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U.S. SENATOR FROM MASSACHUSETTS

MASSACHUSETTS SENATORS TSONGAS AND KENNEDY PROPOSE U.S. SKILLS CORPORATION

Massachusetts Senators Paul Tsongas and Edward Kennedy will hold a press conference on Monday morning, June 11, 1984 at 10:30 a.m. in 485 Russell Senate Office Building to announce the introduction of legislation to form a United States Skills Corporation, an innovative job education and training program.

Bay State Governor Michael Dukakis and state Secretary of Economic Affairs Evelyn Murphy will join the Senators to brief the media on the success of the Massachusetts Bay State Skills Corporation which is the model for the Tsongas/Kennedy bill.

The proposed U.S. Skills Corporation legislation calls for the creation of a small independent agency which will assist states in developing a skills corporation to provide industry, especially high technology, with ~~esses~~ with appropriately skilled workers. Competitive federal matching funds will be used to develop new education and training programs at all levels: entry, retraining, upgrading, advanced training, etc.

~~The idea of a U.S. skills Corporation is~~