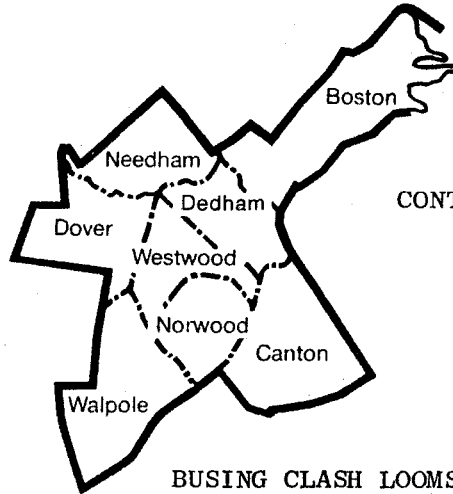


NEWS RELEASE

from Congressman Joe Moakley, 9th District, Massachusetts



CONTACT: Jack Dooling
(202) 225-8273

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

BUSING CLASH LOOMS IN WASHINGTON

Congressman Joe Moakley (D-Boston) reports that a controversy between the House and Senate is shaping up over legislation to prevent busing.

Moakley, a principal backer of the Esch Amendment prohibiting mandatory busing which recently passed the House, predicts a bitter fight over that measure in the Senate.

Recently, the Senate Education Subcommittee unveiled their version of anti-busing legislation, which Congressman Moakley promptly labeled as "nothing more than a watered-down busing prohibition that would not be effective in stopping mandatory busing."

Stressing the need for Senate approval of the stronger House anti-busing provisions, Moakley pointed out that major cities such as Boston and Detroit are still threatened with busing plans although the current Federal law was intended to bar such plans.

"What we need now," Moakley asserted, "is the kind of sweeping prohibition against busing we passed in the House last month. The Committee draft of the Senate bill simply restates the existing law and we in Boston know that this law hasn't worked."

Moakley reports that an attempt will be made in the Senate to amend the education bill to conform with the stronger House version.

He points out that Senate efforts to halt busing have been supported even by liberal lawmakers including Sen. Mike Mansfield (D-Montana) and Sen. Sam Ervin (D-N. Car.)

"I am very hopeful," Moakley reports, "that the Senate will follow our lead on this. We have firm assurances from the President that he would sign such a law so this is our last hurdle."

Moakley and other House busing opponents are seeking additional Senate supporters for their anti-busing amendment.

###