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## A LETTER OF POLITICAL AND SOCIAL COMMENTARY

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TO: FISCAL AWARENESS SERVICE Subscribers  
FROM: Craig Ruff and Alan Harris  
SUBJECT: THE U.S. SENATE AND HOUSE RACES

Accompanying this is an updated list of U.S. Senate candidates. Retaining control of the U.S. Senate is the highest political priority this fall for President Reagan and the Republican party, which now narrowly controls the Senate by a six-seat margin, 53-47. With 22 Republican and 12 Democratic seats up for election this fall, the GOP faces a considerable challenge to its hold on a Senate majority.

Losing the Senate to the Democrats would place in jeopardy the Reagan administration's policy initiatives and judicial appointments during the last two years of the Reagan presidency. The net loss of four seats or more by the GOP would throw control of the Senate to the Democrats. The loss of three seats would result in a 50-50 split, enabling Vice President Bush to cast the tie-breaking vote to permit the GOP to maintain control.

As of today, most observers believe that the GOP seats in Maryland, Florida, and South Dakota will fall to the Democrats. For the GOP seats in Nevada, Idaho, and North Carolina, the races are dead even. Republicans in Alabama, Georgia, North Dakota, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, Washington, and Wisconsin lead their Democratic challengers, but not by invincible margins. Overall, the Republicans will probably lose about five seats they now hold, enough to throw control to the Democrats.

There is, however, a strong possibility that the Republicans will win the seats of retiring Democratic senators in Missouri, Colorado, and Louisiana; and they also hold out hope that strong GOP candidates in California and Vermont will upset Democratic incumbents. Look for a loss of two Democratic seats.

Overall, we see a net Republican loss of three seats, giving Vice President Bush the tie-breaking vote in the resulting 50-50 division of the U.S. Senate.

If the Republicans manage to hold onto a slim Senate majority after the 1986 elections, they will be in a good position to retain control of the Senate for another six years. In 1988 and 1990, more Democratic seats will be up for election than Republican seats, making Democrats more vulnerable numerically until the 1992 elections.

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All members of the U.S. House of Representatives are up for election this November. The Democrats hold 252 seats, the Republicans have 180, and there are three vacancies. The current Democratic majority is not in jeopardy. Aside from some anti-Republican feeling in the economically hard-hit farming and oil-producing states, it appears that most incumbents across the nation will benefit from the relatively good economic times. That mood, plus Reagan's enormous popularity, is expected to protect most Republicans in the U.S. House; look for a modest Democratic gain of only 10 to 15 seats.

In Michigan, which does not have a Senate seat up this fall, the closest congressional races pit current and former congressmen against each other. In the sixth district (Lansing and Pontiac), incumbent Democrat Bob Carr faces a rematch with former Republican Congressman Jim Dunn, and the Republicans are running a vigorous campaign to regain the seat. In the tenth district (central Lower Peninsula), incumbent Republican Bill Schuette will again be opposed by former Democratic Congressman Don Albosta. Look for record campaign spending by both candidates.

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1986 CONGRESS ( ) ELECTIONS

	Current U.S. House Delegation		U.S. Senate Candidates		Comments
	Democrats	Republicans	Democrats	Republicans	
Alabama	5	2	Richard Shelby (congressman)	*Jeremiah Denton	Denton leads, but Shelby could score an upset if Democrats can unite.
Alaska	0	1	Glenn Olds (university president)	*Frank Murkowski	Murkowski is heavily favored to win reelection.
Arizona	1	4	Richard Kimball (former Arizona Corp. commissioner)	John McCain (congressman)	Incumbent Barry Goldwater (R) is retiring. McCain is heavily favored.
Arkansas	3	1	*Dale Bumpers	Asa Hutchinson (former U.S. attorney)	Bumpers is a shoo-in to win reelection.
California	27	18	*Alan Cranston	Ed Zschau (congressman)	Cranston enjoys a healthy lead, but this will be a close contest.
Colorado	2	4	Tim Wirth (congressman)	Ken Kramer (congressman)	Incumbent Gary Hart (D) is retiring. This is a tight race; too close to call.
Connecticut	3	3	*Christopher Dodd	Roger Eddy (farmer; former talk show host)	Dodd is sure to win reelection.
Delaware	1	0	--	--	--
Florida	12	7	Bob Graham (governor of Florida)	*Paula Hawkins	Graham is favored and is a probable winner.
Georgia	8	2	Wyche Fowler, Jr. (congressman)	*Mack Mattingly	Mattingly leads, but this will be a close race.
Hawaii	1**	0	*Daniel Inouye	Frank Hutchinson (retired Marine officer)	Inouye is certain to win reelection.
Idaho	1	1	John Evans (governor of Idaho)	*Steven Symms	This is a very tight race; too close to call.
Illinois	13	8**	*Alan Dixon	Judy Koehler (state representative)	Dixon is heavily favored to win reelection.
Indiana	5	5	Jill Long (Valparaiso city councilwoman)	*Dan Quayle	Quayle is heavily favored to win reelection.
Iowa	2	4	John Roehrick (attorney)	*Charles Grassley	Grassley is heavily favored to win reelection.
Kansas	2	3	Guy MacDonald (former teacher)	*Robert Dole	Dole is an easy winner.

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Kentucky	4	3	*Wendell Ford	Jackson Andrews (attorney/businessman)	Ford will win again easily.
Louisiana	6	2	John Breaux (congressman)	Henson Moore (congressman)	Incumbent Russell Long (D) is retiring. Moore could win the seat outright in a unique bipartisan primary on September 27, but if not, he will face Breaux in November in a close contest.
Maine	0	2	--	--	--
Maryland	6	2	Barbara Mikulski (congresswoman)	Linda Chavez (former Reagan aide)	Incumbent Charles Mathias (R) is retiring. Mikulski is heavily favored to win.
Massachusetts	10	1	--	--	--
Michigan	11	7	--	--	--
Minnesota	5	3	--	--	--
Mississippi	3	2	--	--	--
Missouri	6	3	Harriett Woods (lt. governor of Missouri)	Christopher Bond (former governor of Missouri)	Incumbent Thomas Eagleton (D) is retiring. Bond leads, but the race is expected to be close.
Montana	1	1	--	--	--
Nebraska	0	3	--	--	--
Nevada	1	1	Harry Reid (congressman)	Jim Santini (former Democratic congressman)	Incumbent Paul Laxalt (R) is retiring. Reid leads by 2-3%; a key, close contest.
New Hampshire	0	2	Endicott Peabody (former governor of Massachusetts)	*Warren Rudman	Rudman is sure to win reelection.
New Jersey	8	6	--	--	--
New Mexico	1	2	--	--	--
New York	19	15	Mark Green (consumer activist)	*Alfonse D'Amato	D'Amato is expected to win reelection easily. Democratic primary loser John Dyson will run as a Liberal party candidate in November.
North Carolina	6	4**	Terry Sanford (former governor of North Carolina)	*James Broyhill	Broyhill was recently appointed to replace the late John East (R). This is a key contest that will remain close through election day.

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North Dakota	1	0	Kent Conrad (state tax commissioner)	*Mark Andrews	Andrews leads by a small margin.
Ohio	11	10	*John Glenn	Thomas Kindness (congressman)	Glenn is certain to win reelection.
Oklahoma	5	1	James Jones (congressman)	*Don Nickles	Nickles leads, but this probably will be a close race.
Oregon	3	2	Rick Bauman (state representative)	*Bob Packwood	Packwood is heavily favored to win reelection.
Pennsylvania	13	10	Bob Edgar (congressman)	*Arlen Specter	Specter holds a comfortable lead.
Rhode Island	1	1	--	--	--
South Carolina	3	3	*Ernest Hollings	Henry McMaster (former U.S. attorney)	Hollings is heavily favored to win reelection.
South Dakota	1	0	Thomas Daschle (congressman)	*James Abdnor	Abdnor is in trouble, but it is too early to count him out.
Tennessee	6	3	--	--	--
Texas	17	10	--	--	--
Utah	0	3	Craig Oliver (real estate agent)	*Jake Garn	Garn is a shoo-in to win reelection.
Vermont	0	1	*Patrick Leahy	Richard Snelling (former governor of Vermont)	Leahy leads, but a Snelling victory is possible.
Virginia	4	6	--	--	--
Washington	5	3	Brock Adams (former U.S. transportation secretary)	*Slade Gorton	Gorton is ahead, but not by much.
West Virginia	4	0	--	--	--
Wisconsin	5	4	Ed Garvey (former head of NFL players' association)	*Robert Kasten	Kasten leads, but Garvey could pull an upset.
Wyoming	0	1	--	--	--

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