

# Legislative Alert

MONDAY

JULY 6, 1981

- \* The Senate is in recess. Paul is in Massachusetts. The Senate will next be in session at Noon on Wednesday, July 8, when it will resume consideration of S. 951, the Justice Department Authorization bill.
- \* Legislative Quote of the Day (Wall Street Journal): "There is a feeling that the President's economic policies will help the mink coat set. But do they trickle down, do they create jobs? Someone has said 'mink coats don't trickle down, they just shed'." ---thank you, Missy.
- \* On June 19, the President sent a "fire sale" rescission/deferral request for FY81 to the Congress for approval. There are 6 rescission proposals totalling \$321 million in FY81 authority, and 13 budget deferrals totalling \$220.1 million. In addition, 5 previously requested deferrals are increased by a total of \$78 million. The rescission and deferral proposals cover programs in the following Departments and Agencies: USDA, Education, HHS, HUD, EPA, DOD, Interior, State, and the National Endowments. This brings to \$15.1 billion the Presidential rescissions for FY81, and to 8.9 billion the Presidential deferrals for FY81.
- \* The Senate Select Committee on Ethics plans daily meetings for three weeks starting July 14 to consider disciplinary action against Sen. Harrison Williams arising from the ABSCAM case. The charges against him are expected to include violations of the Senate rules on financial disclosure, conflict of interest, and improper conduct that reflects on the Senate. Williams has demanded that the hearings include consideration of government investigative abuses, but Committee members agree that the issue is not within their jurisdiction.

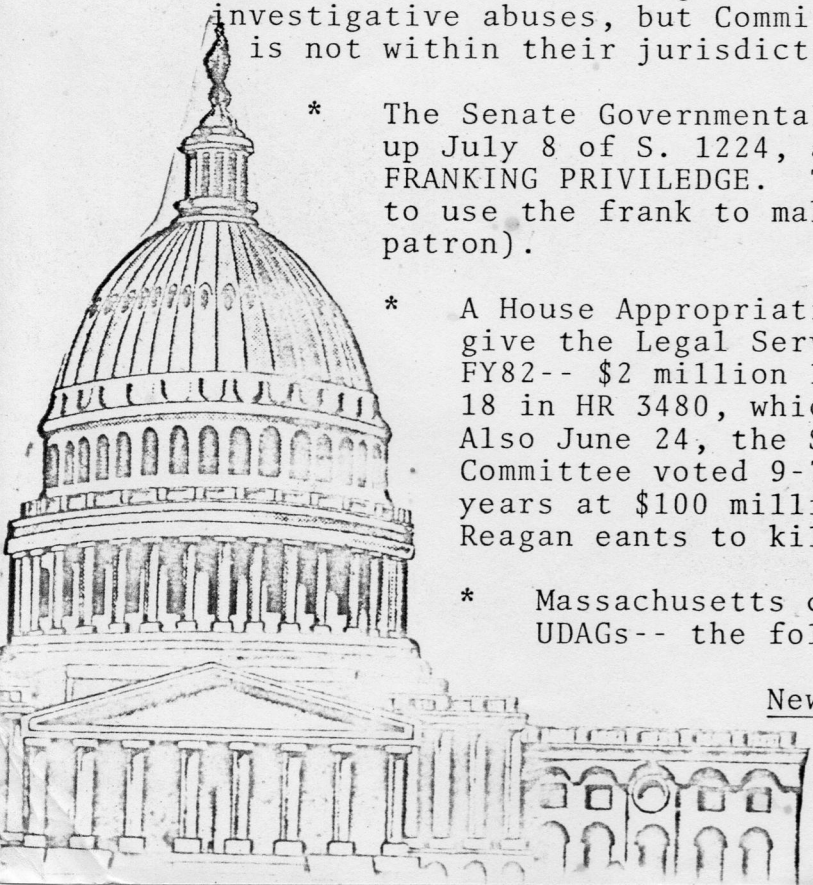
- \* The Senate Governmental Affairs Committee will begin mark-up July 8 of S. 1224, a bill to revise the CONGRESSIONAL FRANKING PRIVILEGE. The bill would permit Senators to use the frank to make statewide mass mailings (postal patron).

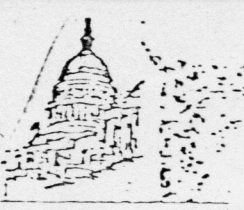
- \* A House Appropriations Subcommittee voted June 24 to give the Legal Services Corporation \$239 million for FY82-- \$2 million less than the House authorized June 18 in HR 3480, which reauthorized the LSC for two years. Also June 24, the Senate Labor and Human Resources Committee voted 9-7 to reauthorize the LSC for three years at \$100 million annually even though President Reagan wants to kill the Corporation.

- \* Massachusetts did well in the Metro City Round on UDAGs-- the following Action Grants were awarded:

New Bedford- \$500,000 Grant- \$8.6 million  
private investment- 183 new permanent  
jobs

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(New Bedford Grant- continued) loan to First National Boston Corporation Relaty for development of an 88,000 sq. ft. office building- Principle tenant: Old Colony Bank

New Bedford- \$900,000 Grant- \$18.411 million private investment- 156 permanent new jobs- loan to Sheraton Corporation for development of a 174 room hotel, including 52 condominiums

Boston- \$1,113,000 Grant- \$3,639,000 private investment- 272 jobs- loan through Chinatown Economic Development Corporation to Wang Laboratories for renovation and adaptive reuse of Boylston Building for light manufacturing facility

Boston- \$202,000 Grant- \$1,019,000 private investment- 130 jobs retained- 25 new permanent jobs- provides for retention and expansion of Nimrod Press

Brookline- \$1,855,000 Grant- \$18 million private investment- 318 permanent new jobs- loan to Sheraton Corporation for development of a 300 room hotel

Quincy- \$2 million Grant- \$30 million private investment- 700 permanent new jobs- loan for development of new office building in North Quincy

Holyoke- \$2 million Grant- \$17 million private investment- 1020 jobs- loan to Wang Labs for 200,000 sq. ft. of manufacturing

\* SOLAR BANK--- House Banking and Senate Energy both included in their bills a \$50 million reauthorization of the Solar Energy and Energy Conservation Bank, which was established last year by Title V of the Energy Security Act. Banking's provision was not altered by the Gramm-Latta amendments: House Appropriations voted before the recess to provide the Bank with \$50 million in FY82.

