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“QUOTE” OF THE WEEK

“I’ve never known coziness to be illegal....”

- Vig C unty GOP Chairman James Bopp to Ted Koppel n ABC’s Nightline, speaking to Christian Coalition allegati ns that the so-called n n-partisan rganizati n was backing Republican candidates.

Governor’s 2000 campaign emerges

Team O’Bannon has the issues lined up

INDIANAPOLIS - It was one of the most audacious exchanges in recent memory. Mayor Stephen Goldsmith told the *Indianapolis Star* with regard to the next three years, “I haven’t closed the door completely on the mayor’s office and haven’t made any definite statements on governor.”

Indiana Democratic Political Director Robin Winston responded, “With the stellar record Frank O’Bannon has compiled in just his first year, we dare him to try again.”

What has clearly emerged since the end of the Indiana General Assembly last spring is a systematic effort by Gov. O’Bannon to position himself for his re-election in 2000. Look at the initiatives, the pork and what’s on the agenda and O’Bannon is already moving to bolster his bases for what could be a tough campaign.

To wit, the legs of the O’Bannon re-election campaign are already taking shape:

■ While many candidates talk about “getting tough on crime” O’Bannon delivered 453 new police officers at a Statehouse press conference amidst a sea of blue- and brown-uniformed cops last week - a 5 percent increase in the Indiana police force. It was the perfect backdrop for a campaign TV ad three years hence targeted for the Indianapolis market. It was even enhanced by Republican Marion County Sheriff Jack Cottey who said, “I want to personally thank Gov. O’Bannon for his leadership in putting all these police officers on the street. This is my first increase in manpower in 10 years.”

■ As we reported earlier, O’Bannon earmarked \$116 million for highway construction in Lake County and has made 11 visits there since his inaugural. All will help his pluralities there.

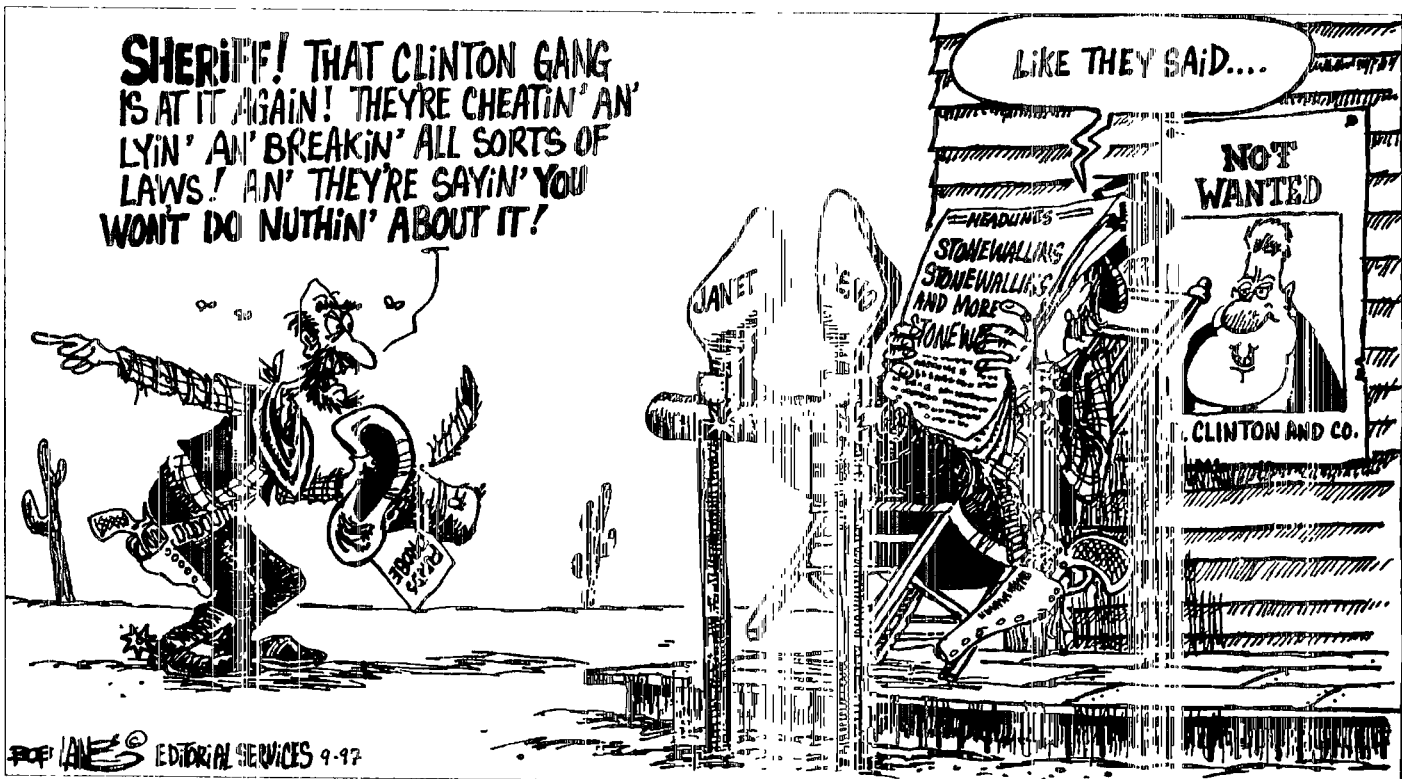
■ O’Bannon is an ardent supporter of the I-69 highway extension to Evansville and that project is on the brink of reality.

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Bob Lang



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PLAY OF THE WEEK: Indiana Democratic Chairman Joe Andrew for staying home. Good move. While Andrew could have had a great opportunity to come on board as Vice President Gore's deputy chief of staff after the slime hit the fan, the Sunday release of the White House fundraising tapes by the Clinton administration is yet another classic example of how the administration always seems to be sailing along before hitting an iceberg. HPR believes the waters in front of Gore is littered with them. Better that Andrew writes books than end up in the 1990s version of "All

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That, in tandem with his role as lieutenant governor in attracting the Toyota plant to Gibson County will play well in Southwestern Indiana.

■ O'Bannon scored a huge victory for his labor constituency on the worker's compensation issue - a gift from legislative Republicans. What it does in the long-term is give O'Bannon some leverage for his education priorities, some of which may seem revolutionary coming from a traditional Democrat. Many think O'Bannon will rule at the whim of the ISTA. But Tom Craig Hartzler told HPR last December that "What Nixon did with China, O'Bannon will do with education." He now has leeway with labor to relieve pressure from education special interests.

■ The Blue Ribbon Tax Commission will make recommendations prior to the 1999 legislative session. While there are dangers that Republicans could scuttle any comprehensive tax reform, there is also the opportunity for O'Bannon to deliver on a top legislative priority with the potential to give him major thrust into the 2000 election cycle. That is why both parties

will be ready for a knock-down, drag-out war over control of the Indiana House in 1998.

■ The governor and First Lady Judy O'Bannon have maintained an energetic schedule throughout the state promoting volunteerism. O'Bannon has addressed 11 Jefferson-Jackson Day banquets so far this year. The First Lady is pushing the "Learning Is for Everyone" program for at-risk students and has visited jail inmates, exhorting them to make something of their lives. O'Bannon himself told the Sycamore Institute luncheon almost matter-of-factly, "Judy's getting good press."

O'Bannon added, "Look at the last nine months. Can we move in ways we can say, 'This is good for Indiana, for kids and families?'"

The governor told of seeing a submerged billboard overtaken by the Ohio River at Grandview last spring. The sign read, "Happiness is helping others."

Said, O'Bannon, "That put it all together. That's why we're in public service. That's why we're Democrats, why we're apart of community."

Frank and Judy O'Bannon have become the Hoosier State's happy warriors.

Democrats begin fashioning their 1998 Statehouse ticket; Quayle 3rd in CNN-Time poll

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TRENDLINE: Indiana Democrats are buoyed at the prospect of State Chairman Joe Andrew steering them through the 1998 elections after a serious flirtation with joining Vice President Al Gore's staff. Under Andrew there have been 43 county training sessions for party candidates and activists and another five are scheduled for this year. The emphasis has been on grassroots organizing. In January, Indiana Democrats are expected to host 400 Midwestern party members for the Democratic National Committee Training Academy. 🐾



■ **1998 U.S. SENATE:** The indictment of former Indiana Toll Road chief John Piracinni brought emphatic statement from U. S. District Attorney Jon DiGuilio that the scandals will not reach up into the former administration of Gov. Evan Bayh. That unusual statement has to be a huge relief to Bayh, who has had to endure whispers that former fundraiser Sally Battin Kirkpatrick might become a big election year liability. The three GOP candidates shared a Fort Wayne forum with Mayor Paul Helmke defending his annexation of Aboite Township as being "what's in the best interest of the community." Peter Rusthoven called for the abolition of the IRS. John Price said education would be his top issue. Finally, Mike Dooley of the *Fort Wayne News-Sentinel* reported that a poker game involving Pat Kiely, Peter Rusthoven and a number of GOP operatives took place last winter, with the winner of a cut deck moving ahead on the Senate race. Kiely called the story "bullshit." Kiely added, "I don't cut cards for something like this. I'm a lot more cold and calculating than that." Rusthoven said he had "definitely decided to run" prior to the poker game and his subsequent announcement was a "pure coincidence." Dooley reported that Republicans Mark Lubbers and Mitch Daniels were kidding Kiely and Rusthoven during the game, or as Lubbers put it, "yanking their chains." 🐾

■ **1998 SECRETARY OF STATE:** This looks like a rematch between incumbent Republican Sue Anne Gilroy and Democrat Tim Jeffers, who was able to raise \$150,000 in his four-month campaign in 1994. One other Democratic possibility is State Sen. Cleo Washington of South Bend. 🐾

■ **1998 AUDITOR OF STATE:** Democrats would like to run a female candidate and Greencastle Mayor Nancy Michael is emerging as the likely choice, although Sen. Washington is also mentioned in the mix for this race. Michael has been getting excellent media from fellow Hoosier Oprah Winfrey, who has praised the community involvement of Greencastle several times on her popular daytime television talk show. The emerging Republicans are former Huntingburg Mayor Connie Nass and Allen County Auditor Tim Berry of Fort Wayne. 🐾

■ **1998 TREASURER OF STATE:** Bob Hill of Knox County, who is serving on the Indiana Development Finance Authority, and Hobart Mayor Linda Buzinec are testing the waters for the right to challenge Republican Treasurer Joyce Brinkman. She is steadily losing favor even in her own party with a series of goofy showdowns with Gov. Frank O'Bannon and AG Jeff Modisett. 🐾

■ **2000 PRESIDENTIAL:** The latest CNN-Time poll shows that Gen. Colin Powell would defeat Vice President Al Gore in a head-to-head presidential election, 58-30 percent. In the individual primaries, Gore leads the Democrats with 38 percent, followed by Jesse Jackson with 14 percent, Bill Bradley with 11 percent, Dick Gephardt with 9 percent, and Sens. Kerry and Kerrey at 5 and 4 percent respectively. On the GOP side, Powell leads with 34 percent, Gov. George Bush with 21 percent, Dan Quayle with 13 percent, Jack Kemp with 10 percent, Steve Forbes with 7 percent, Sen. Thompson with 4 percent and Lamar Alexander with 3 percent. 🐾

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the President's Men."



Secretary of State Sue Anne Gilroy received big play on the Munster Times' business page as she announced a new education program to protect Hoosiers from securities scams. "It is clear that Indiana is declaring war on swindlers who seek to defraud Hoosier investors," Gilroy declared. Gilroy also announced a \$1.5 million computerization contract for the secretary of state's uniform commercial code and corporation's divisions.

The Indianapolis Star reported that State Sen. Luke Kenley is putting off his 2000 gubernatorial campaign and will direct his energies to Republican legislative candidates in 1998.

Finally, on the gubernatorial front, Indianapolis Mayor Stephen Goldsmith told the Indianapolis Star that he has not decided on whether he will run for re-election as mayor in 1999 or enter the 2000 governor's race.

Gov. Frank O'Bannon and wife Judy spent time working on a southside Indianapolis Habitat for Humanity house. Said O'Bannon, "This project is a great example of giving back to the community. Profession-

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About 20 seats will hold the key to winning the split Indiana House in '98

INDIANAPOLIS - It's still more than a year away, but the epicenter of political activity in 1998 will be in the Indiana House. Both parties are preparing to throw in the kitchen sink in order to break the current 50-50 tie.

The war will be fought in what PR has identified as 20 House districts and includes six rematches from 1994 and 1996. The hotbed of activity will occur in the 2nd Congressional District where both parties will fight for eight legislative seats.

HPR rates three seats - two Democrats and one Republican - as tossups.

Targeted seats include:

District 9 - Statehouse Democrats were so teed off at State Rep. Tom Alevizos that a remedy has been arranged for LaPorte County. Former aide to U.S. Rep. Tim Roemer - Scott Pelath - is expected to challenge Alevizos in the primary. Winner should win the general.

District 19 - Freshman Democrat Bob Kuzman won a tough battle for an open seat in 1996 and immediately established himself as a rising star. Republicans consider this seat their No. 1 priority and will seek to nip him in the bud in this Lake County seat, hoping to take advantage of swelling GOP numbers in the district. The GOP's problem is that a candidate has yet to emerge. Kuzman proved to be a great campaigner and had Gov. O'Bannon in for a fundraiser earlier this week. *Status: Leans D.*

District 20 - Democrats wistfully talk of challenging Republican Mary Kay Budak of LaPorte, but no credible names have emerged yet. *Status: Leans R.*

District 24 - Democrat Mike Fincher will challenge two-term Republican Rich McClain in the Logansport area. State Democrats say they are committed to Fincher's candidacy and will ante up. Republicans see the district as a rock conservative and believe they can hold. *Status: Leans R.*

District 25 - Republicans will target Democratic State Rep. Claire Leuck in what they consider to be a Republican district with Eyle

Conrad. *Status: Leans D.*

District 30 - Republican Rep. Jon Padfield lost his Delco Electronics job in his Kokomo district and is now commuting daily to a job in Columbus. Yet, no word that he is giving up the seat. Two unnamed Republicans are waiting in the wings. Democrats taking a long look at this seat include township trustee Gene Lushin and former Kokomo Mayor Bob Sargent, which could mean a hot little primary. This was a Democratic seat, but Kokomo is voting Republican these days. *Status: Tossup.*

District 33 - It was Democratic State Rep. Ron Liggett of Reynolds who rose after the budget passed last spring and offered up amendments to the stadium bills for workers comp reforms. He is now a targeted man in the eyes of Republicans and two from Jay County are giving it serious consideration. *Status: Leans D.*

District 34 - Look for a third matchup between Democrat Rep. Tiny Adams and the man he unseated in 1996, Republican James Vanleer. Adams proved to be a hard working freshman. He was able to deliver workers compensation reform to his union allies and that has helped him span the deep divides in the Delaware County Democratic organization. Adams also has credibility with minority voters, something that cut into Vanleer's totals last year. Democrats tried to carve out Districts 34 and 35 for themselves and split their advantage between the two. If a national tide swings against the Democrats, Vanleer could return. If that doesn't happen, Adams will be tough to beat. *Status: Leans D.*

District 35 - State Rep. Bruce Munson told HPR last summer that he hadn't burned his re-election bridge, but it was soaked in gasoline. The latest word from Muncie is that the gasoline has evaporated and he's going for another term. Good thing for Republicans. This would be a tough open seat to defend. Look for a possible 1996 rematch with unsuccessful Democrat Sue Errington. *Status: Leans R.*

Special Report

Of the 20 Indiana House seats targeted by both parties, six will likely be rematches and HPR rates three tossups.



District 37 - Democratic Rep. Rolland Webber was indicted on tax charges and yet he is showing every intention of seeking re-election in his Anderson district. He may use a re-election bid as a bargaining chip with the prosecutor. This could be a seat ripe for a GOP takeover. Steve Chapman, the 1996 nominee, has announced, but Madison County Chair Joanne Wile is looking for credible challengers. *Status: Tossup.*

District 46 - Democratic Rep. Vern Tinchler had a heart attack on a Sunday and was back at work the next Thursday. All indications are that he will seek re-election. Republican leadership and 25 colleagues joined former Republican Rep. David Lohr for his announcement, signaling GOP solidarity. Both Lohr and Tinchler have had favorable/unfavorable ratings and the 1996 race was a real donnybrook. *Status: Pure tossup.*

District 52 - Republicans are talking with two candidates about challenging Democratic State Rep. Dale Sturtz in this LaGrange County district. They see it as a 62 percent GOP district and are looking for a pickup. *Status: Leans D.*

District 54 - Democrats will test freshman Republican Rep. Tom Saunders, but a candidate has yet to emerge. *Status: Leans R.*

District 56 - Three-time Republican nominee Dick Hamm will seek a third rematch with Democratic Rep. Richard Bodiker. *Status: Leans D.*

District 67 - Former Democratic Rep. Ed Goble is seeking a rematch against Republican

Rep. Cleo Duncan, who unseated him during the 1994 tsunami. Duncan was targeted by Democrats in 1996 but won a relatively easy re-election battle. She has been able to cut into Goble's Greensburg base. *Status: Leans R.*

District 80 - Democratic State Rep. Ben GiaQuinta won his seat back from Republican John Becker in 1994. Allen County Republicans are expecting a third Becker-GiaQuinta race. Democrats are confident they can keep the seat. *Status: Leans D.*

District 94 - Republican State Rep. Candy (Morris) Marendt narrowly defeated a Democrat with a felony in 1996. But she didn't really muster a vibrant campaign in her north-west Indianapolis district because she had never had to before. Democrats will target this district with entrepreneur Jeb Bardon, who has already raised \$5,000. But Marendt knows she has to kick it up several notches and if she does, should return. *Status: Leans R.*

District 97 - This has been a hot Indianapolis seat in recent elections, changing hands in 1994 and 1996. Democratic Rep. Ed Mahern is expected to get a challenge from Republican Ray Schultz, a former Manual High School football coach with a stadium named after him. That seat will sway with who can get the 10th CD vote out. *Status: Leans D.*

District 100 - This is another Indianapolis district that has changed hands twice in the last two elections. Democratic State Rep. John Day returned in 1996 and could face unknown GOP challenger Jeff Parmelee. *Status: Leans D.*

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als are lending their expertise."

Gov. O'Bannon told the Downtown Louisville Rotary Club on Oct. 2, "I was born in Louisville. And I believe we must work together to harness the energies of people on both sides of the Ohio River for a better future. We cannot afford to be of the mindset that what is good for Indiana must be bad for Kentucky or vice versa. This is our region. These are our states. And we are responsible for building a better future for our people."

On the new Ohio River bridge, Gov. O'Bannon told the Rotarians, "I have directed our staffs to ensure that the final plan recognizes the delicate nature of this proposal. We will not adopt a plan that represents only what is good for Indiana. It will be a plan that is great for Kentuckiana."

Gov. O'Bannon announced that Indiana has reduced the number of families on welfare by "nearly 8,000 just in the past year." O'Bannon added, "The savings we've achieved are helping Hoosier families. We've redirected \$62 million from welfare savings into child care."

Cameras will be present for oral arguments in the Indiana

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Court of Appeals for the first time in its 106-year history on Oct. 8 at Vincennes University. The first case to be heard is that of Mark V. Faver and Rodney DeHart v. Evan Bayh, et.al.

Republican Clerk of Courts candidate Ralph Anderson of Logansport conducted a nine-city fly-around to announce his candidacy last Monday. Anderson said, "There are three principles which I believe have guided me to running for this office. There is no office too small for someone of great dedication to serve. There is no one too great to serve in some small capacity. Finally, there is no salary too small to serve the public nobly."

Chief Justice Randall Shepard reacted to the news that Court of Appeals Judge Jonathan Robertson was retiring by saying, "He is one of those rare individuals who can continually regale you with marvelous stories about the folly and fortune of his fellow Hoosiers."

Indiana's August unemployment rate was 3.3 percent, compared to a 4.8 percent national rate.

The Crown Point School Board will conduct a non-binding referendum by mail in order to

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COLUMNISTS ON INDIANA

Morton Kondracke, *Roll Call* - Rep. Dan Burton has been trying without success to get China and Thailand to help him investigate Democratic fundraising scandals. He might have more luck with Pakistan, which could clear up charges against him. To get to the bottom of the Democratic scandals, Burton has urged the State Department and Clinton to intervene with China and Thailand to produce key witnesses Charlie Trie and Pauline Kanchanalak. So far as anyone knows, however, - he and his staff refused to return phone calls - Burton has not asked Pakistan to waive its Official Secrets Act to permit former Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto to testify before the grand jury in his case and to deliver relevant documents. Bhutto and Pakistani government documents almost surely could clear up once and for all whether Burton did or didn't tell the Pakistani government to fire Mark Siegel as its Washington lobbyist in July 1996 because Siegel couldn't raise \$1,000 in campaign contributions. If it were in his interest to get Pakistan to release documents and permit Bhutto's testimony, presumably the press and Pakistan would comply. ♪

Dave Kitchell, *Logansport Pharos-Tribune* - Somewhere in heaven, former State Sen. Bill Justice has to be shaking his head. Those who remember the late Republican legislator may recall that he introduced legislation in the 1980s supporting the creation of what eventually became the Wabash River Heritage Corridor. It seemed like a no-brainer. If you could support the beautification of the Wabash, what state issue could you support - he thought. After he left office, Bill told me in one of his humbling moments that he would never live to see the day when the corridor would become a reality, but I would. Now, I'm not so sure I will either if (the Wabash River Heritage Corridor Commission) votes to support the designation, they will go against the wishes of officials in Carroll County and other counties who claim the designation will impose federal restrictions on them. If they

vote against pursuing the designation, they will effectively turn their back on the one goal they have been assigned to do - enhance the quality, recreational opportunities and heritage of Indiana's state river. ♪

Phil Wieland, *Munster Times* - Why don't people trust politicians? Let me count the ways. Politicians don't even trust each other. If they trusted each other, there would be no point in having different political parties and, more important, no one to blame the mistakes on. The only thing worse than politicians who don't trust each other is politicians who do. Too many unanimous votes are a sure sign somebody better contact the feds because something is going on. I'm speaking, of course, about East Chicago. These guys are more secretive than the CIA and have better job security than the pope. East Chicago budgets are one of the most closely guarded secrets in the free world. The city spends a gazillion dollars a year on an employee payroll that is twice as long as that for cities three times East Chicago's size. It's what helps maintain the city's imbalance of power. No public council or committee meetings are ever announced or held to discuss the departments' needs and priorities for the coming year, but every year a budget magically appears from the city controller's office shortly before deadline and is presented to the council for approval. The council holds a public hearing on the budget, but, mysteriously, the public can't get copies of the budget to see how the money is being spent. ♪

Sylvia Smith, *Fort Wayne Journal Gazette* - And the No. 1 reason Congress should get a pay raise: You gotta protect us from ourselves. If Congress goes too long without a pay raise, "we would end up having what we are close to having today: a Congress of wackos and millionaires." Thank you for the warning, Rep. Peter King, R-N.Y. ♪

Roemer only takes his 'New Democrat' role up to the issue of fast-track trade

By Mark Schoeff Jr.
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WASHINGTON - An Indiana congressman who founded a House coalition of Democrats representing President Clinton's wing of the party will not stand with the president on trade legislation pending in Congress.

Rep. Tim Roemer, the leader of a group called New Democrats, has declared he will oppose a proposal to give the president wide-ranging authority to negotiate trade pacts. Roemer linked his opposition to the proposal with his reservations about the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA), which Congress approved three years ago. Roemer, who voted against NAFTA, said it has led to job losses, declining wages and trade deficits. Granting the president so called fast-track authority would exacerbate such problems.

Under fast-track legislation, the president would be able to establish trade agreements with foreign countries that could only be voted up or down, not amended by Congress. Many countries have said they don't want to enter an agreement with the U.S. that could be changed by Congress. With fast-track authority, the president could extend NAFTA to other Latin American countries and establish new agreements around the globe. The proposal has passed a Senate committee. It is unclear when the House will take action.

President Clinton is counting on the support of moderate Democrats to deliver the fast-track bill in what could be a close and contentious vote in Congress. Rep. Lee Hamilton has declared his support for fast track. But Clinton won't have Roemer, one of the most prominent moderates, on board.

Roemer is seen as a Democrat who embodies Clinton's brand of politics. Roemer said the New Democrats believe in "smaller, smarter government with a heart." They advocate balancing the budget and providing "tax relief for working families." But trade is another

er story.

"Nothing fractures the coalition more than a trade vote," Roemer said. "We will probably split evenly on this question."

Such fissures were apparent over the weekend in Washington. Roemer announced his opposition to fast track on Friday. On Sunday, his New Democrats co-founder, Rep. Jim Moran (D-VA), had a column published in The Washington Times extolling the virtues of fast track.

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"These are the Bill Clinton and Al Gore clones," said CNN political analyst Bill Schneider in describing the New Democrats. "If (the White House) can't get these votes, then it is in very big trouble."

Roemer, who talked to Clinton about his fast track position several weeks ago, said the president reacted with equanimity. Clinton said he was sorry they couldn't agree on fast track, but looked forward to working with Roemer on other issues in the future.

The Democratic Leadership Council (DLC), which Clinton helped form to promote his centrist Democratic views, was circumspect in its reaction to Roemer's position on fast track. "No one here is going to rip into him," said spokesman Chip Azano. The DLC is promoting fast track heavily on its World Wide Web site. It has posted a statement from its president and favorable congressional testimony.

The split among moderate Democrats on fast track gives a boost to organized labor, which is launching a \$1 million broadcast campaign against the proposal. Labor says that under fast track, trade agreements would lack appropriate provisions to ensure labor rights and environmental protection.

"We're delighted that Tim Roemer stood up for workers and said that this NAFTA is a bad idea, just like the last one was," said Chuck

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help determine whether it will build a new high school (Bill Dolan, Munster Times). "This has many advantages," said board member Jackie Webster. "We can be as inclusive as possible and not everybody is inconvenienced."

The IU Women's Student Association accused U.S. Rep. John Hostettler of supporting bombers over cancer research. They cite Hostettler's vote against an amendment to take \$12 million from the defense budget and dedicate it to breast cancer research. Hostettler said that it wasn't the right place to find more money for cancer research.

The beat goes on for the Hoosier delegation when it comes to news making. Since the last HPR edition, Sen. Richard Lugar has been the subject of a profile in The Economist magazine. Rep. Lee Hamilton was quoted in The Washington Post and New York Times objecting to a piece of legislation passed by the House International Relations Committee majority that would bar Chinese leaders who commit human rights violations from entering the United States.

Rep. Steve Buyer joined the veterans in the spotlight when he appeared on CNN to comment on U.S. reserves being sent to

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Bosnia to serve in policing units. Buyer has been a primary congressional source for reporters who are writing stories about the debate over when to pull U.S. troops out of Bosnia. Earlier in the year, he garnered television time by chairing military sexual misconduct hearings and leading an investigation of a mysterious illness that has afflicted many Gulf War soldiers.

HPR Publisher Brian Howey's weekly political newspaper column is now appearing in the Kokomo Tribune. The column is now published in 22 papers, reaching more than 300,000 readers each week.

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Deppert, president of the Indiana AFL-CIO. "There are a lot of people who are part of the (New Democrats) caucus who aren't positive NAFTA was such a good idea. It makes it much tougher for the president, if you have Tom Roemer in this state and 10 to 15 others like him around the country" opposing fast track.

Roemer pointed out that although he is anti-fast track, he is not anti-trade. He voted in favor of the General Agreement on Trade and Tariffs and has supported Clinton on granting normal trade status to China. His concerns include job losses that result from companies that relocate operations to countries with low wage rates; and trade deficits that result from countries denying U.S. goods access to their markets.

"I will take each trade agreement as it comes along rather than saying that I support them all as a free trader," Roemer said. "We have to have free and fair trade. There are people out there working two or three jobs who are worried

about moving into the global economy. We need to reach back and bring our workers with us. Each trade agreement should be assessed on how it is treating U.S. workers and how it is opening markets."

Indiana manufacturing companies exported \$11.95 billion in goods in 1995, supporting 69,200 jobs, according to the Indiana Department of Commerce. Exports accounted for 88 percent of new manufacturing jobs created in Indiana between 1992 and 1995.

The trade issue could be a tricky one for another Democrat whose politics are similar to Clinton's - former Gov. Evan Bayh, who is expected to run next year for the Senate. "He needs to watch his left flank," Schneider said. "The Democratic Party has not been entirely Clintonized. The assumption that the Democratic Party has been converted en masse to centrism is a vast overstatement."

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