

# Legislative Alert

WEEKS OF  
APRIL 20 & 27

## WEEKLY BULLETIN

### \* BOX SCORE ON THE BUDGET:

	Carter	Reagan	House	Senate
Receipts	711.8	650.3	689.0	650.3
Outlays	739.3	695.3	714.6	704.1
Deficit	-27.5	-45.0	-25.6	-53.8

(Rich Arenberg)

### \* Highlights of Paul's schedule for the week of April 27:

Mon- Meeting with Brockton, New Bedford, South Shore, Quincy, Worcester, and Fall River Chambers of Commerce

Mon- Meeting with environmental groups re Rare II bill which Sen. Hayakawa has filed. (See April 21 Legislative Alert).

Mon- Women's National Democratic Club luncheon. Paul to speak

Wed- Meeting with National Federation of Independent Businesses representatives

Wed- Reception for U-Mass alumni (tentative)

Wed- Reception for Leadership Conference on Civil Rights

Thurs- Meeting with students from Governor Dummer Academy in Byfield (meeting is in D.C.)

Thurs- Meeting with Ernest Lefevre- Asst Sec. nominee-State Department (see April 13 WEEKLY BULLETIN)

Fri- Holyoke High School Band

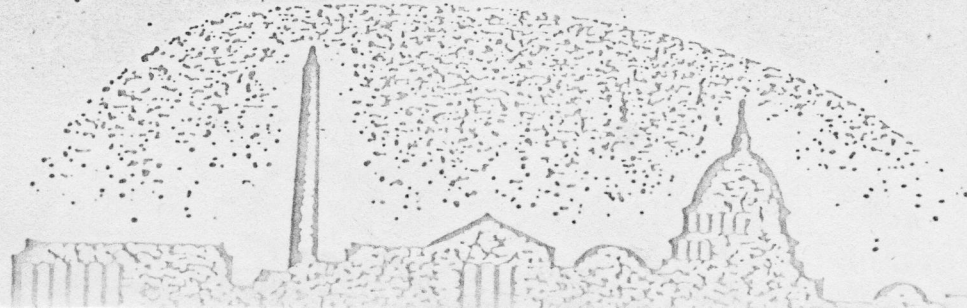
(Chris Briand)

\* Paul is an honorary Co-Chairman of the Tribute to Andrei Sakharov in celebration of his 60th birthday- May 19th at the Kennedy Center. (Lawry Payne)

\* Paul will be reintroducing the Select Commission on Voluntary Service Opportunities bill next week. Sens. Cranston, Levin, and Pell are original cosponsors. (Lawry Payne)

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- \* Terrorism- The Senate Judiciary Subcommittee on Security and Terrorism will hold its first hearing on April 24th on the origins and direction of terrorism. Freshman Republican Senator Denton is the Chairman of the Subcommittee. (Randy Naiman)
- \* On April 9, the Senate Budget Committee reversed an earlier vote and approved a proposal that would change the method of indexing cost-of-living increases for Social Security and other federal benefit programs, saving an estimated \$38.4 billion between FY81 and FY86. The proposal would limit the amount of the cost-of-living adjustment to the lesser of the increase in the consumer price index or the wage index. (In 1970 federal outlays for indexed programs was 3% of the budget- today it's 30%). The following shows the cut by program for FY81 through FY86:

Social Security.....	\$27.8
Railroad Retirement, Veterans	
pensions & SSI.....	2.6
Civil Service Retirement.....	4.1
Military Retirement.....	3.9
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	\$38.4

Last month the full Senate rejected a similar proposal on the Reconciliation bill 86-12. While the Administration is supposedly opposed to such a plan- it has not commented on the Budget Committee action. (Of course, the Budget Committee rejected the whole Budget Resolution when Sens. Symms, Grassley and Armstrong joined the Democrats in voting no, but it is expected that that vote will be reversed after the recess).

(Rich Arenberg)

- \* The new hazardous waste SUPERFUND established by Congress last year will generate \$129 million from levies on petroleum and chemical stocks this year. The taxes will finance 87.5% of this fund- Congressional appropriations must finance the remainder. EPA estimates the taxes would raise about \$290 million in 1982 and \$297 million in 1983.

(Rich Arenberg)

- \* Reapportionment-- The most recent census figures show that of the 32 House districts that suffered at least a 10% population loss in the past decade, every one is represented in the 97th Congress by a Democrat and 11 of them are represented by Blacks. (There are 18 Black members in the House.) Of the 9 districts that lost more than 20% of their population, six are represented by Blacks, a seventh is held by Hispanic Congressman Robert Garcia of New York whose South Bronx district lost 50% of its population- the largest loss in the nation.

(Rich Arenberg)

- \* Enterprise Zones- Senate staff met in the Tsongas office on April 16 for a briefing on the Enterprise Zones legislation. Sen. Chafee plans to introduce the Kemp/Garcia legislation on the Senate side. At this point the plan is to introduce the bill in the next few weeks, but since the Administration has not yet endorsed the bill, this timing may be optimistic. The bill has not yet been finalized. Many important details have not been worked out. While some improvements have been made, there are still many unresolved issues. Improvements include



designation of UDAG eligible cities as EZ eligible cities (formerly there were no restrictions) and elimination of the mandatory real estate tax reduction (now local governments have flexibility to design their own local share package). MAJOR CONCERNS-full report to follow.  
(Missy Grealy)

- \* The House Appropriations Subcommittee has voted to provide about \$161 million in FY81 funding for EDA, which could allow funding of important Massachusetts projects.  
(Missy Grealy)
- \* HUD bill- The Administration submitted its HUD authorization bill late Monday night and the Senate Banking Committee convened hearings Tuesday. The mark-up will be at the end of April. The bill makes massive changes in existing law, particularly in the CD area. For example, the small cities program would be operated by the states, GNMA tandem funds will be eliminated, and disaster assistance and AHOP Bonus funding would be eliminated. Full report to follow.  
(Missy Grealy)

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