

Legislative Alert

MONDAY

JUNE 15, 1981

- * The Senate convenes today at Noon. The Senate will consider S.921, the Veterans Health Care bill, under a time agreement. No roll calls today.
- * Highlights of Paul's schedule:
 - Yankee Magazine interview
 - Address Central Conference of American Rabbis
 - Legislative Director, Hotel & Bartenders Association
 - PRESIDENT REAGAN re footwear industry
 - Massachusetts Education Youth Award winners
 - New England Journal of Human Services interview
 - *** Kennedy-Tsongas Softball Game***
- * The Foreign Relations Committee today will hold hearings on the nominations of Maxwell Rabb as Ambassador to Italy; Charles Price as Ambassador to Belgium; Theodore Cummings as Ambassador to Austria; and Ernest Preeg as Ambassador to Haiti.
- * The House Banking Committee reported its FY82 reconciliation to the Budget Committee recommending a \$132 million authorization level for the Solar and Conservation Bank for each of FY82, FY83, and FY84.
- * The House Appropriations Interior Subcommittee chaired by Congressman Yates, increased funding for the conservation programs from Reagan's \$195 million to \$440 million. In particular, low-income weatherization, eliminated by Reagan, had \$150 million of Carter's requested \$200 million reinstated.
- * Paul's meeting with the President today is to discuss the extension of import quotas for the non-rubber footwear industry. Quotas are scheduled to expire at the end of June. The ITC has recommended a 2-year extension for Taiwan, and elimination of relief from Korean imports. The industry wants a 3-year extension for both countries. Paul will be one of 10 Senators meeting with the President, and was one of 44 Senators who co-sponsored a resolution calling for the full three year/two country relief.
- * The House Interior Subcommittee on Appropriations completed action on the FY82 DOI budget and approved funds for the LOWELL PARK and COMMISSION which had been requested by both Carter and Reagan. The House committee also voted to add an additional \$118 million for the National Park Service Operations budget, including \$267,000 additional for the LOWELL PARK. The full Committee will meet June 25.

