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o Political notes: Foster predicts Surgeon General position to remain unfilled. Speaking yesterday at a Planned Parenthood fund-raiser in San Francisco, Dr. Henry Foster, whose 1995 nomination for Surgeon General was defeated by Senate Republicans, said: "President Clinton feels he cannot get anyone confirmed who shares his belief that abortion ought to be safe, legal and rare." The one thing he might have done differently, Foster said, is "I would not have guessed at the number of abortion procedures I had done in 38 years." ### NRCC announces \$15.7 million in contributions. The National Republican Congressional Committee announced that it has raised \$15.7 million in the first quarter of 1996. According to NRCC chairman Bill Paxon (R-NY), the NRCC had raised only \$4.6 million in the first quarter of 1994. ### FEC queries Rep. Collins on campaign spending. The Federal Election Commission filed a letter Thursday to Rep. Barbara-Rose Collins (D-MI) looking into \$37,500 she borrowed from her campaign for "legal defense," the Detroit News reported this morning. Collins, who is currently under investigation by the Justice Department and House Ethics Committee, has been raising money for a legal defense fund called "Trust Collins." ### Perot Reform Party qualifies for Ohio ballot. Ross Perot's Reform Party has submitted more than the minimum 33,463 valid signatures of registered voters needed to appear on the Ohio

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