

Paul Tsongas

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I spent my first day mostly in Paul Tsongas' office looking at his appointment books.

Two interesting things were said by staff.

Chris says Paul has not stopped campaigning. "He's still trying to do everything. It's just like the campaign. He hasn't adjusted his pace. He started out going home twice a month. Now he's doing a lot of commencements--every week. He's tired. He won't admit it, but he's tired."

Missy Grealy said, re. her economic development group. "We aren't planning any big, new legislation. Paul doesn't want to do anything major for a couple of years. So we are working on amendments. Mostly we are networking, finding out who knows what, who we can work with, what the problems are. Paul is not in a hurry. A lot of the problems are implementing what you've already got and not proposing a whole new program."

She mentioned a guy, Belden Daniels from Harvard School of Planning who was most helpful to them.

I spent a lot of time hanging around with the staff after I'd finished working in Paul's office--Chris, Missy Grealy and another person. Met Helene Calvin and the new press secretary Mary Ann?. Also Mitch Tysonlittle. I find it's different in offices where my relations with the AA's are not so good, the chances to get to know staff are greater. In Dave Pryor's office, for example, my ties with Ray Scott blot out the rest of the group. That proved not true this trip. So--scrap it!