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RICH GALEN

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Went to have coffee with Rich and talk about the politics of his training for jobs bill and we also talked a little about career. I'll talk about latter first.

He sees the bill as "the biggest thing he's done so far. It may be the biggest piece of legislation in his whole first term."

"In terms of the development of a Senator, he has pursued a steady course. He has not been rash or brash. He has told everyone what he was going to do and has stayed with it--even when some big logs were thrown in his path. He announced last September that he was going to introduce a bill in January and he has done it. He has been careful to touch all the right bases."

"Last August he would not have had the confidence to do this. It's been fun to watch him grow and grow. He had the status as subcommittee chairman but he wasn't willing to use it. Now he's willing to say to the Chairman of the Committee that he's going ahead with the bill even if the chairman won't come along with him."

Re AWACS - "AWACS was a big step forward for him. He learned he could do it. He didn't get the credit he deserved. He missed it by two days. Instead of staying here, he went to Indianapolis to hold a press conference to announce and explain his position. When he got back to Washington the wave had rolled over him and gone past. He didn't have the confidence to announce that he had had the idea of a letter of certification and that he had called a meeting of the freshmen in his office. He had made me deny that there was any such meeting--even as it was going on. He didn't want to be a Larry Pressler.

When he got back, he found that Gorton had gotten the credit for being the buy-- and he wasn't disposed to share it. When he saw what had happened, Dan tried to get back in it, but it was too late. I said to him "You've been in a poker game."

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You had a pair of jacks and you folded because you didn't think a pair of jacks would win. Now you see that a pair of sevens won the pot and you're saying 'Look I had a pair of jacks.' The game is over." He learned a lot from it; and what the hell, there's a lot of time left."

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"You've seen these year end summaries on the freshmen. Dan isn't even mentioned--which is pretty lucky considering what they wrote about most of them. But they say 'Andrews is good, Gorton is good.' I think what happened was that the press expected to be able to say 'look what Indiana did trading Birch Bayh for someone without a brain in his head. It ain't so. And they are beginning to find that out. So they can't place him yet. We were talking about that in the car the other day and he said to me 'For the past five years I've done nothing but run for election. For the next three years, I want to establish a solid legislative record.' This bill is the first step. He'll do that; and then he'll get his due.... The Paula Parkinson thing was devastating. That's what the press thought they would get, so they could point "See there." The fact that we crawled out of that hole and made it back to zero with the press is a miracle." Mark Helmke said Dan was "a 'package the candidate' kind of candidate, a good looking, play boy."

He talked about how they "mishandled" the anti-Department of Education Bill so badly that "it fell into the bottom of the legislative swamp."

On the politics of the Training Bill - Hatch the Committee Chairman and the Administration have tried to get Dan to delay the bill--but Dan stuck to a pre-announced timetable. Hatch called Dan at home Thursday last to ask him not to go with it. Rich says Hatch wants it to be his own bill. The administration says it will have a bill if only Dan will wait for two weeks. But they don't think the administration can come up with anything that soon. Anyhow, he announced in September that he was going to do it and gave speech in October promising it. He is the chairman of the subcommittee.

His major political approach has been to get Ted Kennedy as a co-sponsor and to get Kennedy to join him in the press conference. "Kennedy has been in the closet for 6 months. This will be his first public appearance. For that if for no other reason, the press should come tomorrow."

He admits there is some "downside risk" associated with Kennedy. But Dan couldn't get a bill out of subcommittee without Kennedy, because of Hatch's opposition. And he likes the idea of a bipartisan bill, because it has more chance of passing Congress. He and Kennedy went over to meet with their opposite House numbers--Hawkins and Jeffords and got agreement to hold joint hearings February 22. House bill has pass through to large cities and Quayle is "adamantly opposed" to that. Finally, he wants Kennedy to give the bill a good strong publicity sendoff. They hope administration will see the bill is good and join in.

Quayle "made a series of visits" last week. Kennedy, Hatch, Pell, Hawkins, Denton, East Nickles. Kennedy signed on - Pell wanted on badly, but they held off till they got a "pair" Hawkins was the pair. The administration called and asked her not to support the bill. After that, she called and asked to be an original co-sponsor. So they have 2 & @ now. Metzenbaum is ranking minority on subcommittee, but they didn't even go to him. The 4 they have give them a subcommittee majority.

"They'll get it out of subcommittee and then see whether Hatch holds it up. He doesn't like the idea of giving a freshman credit for such a major bill. He may finesse it and get his bill out. But we will have had our day in court. Maybe the administration will look at it as it goes along and see that it's a good bill, ask to change a section or two and join us. I hope so. As for Hatch he may join, too. If he does we'll give him 75 columns of print on what a great committee Chairman he is."

I asked if they had tried to persuade administration. He said that Dan had told Stockman - who is a friend. So the administration knows. But they don't want to push the administration into saying "no" prematurely--so they aren't officially trying to get a commitment from them.

He talked about how he had gone around to the press and media people several times in the last few weeks. "It's been a concentrated two and a half week effort to acquaint the press with Dan's bill. It's like the army. You tell em what you're going to tell em, you tell 'em and you tell 'em what you told them. I went around to the press guys two weeks ago telling them we were going to introduce the bill. A week ago I took descriptions of the bill around. I've been open with them. If you are president you can keep your bill a secret till the last minute, but not if you are the Senator from Indiana. This morning I went up to remind them that tomorrow is the press conference and before I go home tonight, I'll go up again. Today was a slow day. They were just sitting around talking to each other. The grapevine up there ought to work pretty well for us. But you can never tell. Larry Pressler may slit his throat tomorrow. Who knows what other stories will pop up. We should get good press. We're hoping for the nightly news tomorrow. But..."

He said "Dan doesn't like to go up to the press room. We have to drag him up there kicking and screaming. He doesn't like it."

He leaves the office Friday.

"I tell Larry his job is to make sure the press knows what Dan is doing."

"Our ace in the hole is that CETA expires on September 30, 1982. CETA is gone. The only question is what will replace it."

"No one campaigned harder against CETA than Dan did." How the transformation in outlook?? Jurisdiction provides the push??