

BILL COHEN

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I told him I was going to steal from his title "This is the worst season of all. April is the crudest month. Everybody comes to Washington at this time of year. I'm supposed to be sitting in the intelligence committee, but I have to sit here all day talking to groups. It's just like a dentist's office--next, next, next, one after the other all day long."

"I'm going home almost every weekend now. Three last month, four the month before. Four days a week usually --sometimes three. It will go on for the next two years. I'll be a congressman again. For four years I've been a statesman. Now I'm a grubby politician again."

Tom Daffron talked to me about what they are doing--fund raising outside Maine. Then a kick off in Maine. Then "lay low" for a while.

Picking off people before they get committed to Brennan.

Harder to run as incumbent. "There's no good reason for anyone to want to turn Bill out of office."

*M* "In Maine, the center wins. We were able to push Hathaway off center to the left; Mitchell pushed Emery off to the right."

*can't* Tom - "The fifth year is the key. If you do everything right in the fifth year, the sixth year will take care of itself."

He's more and more involved in campaign matters.