



Legislative Alert

TUESDAY

JUNE 16, 1981

- * The Senate convenes at 11AM. The Senate will continue consideration of the Veterans Health Care bill, under a time agreement, with roll call votes expected today.
- * The House begins debate today on HR 3480, the Legal Services Corporation bill.
- * Highlights of Paul's schedule:
 - Soviet dissident, Victor Eskin
 - Legislative Director, Hotel & Bartenders Assn.
 - Government Relations Director, National Gypsum Co.
 - Debriefs Lawry on trip to the USSR
- * The Energy Committee today holds hearings on the nominations of Daniel Miller to be Assistant Secretary of the Interior for Energy and Minerals; Richard Mulberry to be Inspector General at the Interior Department; Shelby Brewer to be Assistant Secretary of Energy for Nuclear Energy; and J. Erich Evered to be Administrator of the Energy Information Administration.
- * The Foreign Relations Committee is holding hearings today on several State Department nominations and on Soviet human rights practices.
- * The Senate Judiciary Committee's reconciliation package was reported on June 9. It includes cuts of \$1 million for the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights; \$17 million for the Office of Justice Assistance Research; \$26 million for juvenile justice programs, which help states combat juvenile delinquency; and \$6 million for U.S. border patrols in the Immigration and Naturalization Service.
- * The Senate Banking Committee, last Wednesday, voted to include the substantive changes in their HUD authorization bill which passed the Senate last week as part of their compliance with reconciliation on the budget. This means that the reconciliation conference on the budget will have to deal with the substantive changes in the HUD law as well as dollar authorizations. Key issues are changes in CD law (elimination of application and review requirements, transfer of small cities program to the states) and rent control and increase in tenant incomes for assisted housing. In taking this action, the Senate Banking Committee withheld inclusion of the Title III HUD insurance programs for reconciliation, and included language that no funds for CD and housing would be expended unless the substantive provisions in the HUD law are approved. This paves the way for a long and controversial conference with the House Banking Committee.

