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VIDEO

Has been running on TV
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AUDIO

Don Nickles sync. camera:

Over the years I've learned that when it comes to making the tough decisions, often you stand alone.

I wasn't very popular back in Washington when I voted against the 1990 Tax Bill. But that would have been the largest tax increase in history...and I don't think Oklahomans need to pay more taxes.

And I wasn't very popular with liberal Senators when I pushed to make Congress live under the same laws just like everyone else.

But sometimes you just have to go your own way...and do what is right.

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VIDEO

To begin running soon.

AUDIO

Senator Nickles sync. camera:

Right now, our welfare system isn't working...we need to change that.

So last year I authored legislation which would break the cycle of future welfare dependency and educate children...it's called Learnfare.

Learnfare would require welfare recipients to keep their children in school...in order to receive benefits.

By educating kids we'll give them a better opportunity for a productive future.

Learnfare's a good solution...and I'm going to see that it becomes the law.

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Letters

Responsible person needed for U.S. Senate

To the Editor:

Senatorial candidate Steve Lewis, if elected to the Senate, proposes to close military installations in Oklahoma. This includes reserve units and federal funds for the national guard. Mr. Lewis made this announcement to the Associated Press June 5, 1992. He proposed that if elected to the Senate this November, he will "cut the defense budget \$160 billion dollars annually". Since the 1992 defense budget is \$289 billion, his proposal would not only close most military installations but also cause the loss of jobs in the defense related industries in Oklahoma.

The Senate passed a bill this year to cut the defense budget by \$71 billion over five years. Mr.

Lewis's drastic proposal would amount to an \$800 billion cut in defense spending over the same five year period. This even exceeds anti-defense Senator Ted Kennedy's proposed cuts of \$115 billion.

While we won the cold war, the country can ill afford to totally disarm as Steve Lewis has proposed. There will continue to be regional conflicts around the world that threaten our national interests. His elimination of nearly all defense forces would not only take away all of our war fighting capability but the deterrence to prevent any future conflicts.

I think Oklahomans want a more responsible person to be their Senator. Senator Nickles has a far more rational view of our national secu-

ity and agreed with the more reasonable reductions in the defense budget passed by the Senate. He has consistently supported a strong defense to protect our national interests.

Oklahomans and the entire country cannot allow the defense of this great country to be decimated. I do not understand Steve Lewis's rationale for such ridiculous defense budget cuts? With this kind of logic, we certainly should not have him represent Oklahoma in the Senate!

Sincerely,

Richard A. Burpee
Lieutenant General, USAF,
Retired
Oklahoma City

OKLAHOMA

REPUBLICAN ELECTED OFFICIALS

Constitutional Offices:

Treasurer **CLAUDETTE HENRY**
Corporation Commissioner **J.C. WATTS**
Corporation Commissioner **BOB ANTHONY**

Congressional Delegation:

U.S. Senate

1 R, 1 D

DON NICKLES (R) - up for reelection in 1992. Senator Nickles serves as
Chairman of the RNC 1992 Convention Platform Committee.

U.S. House of Representatives

2 R, 4 D

1st district **JIM INHOFE**
5th district **MICKEY EDWARDS**

State Legislature:

State Senate

11 R

37 D

The Republican Leader is **CHARLES FORD**.

State House

33 R

68 D

The Republican Leader is **LARRY FERGUSON**.

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1992 PARTY STRUCTURE

Committee Members:

Chairman **CLINTON KEY**

Elected: December 1989

Re-elected: February 1991

Term expires: April 1993

CLINTON KEY was a top state aide to U.S. Senator **DON NICKLES** before running the state party. At the age of 34, Key is one of the youngest state chairman on the National Committee. He serves on the Arrangements Committee.

National Committeeman **C. RICHARD "DICK" FORD**

Elected: April 1988

Sworn in: August 1988

Term expires: August 1992

DICK FORD has been a long-time GOP fundraiser and major contributor in Oklahoma. His term expires at the August, 1992 RNC meeting. Ford did not run for re-election due to failing health. Dick Ford is beloved by all in the party. His activism will be missed.

National Committeeman-elect **LYNN WINDEL**

Elected: April 1992

Term expires: 1996

LYNN WINDEL will succeed **DICK FORD**. Windel is an attorney and long-time GOP activist from Ardmore/Carter County in southern Oklahoma, a heavily Democrat area. He will be an enthusiastic and valuable RNC member. Windel will take office at the National Committee meeting immediately after the National Convention.

National Committeewoman **MARY RUMPH**

Elected: August 1988

Re-elected April 1992, without opposition.

Next Election: 1996

MARY RUMPH is a staunchly pro-life, outspoken committee member. She has long been active in state and local party politics, and in various conservative and pro-family organizations. She serves on the RNC Rules Committee.

Party Leaders/Key Figures in State:

U.S. Senator **DON NICKLES**, elected 1980
Congressman **MICKEY EDWARDS**, elected 1976
Congressman **JIM INHOFE**, elected 1986
Corporation Commissioner **BOB ANTHONY**, elected 1988
Corporation Commissioner **J.C. WATTS**, elected 1990
State Treasurer **CLAUDETTE HENRY**, elected 1990

1992 Bush/Quayle '92 Leadership:

CLINTON KEY has resigned as Bush-Quayle '92 Chairman in order to chair Victory '92
Honorary Co-Chairman Former Governor **HENRY BELLMON**
Honorary Co-Chairman U.S. Senator **DON NICKLES**
Finance Co-Chairman **BILL LIEDTKE**
Finance Co-Chairman **ED LAWSON, JR.**
Co-Chairman Commissioner **BOB ANTHONY**
Co-Chairman Commissioner **J.C. WATTS**
Co-Chairman Treasurer **CLAUDETTE HENRY**
Co-Chairman Representative **JIM INHOFE**
Co-Chairman Representative **MICKEY EDWARDS**
Co-Chairman **JIM HEWGLEY, JR.**
Co-Chairman Senate Minority Leader **CHARLES FORD**
Co-Chairman House Minority Leader **LARRY FERGUSON**

Note: Finance Co-Chairman **LIEDTKE** is a long-time family friend of the President. Recently, Liedtke has been nominated by the President to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission. His confirmation is pending. Liedtke's father, **WILLIAM C. LIEDTKE, JR.**, was partner in the oil business with a young **GEORGE BUSH** in Texas.

Victory '92 Leadership:

CLINTON KEY, Chairman
NEVA HILL, Executive Director
The rest of Victory '92 leadership is in the process of being formed.

State Party Overview:

The state GOP's focus in 1992 is clearly to carry the state for the President, as well as re-electing **SENATOR NICKLES**, holding our seats in Congress, and making gains in the state legislature, particularly in the House.

Currently, the GOP holds 33 of 101 seats in the House, the most ever, as a result of winning a special election earlier in the year, and taking a previously Democrat seat in

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Stillwater. We hold 11 of 48 seats in the Senate, which is down from a high of 17 following the 1986 elections.

Registration and reapportionment in favor of the Democrats combined have kept both houses of the legislature in Democrat control for quite some time.

Filing for state and federal offices was completed in the first week of July. Fourteen GOP seats in the House will go unopposed by the Democrats this year. Four of those fourteen have GOP primaries.

Financial Status:

After **KEY** took over a fractured party two years ago, the Oklahoma GOP has developed a sound, yet small, financial base through aggressive and organized telemarketing and direct mail efforts. Through these activities, the State GOP has expanded its small donor base to its largest in history.

In April, the State Party hired **MARIAN KIMBRO** as their new finance director. The previous finance director, **LAUREN TODD**, is now working in field finance at the RNC.

In conjunction with the Oklahoma convention on April 4, the Oklahoma Republican Party hosted a number of fundraisers. The evening prior to the convention, the State Party held their annual "extravaganza" to raise money for their candidate reserve account. Approximately 290 people attended the event and approximately \$20,000 was raised. That same afternoon, the State Party also held a fundraising luncheon which raised another \$6000 for the State Party.

On July 22-23, **SECRETARY WATKINS** was in Oklahoma City, Enid and Ardmore hosting fundraising events. Approximately \$19,000 was raised.

On July 31, **MARILYN QUAYLE** hosted fundraising events in Tulsa, Oklahoma City and Bartlesville.

OKLAHOMA

POLITICAL LANDSCAPE

ELECTION UPDATE

1992 Ballot:

President

U.S. Senate - **DON NICKLES** (R)

Corporation Commissioner-**CODY GRAVES** (D)

U. S. Congress- 6 seats

State Senate- 24 of 48 seats up

State House- all 101 seats up

1992 Electoral College Votes: 8

1992 Presidential Primary: March 10

1992 Congressional Primary: August 25

1992 Congressional Run-off: September 15

1992 Republican State Convention: April 3-4

Political Environment/Overview:

The GOP has enjoyed some remarkable success in recent years. Oklahoma has always been largely Democrat by registration and electoral preference. However, three GOP governors have been elected in 1966, 1970, and 1986, and there has been at least one, and for a time, two Republican U.S. Senators since 1972. The GOP Presidential candidate has carried Oklahoma every year since 1952, with the exception of 1964. In addition, Democrats hold an advantage in registration of 2-1, compared to 1980's registration advantage of 4-1.

For only the second time in state history, Republicans hold four statewide elected offices: U.S. Senator **DON NICKLES**; Corporation Commissioners **BOB ANTHONY** and **J.C. WATTS**; and State Treasurer **CLAUDETTE HENRY**. Anthony was the first Republican elected to the Corporation Commission since 1928. Watts was the first black elected to statewide office in Oklahoma history; his election gave the GOP a majority on the 3-person Corporation Commission for the first time in state history.

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Henry is the first woman and first Republican elected State Treasurer in Oklahoma history.

1992 Presidential Preference Primary Results:

The President did very well in Oklahoma on Super Tuesday. The President garnered 70% of the vote and all 34 delegates.

GOP Preference Primary Results

	<u>%</u>	<u>Delegates</u>
Bush	70%	34
Buchanan	27	0
Duke	3	0

1992 Democrat Primary Results

Clinton	71%
Brown	17
Others	12

Due to a filing error on the part of his campaign, Tsongas was not on the Oklahoma ballot.

Also on the Super Tuesday ballot was State Proposition 640, which passed 56%-44%. This proposition states that the legislature cannot raise taxes without approval of 2/3 of the legislature or approval by a statewide vote.

Note on Perot: On July 13, Perot was officially certified on the Oklahoma Presidential ballot. At a rally at the State Capitol on June 19, Perot supporters turned in over 100,000 signatures, well over the 35,132 needed.

The American Research Group surveyed 400 voters from June 12-July 2; margin of error +/- 5%:

Bush	40%
Perot	28
Clinton	18

Surrogate Travel:

On July 31, MARILYN QUAYLE hosted a Victory '92 fundraising event.

U.S. Senate:

SENATOR NICKLES is running for re-election, and is looking very strong.

Announced to oppose him on the Democrat side is former Speaker of the Oklahoma House **STEVE LEWIS** and two independent candidates, **THOMAS LEDGERWOOD** and **ROY EDWARDS**. Lewis placed a strong third in the 1990 Democrat gubernatorial primary, and has hired **JOE SLADE WHITE** for media, and Oklahoma Democrat pollster **TOM KIELHORN**. State Senator **KELLY HANEY (D)** and Senate Majority leader **DARRYL ROBERTS (D)** withdrew from the race. On July 10, Haney endorsed Lewis for the Senate seat. The Oklahoma AFL-CIO has endorsed Lewis over Nickles.

In late-July, Lewis formally challenged Nickles to a series of debates, and Nickles accepted. Lewis wants six statewide televised debates. Nickles has not committed to any specifics.

Nickles currently has a war chest of \$2.2 million. According to recent FEC reports for the period of April 1 through June 30, Nickles has raised \$384,633 and has over \$2 million on hand. Lewis raised \$240,677 and has \$224,409 on hand.

An internal Lewis poll conducted May 7-12 by Thomas Kielhorn & Associates surveyed 500 likely OK voters and found Nickles leading Lewis, 52-25%.

VICE-PRESIDENT QUAYLE was in Tulsa on May 28-29 for Nickles' fundraisers.

Corporation Commissioner Race:

The race for one of the Corporation Commissioner posts is Oklahoma's other statewide race this year. The office is responsible for regulating the oil and gas industry, all public utilities, as well as intra-state transportation. There are three Corporation Commissioner posts each holding six-year terms. The elections are staggered, so none of the Commissioners are up for re-election the same year. The current Corporation Commissioners are **BOB ANTHONY (R)**-elected in 1988, who is also running for Congress in CD-6, **J.C. WATTS (R)**-elected in 1990) and **CODY GRAVES (D)**, who is up for re-election this year. Graves was appointed to the position one year ago by **GOVERNOR WALTERS (D)**. Graves has drawn four primary opponents, including a former state senator. On the Republican side, former gubernatorial candidate **JERRY BROWN** is running. Three nominal candidates are also running.

Key Congressional Races:

CD-1 (Tulsa):

GOP incumbent **JIM INHOFE** will run for re-election. His district, redrawn entirely within the Tulsa boundaries, was strengthened for the GOP in redistricting. Inhofe made it through the House bank scandal unscathed. However, he recently lost a substantial judgment to the FDIC which he is appealing. Annual financial disclosure statements that were filed by Congressmen show Inhofe to be the wealthiest of the Oklahoma Congressional delegation, with assets exceeding \$1 million and outside income between \$155k and \$376k. Inhofe will be challenged in the August 25 primary by **RICHARD BUNN**, a Tulsa engineer. FEC reports for the period ending June 30 show that Inhofe raised \$35,566 in the last quarter, with 85,000 on hand.

There will be a Democrat primary to oppose Inhofe. The current favorite is Tulsa County Commissioner **JOHN SELPH**. Selph is favored in the primary over University of Tulsa law professor **DAN MORRISSEY** for the party's nomination. According to Selph's FEC report for the period of April 1 through June 30,, Selph raised \$52,314, with 61,000 on hand.

Inhofe is likely to win this close race.

CD-2:

Congressman **MIKE SYNAR** (D) will run for re-election. Synar was first elected in 1978, and now ranks 91st in House seniority. He will face a tough primary against Muskogee County District Attorney **DREW EDMONDSON** (D). According to recent FEC reports, Synar raised \$145,000 in the period of April 1 through June 30, while Edmondson raised \$147,000. Synar has \$321,000 on hand, Edmondson \$250,000. Claremore oilman **TED JONES** (R), president of Tatal Market Sales **TERRY GORHAM** (R), land manager **JERRY HILL** (R), osteopath **BRENT DAVIS**, Attorney **ROBERT BLACKSTOCK** (D), restaurant cashier **CHARLES KOLGORE** (D) and **WILLIAM VARDEMAN** (I) have also announced their candidacies.

CD-5 (OKC, Ponca City, Bartlesville):

GOP incumbent **MICKEY EDWARDS** will face a tough primary challenge. State Representative **ERNEST ISTOOK** announced in early April, and is working hard. 1990 GOP Gubernatorial nominee **BILL PRICE** announced his candidacy on May 19. Price has already received the endorsement of two suburban newspapers, the *Edmond Evening Sun* and *Yukon Review*. Two or three nominal candidates will also run.

Istook has begun running radio ads and erecting signs across the district. The radio spots are positive and upbeat, with Istook, a former radio newsman, providing his own spots. Istook is also attacking Price in mail to Republican activists by portraying Price as a career government employee (federal prosecutor for 14 years) and a loser (of a 1990 gubernatorial race). Istook announced that **JERRY BROWN**, a two-time candidate

for Governor (Independent in 1986, GOP Primary in 1990, finishing fourth) and leader in the Southern Baptist Convention of Oklahoma has endorsed him for Congress.

1990 Republican Gubernatorial candidate **VINCE ORZA** has endorsed Mickey Edwards for re-election. Orza lost to Bill Price in the 1990 gubernatorial run-off in a very contentious and negative campaign. Edwards has also announced the endorsements of several former GOP officials, including former State GOP Chair **NANCY APGAR**, former State GOP Vice-Chair **DOROTHY ZUMWALT** and former OFRW presidents **CLARE RATTAN** and **MARY HELEN SWANSON**. Mickey Edwards held a fundraiser with **JACK KEMP** on June 15 in Oklahoma City.

In late-July, Edwards sent a franked newsletter to his constituents in his district apologizing for his check overdrafts. Under the heading, "An Apology," Edwards repeated the statement he has made to GOP and civic groups across the district, stating that he is embarrassed, and asked for forgiveness.

According to FEC reports for the period of April 1 through June 30, Edwards (R) raised \$101,000, largely from business leaders in the district. He has \$41,000 in the bank. Price (R) raised \$137,000 with \$78,000 on hand. Price had very successful fundraising events with doctors and attorneys, and he also has great success raising money in the business community. Istook (R) raised \$45,000, with \$18,500 on hand.

An internal poll conducted by Arthur Finklestein & Associates for Edwards surveyed 300 likely Republican voters from July 24-26; margin of error +/- 5.6%:

<u>Multi-candidate</u>		<u>Run-off</u>		<u>Fav / Unfav.</u>	
Edwards	32%	Edwards	44%	44%	39%
Price	27	Price	39	46	22
Istook	15	Undec.	20	24	5
Undec/Others	25				

On the Democrat side, all viable contenders opted out of the race, leaving no real challenge to the GOP. The favorite of Democrat insiders will likely be Oklahoma City oil and gas attorney **LAURIE WILLIAMS**, 35. Williams (D) is the only woman to file for a congressional seat in the state. She was a **KERREY** supporter leading up to the Super Tuesday presidential primary.

CD-6(OKC, NW Oklahoma):

Corporation Commissioner **BOB ANTHONY** (R) will challenge 18-year incumbent **GLENN ENGLISH** (D). Anthony gives the GOP its strongest chance to recapture this seat since losing it in 1974. Anthony carried 54% of the vote in the district in his 1988 race for Corporation Commissioner. Recent FEC reports for the month of June show that Anthony raised \$48,000, and has spent all but \$11,000. During the same period, English raised around \$60,000, and has \$369,271 on hand. English has raised a lot of money from PACs. Anthony is not taking PAC contributions.

Anthony recently went on a 3-day, 21-county, 1000-mile campaign tour through his district. The tour was very successful and received favorable press coverage.

Mayoral Election:

A winner-take-all election has been set in Tulsa's mayoral race, necessary due to the resignation of Democrat **ROGER RANDLE**. The election will be August 25, the same day as Oklahoma's primary. Fourteen candidates have filed, including six Republicans. However, most Republicans are coalescing around City Councilor **DEWEY BARTLETT, JR.**, son of the late, U.S. Senator **DEWEY F. BARTLETT**.

Legislative Races:

In the legislature, 39 of the 125 Senate and House incumbents will win re-election uncontested, including 10 Republicans. Another 4 seats in the House will have Republican primaries, but will have no Democrat challenges in November.

Redistricting:

The Redistricting Committee, composed of both Republican and Democrat legislators, finalized the redistricting plan in April of 1991. With a Democrat Governor and a Democrat-dominated Redistricting Committee, the Republicans were highly skeptical about the drawing of the new lines. However, the consensus is things could have been much worse, therefore the new lines were not worth disputing.

The Democrat districts were left basically unchanged.

There was concern that **JIM INHOFE (R)** and **MICKEY EDWARDS (R)** would be put in the same district, however, this did not occur. Inhofe, who is in the 1st C.D., fared well in the redistricting plan. His C.D. changed dramatically to include mainly Tulsa county which is a highly Republican area. Edward's 5th C.D. did not change much in the redistricting plan.

National Convention:

Oklahoma's delegation to the National Convention has been selected. This will be a loyal, conservative and enthusiastic delegation for the President. Senator **NICKLES** is the Chairman of the Platform Committee at the convention.

Republicans for Choice say they will open an office in Oklahoma City in early August. The office will be in a complex in Northwest Oklahoma City, on the outskirts of the most affluent Republican neighborhood in the city. The group will be caravanning to Houston for the convention, and will appear in Nickles' hometown of Ponca City for a

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rally and news conference. Other stops will include Louisville, Indianapolis, St. Louis, Wichita, Oklahoma City, Dallas and Houston.

8/10/92

Oklahoma
1992 Convention

State Convention: April 3-4, 1992
Presidential Primary: March 10, 1992
General Primary: August 25, 1992

Delegate Breakdown:

Total: 34
18 men
16 women

Rules Committee:

Skip Healy
Joan Johnson

Credentials Committee:

Harold Hite
Quineta Wiley

Platform Committee:

Don Nickles
Kay Dudley

Permanent Organization Committee:

Howard Hendrick
Claudette Henry

OKLAHOMA CITY

Located in Oklahoma's 5th and 6th Districts, Oklahoma City accounts for nearly half of the 5th's population and a quarter of the 6th's population.

Since the discovery of a large oil pool underneath Oklahoma City in the 1930s, much of the economy has revolved about the oil industry. The capital also has important meatpacking, trucking and aviation industries. Along with state government, the military has a significant presence, with Tinker Air Force Base located on the outskirts of the city.

For decades, Oklahoma County was a Democratic center, balancing Tulsa's Republicanism. Between 1920 and 1948, the county supported a Republican presidential nominee only once -- Herbert Hoover in 1928. But the county has gradually switched its allegiance in the postwar years and now is almost as reliable in its national GOP voting habits as its rival to the northeast. Since 1952, only President Johnson carried it for the Democrats in a Presidential election.

In the 5th District, Representative Mickey Edwards faces a tough primary on August 25th. An internal poll showed him up by only 5 points over ex-'90 GOP governor nominee Bill Price. With state representative Ernest Istook in the race a runoff is certain, but Edward's return to Washington is not. In the 6th, Representative Glenn English (D) won with 80% in 1990 and has represented this district since 1974. He is likely to be reelected once again.

August 21, 1992

MEMORANDUM TO THE LEADER

FROM: JOHN DIAMANTAKIOU *John*
SUBJECT: OKLAHOMA CONGRESSIONAL RACES

The following House race overview was provided to me by Clarke Reed of the NRCC. Oklahoma's primaries are scheduled for August 25th and a few battles are shaping up.

Democratic Representatives Bill Brewster (D-03) and Dave McCurdy (D-04) are considered safe. But the race everybody is talking about in OK is the 5th District represented by Mickey Edwards (R). The latest internal poll conducted for Edwards shows he's in for the fight of his life:

CANDIDATE	%
Rep. Mickey Edwards	32%
Bill Price ('90 GOP Gov. nominee)	27%
Ernest Istook (State Rep)	15%
Undecided/Others	25%

Edwards offered "an apology" to voters about his involvement in the House bank scandal in a franked mail piece that went out last month. Price has been on the attack from the outset. A runoff is almost certain for September 15.

In OK-02, Congressman Synar (D) faces his most formidable challenger in Muskogee County District Attorney Drew Edmundson. Edmundson's father, Ed represented the 2nd from 1953-73. There are 4 GOP candidates running for the nomination.

In OK-06, 9-term Representative Glenn English (D) will face-off against the first statewide elected Corporation Commissioner Bob Anthony. While English is considered a safe bet, Anthony is wealthy and is accepting no PAC money. His family owns a chain of retail stores.

"There are no political considerations involved in the decision." Terry's arraignment is scheduled for 8/11 (AP/Binghamton PRESS & SUN BULLETIN, 8/6). Terry running on the Right to Life ticket, filed his petition 6/24 (Basler, PRESS & SUN BULLETIN, 7/31).

OK 02: Ex-Muskogee Co. DA Drew Edmondson (D) "again is blasting" Rep. Mike Synar (D-02) over franked mailings to those who will not live in the 2nd CD until 1/93. Edmondson suggested Synar should be ordered to pay back the money. Synar spokesperson Jo Montana criticized Edmondson for traveling and soliciting campaign funds while paid as DA (Hales, MUSKOGEE DAILY, 8/6). Synar and Edmondson are both receiving about half of their "identifiable" contributions from OK. Each accuses the other of receiving most of his nonidentifiable contributions, those less than \$200, were from outside the CD. Attys, oil and gas producers and cable TV interests are "the leading contributors" to Synar, who is on the House Judiciary and Energy/Commerce cmtes. Tobacco, energy and ranching interests are leading givers to Edmondson; Synar has been a "leading proponent" of restrictions on tobacco advertising and promotion (White, SUNDAY PHOENIX, 8/9). SUNDAY OKLAHOMAN endorses Edmondson, contending he "has his feet on the ground," while Synar "has represented Hollywood and New York more than he has his own district" (8/9).

TX 02: Businesswoman Donna Peterson (R) surpassed Rep. Charles Wilson (D-02) in fund raising from 4/15-7/15. According to FEC reports, Peterson raised \$64,614 to Wilson's \$63,730 (Deavours, CONROE COURIER, 8/5). As of 6/30, Peterson had raised \$121,000 and had \$72,000 in the bank, while Wilson had raised \$486,000, had outspent Peterson 8 to 1, and had \$81,000 remaining (Babcock, W. POST, 8/9). Peterson received almost 45% of the vote against Wilson in '90 (Deavours, CONROE COURIER, 8/9).

===== TV MONITOR =====

*25 THIS MORNING: ABC's "GMA" hosted S.F. EXAMINER's Chris Matthews and L.A. TIMES' Jack Nelson, "Power House" author Susan Trento, journalist Joe Trento, and Israeli P.M. Yitzhak Rabin on loan guarantees. NBC's "Today" hosted a political panel of NBC's Jim Miklaszewski and Andrea Mitchell and W.S. JOURNAL's Al Hunt. "CBS This Morning" hosted Yitzhak Rabin and Susan Trento (8/12).

A.M. QUOTABLES: W.S. JOURNAL's Al Hunt on alleged affair: "I don't think the story will last very long, nor do I think it should." NBC's Andrea Mitchell: "I don't think any of this matters to the voters ... it seems to be tabloid journalism at its best" ("Today," NBC, 8/11).

LAST NIGHT: ABC and CBS led with Sarajevo. NBC and PBS' "MacNeil/Lehrer" led with Israeli loan guarantees. CNN led with Perot. "M/L" focused on the crisis in Bosnia with ex-UN Amb. Jeane Kirkpatrick, N.Y. TIMES' Leslie Gelb, ex-Sec/State Henry Kissinger, and Council on Foreign Relations' Peter Tarnoff. ABC's "Nightline" hosted ex-Sec/State Henry Kissinger and Sen. John Kerry (D-MA) on the POW/MIA issue "Crossfire" hosted Dem Strategist Ann Lewis and columnist Cal Thomas on the Jennifer Fitzgerald question. "Larry King Live" hosted Sen. John Kerry (D-MA) (8/11).

LAUGHS: NBC's Jay Leno on Bush ads: "President Bush has

MEMORANDUM

TO: SENATOR DOLE
FR: CURT ANDERSON \ TAMI WORD
RE: SENATOR DON NICKLES
DT: AUGUST 11, 1992

I. POLITICAL OVERVIEW

Senator Nickles, in his announcement, said the country, and especially this Congress, needs new direction to revive our economy and protect our children's future. His opponent is the former State House Speaker Steve Lewis who ran for Governor in 1990 and lost in the Democratic primary. Lewis has been attacking Nickles on campaign reform issues, government spending, and the abortion issue.

Although Senator Nickles is in better political shape than many (if not most) incumbents, for a number of reasons we cannot take this race for granted. First, the anti-incumbent mood is as alive in Oklahoma as in the rest of America. Senator Nickles's chairmanship of the Platform Committee underscores his Washington ties. Second, Oklahoma is basically a Democrat state in what could be a Democrat year. Third, Lewis has shown an ability to raise money, having amassed a war chest of over \$1 million dollars for his '90 gubernatorial bid. And finally, because the Democrat Senatorial Campaign Committee is strapped for cash, they often pursue a small state strategy because those states are inexpensive to fund. Oklahoma is just such a state.

A recent Nickles internal poll puts the Senator's poll position at 49% to 33%. More worrisome is that Lewis's name ID is only about 60% statewide, suggesting that he has more room to grow as he becomes better known.

Senator Nickles is on the air with 2 commercials, one focusing on his being a family man driven by family values, the other showing the Senator talking about being an independent thinker. It closes with the line, "sometimes you just have to go your own way."

II. SURVEY DATA

5/92 Kielhorn (for Lewis - Dem)

Ballot

Nickles 52 %
 Lewis 25 %

2/92 Mason Dixon/NRSC

NOTE : PRIVATE RE-ELECT

Nickles Re-elect

Deserves reelection	58 %	Ballots		
Give new person a chance	31 %	Nickles	58 %	Nickles 63 %
		Lewis	25 %	Haney 15 %

Nickles Job Approval

Exc/Good	49 %	Candidate IDs	Aware	Fav.	Unfav.
Fair/Poor	45 %	Nickles	92 %	57 %	9 %
		Lewis	72 %	16 %	10 %
		Haney	38 %	8 %	3 %

III. STATE INFORMATION

1. Population: 3,145,585
2. Voter Identification: 2,010,684 Registered voters; 1,305,291 D (65 %), 656,714 R (33 %)
3. U.S. Congress: Senate 1 D and 1 R / House 4 D and 2 R
4. Legislature: Senate 37 D and 11 R / House 69 D and 32 R
5. Elections:

1988 Presidential	Bush	58 %	Dukakis	41 %
1984 Presidential	Reagan	69 %	Mondale	31 %
6. Political Leadership:

Governor:	David Walters (D)
Lt. Governor:	Jack Mildren (D)
U.S. Senators:	Don Nickles (R), David Boren (D)

IV. FINANCIAL UPDATE

Coordinated: **\$257,418**

Incumbent:	Don Nickles	Cash-on-hand:	Gross(Cycle):
		\$2,149,394 (6/30/92)	\$2,785,359 (6/30)
Democrat:	Steve Lewis	\$224,409 (6/30)	\$645,888 (6/30)

Party Building

To date, the NRSC has authorized \$33,000 for the Oklahoma State Party.

V. TOTAL NRSC FINANCIAL SUPPORT POSSIBLE

Cash	\$17,500
Coordinated	<u>\$257,418</u>
Total	\$274,918

VI. ORGANIZATION

Campaign Manager:	Grant Todd
Finance Director:	Craig Purser
Media:	The Media Team
Campaign Consultant:	Doyce Boesch

TO: Senator Bob Dole/^{JOHN} Diamantakiou
FROM: Grant Todd/Friends of Senator Nickles
DATE: 8-11-92
RE: Trip to Oklahoma (8-21-92)

Listed below are items of significance relating to your upcoming visit to Oklahoma.

- Democratic nominee: Steve Lewis
 - Attorney.
 - Former state legislator and State Speaker of the House.
 - Ran for governor in 1990, finishing third in a tight three man race. (30%)
 - Former District Attorney.

Lewis' campaign rhetoric consists mainly of blaming the "Reagan-Bush-Nickles" era for all of the economic woes of the nation. He also accuses Nickles of being an "ineffective-vote-no-do-nothing Senator" that "has no ideas of his own" and "simply votes NO on everyone else's ideas."

As you would expect, Lewis is attempting to latch on to the Clinton mystique and ride the class warfare issue. He frequently mentions Nickles and his "rich" friends. He is also attempting to use the rich have gotten richer, poor have gotten poorer issue to drive a wedge between the socio-economic levels.

Lewis is a traditional liberal, tax and spend, government-can-fix-anything democrat. While in the Oklahoma legislature, Lewis voted in favor of over 100 tax and fee increases.

Lewis is a captive of traditional liberal special interest groups, i.e. trial lawyers, organized labor, Sierra Club, National/State Education Association, etc. 1/3 of his itemized contributors (\$200 and above) are attorneys. Over 95% of Lewis' total PAC contributions are from organized labor and unions.

-Fundraising Event

The event itself is being held at the National Cowboy Hall of Fame. It is a two-tiered event with hosts paying \$250/couple and guests paying \$100/couple. We anticipate a crowd of 350 to 400 people. It has a casual/western theme and the BBQ is being catered by one of Oklahoma's finest catering services.

We would ask that you touch on Don's leadership role in the Senate and your experiences in working with him. Comments concerning Don's respect among his peers and his independent thinking would also be favorably received.

DON NICKLES

Donald L. Nickles was born in Ponca City, Okla., and resides there. He was educated at Oklahoma State University. He was in the National Guard, 1970-76. He was vice president and general manager of the Nickles Machine Corp. He was elected to the Oklahoma Senate in 1978, serving 1979-81. He was elected to the U.S. Senate in 1980 and was re-elected in 1986. Nickles began Senate service Jan. 3, 1981. In the Senate, Nickles served on the Appropriations Committee, where he was the top Republican on the Interior and Related and Agencies subcommittee; the Budget Committee; and the Energy and Natural Resources Committee, where he was the top Republican on the energy regulation and conservation subcommittee. He is a member of the Select Indian Affairs Committee. He became chairman of the Senate Republican Policy Committee in 1991 and served two years as chairman of the Republican Senatorial Committee before that. In 1992, he was named chairman of the platform committee for the Republican National Convention.

PROFILE:

Donald L. Nickles, as a young state senator in Oklahoma, advanced to the U.S. Senate with a surprisingly easy victory in a five-way 1980 race for a seat being vacated by retiring Republican Sen. Henry L. Bellmon. Nickles emerged from a field of 19 candidates campaigning for the Senate seat that Bellmon had held since January 1969. Nickles, a co-founder of the Oklahoma Coalition for Peace Through Strength, won the GOP nomination in a runoff primary, beating Tulsa businessman John Zink. Former Oklahoma County District Attorney Andrew Coats captured the Democratic nomination with a victory over Robert S. Kerr Jr., an Oklahoma City attorney and oilman, in a primary runoff. Kerr, son of a former U.S. senator and governor, had been the leader in the crowded initial primary race, but Coats had been favored in the runoff. Running for the Senate seat as an independent was former Oklahoma Attorney General Charles Nesbitt, an Oklahoma City attorney who said he was a Democrat who could not support President Carter. Coats had been the early favorite in the battle. Bellmon said Nickles, a self-described conservative Christian who had support from the Moral Majority, was in danger "of making the Republican mistake of preaching to the choir. In Oklahoma, the choir isn't big enough to elect you. You need broad appeal." But Nickles put together a winning campaign, whipping Coats by 108,969 votes out of nearly 1.1 million cast and retaining the Senate seat for the Republicans. In 1986, Nickles won re-election by overpowering Democrat James R. Jones, a congressman. Nickles received 493,436 votes to Jones' 400,230. Nickles has a lifetime rating of 95 from the American Conservative Union. His 1990 rating was 96.

PRIOR-CAMPAIGNS:

Donald L. Nickles was elected to the U.S. Senate in 1980, with 53.5 percent of the vote, defeating Democrat Andrew Coats, a former Oklahoma County district attorney; independent candidate Charles Nesbitt, a former attorney general of Oklahoma; Libertarian Robert Murphy, and independent candidate Paul E. Trent. Incumbent Republican Sen. Henry L. Bellmon retired instead of seeking re-election that year. Nickles was re-elected in 1986, with 55.2 percent of the vote, defeating Democrat James R. Jones, a congressman. Before coming to the U.S. Senate, Nickles was elected to the Oklahoma Senate in 1978.

■ Your Views

Rebuild America 11-41

Abortion Tearing Our Nation Apart

TO THE EDITOR:

Growing up in Creston Hills in Oklahoma City and attending Northeast High School, I can never remember a time that I did not feel proud to be an American, often asking in awesome wonder and thanksgiving why I had been so blessed to be born in this wonderful, abundant country. Years have passed since I crossed the stage at Northeast High School and received my diploma. I have become sadly aware that the pride I once had in being an American is slowly fading.



Molly Lemmons

Thirty-seven years ago, Americans respected life, revered it, were the majority, and their voices were heard!

There was no "pro-choice" because it had always been wrong for someone to "choose" to murder another human being. (It's called "premeditated murder.") In actuality, there is no pro-choice today because the followers of this line of thinking get really upset if a woman chooses life. The pro-choicers continually scream: "Get government out of my bedroom!" and "Government has no right to tell me what to do with my body." Yet I have never seen one of them refuse government money to fund their "choice." Frankly, I wish government would get entirely out of the issue and stop using my tax money to fund abortions.

I am the mother of two adopted children and aunt to seven adopted nieces and nephews. I can tell you for a fact, it is heartbreaking to "stand in line" for a baby when they are being thrown away by the thousands, like someone's broken, discarded dolls. We were told, when we wanted to adopt more, "You have two, others have none. Don't be selfish." In the meantime, we passed the age limit set by most agencies for adoptive parents. Adoption should be completely discussed with a woman considering abortion, as well as detailed, colored photographs depicting the abortion procedure(s) and then let her decide.

Abortion for any reason is wrong. Tampering with God's law is a serious matter. I am a special education paraprofessional in the Mustang schools and have worked with "special children" for 10 years. Every single one of these precious little souls who has crossed our classroom has had a destiny to fulfill. Maybe that destiny is to make someone a better person. Me, for one. God will take care of these little ones and because he allows them birth, there is a reason. But God is yet another topic that causes me to weep for America. He is slowly and methodically being removed from every phase of American life, which was the reason for which our nation was founded in the first place.

Back when the founding fathers came to America, they did not need worry about any other god but the ONE GOD, over all, so there was no need to X out the Bible. It was everybody's code by which to live and its precepts and values were taught and practiced, both at home and at school. A close look at McGuffey's readers used a long time ago in the public schools, shows chapter after chapter of Bible stories that every child was required to learn. No one ever questioned the "constitutionality" of such a requirement.

Yes, I do weep for America. Most of my tears are tears of helplessness because we have come so far

in the name of "intellectualism" that I fear we cannot turn it around. The abortion question, along with the Bible and prayer issue, is tearing our nation apart as sure as if we were being attacked by a nuclear bomb, and all because we have abandoned the first principles of the holy Bible! We have become a murderous nation, not unlike Hitler who, in trying to create a "perfect" race, bred people like cattle, aborted those he felt not fit to be born, experimented on the deformed and the handicapped, and fashioned purses and lamp shades out of human skin. America takes her murdered babies, murdered for any reason (wrong sex, just unwanted or handicapped) and makes cosmetics from their placenta and uses their little organs and tissue for medical experiments. There is even talk for the future about growing babies to abort for this purpose. If we continue down this road of complete disrespect for human life, we will ultimately self-destruct.

Therefore, when I cast my vote, I base my entire appraisal of a candidate on this one question: Where does he stand on the question of abortion?

Molly Lemmons, Mustang

TO THE EDITOR:

I'd like to respond to the claim that I want to cut the military budget by \$160 billion annually, which appeared in a letter from retired Gen. Richard A. Burpee (June 28). The claim has been repeated by my opponent Don Nickles.

Having lived in the shadow of the Tinker Air Force Base, I am acutely aware of the importance of the defense industry on Oklahoma's economy and am committed to seeing that Oklahoma gets and keeps its share of defense dollars.

I have never advocated cutting the military defense dollars by \$160 billion annually. I have said that we need not spend \$160 billion annually to defend Europe and Japan. It's time that we tell our allies that the "free lunch" is over, and that they must begin paying for their own defense. By demanding increased burden sharing from our allies, we can bring this \$160 billion expenditure down to a rational size. We're mortgaging our future to pay for their defense, while they're able



Steve Lewis

to invest the money they have and beat our brains out economically.

To say that we will keep defense spending at a Cold War level is not only foolish ... it is a lie. The fall of the Berlin Wall and the collapse

of the Soviet Union changes our defense requirements. The real challenge is to ease that transition into peacetime for the thousands of people who could lose their jobs as a result of defense cuts. Those who won the Cold War for us deserve more than a pink slip and a cold shoulder.

Currently, no plan for transition exists.

It's time that we reinvest in America. Our economy is faltering. Our streets aren't safe. Basic services are being cut. Thirty-seven million Americans are without health care coverage. We have the strongest military in the world, but our economy is falling behind. Is it any wonder then that although we have won the Cold War, we are now in danger of losing an economic war?

Steve Lewis, Democratic nominee for U.S. Senate

THE SUNDAY OKLAHOMAN Section A July 26, 1992 13

Former House speaker to seek Nickles U.S. Senate seat

By ANDREW TEVINGTON
Tribune Capital Bureau

OKLAHOMA CITY — Criticizing incumbent U.S. Sen. Don Nickles for failing to deal with national health and economic crises, former state House Speaker Steve Lewis said Thursday he will challenge Nickles' re-election bid.

Lewis, a Shawnee Democrat, plans officially to announce his campaign against Nickles, a Ponca City Republican, at Tulsa's Downtown Doubletree Hotel on Saturday and was scheduled to hold pre-announcement activities in other parts of the state today.

"Nickles is a product of the philosophy of the '80s — vote no and

do nothing," Lewis said.

"There is real work to be done. We pay taxes, and we are entitled to expect solutions and answers to our problems.

Nickles has not done much in Washington because his philosophy won't let him. He opposes the very government he gets his paycheck from," Lewis said.

The former Oklahoma House speaker

Steve Lewis

said his travels to 61 of the state's 77 counties over the past 10 months have convinced him that Nickles is vulnerable in the areas of health care and the economy.

"People with health insurance are wondering whether they will be able to continue to have insurance or whether they will be priced out of the market," Lewis said.

"Those with health insurance provided through their jobs are worried that they are having to pay a greater share of the cost but they are receiving less in benefits," he said.

The federal government should regulate medical-care price increases in the same way that states regulate utility rates, Lewis said.

"After we get control of prices, then we need to look at whether there is enough money in the health-care system to provide care for everyone. If not, then some approach such as national health insurance may be needed," he said.

To strengthen the nation's economy, Congress must begin to reduce the federal budget deficit, Lewis said.

Congress should freeze overall spending at its current level and shift funds away from defense and foreign aid, he said.

Lewis could not say how much money should be removed from the defense budget but said the "peace dividend" realized from lower military spending since the Cold War ended should be moved into research, education and retiring the federal debt.

Foreign aid also could be substantially reduced because the United States no longer competes with the former Soviet Union to curry favor with allies, Lewis said.

Lewis was the author of House Bill 1017, the education and tax act that increased the state's common education budget by 20 percent and required public schools to strengthen curriculum, reduce class sizes and toughen graduation requirements.

Prior to serving 10 years as a state representative from Shawnee, Lewis, 49, was the district

attorney for Pottawatomie and Lincoln counties.

He served 3½ years in the Navy, including a tour off the coast of Vietnam, after receiving a law degree from the University of Oklahoma. He is a graduate of Oklahoma Baptist University.

He is married to former state Rep. Nancy Virtue and has a son, Brad, 12, and daughter, Sichel, 21, from a previous marriage.

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LEGISLATION INTRODUCED BY SENATOR NICKLES IN 102ND CONGRESS

1. S.CON.RES.114: LATEST TITLE=A concurrent resolution expressing the sense of the Congress relating to the ratification of an amendment to the Constitution of the United States which varies compensation of Members of Congress until after the next election of Representatives. LATEST ACTION=May 6, 92 Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.
2. S.65: SPONSOR=Nickles, et. al; LATEST TITLE=A bill to make the 65 miles-per-hour speed limit demonstration project permanent and available to any State. LATEST ACTION=Jan 14, 91 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.
3. S.154: SPONSOR=Nickles, et. al; SHORT TITLE=Domestic Petroleum Security Act of 1991; LATEST ACTION=Jan 14, 91 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.
4. S.155: SPONSOR=Nickles, et. al; LATEST TITLE=A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to eliminate Intangible Drilling Costs as Preference Items in the Alternative Minimum Tax. LATEST ACTION=Jan 14, 91 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.
5. S.566: SPONSOR=Nickles, et. al; (CROSS REFERENCE BILLS EXIST); SHORT TITLE=Crime Victims' Restitution Act of 1991; LATEST ACTION=Mar 6, 91 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.
6. S.587: SPONSOR=Nickles; LATEST TITLE=A bill to amend chapter 19 of title 38, United States Code, to provide an additional amount of Servicemen's Group Life Insurance for death in combat, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to pay a death gratuity to certain survivors of members of the uniformed services who die in the Persian Gulf combat zone, and for other purposes. LATEST ACTION=Mar 7, 91 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans.
7. S.681: SPONSOR=Nickles, et. al; LATEST TITLE=A bill to provide an additional amount of Servicemen's Group life Insurance for death by hostile fire, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to pay a death gratuity to certain survivors of members of the uniformed services who die in the Persian Gulf combat zone, and for other purposes. LATEST ACTION=Mar 14, 91 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans.
8. S.799: SPONSOR=Nickles, et. al; LATEST TITLE=A bill to amend the Davis-Bacon and the Service Contract Act of 1965 to exempt from such Acts tenants of federally-related housing who participate in the construction, alteration, or repair of their residences, and for other purposes. LATEST ACTION=May 8, 91 Referred to Subcommittee on Labor.
9. S.1618: SPONSOR=Nickles, et. al; LATEST TITLE=A bill to permit the Mountain Park Master Conservancy District in Oklahoma to make a payment to satisfy certain obligations to the United States, and for other purposes. LATEST ACTION=Sep 18, 91 Committee on Energy and Natural Resources requested

executive comment from Department of the Interior, and Office of Management and Budget.

10. S.1658: SPONSOR=Nickles, et. al; LATEST TITLE=A bill to require the Secretary of Labor, with respect to contracts covering Federally financed and assisted construction, and labor standards provisions applicable to nonconstruction contracts subject to the Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act, to ensure that helpers are treated equitably, and for other purposes. LATEST ACTION=Aug 15, 91 Referred to Subcommittee on Labor.
11. S.2089: SPONSOR=Nickles, et. al; SHORT TITLE=Congressional and Presidential Accountability Act of 1991; LATEST ACTION=Nov 26, 91 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.
12. S.2211: SPONSOR=Nickles, et. al; (CROSS REFERENCE BILLS EXIST); LATEST TITLE=A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to eliminate tax penalties that apply to oil and gas investments, and for other purposes. LATEST ACTION=Feb 6, 92 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.
13. S.2319: SPONSOR=Nickles, et. al; SHORT TITLE=Economic and Employment Impact Act of 1992; LATEST ACTION=Mar 5, 92 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.
14. S.2365: SPONSOR=Nickles, et. al; SHORT TITLE=Rural Health Care Equity Act; LATEST ACTION=Mar 18, 92 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.
15. S.2509: SPONSOR=Nickles, et. al; SHORT TITLE=National Children's Advocacy Program Act of 1992; LATEST ACTION=Jun 25, 92 Referred to Subcommittee on Children, Family, Drugs, Alcohol.
16. S.2639: SPONSOR=Nickles, et. al; LATEST TITLE=A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide a partial exclusion of dividends and interest received by individuals. LATEST ACTION=Apr 30, 92 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.

OKLAHOMA STATE STATISTICS

POPULATION:	3,145,585
Largest City:	Oklahoma City (444,719)
Second largest:	Tulsa (367,302)
Third largest:	Lawton (80,561)
GOVERNOR:	David Walters (D) elected 1990 Next election: 1994
SENATORS:	Boren (Seminole) and Nickles (Ponca City)
DEMOGRAPHICS:	82% White, 67% Urban and 33% Rural
MEDIAN FAMILY INCOME:	\$17,688 (35TH)
VIOLENT CRIME RATE:	492 PER 100,000 (24TH)

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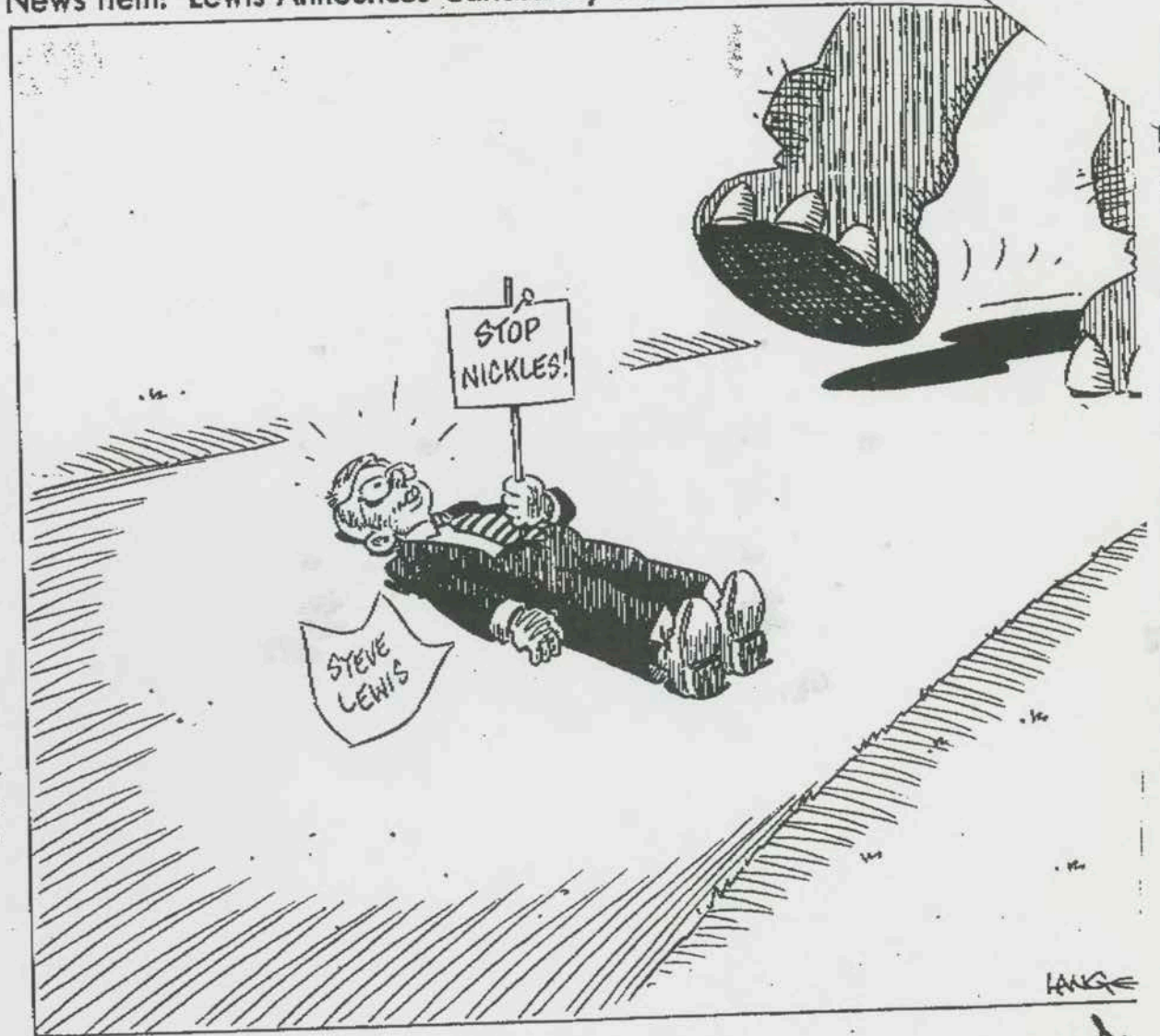
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News Item: 'Lewis Announces Candidacy for U.S. Senate'



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WOODWARD NEWS, 1992

Candidate For U.S. Senate Talks About Proposed Health Care Reform Plan

By Helen Mossman
Editor

Steve Lewis, former Speaker of the Oklahoma House of Representatives and now an announced candidate for a seat in the U.S. Senate, took his early campaign to the far reaches of the panhandle and worked his way back through north-west Oklahoma over the weekend.

Lewis met with Democrats in Woodward Saturday morning. He said he had driven to Boise City Thursday night, spent Friday in Guymon, Keyes, Beaver and Laverne, and arrived here late Friday night.

"It's a lot better-looking race than we thought it was when it first started," Lewis told his supporters. He has already visited 64 of Oklahoma's 77 counties.

Lewis wants to run against Don Nickles, a Republican from Ponca City who will have served, at the end of his current term, 12 years as one of Oklahoma's two U.S. senators.

David Boren, Oklahoma's other senator, is not up for reelection this year.

The campaign to unseat Nickles is one Lewis said he is into to win.

Lewis pointed out the incumbent Republican won his first and second senatorial elections by no more than 55 to 45 percent margins.

"I'm listening to what people have on their minds," said Lewis, describing the purpose of his present trip.

"There are three things I'm hearing: Jobs and the economy, the whole direction the country is taking and whether or not we'll be able to stay ahead in the future, and health care," Lewis said.

Because those in the audience immediately responded to the subject of health care, Lewis asked for their views on health care reform.

He described the health care issue as "not just a social problem anymore. It is dragging down the economy."

The former Oklahoma legislator said 13 percent of the gross national product goes into health care



CAMPAGNING: Former Oklahoma legislator Steve Lewis, D-Shawnee, talks with Woodward supporters during a town meeting Saturday. (Photo by Helen Mossman)

— and 33 cents of every dollar spent on health care ends up as profit.

Lewis asked his supporters if they would favor a proposal to put health care and health care costs under the authority of a regulating agency, similar to utility companies.

He stressed that he is not coming out in favor of such a program yet, but he wants to know if voters think it has merit.

Under the plan, which has been suggested by other political and social service spokesmen, health care would remain in the private sector but it would be subject to rate-setting and production regulations like telephone companies and power companies.

"Like electrical service, health care is a necessity," said Lewis.

As a utility, health care companies and individuals would be required to provide service for "the guy at the end of the line," much as the telephone company does, Lewis suggested. At the same time, health care providers and suppliers would be expected to make a fair return on

their investment, allow for research and development, and practice whatever economics they can to operate efficiently.

Lewis described the proposed reform measure as an alternative, a compromise — "instead of going from a pure free market to a pure government-owned form of socialized medicine."

Lewis said he envisions the system, if it is adopted, as being accountable to a state regulatory commission, rather than to a federal commission. The system would include all health care providers — doctors, hospitals, pharmaceutical and equipment suppliers and insurance companies.

The proposal, said Lewis, would involve less governmental intervention than one that would impose a "health tax" on everyone, with the government then administering the health care system directly.

Taking a swipe at Republicans, the Shawnee Democrat said, "(Sen.) Nickles and the Bush administration have shown that they're willing to do virtually nothing — just enough to keep the people from rising up against them."

/Politics

Ada Evening News 7A
Sunday, June 7, 1992

Lewis makes campaign stop in Ada

ADA — Steve Lewis, a candidate for the U.S. Senate, visited Ada Friday on a campaign swing. Lewis is challenging Sen. Don Nickles, R-Ponca City, in the fall election.

Lewis held an informal public meeting at the local Holiday Inn and later conducted a walking tour of Main Street, visiting and shaking hands with Ada residents.

The candidate also visited Irving Senior Citizens Center and East Central University.

Lewis, D-Shawnee, is a former speaker of the Oklahoma House. Under his direction, the House passed the controversial education reform law House Bill 1017.

Following his success in passing

HB 1017, Lewis ran for governor in 1990. He was defeated by Wes Watkins and David Walters in primary voting.

"I still feel very good about HB 1017," said Lewis. "I think as time goes on and we begin to see every year the improvements in education and begin to feel the result, then we're going to all feel good, and I think the people can be proud of the fact that they've retained HB 1017 with all the benefits that it has."

Lewis said that as a senator, he would not be afraid to take a stand on tough issues. "Certainly change is controversial, and the most important issues get decided by a pretty small percentage. But if you're not

willing to take on the tough issues, you ought to stay out of the arena. I would be that kind of United States Senator. I think that from issue to issue, I would try to do my homework and listen to a lot of people and try to get a genuine understanding of what people wanted me to do. And then I would try to go out and do it, not just politically posture myself or try to convince people that I was on all sides of the issue.

"Naturally, that a dangerous way to live politically, but I think that's what the country is really in need of right now. It won't be easy, and it won't be painless, but people are crying out for those that they elect to take a stand and to be accountable."



STEVE LEWIS

During his visit to Ada, Lewis attacked Nickles' record in Congress, saying the Senator had been a cheerleader for the Bush administration and for policy decisions which had hurt middle-income families.

"The way I see it, Don Nickles for the last 12 years has basically taken care of the privileged few, the people at the very top of the economic power structure. I would be the other way. I would look toward trying to improve the lot of ordinary and middle-income people. ... People who have to depend upon the government to provide a framework so that they can live out the American dream for themselves. I think that's what we've been missing."

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Problem thwarts release

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — A communications problem prevented Atlantis' astronauts from releasing a European science satellite from the shuttle Saturday and threatened a second, and final, attempt on Sunday.

The Eureka satellite, with its load of crystals, brine shrimp eggs and fungi spores, remained locked on the end of Atlantis' crane, while engineers for the European Space Agency worked frantically on both sides of the Atlantic Ocean to resolve the data-relay problem.

The trouble struck early Saturday, less than a day into Atlantis' flight.

The satellite could not communicate properly with ground stations, most notably when the data were relayed through Atlantis. Lapses occurred in the flow of information, officials said.

Ground controllers switched



Gore makes brief stop

Democratic Vice Presidential candidate Al Gore (left) listens to Steve Lewis, candidate for U.S. Senate, during a rally at Will Rogers World Airport in Oklahoma City Saturday. Gore said Oklahoma and other states in the oil patch would benefit from new incentives for natural gas usage proposed by Bill Clinton. During the rally attended by about 300 people, Gore said he and Clinton "want to take a new approach and put government back on the side of people for a change." (Transcript photo by Janice Higgins Blunck)

U.S. soldiers prepare return

KILLEEN, Texas (AP) — Hundreds of soldiers received shots and made out wills Saturday as they prepared to depart for Kuwait as part of a 2,400-troop force the United States is sending to the Persian Gulf.

The 2,400 soldiers, from Fort Hood, Texas, and Fort Campbell, Ky., are to participate in a training exercise dubbed "Intrinsic Action." Other members of a United Nations coalition, including Kuwaiti troops, will be taking part, Maj. Ken Roberts, a Fort Hood spokesman, said Saturday.

At the Texas base, about 800 soldiers lined up for shots Saturday and also made out wills and finished other last-minute paperwork in anticipation of leaving.

The exercise, initially set for September, was moved up because of heightening tensions with Iraq over its resistance to complying with U.N. weapons

of the problems that are taking place in that part of the world right now," he said.

Army officials said the troops would arrive in Kuwait over the next three weeks.

More than 500,000 Americans served in the Persian Gulf War that was sparked by Iraq's Aug. 2, 1990, invasion of Kuwait.

Some of the soldiers at Fort Hood said Saturday they're prepared to return to the Middle East either for exercises or to fight.

"If I'm called upon for training exercises or what happened last time, that's my job," said Spc. Raymond Tindal, 20.

In Fort Campbell, Ky., the base was quiet Saturday, but some soldiers appeared apprehensive.

"We should have finished it last time," said Sgt. Earl Osborne of Point Pleasant, W. Va., whose infantry unit helped over-

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OKC Community

LEWIS FUND RAISER

At a July 5 fund raiser, members of the local gay and lesbian community had an opportunity to meet with U.S. Senate candidate Steve Lewis to ask questions regarding national issues.

During the fund raiser, which was held at the home of local business owners Scott Wilson and Don Hill, Lewis gave a brief speech in which he addressed issues such as improving the economy, balancing the budget, and equality in human rights. Lewis stated that, if elected, his number one priority would be to achieve a balanced federal budget. To do this, he said, he would implement a cap on federal spending for the next five years. "A three year cap on spending would probably balance the budget, but a five year cap would be my proposal," he said.

Lewis also discussed the controversial abortion issue, which is making regular headlines in this election year. During the question and answer period that followed his speech, Lewis stated that he was "adamantly pro-choice" and supported a woman's right to control her reproductive process. Included in the open discussion was the question of equal rights for gays and lesbians. Lewis stated that he is "very human rights oriented," which, he said, includes rights regardless of sexual orientation.

Approximately 35-40 people attended the fund raising event, with several members of the Oklahoma Gay and Lesbian Political Caucus present, as well as representatives from the National Organization for Women, and Lewis' wife Nancy.

Following a few words from event organizer Scott Wilson, Keith Smith introduced Lewis to the audience. Smith, who now resides in Albuquerque, New Mexico, returned to Oklahoma City briefly to promote Lewis' campaign.

The event generated a "substantial amount" for the Lewis campaign, reported Wilson, who encouraged supporters to continue sending their donations to the Steve Lewis campaign headquarters, located at 4221 S. I-35 Frontage Road, Oklahoma City, OK 73143. Lewis, a Democrat from Oklahoma City, is currently running against Republican incumbent Don Nickles for the U.S. Senate seat. Nickles has an abysmal record on gay and lesbian issues and has made several anti-gay statements during his Senate tenure.

That race will be decided in November, along with the Presidential election and many other state and local elections.

"The most important thing to come of this campaign is that it indicates another transition in the gay community's viability as a voting base," said Wilson. "This is apparent in the endorsement Lewis has received from the Human Rights Campaign Fund, which is also providing financial backing."

"This is the best chance we've had in a long time to unseat Don Nickles," stressed Wilson. "And I'm encouraging the community to get out and vote for him." To that end, Wilson said Angles club would be working closely with the political caucus to increase voter registration and participation.

Steve Lewis Campaign Finance Director Trey Rogers reported the campaign office was "very pleased with the turnout and the reception Steve received. There seems to be a high interest in the race and we hope that translates into more support money and a good turnout at the voting booths in November," he said. "We're pleased with the support we received from Scott Wilson, pleased with his hard work and participation which made the fund raiser a real success."

In addition to this community event, a previous fund raiser had been held at the home of local attorney Bill Rogers. Other contributions have been earmarked for the campaign by the Washington, D.C.-based Human Rights Campaign Fund, which has given its endorsement to the Lewis campaign. The local campaign office, however, has not yet received that contribution. Steve Robbins, HRCF's local representative, did confirm that the \$5,000 maximum contribution would be made within the next month to assist Lewis in the local primaries.

OASIS TRAINING JULY 18

There will be a training session for Oasis Resource Center volunteers on Saturday, July 18, from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. The featured speaker will be Dr. Lewis Irving, Professor of Sociology at the University of Central Oklahoma. For more information, call the Oasis Resource Center at (405) 525-2477.

AIDS MASTERY WORKSHOP SET FOR AUGUST 7-9

The Oklahoma chapter of Northern Lights Alternatives will present the next AIDS Mastery workshop on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, August 7, 8, and 9, in Oklahoma City. The workshop is designed for individuals confronting — either personally or professionally — HIV infection in their bodies, lives and families.

The workshop runs from Friday evening through Sunday night and is an intensive experience, challenging the notion that quality of life is dependent on either circumstances or duration. Through interpersonal contact with other participants and facilitators, those in the workshop explore the possibility of living rich and empowered lives. Participants are offered an opportunity to release established relationships and patterns that undermine self-worth and keep them tied to the past. The workshop will offer one-on-one and group interaction as well as exercises and visualizations. Group size is limited.

For more information, or to order an enrollment kit, write Northern Lights Alternatives at P.O. Box 1593, Oklahoma City, OK 73101, or call (405) 525-3636.

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Lewis launches campaign for U.S. Senate

By TOM JACKSON/Staff writer

Stressing the economy, the direction of the country and the need for affordable health care, former House Speaker Steve Lewis launched his campaign for the U.S. Senate on Friday.

"I think it's time to unseat a Republican senator and send a Democrat to Washington," said Lewis, 49, who began a series of rallies across the state to announce his candidacy with an 8:30 a.m. appearance at Lawton's Ramada Inn.

Lewis described Republican incumbent Don Nickles, who is seeking reelection, as a passive politician who avoids taking on tough issues.

"I think Don Nickles really is a product of the thinking of the 80s...do nothing, leave things alone, it will work out," Lewis said.

However, before taking on Nickles in November, Lewis probably would have to win the Democratic primary. State

Sen. Enoch Kelly Haney, D-Seminole, has announced plans to run and State Sen. Darryl Roberts, D-Ardmore, also has expressed interest.

Haney announced this week that he's opened a campaign office in Midwest City and hired a former George Nigh aide, Paul Pearson, as campaign manager.

"We are very close to moving beyond the 'testing the waters' stage and hope to formally enter the contest later this month," Haney said.

Haney, an artist, spoke in Lawton several weeks ago at the Chamber of Commerce's Friday Forum luncheon at the Lawton Country Club.

Roberts, an Ardmore attorney and Marine veteran who fought in Viet-

nam, is a majority leader in the state Senate. He said Friday that he's still considering whether to enter the race.

"It will be later in the spring before I announce anything," Roberts said. "Right now, I am extremely busy taking care of the job I was elected to do."

Lewis, an attorney who began his political career as a district attorney in Pottawatomie and Lincoln counties, said about 25 supporters at his Lawton rally that he'd been to 61 of Oklahoma's 77 counties while exploring a possible race.



LEWIS

People in Oklahoma are worried about the economy, Lewis said. "Even people who have a job are concerned," Lewis said, worried about possible cutbacks in pay or benefits.

"Secondly, I think people are worried about the general direction of this country," Lewis said. "A lot of people... wonder if we're as competitive as we once were."

And thirdly, people in Oklahoma worry about whether they will be priced out of health insurance, he said.

"People fortunate enough to have health insurance worry about those \$400 a month payments," Lewis said. Those who are covered by a company health insurance plan worry that their employers will be forced to pass on a greater share of the cost, he said.

It's time for the United States to guarantee every American access to health care at a cost he or she can afford, Lewis said.

While serving in the state House, Lewis was the author of House Bill 1017, the education reform package. He left the House to run for governor but lost a tight race in the Democratic primary to former Congressman Wes Watkins and David Walters. Walters won the runoff and was elected governor in the general election.

Lewis said the education reform package shows that he's willing to take on tough, controversial issues.

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DAILY OKLAHOMAN

Lewis Begins Race for U.S. Senate

By Mick Hinton
Capitol Bureau

Steve Lewis says that he's the candidate who will represent the middle class, while Don Nickles is a senator in Washington because of wealthy Republicans.

Officially announcing his race for the U.S. Senate on Friday, incumbent Nickles said, "I believe the great middle class is going to be heard from again."

Meanwhile, Nickles was in Oklahoma City



Steve Lewis

Friday escorting President Bush during his appearance in the city.

Lewis said he had raised \$235,000 at the

start of 1992, while Nickles, R-Ponca City, has reported having \$1.3 million in his 1991-92 campaign war chest.

But Lewis said he's not so concerned about how much money Nickles has raised.

"The issue is how much we'll be able to raise," he said.

The former speaker of the house said he finds he now has more name recognition than when he ran unsuccessfully for governor, the post won by David

Walters in 1990.

Over the past 10 months, Lewis said he has learned people have three major concerns: the economy, where this country is headed, and health care.

Regarding health care, Lewis said he's for cost containment.

He also hinted at another major interest of his as speaker of the house when he shepherded House Bill 1017, the education reform and tax package.

Lewis noted that dur-

ing the past 10 years, the federal education budget has been cut by 25 percent.

Raised in the Shawnee area, Lewis presented a short video being viewed this weekend by those attending house parties in 56 counties.

After stops in Lawton, Ardmore, Shawnee and Oklahoma City, he will go to Tulsa today.

Friday, he sponsored a fund-raiser at \$25 a ticket at the Myriad Convention Center.

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Dist	Incumbent	Persons	Dev	New CD % Bush	Old CD % Bush	Diff % Bush
1	Inhofe (R)	524,264	0	65%	61%	4%
2	Synar (D)	524,264	0	49%	53%	-4%
3	Brewster (D)	524,264	0	50%	50%	0%
4	McCurdy (D)	524,265	1	58%	58%	0%
5	Edwards (R)	524,264	0	69%	67%	2%
6	English (D)	524,264	0	58%	58%	0%
Totals / Averages		3,145,585		58%		

** Partisan data are approximations and useful only as indicators*

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August 21, 1992

MEMORANDUM TO THE LEADER

FROM: JOHN DIAMANTAKIOU 

SUBJECT: POLITICAL BRIEFINGS

Below is an outline of your briefing materials for the Specter, Nickles, Huckabee and DeWine events.

Enclosed are the following briefings for your perusal:

1. Campaign briefing:
 - overview of race
 - biographical materials
 - bills introduced (Nickles, Specter)
2. National Republican Senatorial Briefing
3. National Republican Congressional Committee Briefings on competitive congressional races (OH, OK, AR)
4. Redistricting map
5. Republican National Committee Briefing (OH, OK, AR)
6. State Statistical Summary
7. State Committee/DFP supporter contact list
8. Clips (courtesy of the campaigns)

Thank you.