

MEMORANDUM

Re: TALKING POINTS IN FAVOR OF DEMOCRATIC PLAN FOR CD 9

I. Democratic plan vs. Republican plans re. Taunton & Bristol County

1. Taunton, Power in Congress, and Jobs:

-The Democratic plan keeps Taunton in the 9th with Joe Moakley. Taunton thus retains its power and seniority in the Congress through Rep. Moakley who is the Dean of the Mass. Delegation and is Chairman of the powerful House Rules Committee.

-A poor economy disproportionately affects Taunton and Southeastern Mass. in terms of number of jobs lost, and inability to attract new businesses. Bristol County currently has the highest unemployment rate in the state. Having power in Congress has already led to the securing of monies for interstate highway improvements (Rt. 495) as well as money for commuter rail improvements on the old colony line (Lakeville) and planned improvements on the New Bedford (through Taunton) rail line. Infrastructure improvements have attracted new businesses to the area. Congressman Moakley specifically has been instrumental in persuading big businesses like GTE and Ocean Spray to locate in Taunton and Lakeville respectively. He has helped persuade existing businesses to stay, and assists Southeastern Massachusetts businesses overcome financial and regulatory hurdles on a nearly daily basis through his district offices. Power in Congress has also meant a greater likelihood in securing federal grant monies.

- Having power in Congress has also recently led to the securing of ten million dollars for the establishment of the Old Colony Center for Technological Applications at Bridgewater State College. This Center will benefit Southeastern Massachusetts school systems, and could benefit numerous large employers in the area through worker training programs. This Center is a major step forward toward achieving the goal of creating a highly skilled work force in Southeastern Mass. which is necessary to attract large businesses to the area.

-The people of Taunton are not upset or disgruntled by being a part of a district that includes portions of Boston - no more or less so than the people of Quincy would feel as to being a part of a new Republican Task Force proposed 9th district which also includes parts of Framingham, or that the people of Chelsea would feel towards Boston if they were a part of the Boston based 9th district as proposed by the Governor. IN FACT, THE PEOPLE OF TAUNTON ARE FIGHTING TO RETAIN JOE MOAKLEY AS THEIR CONGRESSMAN (See Taunton Gazette Editorial). Each community is self-contained and if having portions of Boston in the Congressional District helps Taunton's individual influence in Congress due to the seniority and position of the Congressional representative who happens to live in Boston, then Taunton is being well-served in Congress. The people of Taunton and their elected local and state representatives have never felt comparatively burdened or disadvantaged by being included in a congressional district which includes some of Boston. In fact, an argument can be made that Taunton has significantly benefited by the configuration of the present 9th district and would continue to benefit under the 9th congressional district plan as proposed by the Democratic leadership. (Testimony by Taunton officials at the most recent redistricting committee public hearing buttresses this argument).

2. Bristol County, number of votes in congress, power in Congress and jobs:

- The Republican Task Force Plan (Lane-Tisei Bill) and the Governor's Compromise Plan each creates a Bristol County Congressional District and thus a freshman congressman would go to congress from Bristol. Taunton and

Bristol County loses its power and seniority under these plans.

- Votes in Congress: Currently, Bristol County has 3 votes in Congress with Frank (Fall River/Attleboro), Moakley (Taunton), and Studds (New Bedford). Under the Republican plans, Bristol County would have only one Freshman vote in Congress. The Democratic plan actually will increase Bristol County's number of votes to 4 by adding Easton and Raynham to Donnelly's district.

- The people of Bristol County realize the above and have been nearly unanimous in loudly urging the legislature and the Governor to preserve Bristol County's multiple votes in Congress.

II. Democratic plan vs. Republican plans re. Boston and Metro-Boston

1. Boston, Votes in Congress, and Jobs:

- Boston needs three votes in Congress. Boston is more than simply the state's largest city. Boston is the economic, technological, financial, legislative, judicial, educational, cultural, and social nerve center of Massachusetts. As the state's capital, a large percentage of the state's total work force works in or immediately adjacent to metropolitan Boston. Major Boston area employers do business in such varied fields as banking and finance, biotechnology, telecommunications, high technology, manufacturing, defense contracting, insurance, litigation, marine science, etc... Consequently, Boston based Congressmen have had to be jacks of all trades in many subjects to be effective in servicing the business needs of their districts. Having three Boston votes in Congress, and having the additional votes of Congressmen who live in metropolitan Boston has enabled our Congressional Delegation to specialize in specific subject areas to be more effective in influencing policy or funding decisions which affect the metropolitan Boston economy. Few could challenge the notion that numerous Congressmen fighting for the economic interests of metropolitan Boston is good for Massachusetts and for the statewide economy. The same argument holds true when discussing multi-member efforts to secure funding or policy that assists educational institutions (dollars for MIT, Harvard, B.U. Northeastern, U-Mass, etc.), scientific research (biotechnology start-up funding for commercial applications), banking regulation (e.g. second mortgage scam)(FDIC), the Arts (NEA funding), infrastructure improvements (3rd Harbor tunnel, central artery, Old Colony Rail, MBTA rail extensions/modernization, Boston to New York rail electrification, Rt. 495 extension, etc.), the environment (Boston Harbor clean-up, fighting for wetlands protection, acid rain, etc.), or state historical treasures (Faneuil Hall, Old State House, Freedom Trail, Dorchester Heights, African Meeting House, etc.). Without multi-member Boston-based efforts to fight for these and other important projects, many of these projects would not be a reality today.

2. Boston: The Minority Issue:

- The Democratic plan maximizes the voting power of Boston's minority population by increasing minority percentages in the 9th district. The Democratic Plan's 9th district would include approximately 80% of Boston's black population, 70% of the Hispanic population, and nearly 50% of the Asian population. The Democratic plan has added significant Boston minority population percentages to the existing 9th congressional district. Although the Republican plans have higher minority percentages in their alternate "minority district" proposals, no Republican plan has shown or could show that a majority minority district can be created in Massachusetts. The Republican plans include all minority groups in reaching the approximately 40% minority population percentages in their proposed "minority" districts. However, courts have been reluctant to combine

varied minority groups in determining Voting Rights Act violations without evidence that such sub-groups have similar voting patterns and socio-economic interests. The Democratic plan has been sensitive to minority group concerns and has affirmatively attempted to maximize Boston minority population participation in the 9th district without having to reduce Boston's current voting power in the Congress. Minority members of the state legislature from Boston and elsewhere have voiced support for the Democratic Plan since it enables minority groups in metropolitan Boston to have influence in three congressional districts rather than have a strong but less than majority influence in only one district.

III. Republican Task Force Plan & Governor's Plan effect on Joe Moakley

1. Republican Task Force Plan (Lane - Tisei Bill):

This Republican plan is detrimental to Joe Moakley's 1992 election effort in that only 34% of the new district would consist of areas currently represented by Congressman Moakley. Although Joe Moakley would be the only incumbent presently living in the Task Force 9th district, Congressman Donnelly would likely move into the new 9th district to run for re-election. Donnelly was placed into a "minority district" of Boston-Chelsea-Cambridge in the Task Force plan, but less than three fractured Boston Wards of Donnelly's existing district were included in the "minority district" in which Donnelly would live. Congressman Kennedy would also reside in the new "minority district". In the new 9th district as envisioned by the Task Force plan, 47% of the district would consist of areas currently represented by Congressman Donnelly. The remaining 19% of the 9th district would consist of areas currently represented by either Congressman Early or Congressman Frank. The Task Force plan, therefore, would likely lead to a Primary race between Congressman Moakley, the Chairman of the House Rules Committee, and Congressman Donnelly, an influential member of the House Ways and Means Committee. Congressman Moakley would enter the Primary race 13% points behind Rep. Donnelly in comparing prior-represented population totals.

2. Governor's Compromise Redistricting Plan:

- The Governor's Compromise plan as relates to the 9th district in which Joe Moakley would reside is nearly an identical district to the original Republican State Committee Plan for Boston. This district would include essentially all of Boston and all of the city of Chelsea. Congressmen Moakley, Donnelly and Kennedy all live in this district. In this new Boston-Chelsea district, only 43% of the district would consist of areas currently represented by Congressman Moakley. Although the percentages are more favorable than the Republican Task Force Plan, Congressman Moakley would again be in a district the majority of which would consist of new voters. In addition, Congressmen Donnelly and Kennedy currently reside in the Boston-based district. Congressman Donnelly could be expected to move into an incumbent-vacant South Shore district consisting of a large portion of his existing district. However, Congressman Kennedy would have to choose between continuing to reside in Boston and run against Joe Moakley in a heated Primary, or run in a Cambridge-based district consisting of a large portion of his current district but which now also includes Congressman Atkins. No one, at this stage, can be sure of exactly what Congressman Kennedy would do if faced with the above scenario.