

October 5, 1977

MEMO TO: The Speaker
FROM : Spencer Smith
SUBJECT: Social Security -- Committee Action

Major provisions of new Social Security bill are as follows:

1. Increase in wage base

<u>PRESENT LAW</u>		<u>COMMITTEE BILL</u>
\$17,000	1978	\$19,900
\$18,900	1979	\$22,900
\$20,400	1980	\$25,900
\$21,900	1981	\$27,900

After 1981 the wage base is indexed.

2. Integration of Federal Civil Service Retirement and Social Security Program by 1982 -- the Administration to report to Congress by 1980.

3. Increase in tax rates to .05% in 1981.

4. Increase earnings limitation to \$4,000 1978
\$4,500 1979.

Restricted to only those 65 or over. From 62 to 65 continue under present restrictions.

5. Decouple future benefits from haphazard wage and price fluctuations.

6. Reallocate to Hospital Insurance Fund .05% for employer and employee each from 1978 to 1980.

7. Limitation of windfall costs of living for early retirees.

8. Remove discrimination which reduces the benefits of a widow receiving Social Security when she marries a widower receiving Social Security. Under new provisions no reduction in benefits.

9. Benefit qualifications for depending presently call for 20 years of marriage with spouse under Social Security. Would change to 5 years.

10. Self employment tax returns to original amount of 1.1/2 times the employee and employer combined tax.

Trust Fund is basically solvent through turn of century.

Ways and Means will ask for a modified close Rule that will make the following amendments in order:

1. Strike universal coverage and increase tax rate by .15%.
 - Fisher will offer.
 - Waggoner amendment to delete Federal workers lost in Committee 13 Y to 22 N.
 - Fisher amendment to postpone coverage until 1984 was modified by Gibbons amendment to 1982. Carried 23 Y to 12 N.
2. Reduce wage base and increase tax rate.
 - Will be offered by Jenkins. Not voted on in Committee.
3. Strike the authority to borrow from the general fund of Treasury.
 - Will be offered by Pickle lost in Committee 18 Y to 19 N.
4. Remove earnings limitation and reduce wage base and increase tax rate.
 - Steiger will offer several versions lost by voice vote in Committee.
5. Remove earnings limitation by phasing out -- per Republican substitute.
 - Ketchum - no vote in Committee.
6. National Commission to study Social Security programs to report back in 2 years.
 - Offered by Jenkins. Lost on 3 years in Committee 13 Y to 20 N.
7. Prevent those who contributed the minimum from claiming minimum benefits.
 - Corman will offer only if universal coverage is omitted.
 - Jacobs amendment aimed at Federal workers only. Lost in Committee 5 Y to 27 N.
 - Archer amendment broadened categories of those affected. Lost 6 Y to 24 N.

Byrd on Gas Rd, etc. D
JC - keros - the SS return to
west inform.

SC - SALT

IF - Cluene long
separate pot.?

Bras. Gen'l bill - veto - susp.

Boedler - Pres - same pos -
other obj. clear.

Abortion - 1750 will vote today
- ~~Bras~~ ^{Bras} ~~trick~~ ^{trick} Sen will
then compromise on Confess
have already written on
compromise.

Hydrofoil Boat - ~~Stow~~ ^{Stow} ~~last~~
~~water~~ - Jackman guided
in price - lower - ~~Guest~~
waste of \$, down not hole.

IF - B

MISSISSIPPI

IFI - Have a group to the D.A.

Stoppage / absent
H222

L Sains

$$\begin{array}{r} 48 \\ 2 \overline{) 96} \\ \underline{8} \\ 12 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 48 \\ 49 \end{array}$$
 - to with
or

47 was ready

Bombard

Came

Winn?

44 (Mistake) - out
(Ridder)

46

1 unit

20 units

1 unit

5 units

1 unit

1 unit

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

September 19, 1977

CONGRESSIONAL LEADERSHIP BREAKFAST

Tuesday, September 20, 1977

Family Dining Room

8:00 a.m.

From: Frank Moore

I. PARTICIPANTS

See Attached List

II. PRESS PLAN

White House Photo only

III. TALKING POINTS

As much as possible, I recommend that discussion be kept to two topics: the Breeder (House) and Energy (Senate.)

1. The Breeder. The vote is scheduled for this week. We do not know the exact day yet. We are supporting the Brown amendment to reduce the funding level from \$150 M to \$33M.

Although we have picked up some support, we are still down. The Speaker and his staff have been going all out to help on this. You need to encourage the other members of the House leadership to help actively.

2. Energy. On Monday, the Committee voted unanimously to provide "some sort of tax incentive" for solar, wind and geothermal energy and, with 2 absentees yet to vote, the Committee voted not to provide tax incentives for residential insulation (8-8 tie vote). This latter development is only tentative. It is very unlikely that the Committee will finish action on the bill this week, but a decision on the crude oil equalization and user taxes is likely later in the week.

PARTICIPANTS

The President

The Vice President

Majority Leader Byrd

Senator Cranston

Senator Eastland

Speaker O'Neill

Representative Wright

Representative Foley

Representative Brademas

Representative Rostenkowski

Representative Chisholm

Frank Moore

Stu Eizenstat

Dan Tate

Bill Cable

Jim Free

Bill Smith

Senate Report
Bkfst
9/21/77

Mid east - ① Dyan PKO W/ Jordans
= OK if not leaders
② Dyan

Panama emphasis on right to
and determination to defend.
Fantastic - conservative oriented
presentation. Colonialism - if not
ratified reaction for " will be
"catastrophic" Canal is defensible

Gold H2O need to turn public
opinion around.

Hong Kong
one right to build a sea level
canal

WFM Open mind about gen'l Pres
tax ~~reform~~ reduction -
① implied might propose:
next yr or even before Jan'y
if necessary to economy
② not necessary for tax
cut to be passed at same
time as tax reform.
→ Defer to them together

Iding - wants low interest
multinational loans to the
Steel Industry.

JC - 3 mins ① Breeder

WFM → ② IFI - Senate resp.
Hse -

③ Senate - incentives part =
OK. Plossback =
transferring & moving
of you back to oil
companies. Trade deficit.
Job - 50-60b by end of
It's kam. Veiled threat:
mandatory import
restrictions - spend
how want best deal
given to oil cos.
If no oil tax - wants
alternatives.

9/20/77

TIP Breeder 9/128 out 7 281 Dens
L will lose in HSE NO SIN 15 L-
Can't salvage.
5 other bills left
Lobby - 1780 - no way to get it
back to 002

For Aid
HND
Int'l Bank Inst.
Supplem. Sept 29 - full de
Breeder
Council
B-52 modif.
B-1 decision.

Korean situation: Brown wants the
equipment less. Admin has to
send it up - in best interests
of water but bad timing.
Byrd - can't get it thru the
Senate. Park problem.

Case calls
Tax reform timing
Job Corps

Tip - Ford Do

~~Report~~ ~~Breeder~~ ~~Job~~
WFM ① IFI - Hold a
Bldg

② Have an energy
bill meeting.

Dick → Randolph to

→ Report to Byrd on
Pipeline status - Needs
affirmative approval -
check particular
situation -
Byrd will get back to
Pres within 48 hrs
Sad WFM set into the
Abortion thing?

WFM - Dan Bird Tip

Hy
Curtis

2.
In Nucleus Park beyond limits of
property at 7 Bell.
Brown will go ahead & send the
bill up - need to explain.
TIP At least get other action
and get it on the calendar.
It let Congress understand the
issue.

Byrd - depends on -
JC - we're looking at Barrett
Johnson's compromise -
based on world market
price.

Must bills

Energy Tax
Car bid
Wet Rate Reform
New Work
Cargo Pref (can't do)
Medicare Freq
SS Freq
DOD Supplement
De Bus
Dept Unit

Black big
Council on wage & price
Stacy
Robert 1780 Cong.

2 tough problems
Depend on
Council of Tax

Worm - Beard - Tax Reform

(1) Crude oil tax =
key event -

Tax rep bill - not to pass
before Crude Oil.

IC At lobbying committee
Don't agree with final
schedule - Tax Reform
bill = predecided on
oil tax proposed.
I will look at it
today. I'm not
committed.

Crawston Pipeline deals -

Ted Stevens - Ste = he's OK
Gravel = for Alcan.

Jim Wright (I.F.L.) Corp.

State & Treas = account
Harkin Corp. It's ~~used~~
insisted on its debt
Treas it's = account It's
version.

World bank problem =
in Corp - You & Fla
language.

Crawston - tell people we will
vote against loans.

Have to get rid of
whole thing

-3-

Laurel
OR
2

Senate Health Budget
9/13/77 -1-

WFM

Byrd + Rider

Can put bills together
in Conference

Man laurel

Man laurel

memo on ~~the~~ tax
w/ bill laurel
② laurel

Long Tax credit to independents
for drilling.

Schles - attach a base period
give tax credit for extra
drilling.

Scarp - Keep it separate.

Long - we have to start w/
more to get this out of
Conference.

IC - Awarcs
Energy

Byrd - Energy 5 pieces Bill
SS fin Siebert
Medicare fraud
Saccharine
Min. Wage

Oct 29 - 1st mention - say will
be hang-ups.

IC Hosp Cost - Talman will try
to work sth out w/ Kennedy

Long defensive texts Bill doesn't
disturb between efficient &
inefficient hospitals - The Hosp that's
holding its costs down is penalized.
Pacs shd get together w/ Talman
need to reward the efficient and
put pressure on inefficient

Long Soc. Sec. we shd vote for
SS taxes increase, but w/ gen'l
fund financing.

Budget other - no tax increase
in FY 78 ??? - True -
wants one increase not
in 3 bites.

IC & taxed all at once = too
much of a shock to economy

Jackson Deficit = due to
cost of living indexing

Tax will hurt purchasing power

Long SS = part 7 social welfare
complex. Low income people
get \$4 for every \$1 they pay.

Energy Conference -

→ Bill stit about diff taxes
previously are bill.

Senate fights

Gas Deregulation
Crude Oil Tax

tax bill - turn schedule -
mark up next week up to
wk from Fri or 2 wks
from Friday.

4 5

- 1 Coal Conversion
- 2 Conservation
School - Hosp segment
- 3 Gas pricing - report
today up
next week
- 4 Utility Regulation

Scoop

- ① Need major effort
on gas dereg-
Next week

Byrd I'd do what I can
to support your
program.

But very important that
crude ~~oil~~ oil tax
will cut.

Carston

Panama - some
for another for Pol.
issue - to stop
tying Panama's success
to success or ~~failure~~
failure for policy issues.

SE Clean Air - Auto shut-down - will
compromise - Schultze - can impact
2 1/4 m people - 650,000 -
35-40 b & wages + salaries. 1 month
out of work - zero growth per
quarter. 7% auto sales lost
1/2% increase unemployment rate
Munkel - Dingle - WH??

FEA problem - oil overpricing -
2-10 billion - investigation

Drug report to Congr next wk or 2

Organized Crime - P & VP - personal
attention.

Vernon Jordan - IC concerned.
We've got a good record -
delayed impact of our programs -
- e.g. DW Ks - 1st K last wk -
1000 Ks per week - 20,000
public sec. jobs/wk.

Send urban league speech to
Congr leadership

Byrd - AWPAS - very strong -
moves out of joint - Byrd now
against - but will probably vote
w/ Pres if postponed.

Tip - a lot of top jobs
still not filled.

105m

Paul Rogers

Sgt Haynes (Mrs Dantene) Cong Kircho is

Closure Fri Mon, Tues

before closing
Send to mother
+ set answer
+ set answer
+ set answer

~~Gar~~
Indo Canes
Refugee Asslt
Program - Calje
for 1/1/77

Dennis Belp
Action

4 < Tax were
national behind
~~Gar~~ it - where does it
go.

Connie - Ray Elson
Photo

~~closure
WFM~~

~~→ Return
Morgan
Nancy~~

~~Pres~~

~~Nancy
Yang
Return~~

✓ Gar - Morgan
sing adoption program
in 4 2 story

✓ Dick Smart Reun

✓ Carl Bentzen

✓ Revised NEW Director - were
✓ Engel - check

✓ Nashville Spash

Briefing - how many
Screen then

Jim Free -
C-10

Closure but for WFM

1 Leib Leibman
Main Stamp
Deal Carey - Har
day 7

Conso Workshop - to get
speech to Urban League

WFM Mon Lunch -

→ Call on Byrd 1st
Make contact with
Bluff

JC Didn't get to
closure

WFM
→ Pres see delay Advises

T.P. - Jobs - still a jobs problem
→ FRA to get Document

THE VICE PRESIDENT
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- ① Nuclear
- ② Siskel - pipeline issue
- ③ Mayak - Carter Jim

Chas home

info -
will
call

Source

Thurs. B-1

used ACS

Byrd - energy

put cost up

Spud in corner
+ production

need to plan

proceed - probably

hops - one on one

Panama Treaty -

needed for major

effect unless get

money down + take
one on one

every time I'd ask him a?
held. say something familiar
I thought he was the
worst one who came down.
Read the book

Byrd - Vegas

It will explain to Amer
people - save lots too
much work

WFO - complete
report on U.R.
Kid Daring -
DR - couldn't
persuade Illinois

Ann Wye

2.65 - (5), 52%, 53%
then stable.
1978 1979

permanent

Neutron Bomb

Byrd - no U.R. this
year

public Fin - one
17 chance to break
celebrated

6/22/77 Dem - Report today (1)
 Labor - HEW Baker
 For Aid - no extra adts
 Breeder reactor

mandatory monitoring of
 labor elections - wants
 flexibility - Labor Dept
 has to spend 100s of
 man-hours. Permit to
 cases where candidates
 or union proves fraud
 first. Safety labor
 working on it.

Rhodes - supports JL on For flexibility

Pres - complaint about voluminous

committee reports w/ minute detail
 of Congr. intent & having to
 accommodate desires of Congr. which
 most members aren't aware of
 haven't read and are written
 by a staff member to accommodate
 one staff member -
 may be big confrontation

Byrd - HEW approp - I was clued
 in on this only yesterday - Read
 papers - didn't know if any
 effort in Senate - California
 came in yesterday - too late
 prospect to hold down HEW
 spending as of now = poor.
 Let clock run too long in Senate.
~~Forbid~~

(2)
Baker: wants more advance
 consultation w/ WH.

Pres
Lock & Dam 26

If this and 7 shed he
 put in to L & D 26 user fees
 shd be imposed - shd be a
 steady. want to avoid a veto

Byrd Energy taxes into -

tramp fund - RR's mass
 transit - waterways - use
 Energy taxes for waterways
 use this for waterway
 improvement - as energy
 related projects. Users wd
 pay more but indirectly -

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GARY

11:30 - 2:30

SC

Viet Nam Repatriation our next want
consider.

Energy bill - Dept - support Sen or Schless on
rulemaking. JC wants auth to override.

LOFM - pre-occupation w/ For. policy

TP Started year w/ some goals -

Recons - Energy what are yr priorities
Trunkle - campaign bill - min wage.
Consumer - budget save - what's main
done - Tax reform - SS - well up.
Energy, pretty much takes all of our time
until Aug 1.

Want to say JC wants 4 things
done. You know 4 things

→ JC - Freely to decide list to go on from
a week

TP min wage - we've got to have it
wants instructions - 42.75. 54

JC staff working on economic impact
of various levels.

Byrd Senate - full platter - Clean Air -

4-5 For Rel. bills - no time appt -
Mine Safety - Omin R+H bill - L+D 20 -
Mass Transit - 13 appo bills - Endo
medicare - reads long list - how to do min
wage - budget Res. Sept 15. H2O pollution
all energy legis. - Panama Canal -
Canadian Pipeline - US news person

Byrd - must conceal all our Hrd time
on legis that has to pass -
Consumed

6/9/77

Over { Senior doubts can do voter reg
then I can't believe it
be votes "as presently
will be."

Watch is double } up heavy
Possible fix double } work
+ closure

Chances of taking on either this
year, not saying will not take
up - but will require closure
need closure - would require
valuable piece of Hrd time.

Byrd

Revision of energy program GAO report
Energy plan won't meet congress
goals. Jackson - 2:00. Buy meter
of Senators - hold early and

"I'm very wary about Sums
called everywhere during session"

Mid-term Convention - would
seriously interrupt Senate. Convention
then could cause difficulties to
members up for re-election - Ford
Spoke to Byrd.

Panama canal Treaty - look at list
of 40 members who co-sponsor resolution
Tack up team personally. One on one
or small groups - let em feel they've got
some input & make suggestions.

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① LOFM delinquent list to last
7th week.

JK priorities

① Emergency

② Soc Security

Dick - Voter Register

~~Register~~

Foley

Wds.

By Paul
Amy
2

(3)

Panama canal treaty - Oct may be
bring time to call up.

JC Tar Ref - Oct before 8th
week - any
not to pass.

Study Itco approp bill

Proster
Someone in W & M see next week



Mr. Smith

TIP - purchasing list -

Synopsis -

Get corn

Band

Sharp mine

Farm

Water Poles

Water

Protection

Water Poles

} fills

I will schedule when
I think we have closure
water & not interfere w/
energy legio.

Clear air June 6 - now

Get to the agreed x -

Common Canal Treaty

{ SALT

may improve on Oct
Deadline.

Energy taxes - gas supplies
- rebate should be made for

RR's, Transit, etc.

Utilities - newest - clams

Jim Wright - reunion together
off on Damns will meet

For Aid - Senate meeting

~~Ready~~
1:00 7-9:30

~~Cathy~~

1. List to Tip
2. Invite Buchanan
3. Story's class - capitol Tour.
4. No Gary @ 9:30

SEE Jim FREE

WFM

- ✓ 1. H&O Projects
- ✓ 2. Energy Grid memo
- ✓ 3. Duncan letter
- ✓ 4. Human Rts Treaties
- ✓ 5. Tip - Tokell's mtp.

Jim

1. Lunch list

Bkfst

Tip - need str for poor
Byrd - energy taxes - NO
rebate - people to work

WFM

- ① IC statement - overloading ^{causing} ~~what~~ what to expect
- ② List of what we're doing for the poor
- ③ What's our crsr. coalition
- ④ Byrd - Energy taxes
- ⑤ Black wing.

Cons. Priorities - after energy

Illegal Aliens

Social Security

Welfare reform - early August

Tax Reform

Labor Law Reform

Extrins legis

Arms Sales policy

Hosp. Cost Containment

WFM

Overloading Congress -] ^{He said made a statement}
^{in to what he does &}
^{doesn't expect.}

Water Projects - feel very strongly - professional analysis. Unnecessary confrontation.

Costly programs just have to be addressed.

Please try to pick up as ~~to~~ much as you can - & Tim has to take positions you don't like - especially in public statements -

learned a lot - Brown. -

Tip

~~They~~ Poor etc have relied upon us - doesn't seem to have anything for them - lot of programs. No desire in Congr. to cut back projects - bear that in mind. Liberal party - has to come out w/ some strong programs that rely on govt. 2-way street - black caucus, urban problems etc

I can read this Congr. must be a more of compassion for those who need it

ie. will outline in next couple of days what we
are doing CETA - Min Wage. etc.

A2 WFM - we have a lot in budget
we don't flat over now.
Tax reform
350m for Toll I added.
lot of stuff like that.

WFM → Come up with a list of what we're
doing. While we're emphasizing
fiscal restraint - it's equalized...

Put a pk, together so pretty can work
together. No 8 to ensure health
care unless we want. Keep
options open.

→ We'll catalogue what we're prepared.

WFM It's the dilemma in Congress where we'll be the
problem - What is SC's consr coalitions

Byrd hope we won't be flooded w/ too much
legis. Senate: hands full w/ Energy
Clean Air Mail Safety Block Leg

WFM
Black
Leg →

Bogel don't want it too look like Congr
is dragging its feet.

Young people, blacks off unemploy't roles
130 for unemploy't = \$22 billion

Railroads broken down - can't deliver coal

Energy - skeptical about ability
of rebate mechanism to get it back
to the people.

Wants to use energy taxes to put
unemployed to work - requiring
R&D - insulating houses. 3 goals
- dec'd of unemploy't + energy +
190 = \$22 billion. - Use Energy
taxes to put people to work in
energy.

Crusier use for expansion on transportation
became - got em out of cars.

JK I have no objection to another
trip + Bob have said.

2 1/2 m p.s. jobs = job for every
family of post sector jobs
stand up.

Sully!

April 19, 1977

Honorable John Brademas
Majority Whip
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C. 20515

Dear John:

Following this morning's Leadership Breakfast, the Vice President asked that I send you the enclosed materials on President Ford's criticism of the Carter Administration.

Sincerely,

William C. Smith
Assistant to the Vice President
for Congressional Relations

Enclosures

Same letter went to Crantson, Byrd, Rostenkowski & O'Neill



OFFICE OF THE VICE PRESIDENT
WASHINGTON

April 19, 1977

MEMORANDUM FOR THE VICE PRESIDENT

FROM: Bill Smith

RE: Ford Criticism of Carter -- Leadership Breakfast
Talking Points

Chronology of Ford Criticism of the Carter Administration

Most former Presidents have waited a respectable period before criticizing their successor's policies. Gerald Ford waited only two months before his first implied criticism and less than three months before taking the gloves off.

1. On March 20, Ford endorsed the proposed energy Department, "provided it is not a public relations gimmick."
2. On March 24 in a New York City speech, Ford said that the Senate, while voting to confirm Warnke, had sent "its own" message to Russia about the Soviet arms buildup and the SALT talks.
3. On March 27, Ford said President Carter was on the verge of losing the battle against inflation because of his revisions in Ford's budget and will have to learn to deal with a free spending, "irresponsible" Democratic Congress.
4. On April 16, last Saturday, Ford stated, "Mr. Carter's anti-inflation program came in like a lion. It's going out like a mouse," said the program was "just talk", and announced he plans to speak out against the Administration whenever he feels like it. Ford also criticized the

universal voter registration bill as encouraging fraud and opposed revisions of the Hatch Act, commenting that Carter has "done a superb PR job."

Past Presidents' Criticism of Their Successors

While time has not permitted an exhaustive search, I think it is safe to say the following:

1. Lyndon Johnson avoided criticizing Nixon for nearly two years. A Washington Post article on December 2, 1971 quotes Johnson as saying the fact that he had kept silent until then did not mean that he agreed with all Nixon's policies. Before that, Johnson apparently made a number of statements supporting Nixon on Viet Nam.
2. The first, at least major, publicized conflict between Eisenhower and Kennedy occurred eight months after Kennedy's inauguration when in October 1961 a State Department report critical of Eisenhower's World War II leadership was publicized. Thereafter, Eisenhower criticized Kennedy's foreign policy and, among other things, called the Peace Corps a "juvenile experiment." Democratic Senators replied to Eisenhower's criticisms.

I am not sure whether countering Ford serves only to build him up for 1980 and solidify Republicans in Congress against Administration policy, but there are two points that you might want to make to the Leadership:

First, it would be helpful if it were pointed out that Ford has not even waited the traditional 100 days; and

Second, Ford will likely criticize selected energy policy proposals. It would be helpful if House and Senate Democrats could be ready to respond, especially with the point that a national energy crisis deserves better than partisan sniping.

Health Budget

Rebate
Farm Program
Water Projects
Spending

\$65 billion in
increased spending in
domestic programs
built in ~~in~~ for
1981 - Reed figures
from house

Inflationary
measures
may be one
achilles heel

Human Rights - need your
counsel - Harbin - "Duyell"?
add - too restrictive - want
flexibility.

Energy ~~→~~ very fabric. 7 am
society

House + Senate Budget
committees get together w/
house - agree on
Revenue assumptions
& eliminate differences
& then disagree on
assumptions.

Congress will be shocked
at final report from
Soviet Security
need to spend in
February on entitlements
Hosp costs \$106 per
yr more by 1981

Ulman - we can't wait
until next year on
Soviet Security to adjust
the funding.

WFM - Weekly Briefs

Leadership → Conic 7 Postcard
memo -
More research

He wants to get to get her
w/ Budget - W + M FIN. &
Appr. Cttee Chairman to
discuss 1981 + budgets +
entitlements

WFM → Muskie memo

There will be a ~~lot~~ major
meetings 2-3 weeks on energy

Natl. Resource Inventory

Schlers - Baker
Today

Memo - O'Neill

Paul Call Tip
Jim Wright

Check weekly
meetings
w/ Congress leaders

Muskie - wants to know if
energy pks will impact
on Clean Air Act markup

When I sign off Schless will
go to Byrd + Tip + ask who
individually + in groups -

Tip gave Schless a list + he's
contacted every one of them.

Byrd - totally unaware even
Scow was participating in
the matters - Stennis, Hollings
Olsen etc said he's open to
to give suggestion.

WFM

- ① April 15 H₂O deadline
- ② April 20 Energy deadline
- ③ Muskie list - his
committee vote.

Coloff - 2/9/97

- Biden De De - AA
- Hollip shd go on Pres. list

ELLEN / Jim Stenhouse

→ Adm Bill - wfm -
Adm 3 in study

→ Call Ken Young

Muskie
Hollings
Chiles
Sawyer
Biden

Biden

Muskie
4 1/2 billion
- budget
other
could be a
persuasive
vote against
the rebate.

Hollings might be OK

Byrd - 40 votes today

Colorado lost

Miss

Alabama

Arizona

Can't overstate the
damage H₂O projects
have done
long won't lobby

WFM - April 15 deadline

H₂O projects

WFM - Byrd - in dark on Energy

Timing problem Schlessinger
is not talking w/ enough people

Coloff

"I don't want to get into a
combative attitude ..."

won't trade S. & T. Super projects
for rebate - not aware of
position but

(over)

Wankle - I'll be the negotiator.

Byrd - to go, capable,
knowledge, patient -
don't back away
I'm very experienced w/ him

Byrd speak a
Wankle ??

When?

WFM - Chair

HARR - HARD & other request
directions = requests

HARR Housing - 75%
price out of market

File

News Corp 10:00 ??

Empl. Tax credit.

120% some rich cos -
no benefit for bus. invest if
can't be sold. Would help
expanding industries - where
need stimulus - won't benefit
Weak industries are depleted
of benefits - goes only to
vigorous industries that
will hire anyway.

Wright - max: 1600/employee
+ max # cos = 24 -
adv. 2 to small cos - not
windfall + defense to.
2 billion total = 1,300,000
people + have to raise
more cos than last yr.

J.C. encourages low wages and
to keep them low.

EAS will hire anyway
+ get a windfall if ~~that~~
they are vigorous & expanding
anyway.

Tip - tax bill on floor too long
no way change. Have to
deal w/ in HSC.

SC should start bluffs w/ some
sort of put on their backs
→ before moving into a
confrontation theme

→ SC = bad timing on what he
brings up - e.g. - cabinet
time - will win ER tax credit

Byrd bet

→ SASSER - ST/ORS
EISAPSON, Lane
Schulze

Tip

The custom style &
dispute & the long will
be presented, the
Congress is an - branch
When we read this

Byrd - have joint sube
meeting

Dan, Dave, holds hearings
downtown.

DeLoz - on floor by March 1
Brooks wouldn't agree to
introduce Per Hill - wouldn't
give a time commitment.

Call Peter Edelman
This week.

Leadership
Brief

Feb 8

Energy proposed by March 1.

Carter - same. Blumenthal
Schultz - haven't
seen the wisdom
of their officers -

Too much time on Hill -
Asks leaders to think about
how much time on Hill.

Bad move

Tip Can't avoid - normal course
events. I've never heard that
complaint before.

Postenkovsky will change.

Wfor Talk to Tip + Bob
to work something out

Byrd - personally I prefer
Brooks approach but -

...he gave it
on the Hill last week. The testing time of that
commitment will come in the spring, when, if
the Carter package is passed, the rebate checks
will flood the country with spendable money.



The President could mend a few fences on the Hill, it is noted, if he started putting some food on the plates for those weekly breakfasts for congressional leaders. Speaker Tip O'Neill, for instance, fluctuates around 250 pounds, and needs more than he gets at the White House. "I guess you'd call it a continental breakfast," he said. "You know, orange juice, a roll and a cup of coffee. It must be that economy wave that's hitting the White House." Maybe a dollop of grits would do it.

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THE VICE PRESIDENT
WASHINGTON

February 14, 1977

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Memorandum for The President

From: The Vice President

Re: Congressional Leadership Breakfasts

I suggest that Congressional Leadership breakfasts be held weekly instead of bi-weekly, at least for the next few months.

Weekly meetings would provide a greater opportunity for the Congressional Leaders to make suggestions, voice their concerns and speak their minds. It might also avoid having any future Congressional relations problems simmer for an extended time before the next meeting.

In addition, I think that during the early months of your administration it is important to provide as many opportunities as possible for Congressional Leaders and members of your administration to become better acquainted and more at ease with each other in an effort to foster informal, free and candid discussion.

Finally, the period between now and May 15 when the first Congressional Budget Resolution must be passed and all authorization bills for next fiscal year must be reported under the Congressional Budget Act is a critical time for the administration's legislative program. Close and frequent consultation with Congressional Leaders will be helpful in the scheduling of legislation to meet these deadlines.

I believe it would also be helpful to set aside one breakfast every month or six weeks for a joint leadership meeting, inviting the House and Senate Republican Leaders and Whips. The margin of difference on many close votes may well be determined by the number of Minority party House and Senate Members willing to vote for an administration position. The cooperation of the Minority Leadership will, at least occasionally, be helpful in such instances, and their periodic inclusion at Leadership meetings with you will help foster their cooperation.

MEMORANDUM

OFFICE OF THE VICE PRESIDENT
WASHINGTON

February 14, 1977

Memorandum for the Vice President

From: Bill Smith

Re: Weekly Congressional Leadership Breakfasts

Attached is a memo to the President suggesting weekly Congressional Leadership breakfasts, in case you want to bring this up at lunch today.

However, before raising this with the President, perhaps I should find out whether it was his, Byrd's, O'Neill's, or Frank Moore's idea to have bi-weekly meetings, and if so, why. Also, you may want to discuss this with Byrd (tomorrow morning) and O'Neill (at lunch next week) before raising it with the President.

I note also in the Washington Post this morning that the Speaker is complaining that he is not getting a full breakfast.



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