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SENATOR TOWER NAMES SUBCOMMITTEE CHAIRMEN TO 1980 REPUBLICAN PLATFORM COMMITTEE

WASHINGTON, D.C. --Senator John Tower (R-TX), Chairman of the Republican Platform Committee, today announced the Subcommittee Chairmen for the 1980 Republican Platform Committee meeting in Detroit starting July 7.

Subcommittee Chairmen are as follows:

AGRICULTURE -- Senator Robert Dole (Kansas)
FOREIGN POLICY & DEFENSE -- Rep. Jack Kemp (New York)
ENERGY -- Rep. Dave Stockman (Michigan)
FISCAL & MONETARY POLICY -- Senator William Roth (Delaware)
HOUSING & URBAN AFFAIRS -- Rep. Margaret Heckler (Massachusetts)
HUMAN RESOURCES -- Rep. Robert Michel (Illinois)

The seventh subcommittee, Government Regulation and Free Enterprise, does not yet have a Chairman, but Tower said one would be named soon.

Representative Marjorie Holt of Maryland was named Co-Chairman of the Fiscal and Monetary Policy subcommittee. Other co-chairmen will be named later.

The announcement was made at a meeting of the newly-named Chairmen and staff members whose responsibility it will be to work with the full 108 members of the Platform Committee in Cobo Hall in Detroit.

Tower charged the subcommittee Chairmen to "...come up with a document which will be truly representative of our Party and which will guide the Party into this very important decade of the '80's."

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The Platform meetings in Detroit will culminate six months of Regional Platform Hearings which Senator Tower, Rep. Trent Lott of Mississippi and Governor Otis Bowen of Indiana (vice-chairmen of the Platform Committee), and Bill Brock, Chairman, Republican National Committee conducted in nine cities throughout the country.

Regional meetings were held in Washington, D.C., St. Petersburg, Los Angeles, Indianapolis, Philadelphia, St. Louis, Davenport (Iowa), Chicago and New York.

More than 500 witnesses provided over 100 hours of testimony during the regional hearings. The testimony was given from people from all walks of life -- Republicans, Democrats and Independents -- who came to the Republican Party to express their views about what is wrong with the country today and what should be done about it.

Video tapes were made of the regional hearings and will be made available to the members of the Platform Committee during subcommittee meetings in Detroit as will the written statements.

The Platform Committee is made up of one man and one woman from each of the fifty states, plus Washington, D.C., Guam, Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands.