



Legislative Alert

MONDAY

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- * The Senate will go into session at Noon today. The legislative schedule for today remains uncertain. However, any roll call votes will be stacked back to back at 5:00 PM.
- * Highlights of Paul's schedule:
 - Meets with Executive Director and President of Jewish Community Centers of Greater Boston
- * The Foreign Relations Committee today will consider the nomination of ERNEST LEFEVRE as Assistant Secretary of State for Human Rights.
- * Plans for the social service block grants received a setback when the Finance Committee showed reluctance to lump programs under their jurisdiction with the Labor and Human Resources jurisdiction programs. As a result, the maternal and child health care program remains separate from the social service block grant.

Child welfare, foster care and adoption assistance were separated out as a "targeted block grant". There is language in the legislation which requires states to maintain these programs near the current level of funding. Other social service programs were lumped together. The funding level conforms to the 25% cut requested by the President.

- * The Senate Agriculture Committee rejected a proposal by the Administration and Sen. Helms to reduce food stamps benefits for recipients whose children receive free lunches at school. House Subcommittee on Agriculture also rejected the plan.
- * The President's recent Social Security proposals are in trouble.
- * The LEGISLATIVE ALERT WEEKLY BULLETIN for this week will be completed and on the CMS system by close of business today.

