPA is already planning to complete administratively.

5) Single-Occupancy Vehicle Eligibility under CMAQ. STPP also expects that Senator Inhofe will offer an amendment to allow highway widenings for single-occupancy vehicles eligibility under the CMAQ program.

6) Enhancements Option. Senator Brownback (R-KS) has reportedly filed an amendment to allow State departments of Transportation the ability to opt out of the Enhancements program.

7) NEPA Amendment. Senator Smith (R-NH) is expected to offer an amendment that would weaken the Federal environmental review process under

the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). While details of the amendment are not yet available, STPP believes that Senator Smith's amendment would contain objectionable provisions similar to those include in the House bill, i.e., delegation of oversight authority, exclusion of environmental agencies from defining project purpose, etc.

STPP is preparing a letter to the Senators outlining their opposition to the problematic provisions and issues.

Thanks,
Diane

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March 4, 1998

MEMORANDUM FOR LARRY STEIN AND TRACEY THORNTON

FROM: JEFF FORBES

RE: ISTEAM UPDATE

INHOFE AMENDMENT

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CREATION DATE/TIME: 4-MAR-1998 09:06:14.00

SUBJECT: Re: ISTEa - Senate Markup

TO: David J. Worzala (CN=David J. Worzala/OU=OMB/O=EOP @ EOP [OMB])
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TO: Dorothy Robyn (CN=Dorothy Robyn/OU=OPD/O=EOP @ EOP [OPD])
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TO: David E. Tornquist (CN=David E. Tornquist/OU=OMB/O=EOP @ EOP [OMB])
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TEXT:

Moynihan grabbed POTUS on the plane last night to talk transit -- our staff member said POTUS seemed sympathetic to the cause -- we'll see if we hear anything.

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CREATOR: James A. Brown (CN=James A. Brown/OU=OMB/O=EOP [OMB])

CREATION DATE/TIME: 5-MAR-1998 11:28:15.00

SUBJECT: Heads Up--ISTEA/DBE letter for clearance this afternoon

TO: William P. Marshall (CN=William P. Marshall/OU=WHO/O=EOP@EOP [WHO])
READ:UNKNOWN

TO: Michael Deich (CN=Michael Deich/OU=OMB/O=EOP@EOP [OMB])
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TEXT:

Justice and DOD are working on a letter responding to specific questions raised by senators regarding the constitutionality of the ISTEA/DBE program

which is needed to support the Administration's position in floor action on the bill this afternoon.

I will circulate it when we receive it. The deadline will probably be very tight.

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CREATOR: Sylvia M. Mathews (CN=Sylvia M. Mathews/OU=WHO/O=EOP [WHO])

CREATION DATE/TIME: 5-MAR-1998 20:34:32.00

SUBJECT: Re: DBE/ISTEA

TO: Peter Rundlet (CN=Peter Rundlet/OU=WHO/O=EOP @ EOP [WHO])

READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

thanks peter.

RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (NOTES MAIL)

CREATOR: Andrew J. Mayock (CN=Andrew J. Mayock/OU=WHO/O=EOP [WHO])

CREATION DATE/TIME:10-MAR-1998 16:23:33.00

SUBJECT: Proposed Agenda: Benchmarking Meeting

TO: Melissa G. Green (CN=Melissa G. Green/OU=OPD/O=EOP @ EOP [OPD])

READ:UNKNOWN

CC: Demond T. Martin (CN=Demond T. Martin/OU=WHO/O=EOP @ EOP [WHO])

READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

This is the draft agenda for Gene's info. I may edit it before it goes to Sylvia.

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Richard L. Hayes 03/10/98 01:46:28 PM

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To: Andrew J. Mayock/WHO/EOP

cc: Robert N. Weiner/WHO/EOP

Subject: Proposed Agenda: Benchmarking Meeting

Here you go:

1. Rollout time frame as it relates to Senate/House ISTEADBE vote
 -- target rollout date/venue/participants
2. Scope of message: affirmative action procurement reform, mentoring, Hubzones
3. Preparation of the Commerce Department benchmarks
3. Preparation of supporting materials (FAR/SBA rules, Ann's message document, Richard's talking points, Q&As,)
4. Congressional/interest group briefings
5. Cabinet involvement in rollout
6. Next steps/assignments

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CREATOR: Mona G. Mohib (CN=Mona G. Mohib/OU=WHO/O=EOP [WHO])

CREATION DATE/TIME: 6-MAR-1998 12:52:15.00

SUBJECT: weekly

TO: Suzanne Dale (CN=Suzanne Dale/OU=WHO/O=EOP @ EOP [WHO])

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TEXT:

quick first clean up

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Lynn G. Cutler

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To: Mickey Ibarra/WHO/EOP

cc: Mona G. Mohib/WHO/EOP, Suzanne Dale/WHO/EOP

Subject: weekly

ELECTED OFFICIALS

The National Association of Counties (NACo) meetings went very well. With more than 65 members of the Administration present during the four days, NACo certainly felt our interest in them and their issues. With presentations on all of our critical issues, including census, we feel we covered our agenda well. One of the highlights of the meeting was a presentation on the Race Initiative, when NACo presented a report of 15 best practises in counties to Maria Echaveste, who spoke on the Initiative to the 3000 delegates. A copy of that report is attached.

A group of Iowa county officials came to the White House for a meeting with the Vice-President after the NACo meetings. This went well, with full discussion of some of the rural issues we need to address.

We are now preparing for the National League of Cities meeting, which begins this weekend and goes until Tuesday. In addition to Secretaries, Daley, Slater and Pena speaking to the plenary session, we will host the fifty municipal league directors and presidents at the White House on Monday. The Vice-President and Deputy Chief of Staff Sylvia Mathews will speak to them in addition to others from the Administration and White House. Our main joint issues with them include ISTEAs, the Takings Legislation, the Race Initiative, and all of the community development issues.

SUNNYVALE, CA.

There have been several meetings in the White House and the government about a proposed closing of a naval reserve unit at Moffett Field. The local governments, who have worked very hard on base re-use planning are asking for a one year delay. IGA is trying to get the Navy to grant that delay so that extensive planning can be completed without further disruption.

SHELBY COUNTY, TN.

Mayor Jim Rout came in to discuss several issues. He has a plan for an after-school program that pairs with Federal Express that is computer oriented and is a model of programs we should showcase.

ISSUES

ISTEA

IGA has spent a great deal of time in working on the re-enactment of ISTEA. Obviously, this is a very big issue for our people. We're proud to report that mayors and county officials from all over the country weighed in on the DBE vote, and stood with the Administration.

CENSUS

We have made sure that major speakers appeared at all of our meetings in reference to the census issue. We are working with a major outreach effort within the White House, Commerce, and a bipartisan group from Congress that will help people understand the issues.

An accurate count is vital for our local officials and for Indian Country.

INDIAN COUNTRY

This week there were several tribes in for meetings on a variety of issues. We are happy to report that IGA was able to bring together HUD, OMB, and others to help with a positive resolution of the Indian Housing Regulation issue described in last week's report.

We also requested, and have in hand, reports from Justice and Interior on the current situation in the Cherokee nation. Deputy Chief of Staff Sylvia Mathews has those now and we hope to have a full report to you very soon so that you can respond to former Chief Mankiller.

RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (NOTES MAIL)

CREATOR: Suzanne Dale (CN=Suzanne Dale/OU=WHO/O=EOP [WHO])

CREATION DATE/TIME: 6-MAR-1998 07:41:31.00

SUBJECT: OMB Legislative Report - March 5, 1998

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Subject: OMB Legislative Report - March 5, 1998

TO: DIRECTOR FRANK RAINES
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EXECUTIVE ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR JOSH GOTBAUM

FROM: OMB LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS

DATE: MARCH 5, 1998

SUBJECT: LEGISLATIVE REPORT

Today, Jack Lew testified before the Subcommittee on Public Buildings and Economic Development of the House Committee (rescheduled from last week).

Sec. Daley testified this morning before the House CJS Appropriations Subcommittee on Commerce ,s FY99 Budget. Chairman Rogers spent the majority of the hearing in a heated discussion with Daley over the decennial census. Rogers wanted to know how much DOC requested from OMB for these activities and whether the funding included in the budget was sufficient in the event that there was a decision not to do sampling. Daley responded the DOC had requested \$128M and that the budget included the minimal amounts necessary to keep the option open. In the event that sampling was prohibited, additional resources would be needed.

Rogers went on to criticize the Census Bureau for clinging to an impossible census plan and asked to see the Census Bureau's contingency plan in the event that sampling was prohibited. Daley responded that DOC did not have such a plan but that the Census Bureau has a great deal of past experience in conducting non-sampling censuses. This led to heated exchange in which Rogers argued that Congress had provided DOC with \$15M to come up with a non-sampling plan and that he wanted the plan by April 17.

The full Government Reform Committee reported out the GPRA bill - HR 2883 as amended. (Of the members present, all of the Democrats except Mr. Condit and Mr. Tierney voted against the bill, and all of the Republicans voted for it.) It is currently on the House schedule for consideration next week.

The Senate Governmental Affairs Committee postponed until next Tuesday the markup for S. 981 - A bill to provide for analysis of major rules and S. 1364 - A bill to eliminate unnecessary and wasteful federal reports.

On Friday, the Senate Appropriations Committee will hold a hearing on the Bosnia/Iraq requests. Secretary Cohen will testify.

Today, Senators Hutchison and Grams today introduced legislation to dedicate half of budget surpluses to debt reduction and the other half to tax cuts.

CONGRESS TODAY (3/5)

SENATE

Continued consideration of S. 1173 - Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act of 1997

[Slater letter sent 3/3/98; previous SAP sent, 10/8/97: Administration supports passage but will seek amendments to address concerns]

o Adopted (52-47) the Dorgan amendment, regarding open containers.

- o Rejected (43-56) Bingaman amendment, regarding liquor drive-through.
- o Began debate on the McConnell amendment regarding disadvantaged businesses with a rollcall vote expected tomorrow.
- o The vote on the funding provision is on hold pending further discussions on the formula (donor States are unhappy)

Today, Senator Domenici agreed to give mass transit in ISTEA another \$5 billion in budget authority over the next six years. This is just an authorization from the general fund, not contract authority.

HOUSE

Passed (414-1) H.R. 3130 - Child Support Performance and Incentive Act of 1998

[SAP sent, 3/5: Administration Supports bill, with an amendment to preclude federal reimbursement of linked county-based child support enforcement systems.]

- o Passed the Cardin amendment by voice vote

Passed (414-1) H.R. 2369 - Wireless Privacy Enhancement Act of 1997

[SAP sent, 3/3: No objection]

CONGRESS TOMORROW (3/6)

SENATE

Convene at 9:30 am to continue debate on the McConnell amendment to S. 1173, regarding disadvantaged businesses, with a rollcall vote expected at 11:00 am.

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HOUSE

No votes

CONGRESS NEXT WEEK

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If the Senate finishes work on S. 1173, Majority Leader Lott announced that it would move on to the Coverdell education savings accounts proposal and legislation to enlarge NATO.

HOUSE

Monday, March 9th

No Votes

Tuesday, March 10th

Convene at 12:30pm for morning hour and 2:00pm for legislative business.

No recorded votes are expected before 5:00pm.

Consider the following bills under suspensions of the rules:

H.Con.Res 206 -- Permitting the Use of the Rotunda of the Capitol the
Commemoration of the Days of Remembrance of Victims of the Holocaust

[No SAP]

S. 419 - Birth Defects Prevention Act of 1997

Wednesday, March 11 and Thursday, March 12

Convene at 10:00am for legislative business. No votes after 6:00pm on

Thursday.

H.R. 1432 -- African Growth and Opportunity Act (Subject to a Rule)

[SAP under development]

H.R. 2883 -- Government Performance and Results Act Technical Amendments
of 1997 (Subject to a Rule)

[SAP under development: Administration strongly opposes]

H.R. 992 -- Amend the Tucker Act (Subject to a Rule)

[SAP under development]

Friday, March 13

No Votes

TENTATIVE HOUSE LONG-TERM SCHEDULE, PRIOR TO EASTER RECESS

Week of March 16:

D.C. Scholarships (possible)

Silk Road Strategy Resolution

Money Laundering

Anti-Marijuana Legalization Resolution

Public Health Service Reauthorization

Inside Sales

Human Cloning Ban

Internet Tax Freedom Bill

Satellite Fee Increase Moratorium

Medicare Subvention (possible)

Week of March 23:

Kyoto Resolution

MSAs for Federal Employees

Forest Health Bill

Tropical Forest Protection Act

King Cove Easement

Scholarships-- State/Local Police

FCC Reauthorization

NTIA Reauthorization

National Science Foundation

NASA Conference Report

Social Security Commission

OSHA Reform

Federal Employment Compensation Act

Campaign Reform/Paycheck Protection

Veterans Employment Opportunity

Arlington Cemetery Eligibility Requirements

Homeless Veterans

Week of March 30:
Three Judge Panels
Missile Defense Authorization Bill
Crimes Against Children Package
Commercial Space Conference Report
NIST Conference Report
Supplemental

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CREATION DATE/TIME: 6-MAR-1998 14:35:56.00

SUBJECT: STPP ISTE A Summary, 3/6

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TEXT:

The Surface Transportation Policy Project (STPP) met today to share the latest intelligence on what is happening on the Hill related to the surface transportation reauthorization bill. The following is a summary of highlights from today's meeting:

General News

The Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) program amendment to repeal the DBE program was defeated 58-37 this morning. It is expected that the Senate will recess after the vote until Monday.

Senators Lott (R-MS) and Daschle (S-SD) are calling for a cloture vote on Monday (3/9) at 5:15 pm or so. All amendments must be filed by 1 pm on Monday. Then Senators will have till 5 pm to file any second degree amendments. By Monday evening, we should know what amendments will definitely go forward. Even if there is not a cloture vote, there may be an agreement to limit debate to 2-4 more days and prohibit any new amendments from being offered. Consequently, STPP believes that the Senate bill could be done as early as next Friday (3/13). Daschle has indicated that he would like the bill completed by Wednesday.

The House Task Force assigned to evaluate surplus spending options, of which Representative Shuster (R-PA) is a member, has been meeting more regularly and appear to be making progress regarding surface transportation spending.

Secretary Slater will be meeting with the National League of Cities (NLC) on Sunday and with the American Public Transit Association (APTA) on Monday where he will carry the pro-transit spending, anti-minimum allocation message.

The Secretary will also release the 1997 Conditions and Performance report today and speak to it at the Sunday NLC meeting and on Monday to APTA. In general, the report indicates that highway pavement and bridge conditions are continuing to improve while congestion continues to worsen. Transit systems are growing and transit speed of service has increased. The condition of light rail equipment has improved, but there has been a slight decline in the condition of buses and heavy rail equipment. Highway safety also continues to improve, however, the rate of improvement is slowing.

Problematic Amendments

1) Transit Minimum Allocation. This amendment would reallocate approximately \$400 million of transit funds from urban to rural States based on State highway use. Senators Thomas (R-WY), Allard (R-CO), Johnson (D-SD), and Levin (D-MI) are sponsoring the amendment, which would also allow 25% of the reallocated funds to be used for "other uses," presumably highways. DOT and STPP believe that the funding charts, circulated by proponents, illustrating that most States win in FY1999 are misleading. This is because earmarking impacts the formula in the outyears; therefore, the same States do not benefit each year. DOT is working on funding charts that reflect outyear funding impacts.

2) CMAQ Amendments. Senator Inhofe (R-OK) may still offer two problematic amendments related to the Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement (CMAQ) program: 1) single-occupancy vehicle eligibility and 2) transferability of CMAQ funds to highway construction program categories. While Inhofe has not addressed either issue lately, there is concern that he may revisit one or both issue (s) now that agreement has been reached on the air standards implementation language (discussed below). While I believe it is doubtful, I have a call into EPA to determine if the air quality standards agreement between EPA and Inhofe included that he would not offer any CMAQ amendments.

3) Enhancements vs. Railbanking. Senator Brownback (R-KS) has put his amendments to make the enhancements program optional on hold pending outcome of his amendment to attack railbanking. If he succeeds on eliminating railbanking, it is unclear whether he will drop the enhancements amendment. Railbanking preserves abandoned rail corridors for future rail use rather than return the property to land owners. In the interim, many corridors are converted to pedestrian and bicycle trails. The Kansas agriculture coalition is behind the railbanking amendment. Representative Moran (R-KS) may offer a similar provision in the House once the House bill begins moving again. Senators Bumpers (D-AR) and McCain (R-AZ) have objected to the railbanking amendment because it amends two laws, the National Trails System Act and the Interstate Commerce Act, under the jurisdiction of the Energy and Commerce Committees.

Possible New Amendments

1) Program Distribution. Senate Environment and Public Works (EPW) staff are reportedly working on an amendment to require that States fund programs proportionately in the event that the appropriators provide obligation limitation less than the authorization level. Currently, the discrepancy between contract authority and obligation limitation would allow States sufficient flexibility fund non-environmental programs first.

2) Rural Planning. Senator Levin (D-MI) will reportedly offer an amendment to incorporate rural areas into the metropolitan planning process. While it does not appear to grant rural areas membership in the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPOs), it would allow them to participate in the process. The National Association of Counties (NACO) supports this amendment.

3) Bridge Funding. NACO is looking for a sponsor to offer an amendment to ensure that the Bridge program receives proportionate funding increasing in the future. The Senate bill currently eliminates a separate Bridge program, makes it a setaside within the Surface Transportation Program, and requires that funding for bridges be no less than actual funding provided in FY 1997. The NACO amendment would change the minimum Bridge spending requirement to be the same as the percentage of total funding in FY 1997.

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CREATOR: Amy W. Tobe (CN=Amy W. Tobe/OU=WHO/O=EOP [WHO])

CREATION DATE/TIME: 6-MAR-1998 12:13:40.00

SUBJECT: DBE vote

TO: Darby E. Stott (CN=Darby E. Stott/OU=WHO/O=EOP @ EOP [WHO])

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TEXT:

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Lynn G. Cutler

03/06/98 12:10:13 PM

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To: See the distribution list at the bottom of this message

cc: Mickey Ibarra/WHO/EOP

Subject: DBE vote

We just won the vote in the Senate on the Disadvantage Business Enterprise amendment to the ISTEA legislation. Senator McConnell was trying to end all DBE initiatives that exist in current legislation. This was a very big deal to our key constituencies. The vote was 58-37--much more than we thought we'd get. As far as I can tell, the only Dem. to vote with McConnell was Hollings. We had the support of several Republicans and I think this is a great opportunity for the President to take credit for leadership on his "mend, don't end" approach to affirmative action, and to thank the R's for their support. Everyone acknowledges that White House outreach to women and elected officials was helpful, and Secretary Slater and DOT were fabulous, so the Pres. can clearly take a victory lap here.

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CREATOR: Mathew C. Blum (CN=Mathew C. Blum/OU=OMB/O=EOP [OMB])

CREATION DATE/TIME: 6-MAR-1998 20:10:14.00

SUBJECT: Story on ISTE A veto threat

TO: Linda G. Williams (CN=Linda G. Williams/OU=OMB/O=EOP@EOP [OMB])

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James A. Brown

03/06/98 03:00:57 PM

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To: James J. Jukes/OMB/EOP@EOP

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Subject: Re: Story on ISTE A veto threat

Transportation advises that Senator Chafee's reference to a DOT veto threat regarding the DBE provision is apparently based on a mistaken reading of the joint Justice/Transportation DBE letters we cleared yesterday--neither of which contain a veto threat.

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CREATOR: Jeffrey A. Forbes (CN=Jeffrey A. Forbes/OU=WHO/O=EOP [WHO])

CREATION DATE/TIME:10-MAR-1998 20:58:02.00

SUBJECT: ISTE A UPDATE

TO: Virginia N. Rustique (CN=Virginia N. Rustique/OU=WHO/O=EOP @ EOP [WHO])

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TO: Tracey E. Thornton (CN=Tracey E. Thornton/OU=WHO/O=EOP @ EOP [WHO])

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TEXT:

March 10, 1998

MEMORANDUM FOR LARRY STEIN AND TRACEY THORNTON

FROM: JEFF FORBES

RE: ISTE A UPDATE

TRANSIT TITLE

The Senate passed the Transit Title today 96-4. The main problem facing the White House during this vote was the attempt to pass a minimum allocation amendment that distributed transit funds based on gas-tax dollars paid into the highway fund rather than transit needs. Senator Thomas and Senator Johnson came to an agreement with the Senators from the transit-heavy states whereby \$500 million in Budget Authority would be set aside for rural transit (\$100 million a year over five years). In addition, the Pennsylvania Senators came to an agreement to increase welfare to work funding \$50 million a year (from \$600 million to \$900 million over six years).

A major outstanding issue has to do with the transit DBE program. Apparently the program was excluded from the title as FTA and the Banking Committee drafted the language. As a result, we will have to try to include it in the D ,Amato/Sarbanes manager ,s amendment or fix it in conference. The problem with fixing the program in conference is our only line of defense will be a veto threat that will be relatively toothless when it comes to holding up highway money.

INNOVATIVE FINANCING

Treasury, DOT and I met with the EPW Committee Staff regarding subordinated debt. Treasury asked the EPW staff to take out the subordinated debt language from the Chafee/Graham amendment on innovative financing. The EPW staff said no, however, they are willing to work with us on resolving this issue if we can come up with new, innovative ideas for creative financing.

FOREST SERVICE

Traditionally the Forest Service has received 2/3rds of the public land money while all of the other agencies compete for the final 1/3rd of the money. Tom Sliter has heard that the Forest Service is trying to earmark all of the public land money to use on forest access roads. Needless to say, this will anger many agencies throughout the federal government.

DONOR STATES

In an attempt to appease the donor states, the Chairman and Ranking member will most likely offer a \$70 million set aside to donor states at the expense of the Research Title. EPW will try to restore the research funding in conference.

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CREATOR: Paul A. Tuchmann (CN=Paul A. Tuchmann/OU=WHO/O=EOP [WHO])

CREATION DATE/TIME:10-MAR-1998 09:33:33.00

SUBJECT: Re: Meeting with Mark Penn

TO: Jordan Tamagni (CN=Jordan Tamagni/OU=WHO/O=EOP @ EOP [WHO])

READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

Do you like preferential treatment for anyone except you and me?

FYI -- Jeff Forbes said he was crashing on on ISTEA until Friday and we should talk then, that there would be some openings. I have an interview today with Monica Maples Dixon, the VP's new Deputy COS, who is looking for some kind of assistant -- hopefully I'll find out more at that point about the job. I have not yet heard from HUD. Those are my three possibilities at this point.

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CREATOR: Suzanne Dale (CN=Suzanne Dale/OU=WHO/O=EOP [WHO])

CREATION DATE/TIME:10-MAR-1998 20:16:14.00

SUBJECT: OMB Legislative Report - March 10, 1998

TO: Mona G. Mohib (CN=Mona G. Mohib/OU=WHO/O=EOP @ EOP [WHO])

READ:UNKNOWN

Mickey Ibarra (CN=Mickey Ibarra/OU=WHO/O=EOP [WHO])

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TEXT:

What did you learn from talking w/Lynn re: IGA's involvement w/efforts surrounding ISTEA? Have you gotten a copy of the 3/3 Slater letter?

THANKS.

----- Forwarded by Suzanne Dale/WHO/EOP on 03/10/98 08:10 PM -----

Kate P. Donovan
03/10/98 08:03:33 PM

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Subject: OMB Legislative Report - March 10, 1998

TO: DIRECTOR FRANK RAINES
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EXECUTIVE ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR JOSH GOTBAUM

FROM: OMB LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS

DATE: MARCH 10, 1998

SUBJECT: LEGISLATIVE REPORT

The Senate Budget Committee postponed markup of the FY99 budget resolution until next Tuesday, March 17th.

Today, the Senate Governmental Affairs Committee reported S. 981, the regulatory reform bill.

Upcoming Hearings

Secretary Cohen is testifying before the House Appropriations National Security Subcommittee on the Bosnia/Iraq Supplemental on Wednesday.

Director Raines will testify Thursday afternoon before the House Appropriations Treasury/Postal Subcommittee regarding OMB's budget and performance plan. Ada Posey is testifying on the WH/OA budget in the morning.

Acting Deputy Director for Management DeSeve will testify on Thursday before the Senate Governmental Affairs committee on restructuring of the IRS and the impact on current federal personnel and management systems.

CONGRESS TODAY (3/10)

SENATE

Continue consideration of S. 1173 - Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act of 1997

[Slater letter sent 3/3/98; previous SAP sent, 10/8/97: Administration supports passage but will seek amendments to address concerns]

o Approved (96-4) the D., Amato transit amendment.

HOUSE

Suspended the rules and took the following action:

Approved (406-0) H.Con.Res 206 -- Permitting the Use of the Rotunda of the Capitol for the Commemoration of the Days of Remembrance of Victims of the Holocaust

[No SAP]

Approved (405-2) S. 419 - Birth Defects Prevention Act of 1997 (to clear the measure for the President)

[No SAP -- support]

CONGRESS TOMORROW (3/11)

SENATE

Convene at 9:00 am for morning business.

At 11:00 am, resume consideration of S. 1173 - Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act of 1997. Rollcall votes are possible on amendments to S. 1173 including the donor amendment and the Finance Committee's title. Also possible is the previously postponed cloture vote.

[Slater letter sent 3/3/98; previous SAP sent, 10/8/97: Administration supports passage but will seek amendments to address concerns]

HOUSE

Wednesday, March 11th

Convene at 10:00am for legislative business.

H.R. 1432 -- African Growth and Opportunity Act (Structured rule)

[House Rules SAP sent, 3/10: Strongly support; POTUS letter pending for floor action]

H.R. 992 -- Tucker Act Shuffle Relief Act (Open rule)
[SAP pending: Veto threat]

CONGRESS -- THE REMAINDER OF THE WEEK

SENATE

When the Senate completes consideration of the ISTEA legislation, it will turn to the following bills:

S. 1133 -- Parent and Student Savings Account PLUS Act
[SAP pending: Secretary of Education and Secretary of the Treasury recommend veto]

NATO enlargement treaty (The Committee filed its report on NATO expansion on 3/6/98.)
[No SAP]

HOUSE

Thursday, March 12th
Convene at 10am for legislative business. No votes after 6pm.
H.R. 2883 -- Government Performance and Results Act Technical Amendments of 1997 (Subject to a Rule)
[Rules SAP sent, 3/10: Administration opposes]

In addition, it is possible that the House will take up the State Reauthorization Conference Report during the week of March 9th.

Friday, March 13
No Votes

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Jessica L. Gibson/WHO/EOP
Jonathan Orszag/OPD/EOP
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DAVIS_W @ A1@CD@LNGTWY
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Peter A. Weissman/OPD/EOP
Theodore Wartell/OMB/EOP
Wendy A. Taylor/OMB/EOP
Barbara Chow/OMB/EOP
Donald R. Arbuckle/OMB/EOP
Suzanne Dale/WHO/EOP
Anna M. Briatico/OMB/EOP
Jonathan H. Adashek/WHO/EOP
Lisa B. Fairhall/OMB/EOP
David A. Bernell/OMB/EOP
Sally Katzen/OPD/EOP
Lawrence J. Haas/OVP @ OVP
Ronald L. Silberman/OMB/EOP
Roger S. Ballentine/WHO/EOP

RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (NOTES MAIL)

CREATOR: Dorothy Robyn (CN=Dorothy Robyn/OU=OPD/O=EOP [OPD])

CREATION DATE/TIME:10-MAR-1998 17:51:04.00

SUBJECT: USDA and ISTE A

TO: David E. Tornquist (CN=David E. Tornquist/OU=OMB/O=EOP @ EOP [OMB])
READ:UNKNOWN

TO: Mark A. Weatherly (CN=Mark A. Weatherly/OU=OMB/O=EOP @ EOP [OMB])
READ:UNKNOWN

CC: Jeffrey A. Forbes (CN=Jeffrey A. Forbes/OU=WHO/O=EOP @ EOP [WHO])
READ:UNKNOWN

CC: David J. Worzala (CN=David J. Worzala/OU=OMB/O=EOP @ EOP [OMB])
READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

Jeff Forbes (Legis. Affairs person handling ISTE A) just called me with a related problem. According to Tom Sliter (EPW minority staff dir.), Forest Service normally gets 2/3 of the relevant pot of money and the other 1/3 is awarded "competitively" (I think he means that different agencies submit proposals to the appropriators). But apparently USDA (Jim Lyons) is trying to get Daschle to offer an amendment that would give Forest Service all of the money. EPW is unhappy with that approach.

We need to resolve this tomorrow morning, b/c it will come up tomorrow afternoon. I propose that we devote 1/2 hour of our 10 am ISTE A conference call to it, and get the right people from USDA and DOT on the call. (Do we need Interior as well?) OMB, NEC and Legis. Affairs should probably talk in advance so we're singing off the same page.

Does that sound OK? Mark, the confercnce call # is 757-2104; code 3939.

RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (NOTES MAIL)

CREATOR: Richard L. Hayes (CN=Richard L. Hayes/OU=WHO/O=EOP [WHO])

CREATION DATE/TIME:10-MAR-1998 13:46:39.00

SUBJECT: Proposed Agenda: Benchmarking Meeting

TO: Andrew J. Mayock (CN=Andrew J. Mayock/OU=WHO/O=EOP @ EOP [WHO])

READ:UNKNOWN

CC: Robert N. Weiner (CN=Robert N. Weiner/OU=WHO/O=EOP @ EOP [WHO])

READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

Here you go:

1. Rollout time frame as it relates to Senate/House ISTEA DBE
vote
 -- target rollout date/venue/participants
2. Scope of message: affirmative action procurement reform,
mentoring, Hubzones
3. Preparation of the Commerce Department benchmarks
3. Preparation of supporting materials (FAR/SBA rules, Ann's
message document,
 Richard's talking points, Q&As,)
4. Congressional/interest group briefings
5. Cabinet involvement in rollout
6. Next steps/assignments

RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (NOTES MAIL)

CREATOR: Marjorie Tarmey (CN=Marjorie Tarmey/OU=WHO/O=EOP [WHO])

CREATION DATE/TIME:10-MAR-1998 08:42:47.00

SUBJECT: Sr Staff Notes

TO: Tania I. Lopez (CN=Tania I. Lopez/OU=WHO/O=EOP @ EOP [WHO])

READ:UNKNOWN

TO: robert.jones (robert.jones @ mail.va.gov @ inet [UNKNOWN])

READ:UNKNOWN

TO: Jena V. Roscoe (CN=Jena V. Roscoe/OU=WHO/O=EOP @ EOP [WHO])

READ:UNKNOWN

TO: Audrey T. Haynes (CN=Audrey T. Haynes/OU=WHO/O=EOP @ EOP [WHO])

READ:UNKNOWN

TO: Ilia V. Velez (CN=Ilia V. Velez/OU=WHO/O=EOP @ EOP [WHO])

READ:UNKNOWN

TO: Deborah B. Mohile (CN=Deborah B. Mohile/OU=WHO/O=EOP @ EOP [WHO])

READ:UNKNOWN

TO: Barbara D. Woolley (CN=Barbara D. Woolley/OU=WHO/O=EOP @ EOP [WHO])

READ:UNKNOWN

TO: Robin Leeds (CN=Robin Leeds/OU=WHO/O=EOP @ EOP [WHO])

READ:UNKNOWN

TO: Cheryl M. Carter (CN=Cheryl M. Carter/OU=WHO/O=EOP @ EOP [WHO])

READ:UNKNOWN

TO: Robert B. Johnson (CN=Robert B. Johnson/OU=WHO/O=EOP @ EOP [WHO])

READ:UNKNOWN

TO: Marjorie Tarmey (CN=Marjorie Tarmey/OU=WHO/O=EOP @ EOP [WHO])

READ:UNKNOWN

TO: Victoria A. Lynch (CN=Victoria A. Lynch/OU=WHO/O=EOP @ EOP [WHO])

READ:UNKNOWN

TO: Maritza Rivera (CN=Maritza Rivera/OU=WHO/O=EOP @ EOP [WHO])

READ:UNKNOWN

TO: Miriam H. Vogel (CN=Miriam H. Vogel/OU=WHO/O=EOP @ EOP [WHO])

READ:UNKNOWN

TO: Maureen T. Shea (CN=Maureen T. Shea/OU=WHO/O=EOP @ EOP [WHO])

READ:UNKNOWN

TO: Christine A. Stanek (CN=Christine A. Stanek/OU=WHO/O=EOP @ EOP [WHO])
READ:UNKNOWN

TO: Sondra L. Seba (CN=Sondra L. Seba/OU=WHO/O=EOP @ EOP [WHO])
READ:UNKNOWN

TO: Richard Socarides (CN=Richard Socarides/OU=WHO/O=EOP @ EOP [WHO])
READ:UNKNOWN

TO: Daniel Wexler (CN=Daniel Wexler/OU=WHO/O=EOP @ EOP [WHO])
READ:UNKNOWN

TO: Peter O'Keefe (CN=Peter O'Keefe/OU=WHO/O=EOP @ EOP [WHO])
READ:UNKNOWN

TO: Doris O. Matsui (CN=Doris O. Matsui/OU=WHO/O=EOP @ EOP [WHO])
READ:UNKNOWN

TO: William H. White Jr. (CN=William H. White Jr./OU=WHO/O=EOP @ EOP [WHO])
READ:UNKNOWN

TO: Maria Echaveste (CN=Maria Echaveste/OU=WHO/O=EOP @ EOP [WHO])
READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

Schedule: President is going to Connecticut , to a child care center,
open press - DNC lunch - goes to Cinn for DNC dinner

NSC: Iraqi inspectors completed this round of inspections - Kosovo quiet
today but still very tense - Indonesian inaugural speech , will he say
something re economic changes

Congress: Senate working through NEXTEA - then to Cloverdale (probably
next week) House - will take up Africa trade bill

OMB: still working on budget resolution- SAP- Albright and POTUS letter
on Africa trade all going up in 2 days

NEC: Bankruptcy hearings today, widely divergent bills

DPC - Child care event calling for quality standards

Communication: international women's Day on Weds - Attorney Generals and
tobacco Thurs - Friday radio address - Monday education event announcing
"Timms"

RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (NOTES MAIL)

CREATOR: Virginia N. Rustique (CN=Virginia N. Rustique/OU=WHO/O=EOP [WHO])

CREATION DATE/TIME:10-MAR-1998 12:55:18.00

SUBJECT: 5:45 pm Sperling/ISTEA mtg. w/ Slater & Raines; pls. attend/va

TO: JEFF (Pager) #FORBES (JEFF (Pager) #FORBES [UNKNOWN])

READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (NOTES MAIL)

CREATOR: Mark A. Weatherly (CN=Mark A. Weatherly/OU=OMB/O=EOP [OMB])

CREATION DATE/TIME:10-MAR-1998 18:30:37.00

SUBJECT: Re: USDA and ISTEА

TO: Dorothy Robyn (CN=Dorothy Robyn/OU=OPD/O=EOP@EOP [OPD])

READ:UNKNOWN

CC: Ronald M. Cogswell (CN=Ronald M. Cogswell/OU=OMB/O=EOP@EOP [OMB])

READ:UNKNOWN

CC: david j. worzala (CN=david j. worzala/OU=omb/O=eop@eop [OMB])

READ:UNKNOWN

CC: Ruth D. Saunders (CN=Ruth D. Saunders/OU=OMB/O=EOP@EOP [OMB])

READ:UNKNOWN

CC: jeffrey a. forbes (CN=jeffrey a. forbes/OU=who/O=eop@eop [WHO])

READ:UNKNOWN

CC: david e. tornquist (CN=david e. tornquist/OU=omb/O=eop@eop [OMB])

READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

I think that sounds like the right approach: for us first to figure out what the policy is, and then discuss it with USDA and Interior. While the conference call tomorrow can serve to initiate the discussion, with so many people on the call, and some at USDA seeming to have such deep-seated feelings, it may require a followup meeting or call as well. But let's start with the conference call and see what more is needed. Thanks.

RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (NOTES MAIL)

CREATOR: Beverly J. Barnes (CN=Beverly J. Barnes/OU=WHO/O=EOP [WHO])

CREATION DATE/TIME:10-MAR-1998 08:28:45.00

SUBJECT: Senior Staff

TO: Andrew J. Mayock (CN=Andrew J. Mayock/OU=WHO/O=EOP @ EOP [WHO])

READ:UNKNOWN

TO: Sara M. Latham (CN=Sara M. Latham/OU=WHO/O=EOP @ EOP [WHO])

READ:UNKNOWN

TO: Jason S. Goldberg (CN=Jason S. Goldberg/OU=WHO/O=EOP @ EOP [WHO])

READ:UNKNOWN

TO: Dawn L. Smalls (CN=Dawn L. Smalls/OU=WHO/O=EOP @ EOP [WHO])

READ:UNKNOWN

TO: Carole A. Parmelee (CN=Carole A. Parmelee/OU=WHO/O=EOP @ EOP [WHO])

READ:UNKNOWN

TO: Demond T. Martin (CN=Demond T. Martin/OU=WHO/O=EOP @ EOP [WHO])

READ:UNKNOWN

Minyon Moore (CN=Minyon Moore/OU=WHO/O=EOP [WHO])

READ:UNKNOWN

Robert B. Johnson (CN=Robert B. Johnson/OU=WHO/O=EOP [WHO])

READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

Inspectors have left Iraq without incident.

Inaugural speech in Indonesia today. May talk about sending Indonesian economic team to visit Western countries for advice and counsel. We are watching.

Senate working on NEXTEA. Should finish this week, then will move on to Coverdell private school IRA bill.

House back today. Will take up Africa trade bill tomorrow. Larry thinks things look good for this bill. If we get Africa vote, POTUS will make statement.

OMB working on budget resolution in Senate.

Bankruptcy hearing in House today.

Productivity revised downward.4 percent in 4Q. Expected because GDP had been revised downward earlier.

Friday radio address likely to be on assault weapons ban.

POTUS approved World Bank relations with Vietnam. NSC has talking points.

RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (NOTES MAIL)

CREATOR: Dawn M. Chirwa (CN=Dawn M. Chirwa/OU=WHO/O=EOP [WHO])

CREATION DATE/TIME:11-MAR-1998 14:57:44.00

SUBJECT: Plse review: Is this fairly accurate? Advice: As far as the groups go, should there be a larger plan than just Richard getting back to them - should there be a meeting, or should they get calls from someone else (e. SMAT)? Thanks.

TO: Andrew J. Mayock (CN=Andrew J. Mayock/OU=WHO/O=EOP @ EOP [WHO])
READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

My edits to your e-mail are attached below. And, I don't think there should be a meeting with groups until we are ready to start briefing them on the "benchmark" regs. I think it's fine to have Richard get back to them to just explain where we are at this point. (If SM wants to call them, however, I'm not averse.)

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RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (NOTES MAIL)

CREATOR: Richard L. Hayes (CN=Richard L. Hayes/OU=WHO/O=EOP [WHO])

CREATION DATE/TIME:11-MAR-1998 12:07:08.00

SUBJECT: Meeting Follow-up

TO: Sylvia M. Mathews (CN=Sylvia M. Mathews/OU=WHO/O=EOP @ EOP [WHO])

READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

1. I spoke with Nancy McFadden about having the DOT DBE regulations done by the time of the ISTEA conference. She indicated that it was not going to be easy, but would make every effort to do so, especially if we are talking about mid - late May; anything earlier than that would be a real problem. Justice has not been focusing on their regulations, but she promise to seek their help ASAP. Commerce's economists have also started working with them.

2. I will send you a timeline and talking points for the conference call with David Lane later today.

3. Finally, with respect to my White House tenure, I will report to SBA on Monday, May 16, 1998, but as we discussed, will continue to work on WH projects related to my current assignment. In order for me to continue to have WH access, you will add my name to the permanent WH ("blue pass") access list and I will sign in when I come to the WH accordingly. For now, why don't we set an end date of September 1, 1998, which can always be extended or shortened as need be.

p.s. Thanks for the confidence in me. I have really enjoyed working with you and this WH and am looking forward to doing what I can do to help in the future.

RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (NOTES MAIL)

CREATOR: Peter D. Greenberger (CN=Peter D. Greenberger/OU=WHO/O=EOP [WHO])

CREATION DATE/TIME:11-MAR-1998 11:32:30.00

SUBJECT: After ISTEА

TO: Jeffrey A. Forbes (CN=Jeffrey A. Forbes/OU=WHO/O=EOP @ EOP [WHO])

READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

Reminder from Saturday night: when you have some time post-ISTEA/Vegas, i would love to continue our conversation. Let me know when is good for you, i am pretty flexible.

RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (NOTES MAIL)

CREATOR: Andrew J. Mayock (CN=Andrew J. Mayock/OU=WHO/O=EOP [WHO])

CREATION DATE/TIME:11-MAR-1998 13:13:53.00

SUBJECT: Plse review: Is this fairly accurate? Advice: As far as the groups go, should there be a larger plan than just Richard getting back to them - should there be a meeting, or should they get calls from someone else (e. SMAT)? Thanks.

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READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

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CREATOR: Emory L. Mayfield (CN=Emory L. Mayfield/OU=WHO/O=EOP [WHO])

CREATION DATE/TIME:11-MAR-1998 14:43:30.00

SUBJECT: Re: Gov. letters re: ISTE A

TO: Leanne I. Johnson (CN=Leanne I. Johnson/OU=WHO/O=EOP @ EOP [WHO])

READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

Hi. Sorry for the delay:

Patton and Schafer - AP

O'Bannon - BC sig

Pataki - AP

Thanks.

Leanne I. Johnson

03/10/98 12:07:26 PM

Record Type: Non-Record

To: Emory L. Mayfield/WHO/EOP

cc:

Subject: Gov. letters re: ISTE A

Hi Emory,

I've 3 governor letters (Schafer and Patton, O'Bannon, and Pataki) on ISTE A reauthorization and some others from local officials. I've been working with OMB to get language for the response. DoT is waiting on OMB's language as well so there is sort of a back up on this. I'm not sure when OMB will have the language ready. Should these letters be BC Sig or AP?

RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (NOTES MAIL)

CREATOR: Jeffrey A. Forbes (CN=Jeffrey A. Forbes/OU=WHO/O=EOP [WHO])

CREATION DATE/TIME:11-MAR-1998 20:18:16.00

SUBJECT: ISTE A UPDATE

TO: Virginia N. Rustique (CN=Virginia N. Rustique/OU=WHO/O=EOP @ EOP [WHO])
READ:UNKNOWN

TO: Tracey E. Thornton (CN=Tracey E. Thornton/OU=WHO/O=EOP @ EOP [WHO])
READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

March 11,

1998

MEMORANDUM FOR LARRY STEIN AND TRACEY THORNTON

The Senate voted overwhelmingly to invoke cloture on the ISTE A Bill. The cloakroom expects a vote on the bill in the early afternoon. We still have not worked out the problem surrounding the DBE program for transit. At the end of the day today, Secretary Slater spoke with Senator D'Amato who said there was no way he would open up the transit title. Secretary Slater also spoke with Senator Chafee who said it would be too much heavy lifting for him to add the transit DBE program to EPW's section of the bill. However, he did not close the door on adding it as a technical amendment. Steve Palmer spoke with Jimmie Powell (Chafee staff) who said there is no way they could accommodate us and D'Amato did not want to open up the transit title. When Palmer told Powell that we all we want to do is add two words (and V) to the EPW portion of the bill, he said, "that's it?" took the proposed amendment and walked away. Lord only knows what that means.

We will continue to work on this tomorrow, however, Slater is not very confident Chafee will ultimately add the additional two words.

RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (NOTES MAIL)

CREATOR: Barry J. Toiv (CN=Barry J. Toiv/OU=WHO/O=EOP [WHO])

CREATION DATE/TIME:12-MAR-1998 17:40:40.00

SUBJECT: ISTE A

TO: Dorothy Robyn (CN=Dorothy Robyn/OU=OPD/O=EOP @ EOP [OPD])

READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

Leg. affairs and I, with concurrence of Gene, thought no statement necessary, given awkwardness of huge spending increase. however, what I would appreciate is guidance for Mike for the a.m., if he's asked, so we can say all the good things we like in it. OK? the piece of paper you sent is actually pretty good, if you take out the extraneous stuff. Thanks.

RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (NOTES MAIL)

CREATOR: Virginia N. Rustique (CN=Virginia N. Rustique/OU=WHO/O=EOP [WHO])

CREATION DATE/TIME:12-MAR-1998 18:38:05.00

SUBJECT: palmer

TO: Tracey E. Thornton (CN=Tracey E. Thornton/OU=WHO/O=EOP @ EOP [WHO])

READ:UNKNOWN

TO: Jeffrey A. Forbes (CN=Jeffrey A. Forbes/OU=WHO/O=EOP @ EOP [WHO])

READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

fyi - steve palmer called larry to thank leg affairs for their help w/
istea. specifically, he said that you two were great.

RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (NOTES MAIL)

CREATOR: Richard L. Hayes (CN=Richard L. Hayes/OU=WHO/O=EOP [WHO])

CREATION DATE/TIME:12-MAR-1998 17:08:24.00

SUBJECT: Benchmarking et al

TO: Victoria Wassmer (CN=Victoria Wassmer/OU=OMB/O=EOP @ EOP [OMB])

READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

fyi and my response.

----- Forwarded by Richard L. Hayes/WHO/EOP on 03/12/98
05:05 PM -----

Andrew J. Mayock
03/12/98 08:22:19 AM
Record Type: Record

To: See the distribution list at the bottom of this message
cc: See the distribution list at the bottom of this message
Subject: Benchmarking et al

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Message Sent

To: _____

Janet Murguia/WHO/EOP
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Elena Kagan/OPD/EOP
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To: _____

Demond T. Martin/WHO/EOP
Peter A. Weissman/OPD/EOP
Angelique Pirozzi/WHO/EOP
Miriam H. Vogel/WHO/EOP
Ruby Shamir/WHO/EOP
Jessica L. Gibson/WHO/EOP
Laura Emmett/WHO/EOP
Jess A. Gupta/OPD/EOP
Rajiv Y. Mody/WHO/EOP

RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (NOTES MAIL)

CREATOR: Dorothy Robyn (CN=Dorothy Robyn/OU=OPD/O=EOP [OPD])

CREATION DATE/TIME:13-MAR-1998 09:36:48.00

SUBJECT: ISTEa summary attached

TO: David E. Tornquist (CN=David E. Tornquist/OU=OMB/O=EOP @ EOP [OMB])

READ:UNKNOWN

TO: Charles R. Marr (CN=Charles R. Marr/OU=OPD/O=EOP @ EOP [OPD])

READ:UNKNOWN

TO: Peter A. Weissman (CN=Peter A. Weissman/OU=OPD/O=EOP @ EOP [OPD])

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TO: Sally Katzen (CN=Sally Katzen/OU=OPD/O=EOP @ EOP [OPD])

READ:UNKNOWN

TO: Emil E. Parker (CN=Emil E. Parker/OU=OPD/O=EOP @ EOP [OPD])

READ:UNKNOWN

TO: Jake Siewert (CN=Jake Siewert/OU=OPD/O=EOP @ EOP [OPD])

READ:UNKNOWN

TO: Russell W. Horwitz (CN=Russell W. Horwitz/OU=OPD/O=EOP @ EOP [OPD])

READ:UNKNOWN

TO: Barry J. Toiv (CN=Barry J. Toiv/OU=WHO/O=EOP @ EOP [WHO])

READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

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TEXT:

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Status of ISTEA Legislation

March 13, 1998

The Senate yesterday passed the Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act reauthorization by a vote of 96-to-4. Although the bill provides considerably more money for surface transportation (highways, highway safety and transit) than the President's request, the Administration has prevailed on almost all of the policy issues.

Funding: The Senate bill provides \$217 billion (contract authority) over 6 years for highways -- \$50 billion more than the President's budget request (\$38 billion more for highways and \$13 billion more for transit) and \$31 billion more than S. 1173, Sen. Chafee's ISTEA II reauthorization proposal. There is no agreement yet on the obligation limitation or outlays that will be included in the Budget Resolution.

Finance: Yesterday, the Senate added the finance title to ISTEA, including extension of the gas tax for six years. Sen. Mack failed in his bid to repeal the 4.3 cents of the gas tax that used to go toward deficit reduction. And Sen. McCain lost 71-to-26 in another attempt to repeal the Administration-supported tax credit for ethanol producers.

DBE: In the biggest victory for the Administration, the Senate defeated Sen. McConnell's amendment to repeal DOT's Disadvantaged Business Enterprise program by a 58-37 vote. The DBE program expands economic opportunity for women and minority-owned firms, which have been effectively shut out of the construction contracting process until recently.

Transit and Welfare-to-Work Transportation: By agreeing to shift \$100 million a year in transit money to rural areas, transit supporters avoided a

vote on a damaging amendment ("transit minimum allocation") that would have altered the current, need-based formula for allocating transit funds. In another victory for the Administration, the Senate increased funding for welfare-to-work transportation services from \$100 million to \$150 million a year over six years. The Senate also authorized \$100 million a year for reverse commute grants to help move workers from urban areas to jobs in the suburbs. Although these grants will not be limited to former welfare recipients, there should be significant overlap with the welfare-to-work transportation initiative.

Safety: The Senate adopted two Administration-backed amendments that would withhold highway funds from states that fail to adopt laws to 1) reduce the legal blood alcohol level to .08 (it's currently .10 in most states) and 2) to prohibit the carrying of open alcohol containers in motor vehicles. (The .08 vote came a day after the President endorsed the Lautenberg-DeWine amendment at an East Room event.)

Environment: The Senate has avoided any showdown votes over environmental issues. Proposed anti-environment amendments have either not been offered at all or withdrawn behind the scenes in exchange for non-controversial language.

The House plans to take up ISTEA before the Easter recess, with the conference scheduled to occur after recess.

RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (NOTES MAIL)

CREATOR: Leanne I. Johnson (CN=Leanne I. Johnson/OU=WHO/O=EOP [WHO])

CREATION DATE/TIME:16-MAR-1998 14:43:40.00

SUBJECT: FYI on ISTEAs gov letters

TO: R. Scott Michaud (CN=R. Scott Michaud/OU=WHO/O=EOP @ EOP [WHO])

READ:UNKNOWN

TO: Reuben L. Musgrave Jr. (CN=Reuben L. Musgrave Jr./OU=WHO/O=EOP @ EOP [WHO])

READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

Hi,

I've 3 letters from Govs. Shaffer and Patton, O'Bannon, and Pataki. Per IGA, O'Bannon is the only BC Sig. These letters are all dated in January of this year. I've been working with OMB on getting this language. Officials at DoT, in IGA, and I have all been waiting on them to draft language on this -- there's been a lot of congressional action on this issue in the last few weeks hence the delay.

I just got the language today and have edited and faxed it back to my OMB contact for review. I also need to clear it with NEC's Dorothy Robyn. I hope to have it all be cleared by Friday .

RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (NOTES MAIL)

CREATOR: Dorothy Robyn (CN=Dorothy Robyn/OU=OPD/O=EOP [OPD])

CREATION DATE/TIME:16-MAR-1998 15:32:59.00

SUBJECT: Re: Project Labor Agreements and ISTEA Q&A

TO: Karen Tramontano (CN=Karen Tramontano/OU=WHO/O=EOP @ EOP [WHO])

READ:UNKNOWN

CC: Debra J. Bond (CN=Debra J. Bond/OU=OMB/O=EOP @ EOP [OMB])

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CC: Larry R. Matlack (CN=Larry R. Matlack/OU=OMB/O=EOP @ EOP [OMB])

READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

On ISTEA, can you be a bit more specific abt. what issues labor might raise? The obvious one is Davis-Bacon and State Infrastructure Banks/Innovative Financing (e.g., Would you veto an ISTEA bill that didn't have DBA?). Are there other issues they might raise?

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CREATOR: Dorothy Robyn (CN=Dorothy Robyn/OU=OPD/O=EOP [OPD])

CREATION DATE/TIME:17-MAR-1998 11:09:12.00

SUBJECT: STPP ISTE A Summary, 3/13

TO: Jake Siewert (CN=Jake Siewert/OU=OPD/O=EOP @ EOP [OPD])

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Diane R. Montgomery

03/17/98 11:06:43 AM

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To: Michael Deich/OMB/EOP

cc: See the distribution list at the bottom of this message

Subject: STPP ISTE A Summary, 3/13

The Surface Transportation Policy Project (STPP) met last Friday (3/13) to share the latest intelligence on what is happening on the Hill related to the surface transportation reauthorization bill. The following is a summary of highlights from Friday's meeting:

Senate Issues

STPP is very pleased with the Senate reauthorization bill.

According to STPP, however, the Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) program authorization for transit was reportedly left out of the bill inadvertently (it is included in the highway authorization). STPP believes that the Senate intends to correct this technical error during conference.

STPP also noted that tourist centers were granted eligibility under the Surface Transportation Enhancements program. Instead of being given eligibility in a separate category, they are granted eligibility through an existing category of Enhancements to preserve scenic and historic preservation. STPP believes that this eligibility was added for improvement related to the recreation of the Lewis and Clark expedition.

The Senate bill includes language that requires metropolitan planning areas to cooperate with rural areas during the planning process. According to STPP, the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) objects to this provision and it is possible that Senator Warner (R-VA) may delete this language during conference.

Finally, STPP believes that the Senate has provided the House with a list of highway demonstration projects.

House Issues

The House reauthorization bill mark-up is scheduled for March 24th. STPP will work on three specific issues: 1) eliminating the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) provision that delegates Federal oversight authority to the States, 2) increasing funding for the Access to Jobs transit initiative, and 3) ensuring that metropolitan area planning provisions are not made optional.

STPP will also keep a close eye on potential revisions to the Major Investment Study (MIS) process. While the House MIS language simply incorporates the MIS process into the NEPA process, rhetoric is floating to eliminate the MIS.

Reportedly, the House Democrats have a list of issues to discuss with Republican leadership. This list appears to include a proposal to trade language that would allow bicycle access and safety to be considered in the development of new roads in exchange for excluding such consideration on Interstate system roads. STPP opposes this exclusion. Democrats will also reportedly lobby Republicans to include explicit eligibility for biodiesel projects under the Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement (CMAQ) program. STPP does not believe that this provision would address air quality concerns.

STPP believes that the House reauthorization bill will pass before the budget resolution and that Representative Shuster (R-PA) will try to get an early deal from the House budget committee regarding spending levels. STPP also does not believe that the March 24th date to mark-up the reauthorization bill is realistic.

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CREATOR: Andrea Kane (CN=Andrea Kane/OU=OPD/O=EOP [OPD])

CREATION DATE/TIME:18-MAR-1998 18:55:07.00

SUBJECT: Re: ISTEА letter to local officials

TO: Leanne I. Johnson (CN=Leanne I. Johnson/OU=WHO/O=EOP @ EOP [WHO])

READ:UNKNOWN

CC: Emily Bromberg (CN=Emily Bromberg/OU=WHO/O=EOP @ EOP [WHO])

READ:UNKNOWN

CC: Cynthia A. Rice (CN=Cynthia A. Rice/OU=OPD/O=EOP @ EOP [OPD])

READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

Leanne, thanks so much for trying to keep this moving. Just a couple suggestions, highlighted below. Since I know you normally deal with transportation issues, you may want to run the proposed language re: senate ISTEА bill past Dorothy and OMB. Cynthia, note I'm suggesting we say guidance will be issued as opposed to provided to each of the recipients of this letter. From a practical standpoint, we may not actually send it to every one of them, but it will certainly go out to their organizations in Washington, be posted on the web, and go out through HHS, DOL, DOT distribution process.

Leanne I. Johnson

03/18/98 10:33:33 AM

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To: Andrea Kane/OPD/EOP

cc:

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SUBJECT: Gingrich Outlines ISTEA Plans

TO: Jake Siewert (CN=Jake Siewert/OU=OPD/O=EOP @ EOP [OPD])

READ:UNKNOWN

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TEXT:

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Kenneth L. Schwartz
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To: Michael Deich/OMB/EOP, Jacob J. Lew/OMB/EOP, Charles E. Kieffer/OMB/EOP
cc: See the distribution list at the bottom of this message
Subject: Gingrich Outlines ISTEA Plans

Please note that it seems likely that the House bill will take the Trust Funds off budget. Please note that Slater may be getting out in front (see section in red) by allegedly supporting both House and Senate bills.

QUESTION: Do we want to try to put a stake in the ground re: the House bill? The stake could be either on funding levels or off budget treatment or both. If so, should we do so now? [In short, we are not clear what the Adminsitration message is or should be on the Senate bill and the pending House bill.]

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At House GOP Conference Meeting

House Speaker Newt Gingrich (R-Ga) officially unveiled the GOP leadership's plan to bring the \$218 billion highway and transit bill to the floor late this month, telling rank-and-file Republicans March 18 that the sharp funding increases will be covered by still unidentified offsets. In a meeting of the House Republican Conference, Gingrich said the leadership has agreed to allow the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee's six-year rewrite of the Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act to move forward with its funding levels intact, lawmakers and aides said.

While Budget Committee Chairman John Kasich (R-Ohio) expressed strong reservations about the bill's (HR 2400) spending levels, there was heavy support in the conference for bringing the bill to the floor, they said.

"The speaker presented this as the leadership's plan," said Rep. Thomas Petri (R-Wis), chairman of the Surface Transportation Subcommittee. "He said the bill would go to the House floor with language to take the [Highway] Trust Fund off budget, and the members said they support that."

The decision of the leadership to allow the committee's bill to go to the floor with large spending increases for highways and transit amounts to a large win for Transportation and Infrastructure Committee Chairman Bud Shuster (R-Pa), who last fall saw the same bill put on hold amid allegations that it would bust the budget. House leaders recently relented, however, after they watched the Senate overwhelmingly approve an ISTEA bill (S 1173) with similar large increases.

But Gingrich said at the session that offsets must be identified to cover the increased highway and transit spending, Petri and others said, and Kasich indicated he still will try to significantly change the bill once it moves to the floor. During the meeting, aides said, Kasich criticized both the highway and transit spending levels proposed by Shuster's bill as too high.

However, Kasich increasingly appears to hold the minority viewpoint in the debate over boosting ISTEA funding. In a series of meetings with lawmakers and industry officials on March 17 and March 18, Transportation Secretary Rodney Slater indicated the Clinton administration's support for the committee's bill and urged officials to keep the pressure on Congress to push the legislation through during the next few weeks, officials said.

Members Take 'Bitter With The Sweet'

Gingrich announced the leadership's decision to allow HR 2400 to move forward with its funding levels intact only hours after the Senate passed the \$214 billion ISTEA bill by a vote of 96 to 4. The speaker said the plan called for the bill to be approved by the House before the Easter recess in order to allow a House-Senate conference on the bill to occur before May 1, the date on which states can no longer obligate any of their federal highway construction dollars.

With the pressure on to reauthorize the surface transportation programs before another lapse -- and the prospect of some \$9 billion in money for special projects -- House members are also expected to strongly back the committee's bill. But the funding, Petri and others said, could be jeopardized if the required offsets are not identified soon.

Petri said that if they are settled on, the offsets could be included in HR 2400 when it goes to the floor. In that fashion, Petri said, "the members have to take the bitter with the sweet."

However, another option discussed, Petri said, is to simply include language in the bill stating that the offsets will be identified later by House and Senate lawmakers. But that strategy, he said, could be risky, given that the available offsets could be committed to other purposes in the meantime.

On the Senate side, Budget Committee Chairman Pete Domenici (R-NM) is planning to pay for the ISTEA increases with many of the offsets already identified in President Clinton's FY 1999 budget. However, the president had called for those offsets to be used to pay for his new spending proposals.

For his part, Kasich is expected to offer an alternative plan on the floor. Among the possibilities for Kasich, House aides said, is to offer his plan to repeal a portion of the federal gas tax and "turn back" the federal aid highway program to the states. Another option, they said, is for Kasich to offer an amendment that simply scales back the highway and transit authorization levels in HR 2400.

"Kasich wants to go down to the Senate's [lower] highway levels, and he wants to go below the baseline for transit," a House aide said.

Meanwhile, Slater continued to meet with House members and others in an effort to preserve the momentum created by Senate action on ISTEA. The administration, which proposed a freeze in highway and transit funding in its own FY 1999 budget, now is supporting the proposed spending increases if they do not jeopardize the budgetary caps.

Slater Meeting With Lawmakers

Slater met with Rep. James Oberstar (D-Minn), the Transportation Committee's ranking Democrat, March 18 and has a similar session planned for March 19 with Shuster. The transportation secretary also met with transportation industry groups and labor interests earlier in the week. According to members of the Transportation Construction Coalition who met with Slater March 17, Slater said the administration supports the House and Senate ISTEA bills and funding increases and urged the groups to keep the pressure on lawmakers to finish the reauthorization before states run out of federal highway monies. In addition, an extended lapse in program authority could lead to furloughs at the Federal Highway Administration, officials said.

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CREATOR: Kim C. Nakahara (CN=Kim C. Nakahara/OU=OMB/O=EOP [OMB])

CREATION DATE/TIME:19-MAR-1998 13:39:50.00

SUBJECT: Re: ISTEА letters to state and local officials

TO: Leanne I. Johnson (CN=Leanne I. Johnson/OU=WHO/O=EOP@EOP [WHO])

READ:UNKNOWN

CC: David E. Tornquist (CN=David E. Tornquist/OU=OMB/O=EOP@EOP [OMB])

READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

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03/19/98 10:11:21 AM
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cc:

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CREATOR: Lynn G. Cutler (CN=Lynn G. Cutler/OU=WHO/O=EOP [WHO])

CREATION DATE/TIME:19-MAR-1998 11:56:07.00

SUBJECT: Policy Support

TO: Mona G. Mohib (CN=Mona G. Mohib/OU=WHO/O=EOP @ EOP [WHO])

READ:UNKNOWN

CC: Fred DuVal (CN=Fred DuVal/OU=WHO/O=EOP @ EOP [WHO])

READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

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Mickey Ibarra
03/18/98 06:48:20 PM
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To: See the distribution list at the bottom of this message

cc:

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SUBJECT: Policy Support

TO: Mickey Ibarra (CN=Mickey Ibarra/OU=WHO/O=EOP @ EOP [WHO])

READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

I wanted to share Lynn's thoughts with you.

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RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (NOTES MAIL)

CREATOR: Dorothy Robyn (CN=Dorothy Robyn/OU=OPD/O=EOP [OPD])

CREATION DATE/TIME:24-MAR-1998 20:35:59.00

SUBJECT: Conference call on ISTEA and Federal lands highways

TO: Jeffrey A. Forbes (CN=Jeffrey A. Forbes/OU=WHO/O=EOP @ EOP [WHO])

READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

----- Forwarded by Dorothy Robyn/OPD/EOP on 03/24/98
08:35 PM -----

Mark A. Weatherly
03/24/98 06:30:49 PM
Record Type: Record

To: See the distribution list at the bottom of this message

cc:

Subject: Conference call on ISTEA and Federal lands highways

Jim Lyons (USDA) and John Berry (DOI) were on the call today, and after they vented a bit, Dorothy reminded them that no one has license to be supporting anything on the Hill other than the Administration's ISTEA proposal. The agencies came to understand that, and then agreed that they'd like to present a unified front for federal lands highway spending in conference. Given the likelihood that House/Senate staff may begin conferencing immediately, DOI and USDA would like to meet with NEC and OMB by Friday to begin formulating a conference position for spending in their area that would be supportable given much larger highway spending than proposed by the Administration.

We have several issues requiring fairly high-level signoff:

- will the Administration send signals it is willing to accept highway spending equal to the House or Senate bills? (Seems to me, if we start discussing how we recommend the conference pie be split, we are implicitly saying we accept the bills' magnitude.) Do we need to find out whether we will recommend veto before we give USDA and DOI license to negotiate on the Hill?

- presuming the decision is we want to 'play' in conference and communicate our priorities, when would be the right time to do so?

- again presuming we enter into negotiations in conference, is there sensitivity over who should do the negotiating? Is it OK for DOT, USDA/DOI to be communicating separately (and of course, it might take strong messages to stop any of these agencies from carrying on their own

discussions with the Hill)?

I somehow doubt whether these questions can be resolved before friday. In the interim, I'm presuming we can meet with the agencies (and I think it would be helpful for DOT to be at the meetings too) and discuss a 'contingency' plan in case the decision is to negotiate with the conference - while making no promises whether the Administration will change its current stance of simply opposing the bills.

Let me know how this sounds. Thanks.

Message Sent

To:

Ronald M. Cogswell/OMB/EOP

Kenneth L. Schwartz/OMB/EOP

Dorothy Robyn/OPD/EOP

Janet E. Irwin/OMB/EOP

Ruth D. Saunders/OMB/EOP

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J C. Crutchfield/OMB/EOP

David E. Tornquist/OMB/EOP

RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (NOTES MAIL)

CREATOR: Leanne A. Shimabukuro (CN=Leanne A. Shimabukuro/OU=OPD/O=EOP [OPD])

CREATION DATE/TIME:24-MAR-1998 18:44:36.00

SUBJECT: .08 BAC

TO: Jeffrey A. Forbes (CN=Jeffrey A. Forbes/OU=WHO/O=EOP @ EOP [WHO])

READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

Do you know when Lowey is likely to offer her amendment to ISTEA reauthorization? What are the prospects for passage?

RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (NOTES MAIL)

CREATOR: Fred DuVal (CN=Fred DuVal/OU=WHO/O=EOP [WHO])

CREATION DATE/TIME:24-MAR-1998 19:01:59.00

SUBJECT: Policy Support

TO: Emory L. Mayfield (CN=Emory L. Mayfield/OU=WHO/O=EOP @ EOP [WHO])

READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

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----- Forwarded by Fred Duval/WHO/EOP on 03/24/98 07:01 PM

Lynn G. Cutler

03/19/98 11:54:44 AM

Record Type: Record

To: Mona G. Mohib/WHO/EOP

cc: Fred DuVal/WHO/EOP

Subject: Policy Support

My issues: census, DBE as part of ISTEA, Indian funding problems as part of ISTEA, Y2K, Campaign Finance, Race Initiative re: Indian country, all of the housing, health, economic development issues surrounding Indian country, child care as it relates to counties, etc. Plus, as POTUS focuses on specific issues, we get pulled in--judges, etc. We had to move policy statements from the Mayors and others on these issues. Also, in my world , we have several ongoing regulatory issues that we spend alot of time on: Indian housing regs, gaming regs, sacred sites regs, and now the federalism regs. Plus, on an ongoing basis, the work with the VP's Sustainable Communities and Community Empowerment efforts. These are all critical, and heat up at different times--sometimes all at once--and Sky has covered meetings for me on several of these issues at different times so that IGA is seen as part of the team.

----- Forwarded by Lynn G. Cutler/WHO/EOP on 03/19/98 11:46 AM -----

Mickey Ibarra

03/18/98 06:48:20 PM

Record Type: Record

To: See the distribution list at the bottom of this message

cc:

Subject: Policy Support

Emily, Sky, and I met yesterday to take inventory of where we are with policy support needs with her departure effective today and to determine some short term assignments on several hot topics. Emily will continue to handle Tobacco, Health Care and will attend the weekly Policy Council meeting on Friday. She will also remain lead for state legislators but Suzanne and I will back her up on this assignment. As for Internet Tax, I will take the lead and ask that Fred serve as back-up. I will take lead for Education as well.

Crime is a hole we need to plug which includes an irregular weekly meeting with DPC and Rahm. I propose that Fred/Emory take the lead. There is some activity regarding the Housing Voucher program the President and Sec. Cuomo have proposed. We need Lynn/Mona to discuss this area with Emily. We may be able to simply facilitate getting IGA at HUD engaged in this conversation at the WH on a consistent basis.

Finally, please send Suzanne and I the current state of play for all other issues that each deputy is responsible for BEYOND the responsibilities identified on our current IGA organization chart (i.e. Fred/Global Warming, Lynn/ ISTE, Emily/Workforce development). If I could get Mona and Emory to help each deputy identify the issues they are currently covering by Friday, this would be helpful. Emily if you could do the same, please. We will take up this subject Monday morning in our weekly IGA deputy meeting. Thanks.

Message Sent

To:

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RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (NOTES MAIL)

CREATOR: Leanne I. Johnson (CN=Leanne I. Johnson/OU=WHO/O=EOP [WHO])

CREATION DATE/TIME:25-MAR-1998 11:11:17.00

SUBJECT: ISTEa letter to local officials

TO: Daniel W. Burkhardt (CN=Daniel W. Burkhardt/OU=WHO/O=EOP @ EOP [WHO])

READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

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CREATOR: Daniel W. Burkhardt (CN=Daniel W. Burkhardt/OU=WHO/O=EOP [WHO])

CREATION DATE/TIME:25-MAR-1998 17:08:36.00

SUBJECT: Re: ISTE A letter to local officials

TO: Leanne I. Johnson (CN=Leanne I. Johnson/OU=WHO/O=EOP @ EOP [WHO])

READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

it seems to me that we just have to provide the letter then, and iga can do the mailing since i assume that mickey's letters will contain the address info.

Leanne I. Johnson

03/25/98 03:00:00 PM

Record Type: Record

To: Daniel W. Burkhardt/WHO/EOP

cc:

bcc:

Subject: Re: ISTE A letter to local officials

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Daniel W. Burkhardt

03/25/98 12:50:35 PM

Record Type: Record

To: Leanne I. Johnson/WHO/EOP

cc:

bcc:

Subject: Re: ISTE A letter to local officials

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Leanne I. Johnson
03/25/98 11:09:52 AM
Record Type: Record

To: Daniel W. Burkhardt/WHO/EOP
cc:
Subject: ISTEA letter to local officials

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CREATOR: Leanne I. Johnson (CN=Leanne I. Johnson/OU=WHO/O=EOP [WHO])

CREATION DATE/TIME:25-MAR-1998 15:01:26.00

SUBJECT: Re: ISTEА letter to local officials

TO: Daniel W. Burkhardt (CN=Daniel W. Burkhardt/OU=WHO/O=EOP @ EOP [WHO])

READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

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Daniel W. Burkhardt
03/25/98 12:50:35 PM
Record Type: Record

To: Leanne I. Johnson/WHO/EOP
cc:
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Subject: Re: ISTEА letter to local officials

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CREATOR: Leanne I. Johnson (CN=Leanne I. Johnson/OU=WHO/O=EOP [WHO])

CREATION DATE/TIME:25-MAR-1998 16:59:38.00

SUBJECT: ISTEА letter

TO: Andrea Kane (CN=Andrea Kane/OU=OPD/O=EOP @ EOP [OPD])

READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

Here it is per your request:

When I delivered my 1998 State of the Union speech to Congress, I was joined by Elaine Kinslow from Indianapolis, one of the many individual heroes of the welfare revolution. After 13 years on and off welfare, Elaine now works as a transportation dispatcher with a van company. This job is not only helping Elaine create a better life for her family, but it's also helping other welfare recipients travel to and from work. Her company takes patients to doctors appointments and provides rides to former welfare recipients who cannot reach their jobs by public transportation.

Throughout our country -- in rural, urban, and suburban areas -- there is a critical need for transportation to move people physically from welfare to work. As you know, few welfare recipients own cars. In many areas, either there is no mass transit or the transportation available does not provide adequate links to jobs within a reasonable commute time. In addition, many entry-level jobs require work during evenings or weekends, when transportation services are limited.

To support innovative efforts such as the one in Indianapolis, I have proposed a \$100-million-a-year welfare-to-work transportation plan as part of my ISTEА reauthorization bill. Funds could be used for the operating and capital costs of start-up. and local transportation and human service systems would be strongly encouraged to collaborate. This competitive grant program will assist states and localities in developing flexible transportation alternatives to help welfare recipients and other low-income workers get to where the jobs are. This plan, if enacted, and the 50,000 new welfare-to-work housing vouchers I've proposed will help welfare recipients move closer to new jobs or obtain stable housing. The ISTEА bill recently passed by the Senate authorized \$150 million for this initiative.

Because of the tremendous need for transportation services, I recently sent a letter to all governors urging them to use existing funds for this purpose wherever possible. Both the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) block grant established in the 1996 welfare reform law and the Welfare-to-Work grants created by the Balanced Budget Act of 1997 offer considerable flexibility to provide certain transportation services. For example, TANF funds can be used for families eligible for TANF, and Welfare-to-Work funds can be used for

a subset of the welfare population, those long-term recipients with specific employment barriers. To encourage each state and community to take full advantage of current funds, the Secretaries of HHS, Labor, and Transportation will issue written guidance by early April.

We have helped reduce the welfare rolls by 4.3 million people over the last five years -- by 2.4 million in the new welfare reform law's first 13 months. I urge each state and community to take the savings from these lower caseloads and use them to help even more people move from welfare to work by investing in transportation, child care, and other critically needed services. I look forward to our continued partnership in this area.

RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (NOTES MAIL)

CREATOR: Daniel W. Burkhardt (CN=Daniel W. Burkhardt/OU=WHO/O=EOP [WHO])

CREATION DATE/TIME:25-MAR-1998 12:52:01.00

SUBJECT: Re: ISTEА letter to local officials

TO: Leanne I. Johnson (CN=Leanne I. Johnson/OU=WHO/O=EOP @ EOP [WHO])

READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

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Leanne I. Johnson

03/25/98 11:09:52 AM

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CREATOR: Paul J. Weinstein Jr. (CN=Paul J. Weinstein Jr./OU=OPD/O=EOP [OPD])

CREATION DATE/TIME:27-MAR-1998 17:24:02.00

SUBJECT: Welfare Reform -- Possible announcement in April

TO: Jeffrey A. Forbes (CN=Jeffrey A. Forbes/OU=WHO/O=EOP @ EOP [WHO])

READ:UNKNOWN

CC: Andrea Kane (CN=Andrea Kane/OU=OPD/O=EOP [OPD])

READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

Please come to our next meeting on welfare reform. We are talking about doing an event on welfare to work that includes POTUS' proposals on welfare to work housing vouchers and the Access to Jobs initiative included in BESTEA/NEXTEA/ISTEA. The meeting is in 211 on Tuesday at 3:00. We want some bipartisan representation at the event and need your assistance.

RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (NOTES MAIL)

CREATOR: Leanne I. Johnson (CN=Leanne I. Johnson/OU=WHO/O=EOP [WHO])

CREATION DATE/TIME:26-MAR-1998 11:58:30.00

SUBJECT: Southern Gov. Assoc. Resolution letter

TO: Emory L. Mayfield (CN=Emory L. Mayfield/OU=WHO/O=EOP @ EOP [WHO])

READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

Hi,

The SGA has sent the POTUS 3 resolutions on ISTEAs, Puerto Rico, and the Nat'l Guard. Our standard response to Governors Associations resolutions follows (appropriate staff are CCed). AP or BC Sig?

DRAFT:

Thank you very much for sharing with me the copies of the resolutions adopted by the Southern Governors' Association at your winter meeting. I appreciate knowing your views on these topics, and I've passed along copies of your materials to my staff.

As always, I value your continued counsel and dedication to addressing these and other important issues facing your region.

RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (NOTES MAIL)

CREATOR: Leanne A. Shimabukuro (CN=Leanne A. Shimabukuro/OU=OPD/O=EOP [OPD])

CREATION DATE/TIME:31-MAR-1998 12:15:17.00

SUBJECT: weekly

TO: Laura Emmett (CN=Laura Emmett/OU=WHO/O=EOP @ EOP [WHO])

READ:UNKNOWN

CC: Jose Cerda III (CN=Jose Cerda III/OU=OPD/O=EOP @ EOP [OPD])

READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

Laura -- please note that the bracketed sentences in the drunk driving bullet are subject to change by tomorrow -- even by late today.]

Drunk Driving -- .08 BAC: On Monday, March 30, there was a Roosevelt Room event held with Secretary Shalala, Deputy Attorney General Holder, Rep. Lowey, and others to push the House of Representatives to enact a uniform standard on drunk driving as part of pending ISTEA legislation. Rep. Lowey is the House sponsor of the Lautenberg amendment -- which passed the Senate by 62-32 -- and would give states three years to enact .08 BAC laws or risk losing highway construction funds. [The House Rules Committee is scheduled to decide this afternoon (Tuesday) whether to allow the Lowey .08 BAC amendment to be offered to ISTEA. WH Legislative Affairs predicts that the Lowey amendment will not make it through the Rules Committee, and it will be left as an issue for the conference committee to resolve.]

Crime -- Assault Weapons: The Treasury Department is near completion of its report in response to your November 1997 directive on modified assault weapons. As you recall, you directed Secretary Rubin to temporarily suspend the importation of certain modified assault rifles while Treasury determined whether or not these rifles complied with the "sporting purposes test" and could be legally imported under the Gun Control Act of 1968. We expect that Treasury will recommend permanently banning from importation the 5 basic types of modified assault rifles studied, which represent more than 50 specific models. This will include AK-47- and Uzi-type models. We have tentatively planned to release the report at an April 6 event.

RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (NOTES MAIL)

CREATOR: Eleanor S. Parker (CN=Eleanor S. Parker/OU=WHO/O=EOP [WHO])

CREATION DATE/TIME:31-MAR-1998 18:28:17.00

SUBJECT: .08 BAC

TO: Paul E. Begala (CN=Paul E. Begala/OU=WHO/O=EOP @ EOP [WHO])

READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

----- Forwarded by Eleanor S. Parker/WHO/EOP on 03/31/98
06:28 PM -----

Leanne A. Shimabukuro

03/31/98 06:23:30 PM

Record Type: Record

To: Elena Kagan/OPD/EOP, Michelle Crisci/WHO/EOP, Eleanor S.

Parker/WHO/EOP, Bruce N. Reed/OPD/EOP

cc: Jose Cerda III/OPD/EOP

Subject: .08 BAC

I have heard from WH Leg Affairs that it looks unlikely that the House rule on ISTEAA will permit a vote on the Lowey .08 BAC amendment. The Rules Committee is scheduled to vote on the rule at 8:00pm tonight.

On a separate but related matter, the Justice Department is prepared to announce formula grants (\$360,000 to each state) to combat underage drinking. If we want to beat up on the House for failing to vote on .08, the grants could give us an additional opportunity to do it. The Department is holding the announcement until Friday, but we could probably get them to hold on longer if necessary.

At the very least, we could get a quote in the DOJ release or do our own statement. If we want to further highlight, we could have the VP announce, or do a radio address. Please let me know if there is interest in any of these options.

Thanks,
Leanne

RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (NOTES MAIL)

CREATOR: Fred DuVal (CN=Fred DuVal/OU=WHO/O=EOP [WHO])

CREATION DATE/TIME: 1-APR-1998 08:50:02.00

SUBJECT: Re:Sr Staff Mtg

TO: Lynn G. Cutler (CN=Lynn G. Cutler/OU=WHO/O=EOP @ EOP [WHO])

READ:UNKNOWN

TO: Emily Bromberg (CN=Emily Bromberg/OU=WHO/O=EOP @ EOP [WHO])

READ:UNKNOWN

TO: Mickey Ibarra (CN=Mickey Ibarra/OU=WHO/O=EOP @ EOP [WHO])

READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

Topics of interest today:

1. Amtrak - Carper, Thompson and DuKakis appt to Bd
2. Kentucky - April 9 POTUS -on tobacco
3. Istea - need to establish "bottom-line" (veto?)

RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (NOTES MAIL)

CREATOR: Leanne A. Shimabukuro (CN=Leanne A. Shimabukuro/OU=OPD/O=EOP [OPD])

CREATION DATE/TIME: 2-APR-1998 19:30:04.00

SUBJECT: weekly

TO: Jose Cerda III (CN=Jose Cerda III/OU=OPD/O=EOP @ EOP [OPD])

READ:UNKNOWN

TO: Laura Emmett (CN=Laura Emmett/OU=WHO/O=EOP @ EOP [WHO])

READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

The updated version of these.

JC-- please review.

Drunk Driving -- .08 BAC: On Tuesday, the House Rules Committee decided not to allow for a vote on the Lowey amendment -- which would set a uniform standard on impaired driving at .08 blood alcohol content (BAC) -- to pending ISTEAL legislation. This week, there were two press events held in the White House with Administration officials and Rep. Lowey to continue our push for the .08 BAC legislation. The Senate adopted identical legislation offered by Senator Lautenberg with a strong 62-32 bipartisan vote. This will leave the .08 BAC issue as one of the outstanding issues for the conference committee to resolve.

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RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (NOTES MAIL)

CREATOR: Fred DuVal (CN=Fred DuVal/OU=WHO/O=EOP [WHO])

CREATION DATE/TIME: 2-APR-1998 17:57:47.00

SUBJECT: Re: Just in case you'd forgotten. . .

TO: Suzanne Dale (CN=Suzanne Dale/OU=WHO/O=EOP @ EOP [WHO])

READ:UNKNOWN

CC: Emory L. Mayfield (CN=Emory L. Mayfield/OU=WHO/O=EOP @ EOP [WHO])

READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

Climate Change. Fred DuVal traveled to Arizona as a guest of the Arizona Power Users to address Climate Change. The group consists of Arizona cities, utilities and indian tribes. After speaking to the group he did Arizona media and two call-in shows and then met privately with Governor Hull, Phoenix Mayor Rimza and a group of Arizona tribal leaders to discuss indian gaming.

Tobacco. The Attorneys General were briefed about "Kick-Butts" day and many did amplification speeches and press releases.

Governor Chiles called to press his interest in a budget supplemental to facilitate hurricane clean-up and assistance in Florida. He is pursuing a Hill strategy and is seeking our support. We have put his staff in touch with OMB.

ISTEA. Many Governors offices have called to express their support for the House ISTEA bill and urged you not to veto the bill. We can expect additional pressure from them in the coming weeks.

Governor Voinovich (Ohio) and Carper (De) - representing NGA - have called to ask what they can do to support Fast Track legislation in the the future. We will arrange a conference call with Ambassador McLarty to pursue this further.

Governor Patton (Kentucky) is very pleased with the possibility that you will come to Kentucky to address assistance to tobacco farmers in the event of tobacco legislation passing the Congress.

RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (NOTES MAIL)

CREATOR: Laura Emmett (CN=Laura Emmett/OU=WHO/O=EOP [WHO])

CREATION DATE/TIME: 2-APR-1998 16:22:16.00

SUBJECT: Re: weekly

TO: Andrea Kane (CN=Andrea Kane/OU=OPD/O=EOP @ EOP [OPD])

READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

This did not go in, staff secretary decide to hold it until Friday- I will submit whatever edits you send me

Welfare Reform -- Federal Hiring Initiative: The Vice President will participate in an event on April 9th to mark the one-year anniversary of the Cabinet meeting where you asked Federal agencies to develop plans to hire welfare recipients. The initiative is proceeding well. Agencies have hired nearly 3,700 welfare recipients and are on track to meet the government-wide goal of 10,000 by 2000. The VP will announce these latest numbers, release an annual report highlighting agency accomplishments and lessons learned (the report includes a brief message from you), encourage companies who do business with the federal government to do their part, and urge cabinet members to leverage these commitments with the contractor community. The VP will be joined by at least one cabinet member (hopefully Secretary Pena, who has been particularly proactive about reaching out to contractors), at least one business from the Welfare to Work Partnership Board (United's CEO encouraged the federal government to reach out to our contractors just as they have reached out to their supplier network), and one former welfare recipient. Letters to each Cabinet member have been prepared for your signature thanking them for leadership on this issue and encouraging them to continue supporting this initiative within their agency, stakeholder groups, and contractor community.

Welfare Reform -- APWA Resolution: Last week, the American Public Welfare Association passed a resolution urging Congress to enact your two FY 99 budget initiatives related to welfare reform: the \$100 million a year Access to Jobs initiative included in the ISTEA reauthorization and the \$283 million a year proposal to provide 50,000 housing vouchers to help people leaving welfare to get or keep a job. The Access to Jobs initiative is currently authorized at \$150 million in the Senate ISTEA bill and \$42 million in the bill moving through the House. APWA urges the House to adopt the Senate funding level. While there has been considerable support for linking housing vouchers to welfare-to-work, HUD expects that it will be an uphill fight to get funding for these vouchers given larger Congressional concerns regarding Section 8. We are working with HUD, DOT and HHS on a joint secretarial event to rally support for both initiatives in late April.

RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (NOTES MAIL)

CREATOR: Jon P. Jennings (CN=Jon P. Jennings/OU=WHO/O=EOP [WHO])

CREATION DATE/TIME: 6-APR-1998 09:10:44.00

SUBJECT: Chicago

TO: Brian Murphy (CN=Brian Murphy/OU=who/O=gov @ who [UNKNOWN])

READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

----- Forwarded by Jon P. Jennings/WHO/EOP on 04/06/98
09:16 AM -----

Judi Gold @ DOT

04/03/98 11:46:25 AM

Record Type: Record

To: Jon P. Jennings/WHO/EOP

cc:

Subject: Chicago

MEMORANDUM TO STEVE SILVERMAN CABINET AFFAIRS

FROM: Michael Huerta
Chief of Staff

SUBJECT: Background Information - Chicago

DATE: April 3, 1998

The following is information on Chicago issues. Please contact me or Judi Gold at 366-9497 if you have any questions.

Airport Issues: Controversy continues around expansion of OHare or building a new airport in Peotone (south Chicago suburbs). Mayor Daley remains adamantly opposed. Congressmen Hyde and Jackson have come out in support of a new airport, claiming it will provide new jobs. The Governor also supports a new airport.

Monroe Harbor Turning Basin: Every day, 161 million gallons of water leak through the Chicago locks and breakwaters into the Chicago River from Lake Michigan. The closure of the turning basin has caused great concern from the International Ship Masters' Association. The Association has written to the Illinois governor, Members of Congress, and other officials to make them aware of the importance of the turning basin for commercial navigation, tour boat operators, and search and rescue operations. The closure would cause a great hardship on these operations and create

navigational hazards.

Chicago River Water Levels: In addition to the Monroe Harbor Turning Basin redesign, the State of Illinois Department of Natural Resources and the Chicago Sanitary District are considering water-control features that would increase the levels of the Chicago and Cal-Sag Rivers by one foot. This plan has met with considerable opposition from the inland waterway towing industry.

The higher water would reduce "air draft" for towboats and barges, preventing them from clearing bridges on some river segments. This scheme would have serious impact on lake-to-river traffic between Chicago, Milwaukee, WI, or Burns Harbor, IN, as well as several steel mills in northern Indiana.

ISTEA Reauthorization: Illinois transportation officials are supportive of reauthorization that is very similar to ISTEA, but are concerned with two issues: (1) The overall level of funding for Illinois; and (2) A large discretionary Interstate and bridge program that is not included in the Administrations NEXTEA proposal for reauthorization. Without knowing the amount of Federal funds available in upcoming years, IDOT has deferred \$260 million in highway work during the 1998 construction season, adversely impacting the construction industry and contributing to the States growing backlog of needs.

One example of the funding concerns is the Stevenson Expressway, a \$567 million project which is IDOTs top priority for the Chicago area. The project has been delayed for a year due to inaction on reauthorization of ISTEA. This facility currently carries in excess of 150,000 vehicle per day and is among the heaviest truck-traffic routes in the nation. IDOTs proposed construction schedule was contingent upon receipt of \$175 million of special Federal funding over and above regular Federal formula funds. If the special funding is not secured, it is estimated that mainline traffic disruptions are expected to occur over four, rather than two, years.

Illinois State Tollway: The Illinois State Highway Toll Authority (ISHTA) has been under attack from the media and in the courts. In May 1997, Cook County Circuit Court Judge Stephen Schiller found that the ISHTA spending practices violated the Illinois constitution, and ordered the State legislature to assume budget oversight of the Authority by December 15, 1997. The Illinois Supreme Court has recently overruled the circuit court order, but there are several potential legislative efforts aimed at increasing the accountability of the toll authority. IDOT officials have made it clear that they are not interested in assuming responsibility for Illinois toll facilities.

Extension of North-South Tollway (I-355): ISTHA is proposing to extend the existing North-South Tollway on both ends. The completed facility would run from I-57 in Will County in the south to I-94 in the north near Waukegan in Lake County.

A suit was filed against DOT, IDOT, and ISTHA by the Sierra Club, Environmental Law and Policy Center, South Corridor Against the Tollway,

Inc., and the Business and Professional People for the Public Interest alleging that the defendants failed to comply with the National NEPA, Section 4(f) of the Transportation Act, and the Clean Air Act for the South Extension (a 12-mile toll segment in Cook, DuPage, and Will Counties).

On January 16, 1997, the District Court for the Northern District of Illinois ruled in favor of the plaintiffs. IDOT and ISTHA have filed appealed the decision to the 7th Court of Appeals in Chicago. FHWA along with other Federal defendants have decided not to appeal the Courts decision. The Courts ruling on the appeal is expected in the Spring of 1998.

RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (NOTES MAIL)

CREATOR: Dorothy Robyn (CN=Dorothy Robyn/OU=OPD/O=EOP [OPD])

CREATION DATE/TIME: 6-APR-1998 12:39:23.00

SUBJECT: Today's Raines, Stein, Slater, Lew Meeting on ISTEA

TO: Jeffrey A. Forbes (CN=Jeffrey A. Forbes/OU=WHO/O=EOP @ EOP [WHO])

READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

----- Forwarded by Dorothy Robyn/OPD/EOP on 04/06/98
12:39 PM -----

Dorothy Robyn
04/03/98 05:11:49 PM
Record Type: Record

To: Melissa G. Green/OPD/EOP
cc: Sally Katzen/OPD/EOP, Jonathan A. Kaplan/OPD/EOP
Subject: Today's Raines, Stein, Slater, Lew Meeting on ISTEA

Here's a quick read out of the meeting, which I attended in Gene's place:

Slater asked for meeting because he's doing a 6-state tour next week, and wants to know what message he should be sending. (Also, he'll be doing a speech at Nat'l Press Club the week after.)

Raines summarized the problems in ISTEA as four: 1) it's too big, relative to BBA; 2) as a result, it crowds out other priority investments -- either directly, or by using offsets needed for other things; 3) \$9B in House demo's; and 4) the off-budget provision. Although we haven't said much about #3 and #4, where we want to go w. ISTEA is: smaller, less crowding out, fewer dem's, and on-budget. That said, there's no agreement internally on how to get there, and Frank can't really predict where we'll come out.

Raines and Stein suggested that Rodney talk about the importance of transportation investment -- and our good record -- but make clear it can't crowd out other important investments. (Rodney emphasized that non-highway transportation investments are the hardest hit in the Senate budget resolution -- that's half of what domenici uses to pay for ISTEA; he can obviously say that very effectively with a lot of audiences.) Rodney wanted guidance on what to say about the timing of the bill. We agreed that he should say: 1) We think we can get a good bill by May 1. 2) But if Congress can't get a good bill by May 1, they should slow down a bit in order to do it right.

In sum, Rodney's message should be: 1) it's too big; 2) it crowds out

other investments; 3) we need a good bill by May 1; and 4) we need to maintain the good policies that are now in both bills -- DBE, WTW transportation services, environmental funding, etc.

The rest of the meeting was a discussion of strategy. Stein thinks that if we do some additional analysis and see how things play out, the right answer in terms of strategy will make itself apparent. He thinks we need 3 pieces of analysis: 1) crowding out effects of ISTEA -- both aggregate and compelling examples; 2) demonstration projects -- again, both aggregate and compelling examples; and 3) the best response to the Shuster, et al argument that we just want to spend what's rightfully ours -- namely, everything in the HTF. OMB is doing 1); DOT is doing 2); i'm going to take a crack at 3), by summarizing relevant info from the House Budget committee and possibly a GAO report on non-HTF spending on highways.

Larry thinks press coverage of the demo's has been brutal -- ABC even linked it to Shuster's need to deal with his legal problems. (He stressed that we should not be the source of any information on pork/demos; he thinks that story can tell itself.) Plus, he met w. Sen. Warner, who said he was embarrassed by the House bill -- the pork, the off-budget and the sheer size. He's mortified by the prospect of a Democratic president vetoing a GOP bill b/c of pork and excessive spending. Larry thinks the environment is there for things to turn around somewhat -- mostly likely, a jettisoning of the demo's. But he and others think it will be hard to get Congress to scale back the size of the bill much beyond that b/c increasing the pie was the way they solved the fractious formula fights.

Larry may also be underestimating the difficulty of getting rid of demos. He said he thought the House porkfest had embarrassed the Senate so much that it wouldn't add its own demos. But DOT officials (Steve Palmer and Jack Basso) tended to disagree; they said the Senate will likely get rid of some of the House's pork to make room for its own.

Larry and Frank agreed that they would jointly call Chafee, Warner and Baucus on Monday to try to slow them down a bit in terms of the conference. Slater said he would also try to use DOT's role in providing technical assistance -- e.g., in resolving the House-Senate formula differences -- to slow things down. We want to slow things down without being seen as doing so.

RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (NOTES MAIL)

CREATOR: Kenneth L. Schwartz (CN=Kenneth L. Schwartz/OU=OMB/O=EOP [OMB])

CREATION DATE/TIME: 6-APR-1998 08:31:36.00

SUBJECT: ISTE A Conference -- A Potential Strategy for Dealing With "High Priority" Projects

TO: Dorothy Robyn (CN=Dorothy Robyn/OU=OPD/O=EOP@EOP [OPD])

READ:UNKNOWN

CC: David E. Tornquist (CN=David E. Tornquist/OU=OMB/O=EOP@EOP [OMB])

READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

Dorothy...the EMail below has not been sent. I would be interested in hearing your views regarding whether it is sensible or not. Also, MD was unable to give us feedback from the Friday meeting with Slater. Can you fill us in re: what happened? Thanks.

----- Forwarded by Kenneth L. Schwartz/OMB/EOP on
04/06/98 08:29 AM -----

Kenneth L. Schwartz
04/01/98 08:58:02 AM
Record Type: Record

To: Franklin D. Raines/OMB/EOP@EOP, Jacob J. Lew/OMB/EOP@EOP, Michael Deich/OMB/EOP@EOP

cc: Jill M. Blickstein/OMB/EOP@EOP, Janet Himler/OMB/EOP@EOP, Charles E. Kieffer/OMB/EOP@EOP, Charles Konigsberg/OMB/EOP@EOP, James J. Jukes/OMB/EOP@EOP, David E. Tornquist/OMB/EOP@EOP, David J. Worzala/OMB/EOP@EOP, Diane R. Montgomery/OMB/EOP@EOP, Kim C. Nakahara/OMB/EOP@EOP, Mark J. Schwartz/OMB/EOP@EOP, Theodore Wartell/OMB/EOP@EOP

bcc:

Subject: ISTE A Conference -- A Potential Strategy for Dealing With "High Priority" Projects

Current State of Play with ISTE A Reauthorization. We now have an expensive Senate bill and a yet more expensive House bill. The House bill includes two particularly troublesome provisions not in the Senate bill: 1) \$9B of mandatory "high priority" projects, and 2) taking the highway trust fund "off budget." To date, the Administration has taken a relatively restrained approach to these bills as expressed in the SAPs (no veto threats). The restrained approach has surprised to some, especially compared to more strident positions taken by the Administration on similar provisions in prior bills.

Pressures on Conferees. So far, the Senate has resisted pressures to fund "high priority" projects and to embark on an "off budget" tack. I suspect

that they will counter the "off budget" proposal with some type of compromise -- e.g., equating highway/transit spending to income received in the trust fund (Chafee/Bond proposal). However, if enactment of ISTEA in 1991 is any guide, there now will be intense pressure on the Senate to opt for their own "high priority" projects in order that the House won't get all the goodies. In short, it would not be surprising if a final list of "high priority" conference projects did not exceed the levels currently in the House bill. For example, in 1991, the House-passed ISTEA bill provided \$5.0B for highway demonstration projects, while the Senate bill included no projects. Yet, the conference bill provided \$6.2B.

Possible Strategy to Avoid More "High Priority" Projects. If we are to seek to avoid this type of scenario, it will be important to develop a legislative strategy quickly, before pressures build in the Senate to develop their own list of "high priority" projects. One possibility is a veto threat strategy, as outlined below for discussion with the White House. Two underlying assumptions, which may or may not be accurate, are:

-- The President would sign the Senate bill as currently passed, despite its high funding levels.

-- While it would be impossible to sustain a veto of the Senate bill in the Senate and the House bill in the House, it may be feasible to sustain a veto of the House bill in the Senate.

The strategy entails alerting the conferees that the House bill, as drafted, would be vetoed for three reasons: 1) it is "pork laden," 2) it lacks reductions to offset the high aggregate funding levels, and 3) it undermines the unified budget by taking the trust fund off budget. Arguably, the Senate bill suffers the same ill as the House bill in regards to aggregate funding levels (point 3), but the Senate Budget Resolution does not assume that the higher levels would be fully obligated and outlayed; hence, the risk is somewhat mitigated.

Presumably points 2 and 3 will be resolved in the conference process. Point 1, however, is likely to remain a problem. The real issue, therefore, is whether the Administration wishes to focus attention to the "pork" aspect of the bill in order to restrain its growth (and perhaps even reduce it).

RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (NOTES MAIL)

CREATOR: Jessica L. Gibson (CN=Jessica L. Gibson/OU=WHO/O=EOP [WHO])

CREATION DATE/TIME: 7-APR-1998 14:38:47.00

SUBJECT: ISTEAs calls

TO: Maryanne B. Green (CN=Maryanne B. Green/OU=OMB/O=EOP @ EOP [OMB])

READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

FYI- This is a message that Raines office called into Larry:

Frank Raines talked with Chafee today (called all three, but was only able to connect with Chafee). Apparently, Chafee is in agreement with Raines on many points, but does not feel that he is able to help change the bill in any significant way. Raines did not feel it was a very productive call.

RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (NOTES MAIL)

CREATOR: Jessica L. Gibson (CN=Jessica L. Gibson/OU=WHO/O=EOP [WHO])

CREATION DATE/TIME: 7-APR-1998 15:19:40.00

SUBJECT: Update on ISTEAs calls

TO: Melissa G. Green (CN=Melissa G. Green/OU=OPD/O=EOP @ EOP [OPD])

READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

This is Frank's download to Larry:

Frank Raines talked with Chafee today (called all three, but was only able to connect with Chafee and Baucus). Apparently, Chafee is in agreement with Raines on many points, but was unsure of his role and asked Raines what he should do to help.

Raines talked with Baucus yesterday and he also agreed. Like Chafee, he also did not know what he could do. Unlike Chafee, he did not volunteer to go any further to help. Raines did not feel Baucus was a very productive call.

RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (NOTES MAIL)

CREATOR: Emil E. Parker (CN=Emil E. Parker/OU=OPD/O=EOP [OPD])

CREATION DATE/TIME: 8-APR-1998 14:48:08.00

SUBJECT: Rep. Oberstar and food stamp administrative cost offset

TO: Jeffrey A. Forbes (CN=Jeffrey A. Forbes/OU=WHO/O=EOP @ EOP [WHO])

READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

Thanks for your message about the prospects for help from Rep. Oberstar on keeping the food stamp administrative cost savings for the Ag Research bill (and its immigrant food stamp restorations), rather than using them as a BESTEA/ISTEA offset.

I agree with you that even though it's a long shot, we should give it a try. When can you/we talk to Oberstar's office?

Can you think of any other members on T and I or EPW who might be helpful in this context?

Thank you.

RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (NOTES MAIL)

CREATOR: Peter Rundlet (CN=Peter Rundlet/OU=WHO/O=EOP [WHO])

CREATION DATE/TIME: 9-APR-1998 09:11:30.00

SUBJECT: Re: LCCR Meeting

TO: Demond T. Martin (CN=Demond T. Martin/OU=WHO/O=EOP @ EOP [WHO])

READ:UNKNOWN

Andrew J. Mayock (CN=Andrew J. Mayock/OU=WHO/O=EOP [WHO])

READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

I just received the list of issues from Maria for the LCCR mtg. We need to invite a few more folks. To the list of folks named below for today's 5:00 meeting, could you also extend an invitation to Janet Murguia (who apparently has the lead on black farmers) and Mark Childress (new in counsel's office and is handling judicial nominations)? I called Mark already and he is trying to work out a conflict so that he can attend some or all of the meeting. He will call/email you or I to let us know his intentions. Also, the Census will come up and so we should have Ann Lewis or Karen Tramontano at the meeting to discuss this issue.

Also, would you ask Sylvia who should be invited to talk about the pressure the proposed ISTE bill puts on the rest of our budget? (presumably someone from OMB or NEC). Apparently Wade is worried about the effect on programs like food stamps, and I don't know who the right person would be. I also think someone from the NEC should probably show -- you could ask Sylvia who the right person is or just send Jon Kaplan a note asking him to be sure someone from NEC is there. Lastly, although I don't think we need anyone from the VP's office, you may want to make sure that Sylvia doesn't want Susan Liss to sit in on the meeting.

As you will recall, I am about to leave for encryption meeting hell (until 4:15). Could you make sure that most of the necessary folks can be there? Sylvia gets miffed when these folks can't show and we proceed to hold the meeting. Feel free to make clear to those who hesitate that this is a priority for Sylvia.

Andrew or Richard S. should have good advice on substitutes if some of these folks absolutely cannot make it. Thanks.

----- Forwarded by Peter Rundlet/WHO/EOP on 04/09/98
08:59 AM -----

Sylvia M. Mathews
04/07/98 09:42:42 AM
Record Type: Record

To: Peter Rundlet/WHO/EOP
cc:
bcc:
Subject: Re: LCCR Meeting

I think Richard was going to talk to Maria about this plan. Would you check in with him and if everyone is a go, please work with Demond to schedule the meeting. THanks.

Peter Rundlet
04/06/98 09:26:25 PM
Record Type: Record

To: Sylvia M. Mathews/WHO/EOP
cc: Demond T. Martin/WHO/EOP
Subject: LCCR Meeting

Sylvia,

I sent Richard and Maria a couple of emails last week about how we should proceed with preparing for the LCCR meeting, and who should contact Wade. Richard sent me a note saying that Maria would call him and that she would let us know how we should proceed. I don't know whether she has spoken with Wade yet or not; I've sent her another note to follow up, but have not heard back from her. Last Thursday, I spoke with Eddie C. about creating a list of agenda items that we will want to pursue with Wade (WA s tate initiative, Bill Lee, etc.).

My recommendation is that you call a meeting on Wednesday (a proposed list of participants is below) to:

- (1) have Maria report the issues Wade would like to discuss;
- (2) assign these issues to appropriate persons to prepare our response; and
- (3) discuss and determine the issues we will raise with LCCR for their action and/or assistance.

With regard to the issues we should consider raising, Eddie and I can poll people before the meeting for a list of suggestions, and we can present them for discussion at the meeting.

Proposed participants

John Podesta (Bill Lee)
Maria Echaveste
Eddie Correia
Minyon Moore
Judy Winston
Andrew Mayock
Dawn Chirwa
Chuck Ruff

Tracey Thornton
Elena Kagan
Richard Socarides
Lynn Cutler
Peter Rundlet

Please let me know how you would like to proceed. Is this the right list if we have a meeting?

RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (NOTES MAIL)

CREATOR: Charles M. Brain (CN=Charles M. Brain/OU=WHO/O=EOP [WHO])

CREATION DATE/TIME:15-APR-1998 18:49:18.00

SUBJECT: ISTEА Talking Points for LCCR

TO: Peter Rundlet (CN=Peter Rundlet/OU=WHO/O=EOP @ EOP [WHO])

READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

Peter: Attached are the talking points. Let me know if you need anything else.

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House and Senate ISTEA Reauthorizations
(H.R. 2400 and S. 1173)

Background

* We have become increasingly concerned regarding the effects of the spending in the highway bills on the remainder of the budget, in general, and our priorities, in particular. There has been much confusion concerning the total costs of both of these bills and exactly how this spending would be offset.

* According to the current estimates, it now appears that the House bill would cost an additional \$34.5 billion beyond current projections. The Senate bill would cost an additional \$35.5 billion.

* Under current budget rules, all of this spending would have to be offset with other spending reductions. In fact, since some of the spending in the House bill is mandatory spending, the necessary offsets would have to come from mandatory programs. Rather than identify specific spending reductions, one rumor that we've heard is that they might simply reduce the spending caps for discretionary spending by the amount needed.

* We share your concerns regarding the effects of this bill on our priorities and government programs.

* We are now beginning the process of dealing with the transportation committee staffs and the leadership to make them realize how big a job they have to offset the amount of spending they want to do. We hope that we will be able to instill some reality into their thinking and to realize that there will be much more opposition to the Conference Report than there was to the bills when they were considered in the House and Senate. We're going to make it clear that they have a tough job to do.

* As the Conference on this proceeds, we will determine if they are improving the bill and what our final attitude on signing will be.

RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (NOTES MAIL)

CREATOR: Emory L. Mayfield (CN=Emory L. Mayfield/OU=WHO/O=EOP [WHO])

CREATION DATE/TIME:16-APR-1998 12:22:51.00

SUBJECT: Scheduling requests

TO: Cecily C. Williams (CN=Cecily C. Williams/OU=WHO/O=EOP @ EOP [WHO])

READ:UNKNOWN

CC: Fred DuVal (CN=Fred DuVal/OU=WHO/O=EOP @ EOP [WHO])

READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:

Could you please put together, or have someone put together, sched. requests for a POTUS and VPOTUS drop-by to Democratic members of the NGA Exec. Committee? The time frame is b/w 3 and 4 on Fri., Apr. 24. The Governors present will include Carper, Rossello, Patton and Romer. Chiles, Miller (NV), Hunt and Carnahan are still pending. From the Administration, Raines, Lew, Reed, and Podesta are confirmed.

Primary issues to be discussed are tobacco and ISTEA. Other budget issues that may be discussed are workforce development, education, child care and reg reform.

We're just asking the principals to swing by to welcome the Gov's and acknowledge their presence. The gov's will not be aware of the possibility of a POTUS and/or VPOTUS visit. Also, please keep this quiet so we can maintain the surprise element.

The meeting will be held in the Roosevelt Room and Fred's name should be listed beside yours as the contact, since your departure will occur before the event. Fred, am I missing anything?