

M E M O R A N D U M

September 8, 1989

TO: SENATOR DOLE
FROM: JIM WHITTINGHILL
SUBJECT: VERN CLARK GROUP

The Transportation Appropriations Bill is scheduled for Senate Floor consideration beginning at 10:00 A.M. on Tuesday, September 12. The Senate will go off the bill at 12:30 P.M., recess for the Policy Lunches, and not return to the Transportation Bill until completing the 6:15 P.M. vote on the nomination of Don Gregg.

Two matters could be major battles -- 1) Eastern Airlines and 2) smoking ban on all domestic flights. I would imagine that a decision on whether to complete action on the bill on Tuesday will be made, in large part, on the status of these two matters.

I was called by Jim Dyer of Phillip Morris today on the smoking ban issue. The industry is attempting to discern whether a fight against the Lautenberg-sponsored smoking ban would be worth the cost.

First, it is important to note that the amendment is proposed by the Chairman of the Subcommittee and manager of the bill. It would be easier (although maybe still not probable) to defeat the amendment if it were sponsored by someone other than the manager.

Second, the tobacco companies are losing on this issue. Current law bans smoking on flights of 2 hours or less until April of 1990 (with a study to determine health effects). The House Bill contains a Durbin Amendment which struck the date, thereby making the 2 hour ban permanent. In the Senate subcommittee, Senator Lautenberg offered an amendment to strike current law and Durbin and instead permanently ban smoking on all domestic flights, regardless of time. In full committee, Senator Cochran offered an amendment (supported by the tobacco industry) to change Lautenberg back to Durbin. (The industry has already conceded defeat on making the 2 hour ban permanent.) The Cochran amendment was defeated on a vote of 11 - 18.

I would suggest the best advice to the tobacco companies would be to drop the fight against Lautenberg and urge Senators who supported them in the past to stay with them on tobacco tax votes which surely will come before us on the drug issue.

Pat / Jon Lynn

TO: SENATOR DOLE
FROM: PAMELA
DATE: SEPTEMBER 7, 1989
SUBJECT: VERN CLARK SPEAKING EVENT

Following are the particulars for the breakfast Vern Clark is hosting on September 11:

ATTENDEES: You will be speaking to a group of 10 or 11 people mostly staff members. There will be 3 people from RJR Nabisco, one of their clients.

DATE, TIME, LOCATION: September 11, 1989 at 8:30 at Vern Clark's office on Capitol Hill.

SUBJECT: They would like you to talk about the accomplishments of the 101st Congress. Since RJR Nabisco will be attending, anything relating to the tobacco industry would be helpful. They are also interested in what you have to say on capital gains taxes. Carolyn is preparing talking points on these issues.

FORMAT: The format is very casual. Basically, what they plan is a discussion with give and take from the other attendees.

WLT
Pat / Jon Lynn
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