

Legislative Alert

WEDNESDAY

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- * The Senate today begins consideration of the TAX CUT bill. Debate only is expected with no roll calls. Numerous amendments will be considered tomorrow with the Senate expected to stay in session late into the evening. If necessary, the Senate will meet on Friday and Saturday to complete the tax cut legislation. Another attempt to gain cloture on the busing amendment to the Justice Authorization bill will probably take place after completion of the tax cut bill.
- * A hearing will be held today on the Weicker energy block grant bill. The Weicker bill is almost exclusively a state energy block grant bill, with only minimal provisions covering local energy conservation. City groups will testify in favor of a more comprehensive local program, following the model of the Tsongas bill which passed the Senate in the last Congress. Tsongas amendments will be forthcoming.
- * Only July 16th, there will be a hearing on various enterprise zones bills in the Senate Finance Committee. Markup of the 1982 will also take place tomorrow in the Interior Appropriations Subcommittee. This bill contains FY82 funds for the LOWELL PARK and COMMISSION, urban parks, the Land and Water Conservation Fund, and the Historic Preservation Commission. The unofficial word is that the Republicans will move the President's funding requests, which are the same as contained in the House bill for the Lowell programs, but zero for all of the others.
- * On Friday, July 17, the Appropriations Subcommittee will begin mark-up of the 1982 HUD Appropriation.
- * Child Welfare Legislation was introduced by Sens. Metzenbaum and Tsongas on July 14. (Sen. Hawkins of Florida co-sponsored one part) The package contains three bills. One would increase tax credits for day care among middle- and low-income families. The second would allow foster parents to treat foster children as dependents for tax purposes. The third would provide tax deductions for adoption expenses. Paul's statement accompanying introduction of the bills appears on page S7603 of the Congressional Record.
- * Paul has been recorded against cloture on the busing amendment filibuster on each of the two cloture attempts. Last Friday he has a live pair with Sen. Pell which means that Sen. Pell's yes vote was withdrawn and therefore does not count toward the 60 votes necessary for cloture. On Monday's vote a pair was not possible, but the announcement was made on the Senate floor that if Sen. Tsongas were present and voting, he would have voted NO.

