



Legislative Alert

WEDNESDAY

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- * The Senate today is considering HR 3512, FY1981 Supplemental Appropriations. At noon, the Senate will vote on the nomination of John Crowell as Assistant Secretary of Agriculture for Natural Resources. The Senate may also today consider the conference report on H.Con.Res. 115, the First Congressional Budget Resolution.
- * Paul will oppose the Crowell nomination today. However, the nomination is expected to be confirmed easily.
- * The Senate, yesterday, passed S.Res. 137, introduced by Sens. Kennedy and Tsongas, joining in the Celtic Pride and congratulating the Boston Celtics on winning the 1981 World Championship of basketball. Paul's statement and the Senate action appears on page S. 5191-92 in the Congressional Record.
- * Highlights of Paul's schedule:
 - Massachusetts delegation breakfast with Boston Edison
 - Foreign Relations coffee with members of the Israeli Knesset
 - Canadian Minister of Science and Technology re acid rain
- * The Foreign Relations Committee holds hearings on several nominations including the Ambassador to Nepal.
- * The vote on Ernest Lefever has been scheduled for after the Memorial Day recess in the Foreign Relations Committee.
- * The Senate Judiciary Committee reported out, 11-5, a proposed Constitutional amendment to balance the budget (S.J.Res. 58). It was the first time such an amendment has been reported out of the Judiciary Committee to the Senate floor. Senators Mathias, Biden, Kennedy, Leahy, and Baucus voted against the resolution. On the balanced budget issue, Paul will have an article appearing in Leadership Magazine this month.
- * The Senate Judiciary Committee also reported out S. 255, the Patent Term Restoration Act which would restore the term of a patent grant for the period of time that nonpatent regulatory requirements prevent the marketing of a patented product.
- * The Energy Committee has begun hearings on Standby Oil Controls today. Existing authority, first enacted in 1973, to set price and allocation controls expires September 30. The Committee will begin evaluating other emergency authorities that are on the books to see if they are adequate to deal with an energy emergency. Any new legislation will emphasize the use of the free market to allocate supplies in case of shortages. New England's interests probably will require some federal allocation authority but the delegation has yet to start formulating a position.

