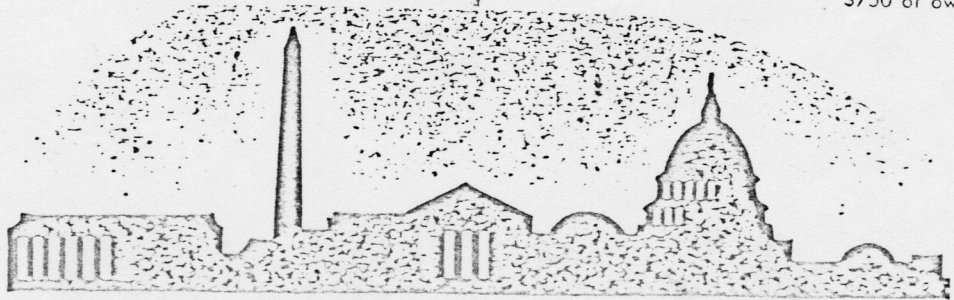


Legislative Alert

TUESDAY
APRIL 21, 1981

- * The Senate is in recess. Paul is in Massachusetts.
- * Highlights of Paul's schedule today: Speaking to the student body at the Brooks School in North Andover.
- * The NRC Authorization Bill reported by the HOUSE Interior Committee on April 10th prohibits the use of funds in the bill for the cleanup or repair of Three Mile Island.
- * The Senate ENERGY COMMITTEE, Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources will hold hearings on off-budget funding methods for the Strategic Petroleum Reserve today (also April 22, 29 and 30).
- * The Senate Banking Committee will begin its hearings on major banking and consumer protection laws on April 28.
- * The House has blocked a Senate move that would allow President Reagan to appoint Dr. C. Everett Koop, an ardent opponent of abortion, as Surgeon-General. Koop is 64 years old. Existing law requires that a person named Surgeon-General must be under 64. Sen Helms attached an amendment removing the age limit to an unrelated bill passed by the Senate in March. Speaker O'Neill referred the bill to the Energy and Commerce Subcommittee on Health, whose Chairman, Henry Waxman, opposed the Senate tactic. Waxman refused to approve the amendment and the House sent the matter to a conference committee.
- * Attached is a chart published this week by CONGRESSIONAL QUARTERLY which shows the major cuts in programs for the poor proposed by the Reagan Administration for Fiscal Year 1982. It lists major programs affected, a brief description, the Carter request, the Reagan cut, and an explanation of how the cut is to be achieved:

Program*	Description	Carter Request	Reagan Cut from Request	How Cut to Be Achieved
Compensatory Education	Funds to school districts educating children from low-income families.	\$ 3.9	-\$1.5	Block grant with handicapped education, desegregation aid and other programs assisting local school districts.
Pell Grants	Grants to low- and middle-income college students; pays up to one-half of educational costs.	\$ 2.7	-\$.2	Increase expected contribution from family; require student to contribute \$750 of own money.



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CETA Public Service Jobs (Comprehensive Employment and Training Act)	Grants to state and local governments to provide jobs to low-income unemployed.	\$ 4.1	-\$4.6	Eliminate program.
CETA Job Training and Youth Programs	Grants to state and local governments to provide job training to low-income youths and unemployed.	\$ 3.9	-\$.9	Block grant formed from CETA Title II-B,C (training) and Title IV (youth).
Medicaid	State-federal program to pay for medical care for the poor.	\$18.8	-\$1.3	Imposition of cap on federal contributions to state programs.
Housing Assistance	Rent subsidies for low-income families; assistance to public housing projects.	\$28.8	-\$10	Reduce number of subsidized units; increase contribution from tenants; cut back public housing modernization.
Food Stamps	Coupons, good for food purchase, issued to low-income households.	\$12.9	-\$1.7	Reduce income eligibility, offset benefits for free school lunches; block scheduled benefit increases; reduce waste.
Supplemental Feeding for Women, Infants and Children (WIC)	Food packages (eggs, dairy products and fruits) provided to low-income mothers and children deemed to be at "nutritional risk."	\$ 1.1	-\$.3	Reduce income eligibility; limit benefits to persons with measurable nutritional deficiencies.
School Feeding Programs	Subsidies for meals served at school; additional subsidies for meals served to children from low-income families.	\$ 4.7	-\$1.8	Eliminate subsidies for children from middle-income families; cut subsidies for reduced-price meals served to families with incomes of 125% - 185% of poverty. Subsidies for free meals served to children from families with incomes below 125 percent of poverty would not be
Aid to Families with Dependent Children (AFDC)	Matching grants to state programs of cash support to low-income families with children.	\$ 5.7	-\$.7	Reduce income eligibility; require "workfare"; strengthen child support enforcement.
Energy Assistance	Grants to states for distribution to welfare recipients and other low-income persons, for help with energy bills.	\$1.9	-\$.5	Block grant with AFDC emergency assistance program.
Supplemental Security Income (SSI)	Cash grants to low-income aged, blind or disabled persons; benefits supplemented by states.	\$ 7.9	-\$.1	Improved accounting of income and assets. Reduction offset by \$300 million spending increase for new recipients who lost regular Social Security benefits under Reagan proposals.
Work Incentive (WIN)	Job training, work experience and social services for AFDC recipients.	\$385	-.02	Hold at 1981 level.
Title XX Social Services	Grants to states for providing services such as day care, foster care and family planning.	\$ 3	-\$1.5	Lump together in block grant to states.
Legal Services	Grants to local legal aid clinics providing assistance to low-income persons in civil cases.	\$.35		
Community Services Administration	Grants to local community action agencies for social services to low-income persons.	\$.54		
Child Welfare, Foster Care	Grants to states to provide social services to prevent family breakups, maintenance for children from welfare families placed in foster care.	\$.52		

