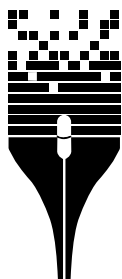


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Post-Bayh analysis of Indiana 2000

Things will be a little tougher for D's

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INDIANAPOLIS - With Al Gore's decision on the vice presidential fate of Evan Bayh sealed, we can now begin to get a focus on how the Indiana political atmosphere is shaping up for the fall.

First, let's start with some assumptions had there been a Gore/Bayh ticket. The biggest impact here would have been on turnout. Bayh's inclusion on the ticket would have hyper-energized the Democratic base. He would have been an alkaline on Gore's vivid weaknesses, perhaps neutralizing the vice president's perceptions that resulted in a 26/74 percent favorable/unfavorable rating in Northern Indiana and an even worse (and astounding) 23/77 percent fav/unfav in Southern Indiana, according to the June 19 HPR/TeleResearch Poll.

During Bayh's four statewide runs (1986, 1988, 1992 and 1998) he proved to have long coattails in legislative races, where he pulled in three to six seats each time, as well as Statehouse races. In 1998, when Bayh defeated Paul Helmke for the Senate with 63 percent, House Democrats also picked up six seats, prompting Dan Parker of the House caucus to observe, "He created the atmosphere for people to split tickets from the start." Bayh's coattails didn't necessarily extend to U.S. House races, where his overwhelming 62 percent re-election in '92 didn't save Jim Jontz in the 5th CD. His ballot clout in 1998, however, might have helped Baron Hill to a narrow 5,000 vote win in the 9th CD.

With that track record, we'll examine how Bayh's absence from the ballot and what can best be described as a

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“QUOTE” OF THE WEEK

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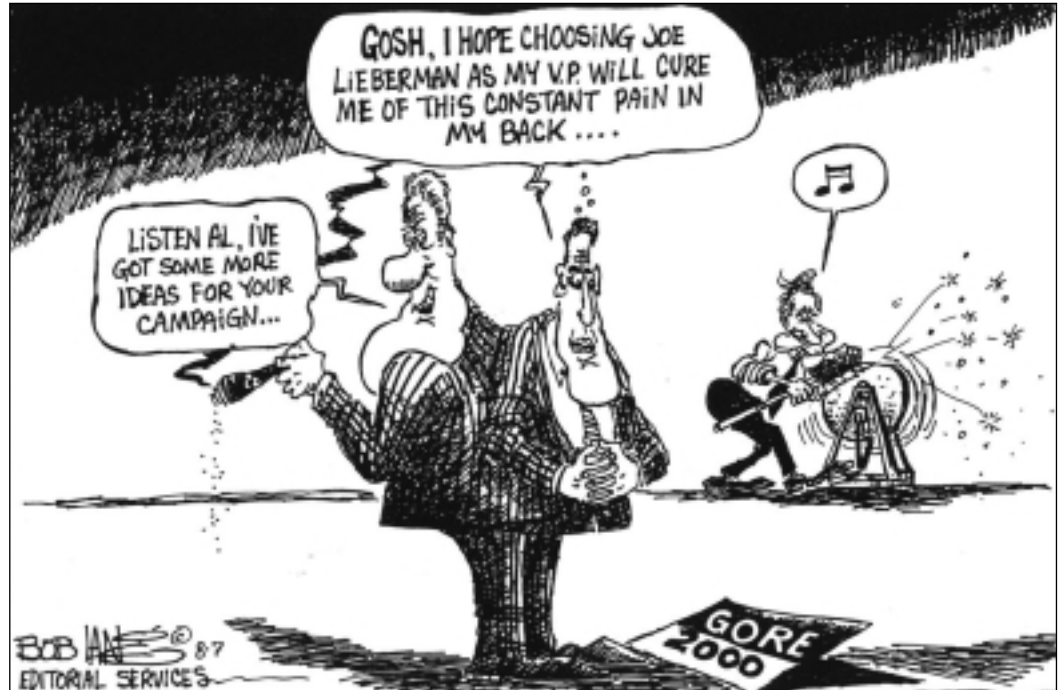
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LILLY STOCK PLUNGES:
After a federal court ruling that would allow other drug companies to market generic Prozac, Eli Lilly Company's stock plummeted from \$108.56 on Tuesday to \$76.13 on Wednesday.

BAYH'S STATEMENT ON LIEBERMAN: U.S. Sen. Evan Bayh reacted to Al Gore's selection of U.S. Sen. Joe Lieberman as his vice presidential nominee by saying, "Al Gore has shown tremendous leadership in this historic selection. Sen. Joe Lieberman is a wonderful choice. He embodies everything you could want in a vice presidential selection: intelligence, integrity and moral courage. He is clearly qualified to be president." Bayh continued, "I have always considered Joe Lieberman a personal role model, and admire his commitment to putting people before partisanship. He is successful because of his willingness to build bipartisan consensus. I personally witnessed the conviction of his principles as we worked together on our education reform proposal, and on building the centrist Democratic movement in the Senate. I admire Joe Lieberman personally and professionally. He is more than a colleague, he is a friend."

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Gore undertow could likely impact the 2000 election in Indiana.

Governor's race

Had Gore selected Bayh, the happiest man in Indiana would have been Gov. O'Bannon. Democrats envisioned everything from yard signs to TV ads reuniting the "Bayh-O'Bannon" glory days that have led to 12 years of dominance. Now, O'Bannon will have to go it alone while swimming against the Gore riptide. "I always operated on the assumption he would not be on the ballot," O'Bannon campaign manager Tom New said. "We're naturally disappointed; we had some hope, but our planning was done on the assumption he would not. That was the safest course of action." New said the silver lining for the O'Bannon campaign is that it "does free up the senator to help with our campaign."

That may be a small silver lining. After a troublesome winter (White River fish kill, \$200 million budget miscalculation) and spring (lack of traction in the legislature), O'Bannon had a heady sum-

mer that hit its apex in late June when he suspended the state's gasoline tax and appeared to be getting under McIntosh's skin over parades and missed Congressional votes. Not only did he get excellent statewide and national media exposure, it knocked the *Indianapolis Star's* FSSA expose off the radar.

O'Bannon had a 44 to 40 percent lead in the June 19 HPR/TeleResearch Poll. The Democrats then shopped a Garin-Hart-Yang poll a month later showing O'Bannon with a gargantuan 23 percent lead. While most independent observers doubted a lead of that size, the perception was that David McIntosh was struggling and even his campaign hinted at an O'Bannon lead in the mid to upper teens.

After the Bayh decision was announced, Indiana Republican Chairman Mike McDaniel indicated that recent GOP tracking in the 2nd and 8th CDs showed O'Bannon's lead in the single digits. "O'Bannon's numbers were tracking under 50 percent," McDaniel said. In fact, we've yet to see an independent poll showing O'Bannon even close to that magical 50 percent.

New was hardly dashing the GOP's

take. "We expect this to be a close race; a hotly contested one. It wouldn't be surprising if that number began to shrink in their polling after the Republican convention and after he got his ads on. But it's still a big lead to overcome."

What might be fueling this largely undocumented McIntosh comeback perception? One was his performance in detailing his property tax reform initiative, even though it received only one cycle of media play. O'Bannon's denunciation of the plan as "a fraud" on the following Friday was barely covered. McIntosh also may have benefitted from Doc Bowen's emphatic endorsement that played on the front page of the South Bend Tribune.

O'Bannon is now faced with dropping his gas tax suspension, although he is hinting at a similar move on natural gas, presumably later this fall.

This race is still O'Bannon's to lose. Having Bayh on the ballot would have been a significant help and might have inoculated him against any so-called Bush-Lugar tide.

If Gore gives a well-received stemwinder next week and the national polls tighten up, O'Bannon will be in better shape heading into Labor Day.

Lugar-Johnson

Johnson's fundraising is going to make this race competitive, but he's still a long-shot. It was doubtful if Bayh would have been much help.

Legislature

Had Bayh been on the ballot, we would have been forecasting a virtual impossibility for the GOP to tie it up or regain

control of the Indiana House, now at 53-47 for the Democrats. Without that factor, the Republicans still have a fighting chance, though we see it as a longshot at this point. McIntosh has to have a Republican House in order to even attempt to get all of the stars aligned to pass his ambitious tax plan. He will have to make a concerted plea to elect not only himself, but House Republicans. That will be a tall order now, but a virtual impossibility had Bayh been on the ballot.

Congress

The biggest winners in the Bayh veepstakes are probably Republicans Mike Pence and U.S. Rep. John Hostettler. A Bayh presence could have neutralized the distaste for Al Gore in the Bloody 8th and prompted a ticket splitting mode. Dr. Paul Perry is on his own, now.

As for Pence, the Republicans were shopping internal numbers at the Philadelphia convention showing Pence with a 20-point lead over Robert Rock. Bob Dole defeated Clinton in 1996 in the 2nd CD, but only by a 45 to 42 percent margin. Bayh's presence on the ticket might have given Rock a critical energy boost. His absence will make Rock's climb that much tougher. ❖



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POINTED: Many northeast-ern Indiana Democrats are disappointed over the apparent selection of Sen. Joseph Lieberman of Connecticut as Vice President Al Gore's running mate (Michael Dawson, Fort Wayne News-Sentinel). They say Lieberman is a wise choice, but they would like to have seen Indiana Sen. Evan Bayh on the ticket. Washington consultant Chris Sautter told HPR, "Lieberman is a solid and historic choice, but Bayh would have helped more where it will count in the end - in the Midwest and with women voters." Brian Stier, Allen County Democratic chairman, said, "The choice sends a clear message that the negative impact of character won't be an issue in this race."

BIRCH WAITED, TOO: Back in 1968, young Sen. Birch Bayh of Indiana waited nervously for the Democrats to pick him as the vice presidential candidate. They didn't (Steve Walsh, Gary Post-Tribune). East Chicago Mayor Robert Pastrick was instrumental in organizing a group of local Democrats to make a week-long push to get Bayh drafted to be Hubert Humphrey's running mate. The group also was recruited into an abortive attempt to draft Ted Kennedy for president. Humphrey chose Ed Muskie as his running mate. Evan

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Bayh told the Indianapolis Star that his wife, Susan, found out about the choice while listening to the radio as she jogged early Monday morning. "It was an honor to be a finalist," Bayh told the Star's Mary Beth Schneider. "I was prepared for it either way. If it happened, it would have been an opportunity to articulate ideas on a broader stage. But basically I would have been an absentee father."

Gary Mayor Scott King met Tuesday with Democratic Mayors Bart Peterson of Indianapolis, Graham Richard of Fort Wayne, Stephen Leucke of South Bend and Russell Lloyd of Evansville (Steve Patterson, Gary Post-Tribune). The Indianapolis meeting was to determine what their common ills and goals are and how best to meet them. King said the common link was "urban issues and trying to develop an urban agenda to maximize our influence in the State-house."

The Grand Victoria casino at Rising Sun asked the Indiana Gaming Commission whether gifts to state legislators who are frequent customers and receive Player's Points, which are similar to frequent flier miles, should be reported (Tim Starks, Evansville Courier & Press). The casino withdrew the request, but the question remained.

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Tax cuts split New Democrats

Roemer leads the charge for targeted reductions

By MARK SCHOEFF JR

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WASHINGTON-As Democrats head to Los Angeles next week for their convention, they are split on the issue of tax cuts. The fault line runs between New Democrats in the Indiana congressional delegation.

The debate isn't over tax cuts versus spending increases; its hue is more green eyeshade. Those who don't favor reducing taxes say that the projected \$2.2 trillion non-Social Security surplus over the next 10 years should be used to retire the national debt. The contrast has emerged over the past several weeks as Congress has voted to reduce the marriage tax penalty and phase out the estate tax. President Clinton has vetoed the marriage tax bill and threatened to veto the estate tax measure.

"There can't be an argument within the Democratic Party about targeted tax cuts and reducing the debt," said Rep. Tim Roemer (D-3rd CD), cochairman of the 60-member New Democrat Coalition in the House. "You can do both. Democrats should be on the side of valuing marriage, helping families, and doing more to simplify taxes."

But there is an argument among Democrats, and Roemer's Hoosier colleague and fellow New Democrat, Rep. Baron Hill (D-9th CD), is on the other side. Hill voted against both the marriage penalty bill, which would cost \$292 billion over 10 years, and the so-called death-tax bill, which has a \$104 billion price tag over 10 years. Consistent with the stand he has taken throughout his two-year congressional tenure, Hill cited debt concerns to explain his votes.

He sought cover from Sen. George Voinovich, an Ohio Republican. Hill faxed to Indiana reporters Voinovich's statement outlining why he opposed the

marriage tax bill. "Although Senator Voinovich and I belong to different political parties, he and I see eye to eye on the issue of fiscal responsibility," Hill wrote in a cover memo. "We both strongly feel the best way to use the current budget surplus is to reduce the national debt. We both believe paying down the debt should be a higher priority than new tax or spending proposals."

Sen. Evan Bayh (D) voted against

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both the marriage penalty and estate tax bills. He favors an alternative estate tax proposal that he says would also allow for a long-term health care tax credit, health insurance tax deductibility for the self-employed, and tuition tax credits. Bayh offered his own marriage tax alternative that would target relief to families earning less than \$150,000.

In articulating his support of marriage penalty tax relief, Roemer uses the example of a hypothetical middle-class family in his district. A teacher and carpenter making \$60,000 together with three children would pay up to \$1,400 extra because of the existing quirk in the tax code. Filing as singles, their tax bill would be lower. The \$1,400 can "pay for an entire year of tuition at IU South Bend," he said. "That seems to me to devalue marriage and also devalue family."

Demo Challengers Differ

Democratic challengers in Hoosier House races also are coming down on opposite sides of the tax cut chasm. Robert Rock Jr., who is running for the open seat in the 2nd CD, agrees with Hill's position. During a visit to Washington in late July, Rock met with Hill, members of the Blue Dog Demo-

crats, a group that promotes fiscal conservatism, and the New Democrat Network, the political arm of the New Democrats. Hill also is affiliated with the Blue Dogs.

Paying off the national debt is his top fiscal priority, Rock said. "If I factor that in, then I can look at these tax cuts." On the estate tax, he said, "We ought to raise the unified credit, it's too low for our farmers and small businesses." He would vote to eliminate the marriage penalty tax, if the bill was narrowly defined and didn't undermine debt reduction. "I would look at how far they want to go."

In the 8th CD, Democratic challenger Paul Perry aligns with Roemer. He favors eliminating the estate tax and reducing the marriage tax. "Every time we do something like that, we have to figure out whether it is fiscally responsible," he said. "There is room for targeted tax relief."

Rock said the Roemer-Hill disagreement on taxes shouldn't be blown out of proportion. "Their philosophies are still similar, but they're not going to agree on everything. They represent different districts."

GOP Challengers Target Taxes

Their GOP challengers are engaging them in the tax issue. Chris Chocola, who is running against Roemer, said that his opponent is being disingenuous about tax cuts. He criticizes Roemer for voting against a \$792 billion tax bill last year that included marriage penalty and death tax provisions. He accuses Roemer of favoring cuts in an election year.

"I think it gives me an example of Tim Roemer saying one thing and doing another," said Chocola. "Where's your conviction? If you believe in it, you should have voted for it the first time." Last year, Democrats argued that the Republican tax bill was bloated. Roemer supported a New Democrat proposal that would have reduced taxes by about \$350 billion.

Chocola said that tax cuts rank in the top four issues on peoples' minds. "It

depends on the voter." He has been up with a television ad for the last 10 days that focuses on tax cuts. It will run through the end of the week on network channels in South Bend and on cable in LaPorte County. In the spot, Chocola says that families pay up to 40 percent of their income in taxes. Tax reductions would increase the incentive to save and invest.

In the 9th CD, Republican challenger Mike Bailey is spoiling for a fight with Hill over taxes. In the last two weeks, Bailey's campaign inserted 230,000 16-page supplements into newspapers throughout the district. The Bailey publication outlined his stances on 10 issues, three of which were tax cuts--marriage penalty, estate and property taxes.

"Tax cuts. I love them," said Bailey. "I hear about (taxes) all the time." Hill is "a typical big-spending Democrat who doesn't trust people to keep their own money. So we're making tax cuts a big issue." Bailey said that Hill hurt himself with his recent vote against legislation that would reduce taxes on Social Security benefits. "Seniors are mad about that. He'll pay a price."

Hill supported a Democratic alternative but opposed the final Social Security tax bill because he said it threatened Medicare. "We should keep Medicare out of election-year politics," Hill said in a statement. "I am more concerned than ever that in this election year, Congress and the President will abandon our commitment to the fiscal conservatism that has eliminated our budget deficits and helped keep our economy strong."

Roemer, who opposes the across-the-board marginal tax rate reductions advocated by GOP presidential nominee George W. Bush, is lobbying the White House to compromise with Republicans this fall. He said that Democrats and Republicans can reach agreement on the marriage penalty, death tax, prescription drug coverage, and education spending. "In a bipartisan way, it's going to happen at the end of the day." ❖

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Sarah Nagy, executive director of the Indiana Lobby Registration Commission, said she knew of no gambling organizations letting legislators borrow money to gamble, let alone not collecting debts from them. Jack Thar, executive director of the gaming commission, said he would "be shocked if a casino ever did." But State Rep. Russ Stillwell, D-Boonville, said, "It seems to me that if a legislator were indebted to a riverboat, then it would be in the public's interest to know, because we address legislative issues concerning the riverboat industry." The Indiana Gaming Commission is expected to decide next week whether the public has a right to know if legislators gamble with money borrowed from casinos.

EnviroPower of Lexington, Ky., is asking for an Indiana permit to build a 500-megawatt power plant in Pike County that would burn coal waste (Mark Wilson, Evansville Courier & Press). The project could generate 300 construction jobs and between 100 and 200 jobs at the plant. The county is home to coal-burning operations owned by Indiana Power and Light Co. and Hoosier Energy and Nebraska-based Tenaska Inc. is interested in building a natural gas-powered generating station in

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the county. Alycia Church of the Pike County Chamber of Commerce said, "People are pretty skeptical (Enviro-Power) will get permits. Even though it is supposed to be environmentally friendly, it is still coal-fired." The Pike County plant would be located on Indiana 61 about three miles south of Indiana 64.

CYBER-SQUATTERS AT WORK: If Al Gore had chosen Evan Bayh as a running mate, he wouldn't have been able to use Gorebayh2000.org as a website. Goshen dentist Brian Blough has had that domain, and about 20 others, locked up since last November (Trevor Wendzonka, Elkhart Truth). He paid \$70 for the domain name and had visions of selling it for much more if lightning struck. "I'm just a political junkie," Blough said. "I knew Bayh was a rising star, that he went to school with Al Gore as a kid, so I thought it just made sense."

BUYER ON MARRIAGE TAX: U.S. Rep. Steve Buyer reacted to President Clinton's veto of the marriage penalty measure by saying, "While I am greatly disappointed in President Clinton's decision to veto the measure, I am not surprised. The federal government should be promoting family values, not discouraging it. This legisla-

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By Brian Howey

Evan, they hardly knew ye

INDIANAPOLIS - Late Sunday afternoon, Al Gore, Warren Christopher, William Daley and Gore's brother-in-law were holed up in a Nashville hotel weighing four veep finalists: Evan Bayh, John Kerry, John Edwards and Joe Lieberman.

Sources tell HPR that Indiana's Evan Bayh was in the mix until the very end. The apparent tipping point was an event that occurred two years ago. That's when Sen. Joe Lieberman took to the well of the U.S. Senate during the summer of 1998 and castigated President Clinton for his conduct in the Monica Lewinsky scandal. "Such behavior is not just inappropriate," Lieberman intoned. "It is immoral and it is harmful, for it sends a message of what is acceptable behavior to the larger American family, particularly to our children."

The speech was not only a dramatic departure as a Democrat of stature dared to take on a reeling president of his own party, but it received wide play on the networks and in the press.

At the time, many of Lieberman's colleagues in the Senate begged him not to give the speech. Now, it has turned out to be a candid lesson of the benefits of an elected officeholder staying true to himself, his principles while doing something that was not politically popular at the time - something not lost on young Evan Bayh.

It was that speech that probably secured Al Gore's imprimatur on Lieberman for the 2000 vice presidency. Had Lieberman not given that speech, that nod on Monday morning might very well have gone to Evan Bayh. Indiana's junior senator is no slouch when it comes to public morality. It's just that a week ago it was George W. Bush and Dick Cheney who took conspicuous aim at the Clinton stain on the Gore legacy, one that will cer-

tainly conjure images of Al Gore in the Rose Garden on the day of the House impeachment vote, calling Clinton one of America's "greatest presidents."

Bayh, too, expressed his consternation at Clinton's antics, but those remarks came almost inconspicuously and within the confines of Indiana political coverage.

So it was Lieberman's dramatic move in 1998, and not Bayh's stance on partial birth abortions (hardly a populist issue, even with most of the pro-choice establishment) that ended his rendezvous with a heartbeat away.

The 2000 veep drama certainly has poised Evan Bayh as the brightest rising star in a post-Clinton/Gore era. At age 44, it will be of little historic consequence whether that era begins in four months or eight years. He's got a full generation in which to maneuver.

If Gore loses, Bayh will have a dilemma in 2004 - whether to run for president or seek re-election. Indiana law would allow him to run for both, though it is unknown at what kind of political consequence. Certainly Indiana Republicans would be demanding that he pick one or the other.

In a four-year post-Clinton/Gore era, Bayh might be a presumed front-runner - if Joe Lieberman didn't want the presidency. Certainly there would be interest by Dick Gephardt, Bob Kerrey, Gray Davis, John Kerry, and, as a youthful rival, John Edwards.

Bayh will remain a centrist in the Senate. If George W. Bush wins, it will be people like Bayh and Lieberman to whom he will be reaching out in the Senate while he backhands his own fellow Texans - the Dick Armeys and Tom DeLays who won't be buying into all that compassionate conservative crap. ❖

Indiana 2000 Racing Form

GOVERNOR, congressional races

Governor: Republican: U.S. Rep. David McIntosh. **Democrat:** Gov. Frank O'Bannon. **Libertarian:** Andrew Horning. **1996 Results:** O'Bannon 1,107,342, Goldsmith 997,505, Dillon 35,261. **2000 Forecast:** We have been struck by a general lack of interest by the Indiana news media following David McIntosh's detailed property tax plan. The story lasted one news cycle and prompted few columns or editorials. O'Bannon calling the plan "a fraud" the day after got little coverage. As for editorials, the *Fort Wayne Journal Gazette*, observed, "No one will mistake David McIntosh for a compassionate conservative. The Republican candidate for governor has had it in for social service programs since at least his freshman term in Congress. His newly announced tax cut and spending plan for Indiana would reduce state services to the poor, elderly, abused and people with disabilities." McIntosh criticized the O'Bannon administration for its internal management after it missed a state deadline to submit a budget for child welfare in Marion County. "The state imposed these deadlines, the state should follow their own deadlines," McIntosh said. McIntosh was also critical of the O'Bannon administration for not fully investigating abuse cases in the Department of Corrections. U.S. Sen. John McCain endorsed McIntosh at a rally in downtown Indianapolis on Monday. McIntosh said that he and McCain had worked to eliminate the marriage penalty tax. "Last year alone over 600,000 Hoosiers had to pay an extra \$1,400 in taxes because of this unfair tax," McIntosh said. McIntosh, Horning and O'Bannon were to appear at an Indianapolis Athletic Club Urban Forum event on Thursday morning - the first appearance by the three candidates at the same event. The Libertarian was calling the event a "Horning Sandwich" since he was to appear between the Republican and Democrat. **General Status:** *Leans O'Bannon.*

U.S. Senate: Republican: U.S. Sen. Richard Lugar. **Democrat:** David L. Johnson. **1988 results:** Lugar (R) 1,430,525, Wickes (D) 668,778. **1994 results:** Lugar (R) 1,039,625, Jontz (D) 470,799, Bourland (L) 17,343, Barton (A) 15,801. **2000 Forecast:** Johnson takes aim at Lugar's record on agriculture, visiting the farm of Don and Wilma Hahn in Winchester in a series of "work days." Johnson said, "Most Hoosiers feel connected with a farm in some way, many because their grandparents or parents owned a farm. It is important that we give family farmers a solid footing." Thus far, Johnson has worked in a Terre Haute restaurant, a South Bend Habitat for Humanity project, a Fort Wayne food bank and an Indianapolis child care center. He has future visits planned for Evansville, Lafayette and Dubois County. Johnson, however, doesn't appear to be getting a lot of earned media traction on his work days. Lugar's decision to forego the Republican National Convention demonstrated his grasp of a potential Johnson threat. **Status:** *Safe Lugar.*

Congressional District 2: Republican: Mike Pence. **Democrat:** Robert Rock Jr. **Independent:** Bill Frazier. **Geography:** Muncie, Anderson, Richmond, Shelbyville, Columbus and East Central Indiana. **1994 Results:** McIntosh 93,592, Hogsett 78,241. **1996 Results:** McIntosh 122,288, Carmichael (D) 83,478, Zimmerman (L) 4,662. **1998 Results:** McIntosh (R) 99,584, Boles (D) 62,426, Federle (L) 2,236. **2000 Forecast:** Pence raised about \$3,500 from his Anderson fundraiser with U.S. Sen. John McCain. "The staff is going to shake you down on the way out," McCain told the gathering (Ken de la Bastide, Anderson Herald-Bulletin). McCain added, "This is one of a handful of seats that will determine control of the House. It is my understanding the outcome is still uncertain." Pence got a lot of good TV and print exposure with the McCain visit. WTHR-TV covered Pence picking up McCain at Indianapolis International Airport. **Status:** *Leans Pence.*

Congressional District 5: Republican: U.S. Rep. Steve Buyer. **Democrat:** Greg Goodnight. **Libertarian:** Scott Benson. **Geography:** Kokomo, Marion, Peru, Monticello,

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tion would have provided relief to 62,127 couples in Indiana's 5th District who are paying more in taxes because they are married."

LUGAR OUTLINES HEALTH AGENDA: U.S. Sen. Richard Lugar spent the first week of August meeting with health care providers in Anderson, Lafayette, and Northwest Indiana. "America has the best health care in the world, but a great deal needs to be done to make it accessible to everyone from the young to the old," Lugar said. "We have made some major improvements already this year, and I believe a number of other steps would make critical advancements if they were passed in the near future." Those include his support for the HMO Patient Bill of Rights, a wellness program for Medicare recipients, and his support for medical savings accounts.

HORNING TO APPEAR WITH THE PATRIOT: Gubernatorial candidate Andrew Horning is hosting a fundraiser at the Hollywood Bar and Filmworks in Indianapolis at 6:30 p.m. on Friday. Appearing with Horning will be Art Olivier, the Libertarian candidate for vice president. After remarks by both candidates, the Mel Gibson film "The Patriot" will be shown. A \$25 donation will be accepted. To make a reservation, contact the Horning

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campaign at 317-251-2238, ext. 2.

POLICE OFFICER CRITICIZES McINTOSH: Marion County police officer Mark Courtney held a press conference and accused U.S. Rep. David McIntosh of voting against legislation that would have provided bullet-proof vests for police officers. "McIntosh did not show up to vote to allocate federal funds to help local police agencies buy bullet-proof vests," said Courtney, an executive board member of the Indiana Fraternal Order of Police. "Missing the vote for bulletproof vests fits a pattern for McIntosh, who has neglected the needs of Indiana law enforcement while missing half the roll-call votes on the House floor this year."

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Lowell, Northern Indiana. 1994 results: Buyer 108,575, Beatty 43,619, Alfred (L) 3,328. **1996 Results:** Buyer 133,604, Clark (D) 67,125, Lehman (L) 5,255. **1998 Results:** Buyer (R) 101,567, Steele 58,504 (D), Waters (L) 2,317. **2000 Forecast:** In the wake of Bayh not making the Democratic ticket, we're viewing the 5th CD as kind of a Democratic bellwether district. If Goodnight makes this race close come October, that will mean that the year is shaping up pretty good for the Democrats. **Status:** *Likely Buyer.*

Congressional District 8: Republican: U.S. Rep. John Hostettler. **Democrat:** Dr. Paul Perry. **Geography:** Evansville, Bloomington, Vincennes and SW Indiana. **1994 results:** Hostettler (R) 93,529, McCloskey (D) 84,857. **1996 Results:** Hostettler (R) 109,582, Weinzapfel (D) 106,134, Hager (L) 3,799. **1998 Results:** Hostettler (R) 92,227, Riecken (D) 81,381, Hager (L) 3,395. **2000 Forecast:** Without Bayh on the ticket, Perry's chances may have waned slightly. Gore is extremely unpopular in Southwestern Indiana, where his support for the Kyoto Accords and clean air standards don't sit well with the UAW and United Mine Workers. Bayh would have been a true alkaline in the 8th, reducing the Gore drag. We believe Hostettler is still in trouble here and Perry could defeat him even if a moderate Republican wave develops. His campaign theme on health care issues resonates with a district that has an older population and has a workforce that has to deal with health issues such as black lung. One thing Hostettler has done almost universally is to needlessly tick off the district news media with his inaccessibility. That may come back to haunt him in a close election. **Status:** *Tossup.*

INDIANA HOUSE races

House District 19: Republican: Ron Johnson. **Democrat:** Rep. Bob Kuzman. **Geography:** Crown Point, south Lake County. **1994 results:** Conlon (R) 8,850, McCall (D) 5,280. **1996 Results:** Kuzman (D) 12,236, Sparks (R) 10,453. **1998 Results:** Kuzman 9,130, Gasparovic (R) 6,917. **2000 Forecast:** House caucus leaders have identified Kuzman as a target and are not taking Johnson lightly. **Status:** *Leans D.*

House District 30: Republican: Karen Burkhardt. **Democrat:** State Rep. Ron Herrell. **Geography:** Kokomo, Howard County. **1994 Results:** Padfield (R) 8,589, Howard 7,363. **1996 Results:** Padfield 10,775, Herrell 9,660. **1998 Results:** Herrell 7,711, Burkhardt (R) 7,520. **2000 Forecast:** Herrell is one Democrat who would have been happy to see Bayh on the national ticket. It is this kind of seat where Bayh's coattails greatly helped when Democrats reclaimed it in 1998 after Jon Padfield took it during the 1994 GOP tsunami. **Status:** *Tossup.*

House District 60: Republican: John Shean. **Democrat:** State Rep. Peggy Welch. **Geography:** Bloomington, Bloomfield, Lawrence. Greene and Monroe Counties. **1994 results:** Bales 11,825, Anderson 5,210. **1996 Results:** Bales 15,743, Germann (L) 1,931. **1998 Results:** Welch 10,172, Ellington 8,987. **2000 Forecast:** Welch could have benefitted from Evan Bayh on the ticket, particularly if pro-choice advocates don't fully get on board Paul Perry's 8th CD campaign due to his stance on abortion.. **Status:** *Tossup.*

House District 68: Republican: Jean Leising. **Democrat:** Rep. Bob Bischoff. **Geography:** Lawrenceburg. **1994 results:** Bischoff 9,427, Ketcham (R) 8,993. **1996 Results:** Bischoff (D) 12,088, Fehrman (R) 8,968. **1998 Results:** Bischoff 11,881, Kristoff (L) 1,742. **2000 Forecast:** Bischoff is a House Democrat who could have used the help of Evan Bayh on the ticket. With U.S. Rep. Baron Hill not facing a serious challenge, voter turnout in the face of a Gore riptide could be depressed. Gore is extremely unpopular in the 9th CD and the outward GOP migration from Cincinnati is turning Bischoff's district into a very competitive one. Bayh would have been in a position to stoke up the Democratic turnout. This election could very well be determined by GOTV. **Status:** *Tossup.*

House District 94: Republican: Paul Ogden. **Democrat:** State Rep. Jeb Bardon. **Geography:** NW Indianapolis. **1994 Results:** Morris (Marendt) 7,838, Reasoner 5,537. **1996 Results:** Marendt 10,396, Hinman 9,586, Neal 422. **1998 Results:** Bardon 8,411, Marendt 6,834. **2000 Forecast:** Ogden is complaining about the four taxpayer-financed House mailings that Bardon has sent out over the past six weeks. Ogden believes that Bardon is doing that in order to prop up shaky name recognition as he seeks a second term. **Status:** *Leans D.*

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