

October 11, 1992

MEMORANDUM TO THE LEADER

FROM: JOHN DIAMANTAKIOU

SUBJECT: POLITICAL BRIEFINGS

Below is an outline of your briefing materials for your appearances throughout the month of October.

Enclosed for your perusal are:

1. Campaign briefing:
 - overview of race
 - biographical materials
 - Bills introduced in 102nd Congress
2. National Republican Senatorial Briefing
3. City Stop/District race overview
4. Governor's race brief (WA, UT, MO)
5. Redistricting map/Congressional representation
6. NAFTA Brief
7. Republican National Committee Briefing
8. State Statistical Summary
9. State Committee/DFP supporter contact list
10. Clips (courtesy of the campaigns)
11. Political Media Recommendations (Clarkson/Walt have copy)

Thank you.

United States Senate

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SENATOR:

Issues the campaign would like you
to focus on include:

-- congressional reform (note:
Considine is considered "father" of term
limits.)

-- federal spending (Campbell's
record according the National Taxpayers
Union is worse than Rep. Schroeder's.)

-- economic growth

Thanks.

JOHN D.

A CLEAR CHOICE FOR U.S. SENATOR

Fiscal Conservative vs. Big Spender

Republicans have nominated Terry Considine, a businessman and former State Senator to run for United States Senator for Colorado. Democrats are backing long time incumbent Congressman Ben Campbell. Here's where they stand on your taxes:

Balancing the Budget, Hold Down Government Spending

As State Senator, Terry Considine was named "rookie of the year" by the respected Colorado Union of Taxpayers and rated one of the best for holding down spending and taxes during his entire term.

Based on The National Taxpayers Union rating, Congressman Ben Campbell has the worst record on spending issues of any member of the Colorado Congressional delegation. NTU gives him their lowest rating. Here's how Colorado lawmakers ranked:

<u>1991 NTU Ratings:</u>	<u>Congressional Spending Score</u>	<u>Member's Ranking</u>
Senator Hank Brown	60	97 %
Senator Tim Wirth	36	66 %
Rep. Joel Hefley.....	73	96 %
Rep. Wayne Allard	64	93 %
Rep. Dan Schaefer	56	86 %
Rep. Pat Schroeder	32	60 %
Rep. David Skaggs	20	33 %
Rep. Ben Campbell	18	26 %

The Congressional Spending Score indicates the strength of support for reducing spending as rated by NTU. The higher the score, the less money the legislator voted to spend. The ranking % compares legislators with each other. House and Senate members are separately ranked by percentiles. Congressman Campbell's ranking of 26 % means 74 % of the members of the House have a better record on spending issues. Even the big spending Pat Schroeder and David Skaggs have shown more spending restraint than Ben Campbell!

Terry Considine

BIOGRAPHY:

Terry Considine was born in San Diego, Calif. He graduated from Groton in 1965. He received a BA from Harvard in 1968 with majors in English history and American government. He got his law degree from Harvard in 1971. He is a member of the Massachusetts Bar Association. Considine is active in civic organizations, belonging to the Young Presidents Organization, a group of young business executives to head their own companies; The Boys Club of Denver Foundation, the Denver Rotary, the Alex de Tocqueville Society, the Colorado Uplift and Freedom Foundation, and is chairman of Profile Colorado and the Republican Leadership Program. He was appointed to the State Senate in 1987 and elected to full term in 1988. He served as chairman of the Senate Finance Committee and vice chairman of the Education Committee, and as a member of the Judiciary Committee. In 1986 he attempted to run against Congressman Ken Kramer for the U.S. Senate seat relinquished by Gary Hart. The bid failed. Considine is married to the former Betsy Callaway. She is daughter of Howard "Bo" Callaway, former secretary of the Army, former Georgia congressman, former Colorado Republican Party Chairman. She is an instructor at the University of Denver with degrees from Duke and Harvard. The couple have three children: Hollis, Tay, and Tizzie.

PROFILE:

Considine resigned from the Colorado Senate in 1992 in order to run for the U.S. Senate. He was active but not particularly popular with his own colleagues. After a bill to limit terms was killed in the Legislature, Considine took the issue to the people and got overwhelming support in the 1990 election. The limitation program was put in place as a constitutional amendment. He also passed legislation on privatization OK'ing portions of the Regional Transportation District bus lines -- also not particularly popular, since it led to the discontinuation of certain unprofitable terminals. He also drafted clean air legislation and worked for political reform, educational funding, environmental bills and legal reform. A wealthy businessman, Considine is chairman of the Cairn Investment Co. in Denver and is a rancher in Carbondale. In a horseback accident in 1981, at his ranch, Considine was nearly paralyzed and underwent several surgeries on his back. He campaigned in 1992 with the help of a crutch. Cairn Investment got involved in properties owned by the troubled Silverado Banking, Savings and Loan, found they could not make any money on the two apartment complexes in Denver, and turned the properties back, drawing criticism from Democrats and a demand from that party's chairman, Howard Gelt, that Considine quit the race. The Federal Deposit Insurance Corp. has disqualified Considine's firms from managing any more thrift properties.

Considine says he will appeal. Simultaneously, Considine was in trouble with his neighbors in Carbondale when he refused to grant them access across his land to reach property they had bought years ago for investment purposes. They had not had access then, either. Considine offered what he said was a fair price for their property. Considine is anti-abortion, costing him some support in his own GOP; supports privatization of certain government programs; supports voucher programs for schools. Considine says he is confident that

privatization of selected government services can save at least \$40 billion. "My challenge is to articulate for voters that the race is about none of these things -- abortion, for example -- but whether there should be a different direction for the country. That may not be a winning issue, but that's what I'm about. There is, out there, a vote for the status quo, however."

PRIOR-CAMPAIGNS:

He was appointed to the State Senate in 1987 and elected to full term in 1988. He served as chairman of the Senate Finance Committee and vice chairman of the Education Committee, and as a member of the Judiciary Committee. In 1986 he attempted to run against Congressman Ken Kramer for the U.S. Senate seat relinquished by Gary Hart. The bid failed. Considine was rejected at the GOP state convention. Tim Wirth then defeated Kramer for the seat, but some Republicans still resent what they thought was a premature bid by Considine. Considine shut out four challengers in this year's effort and had no primary election opposition. He trailed Democratic Congressman Ben Nighthorse Campbell throughout the 1992 campaign.

MEMORANDUM

TO: SENATOR DOLE
FROM: DAVID WARDROP
DATE: OCTOBER 3, 1992
RE: Colorado Update

A. POLITICAL UPDATE

After the Democrat primary, Ben Campbell held a huge lead of at least 30% over Terry Considine. That lead has been reduced to single digits in most polls due to Considine's new-found ability to get the voters to focus on Campbell the politician and not Campbell the Native-American, Olympian, pony-tail wearing all around good-guy.

The Considine campaign has been running spots attacking a trip that Campbell took to Alaska at Chevron's expense, followed by a commercial attacking Ben for missing many votes while refusing to debate because of his "heavy Congressional schedule". Campbell's current commercial has him defending his trip to Alaska. The Campbell people feel much more comfortable running their Horatio Alger commercials that they used in the primary.

The landscape in the beginning of October is much different than one month ago. At that time, it was Considine who was reeling from charges regarding his connection with S & L's, his mountain property and taking a contribution from Ivan Boesky. That's changed now and it's clear that it's Campbell who's on the defensive.

After a couple of debates that didn't go his way, Campbell is now threatening not to debate again because of all the "negative campaigning from Considine".

TERRY CONSIDINE

Terry Considine, a Colorado businessman, is calling for a new agenda of political and economic reform. Considine says that Coloradans are concerned about the economy and politics, and they are unhappy with the Senate that they see. Considine, who led the successful term limitation initiative in the 1990 election, calls for a series of fundamental reforms to restore confidence in government and to foster jobs and economic opportunity for all Coloradans.

Terry's "new reform agenda" calls for reducing taxes on families; injecting competitive business practices in government services; greater incentives for savings, investment and new technology; reforming welfare to be a springboard to self reliance; making health care available and affordable to all Coloradans by controlling costs and encouraging healthy behaviors; balancing the budget by controlling spending through a balanced budget constitutional amendment; providing educational excellence through choice and restructured schools; offering seniors productive and dignified lives by eliminating forced retirements and the earnings penalty; maintaining a strong and cost effective national defense; reinvigorating voluntary institutions to meet human needs; and eliminating the "exclusionary rule" which provides that when the police make a mistake the criminal goes free.

But most of all, Considine says that America needs political reform. He says there needs to be term limits on the whole Congress, no perks or pensions for Congress that are unavailable to all Americans, no exceptions from Congress from the law of the land, and rotation of members among standing committees to lift the dead hand of seniority.

Terry has been a leader in grass roots organizations. In 1985 he organized Colorado FITE (Families to Increase Tax Exemptions), a nonpartisan organization formed to encourage an ease of the tax burden of families by supporting an increase in the personal tax exemption. He also helped found and serves as Chairman of the Republican Leadership Program, a year-long leadership development class now in its fourth year which has served hundreds of Colorado Republicans, and of Coloradans Back In Charge, a grassroots government reform organization that ran Colorado's term limit campaign.

With the success of the term limit initiative, Terry Considine formed and now chairs a national organization- Americans Back In Charge- which is actively working on term limit campaigns in such states as Florida, Arizona, and Texas.

Considine was appointed to the Colorado State Senate in August, 1987 to fill the unexpired term of Sen. Martha Ezzard who resigned. He was reelected without opposition in 1988. His record in the Senate shows how he worked for efficiency in government, protecting the environment, political reform, legal reform, tax reform, healthcare, education, and empowering the homeless.

REP. BEN NIGHTHORSE CAMPBELL

Campbell is the eighth Indian ever to serve in Congress. On policy he supports the Animas-LaPlata water project, despite environmental objections, and he defends the water rights of Western Slope ranchers and mining interests against the thirst of Denver. He voted for the constitutional amendment to allow banning of flag-burning and against gun control. He voted to enforce UN sanctions in the Persian Gulf and against Patricia Schroeder's mandated family leave bill.

Campbell won the seat in a 1986 upset over freshman Republican Michael Strang. In 1988 and 1990, he won with 78% and 70%; even at the lower figure he carried every county. Campbell says he supports term limits on elected public officials.

B. SURVEY DATA

	9/27 HILL/NRSC	9/20 PMR
CONSIDINE ID		
Aware	91	92
Favorable	51	38
Unfavorable	29	26
CAMPBELL ID		
Aware	93	94
Favorable	60	43
Unfavorable	27	21
BALLOT		
Considine	39	39
Campbell	48	50

C. FINANCIAL UPDATE

	On Hand:	Gross (Cycle)
Republican: Terry Considine	\$200,000 (9/30)	\$1,220,178
Democrat: Ben Campbell	\$81,577 (6/30)	\$252,353

D ORGANIZATION

Campaign Chairman: Bill Armstrong
Campaign Manager: Dick Wadhams
General Consultant: Dick Morris
Media: Walt Klein
Polling: David Hill
Finance Chair: Ryal Poppa

E. STATE INFORMATION

1. Population: 3,294,384
2. Voter Identification: 34% Republican
31% Democrat
35% Unaffiliated
3. U.S. Congress: Senate 2 D and 0 R/ House 3 R and 3 D
4. Legislature: Senate 23 R and 12 D/ House 38 R and 27 D
5. Elections:

1988 Presidential	Bush	53%	Dukakis	45%
1984 Presidential	Reagan	63%	Mondale	35%
6. Major Media Markets

Denver	76%
Grand Junction	5%
Col, Springs/Pueblo	17%
Albuquerque	3%
Salt lake City	0.1%
6. Political Leadership:

Governor: Roy Romer (D)
Lt. Governor: Mike Callihan (D)
U.S. Senator: Hank Brown (R)
U.S. Senator: Tim Wirth (D)
defeated Ken Kramer 50% to 48%
Wirth \$3,787,202; Kramer \$3,785,577

COLORADO STOP

Denver

The 1st District, home to virtually all of Denver's half-million residents, is one of the few Democratic congressional strongholds in the Rocky Mountain region. Hispanics and blacks make up about one-third of the District's population, and there is a strong liberal white-collar element.

A heavy Democratic vote in Denver often bails out the party's statewide candidates. In 1990, Denver was one of the few jurisdictions that Democratic Senate candidate Josie Heath was able to carry in her unsuccessful challenge to Republican Hank Brown.

But with Denver's highly mobile population and the historic absence of a political machine, party roots are not deep and Democratic majorities are not always reliable. Mondale and Dukakis won Denver, as did Ronald Reagan.

Denver's population dropped slightly in the 1980s, but the city retains its place as the Rocky Mountains' business center with its regional energy operations, federal government agencies and busy schedule of takeoffs and landings at Stapleton Airport, which will soon be replaced with a more modern facility.

Despite its scenic locale and casual attractive lifestyle, Denver has serious problems. It is bedeviled by racial tensions, serious air pollution and an oil-dependent roller-coaster economy just beginning to climb out from the wreckage of the mid 1980s oil price crash. Local businessmen are hoping the new multibillion-dollar airport and a new 40,000-seat baseball stadium for the expansion Colorado Rockies will help return the "Queen City of the Plains" to its full economic splendor.

The 1st is represented by 10-term Democrat Pat Schroeder. She has consistently won with 60% or better since 1976 and will most likely gain that much this time around. Republican Ray Aragon will take on Schroeder.

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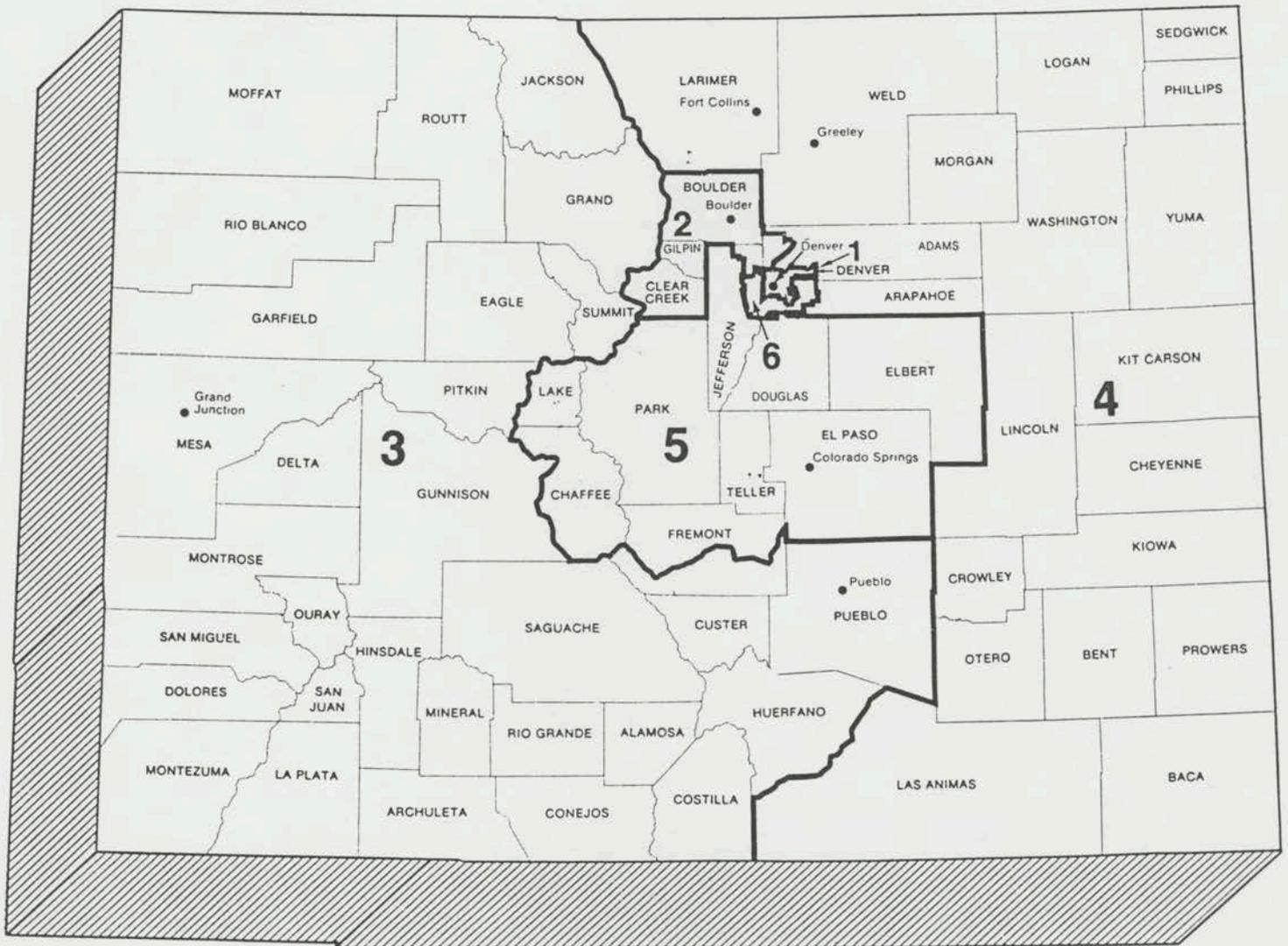
**1992 COLORADO REDISTRICTING
 CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICTS***

Dist	Incumbent	Persons	Dev	New CD 90 GOP Reg	Old CD 90 GOP Reg	Diff % 90 GOP Reg	% Afr-Am	% Hisp
1	Schroeder (D)	549,068	2	25%	24%	1%	12%	3%
2	Skaggs (D)	549,072	6	29%	29%	0%	1%	3%
3	Campbell (D) retired	549,062	-4	34%	33%	1%	1%	2%
4	Allard (R)	549,070	4	37%	37%	0%	1%	2%
5	Hefley (R)	549,066	0	43%	42%	1%	5%	3%
6	Schaefer (R)	549,056	-10	38%	36%	2%	3%	3%
Totals / Averages		3,294,394		34%			4%	3%

* Partisan data are approximations and useful only as indicators.

NRCC REDISTRICTING

COLORADO

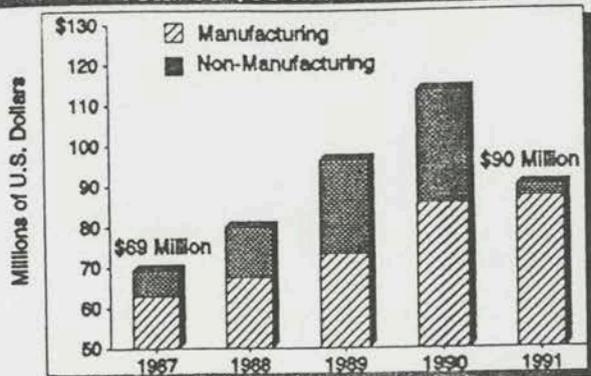


COLORADO EXPORTS & JOBS

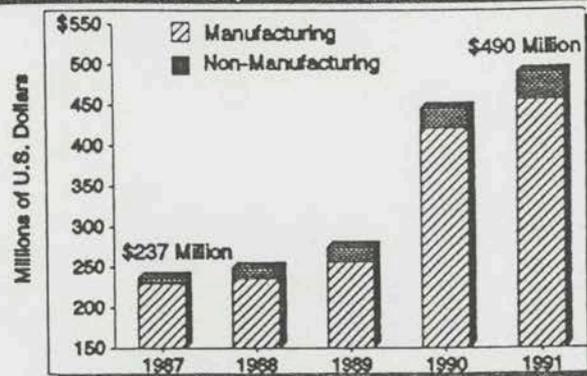


THE NORTH AMERICAN FREE TRADE AGREEMENT

**Colorado's Merchandise Exports to Mexico
Totalled \$90 Million in 1991**



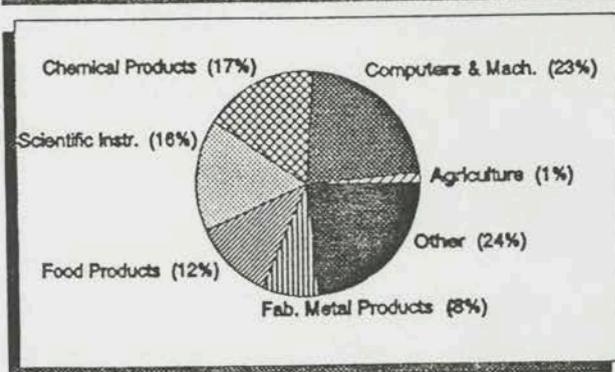
**Colorado's Merchandise Exports to Canada
Totalled \$490 Million in 1991**



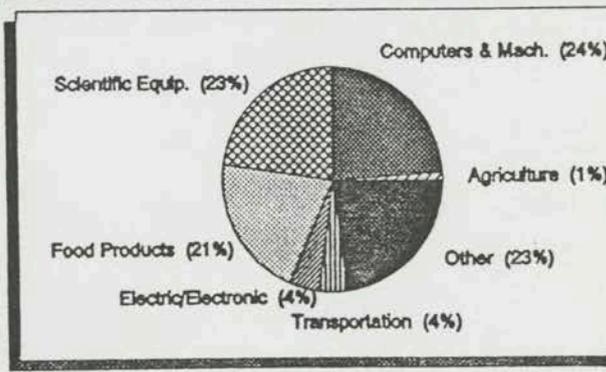
Manufactured exports accounted for 94 percent of Colorado's \$580 million in exports to Canada and Mexico in 1991, and supported an estimated 15,400 jobs.

- Colorado's sales to Mexico and Canada accounted for 20 percent of the state's total exports.
- Since 1987, Colorado's exports to Mexico have grown 30 percent; exports to Canada have more than doubled.
- Canada and Mexico are now Colorado's first- and tenth-largest export markets.
- An estimated 4,150 new jobs have been created by growth in Colorado's manufactured exports to our North American trade partners since 1987.

Composition of Colorado's Exports to Mexico 1991: Total \$90 Million



Composition of Colorado's Exports to Canada 1991: Total \$490 Million



RNC

COLORADO

REPUBLICAN ELECTED OFFICIALS

Constitutional Offices:

Secretary of State **NATALIE MEYER**
Attorney General **GAIL NORTON**

Congressional Delegation:

U.S. Senate

HANK BROWN (R), next election 1996

U.S. House of Representatives

3 R, 3 D

WAYNE ALLARD (R-04)

JOEL HEFLEY (R-05)

DAN SCHAEFER (R-06)

Congressman **BEN NIGHTHORSE CAMPBELL (D-03)** is running for the U.S. Senate seat vacated by **TIM WIRTH (D)**..

State Legislature:

State Senate: 23 R
12 D

TED STRICKLAND is the Speaker of the Senate; the Majority Leader is **JEFFREY WELLS**.

State House: 38 R
27 D

The Speaker of the House is **CHARLES E. "CHUCK" BERRY**. The Majority Leader is **SCOTT MCINNIS**.

COLORADO

1992 PARTY STRUCTURE

STATE PARTY

Committee Members:

Chairman BRUCE BENSON

Elected: March 1987

Re-elected: March 1991

Next Election: March 1993

BENSON served as State Chairman and regional Finance chairman for the Bush-Quayle '92 campaign prior to becoming the State Victory '92 Chairman. Benson is a Team 100 Member. He was appointed Chairman of the Contest Committee for the 1992 National Convention and was elected Chairman of the Western State Chairman Association Region in June, 1991. He is the president and owner of the Benson Mineral Group.

National Committeeman JIM NICHOLSON

Elected: March 1986

Re-elected: May 1992

Next Election: June 1996

NICHOLSON has been on the Budget Committee for four years. He works with the Hispanic and black Outreach programs of the Colorado GOP and assists with fundraising. He also served as a Recorder for the RNC Rules Committee. Nicholson was unopposed for re-election at the May 30th State Convention. He was elected Vice Chairman of the RNC Western States Chairmen's Association in August, 1992.

National Committeewoman MARY DAMBMAN

Elected: May 1992

Next Election: June 1996

DAMBMAN is a former state legislator currently serving as vice-chair of the State party. She has traveled the state extensively over the past year speaking on behalf of the Party.

Party Leaders/Key Figures in State:

Former Senator **WILLIAM ARMSTRONG**

Bush-Quayle '92 Leadership:

Co-Chairman GLORIA GONZALEZ ROEMER

Co-Chairman ED JONES

Co-Chairman KEN CHLOUBER

Honorary Chairman HANK BROWN

Honorary Chairman JOEL HEFLEY

Honorary Chairman WAYNE ALLARD

Honorary Chairman DAN SCHAEFER

Honorary Chairman WILLIAM ARMSTRONG

Victory '92 Leadership:

Chairman, BRUCE BENSON

Finance Chairman & Executive Director: JUNE WEISS

Executive Director: HUGH HATCHER

Vice Chairman: SHERMAN HAMILTON

State Party Overview:

The Colorado State Party has a very aggressive staff which raises a lot of money to help legislative and constitutional candidates.

The state party underwent several staff changes in 1991 and 1992. University of Colorado Regent KATHY ARNOLD took over responsibilities as the Executive Director. The state party has a staff of about 10 people who aggressively recruit and train legislative candidates. The party has its own computer system.

Financial Status:

GOP Chairman BRUCE BENSON raises most of the money for the state GOP. In 1990, he raised over \$1 million for the party from events with President Bush and former President Reagan. The state party plans to raise over \$2 million in 1992.

COLORADO

POLITICAL LANDSCAPE

ELECTION UPDATE

1992 Ballot:

President/Vice President

U.S. Senate: OPEN (D) SEAT

U.S. Congress - 6 seats

No Constitutional offices

All State House - 65 seats

1/2 of State Senate - 17 seats

Referendum concerning the rights of crime victims

Referendum requiring electorate approval for limited gaming on or after Nov. 3, 1992

Proposed constitutional amendment repealing obsolete constitutional provisions

Proposed constitutional amendment requiring voter approval for tax increases

Tax limitation initiative

Proposed constitutional amendment regarding "Protected status" for Gays and Lesbians

Proposed constitutional amendment to alter the limited gaming measure in Trinidad
and surrounding areas

Proposed constitutional amendment to permit limited gaming in certain areas/allocation
of gaming revenues

Proposed constitutional amendment to permit limited gaming in the town of Parachute

Proposed constitutional amendment providing educational standards and assessments for
public schools

Proposed constitutional amendment authorizing educational appropriated general
revenue monies to be issued in the form of student vouchers

Proposed constitutional amendment creating the Great Outdoors Colorado Program

Proposed constitutional amendment proposing gaming in the Central Platte Valley area
and imposing a surtax on proceeds to the city of Denver

Proposed constitutional amendment to further the protection of black bears

1992 Electoral College Votes: 8

Political Environment/Overview:

The Presidential Primary was held March 3. The results were as follows:

1992 Republican Presidential Preference Primary

Bush	132,049	67%	Delegates=26
Buchanan	58,730	30	Delegates=11
Uncomm/other	4,894	2	

1992 Democrat Presidential Preference Primary

Brown	68,958	29%
Clinton	64,270	27
Tsongas	61,254	26
Kerry	29,499	12
Harkin	5,847	2
Uncomm.	5,401	2
Other	580	0

A poll reported in *The Hotline* conducted September 18-20 for KMGH-TV by Political/Media Research, surveyed 813 likely voters; margin of error: +/- 3.5%, produced the following results:

2-WAY		3-WAY	
Bush	40%	Bush	37%
Clinton	49	Clinton	39
Undecided	11	Perot	13

A poll reported in *The Hotline* conducted September 14-18 by Ciruli & Associates, surveyed 451 registered voters; margin of error: +/- 4.6%, produced the following results:

3-WAY	
Bush	39%
Clinton	46
Perot	2
Don't know/other	13

U.S. Senate:

This spring, incumbent Democratic Senator **TIM WIRTH** surprised virtually everyone by announcing that he would not be seeking re-election. Prior to his announcement, five Republicans, (**TERRY CONSIDINE**, **KEN CHLOUBER**, **SAM ZAKHEM**, **DOUG FAIN**, AND **JOHN DONLEY**) announced their intent to seek the party's nomination and the right to challenge what most considered a vulnerable incumbent senator.

At the state convention, State Senator **TERRY CONSIDINE** won the endorsement of the party and was the only candidate to garner the necessary 30% support to qualify for the ballot. Until three weeks prior to the convention, most expected a spirited challenge from former Ambassador to Bahrain **SAM ZAHKEM**. However, his campaign was plagued with problems in the final weeks.

With Wirth's retirement, several Democrats threw their hats in the ring. At the Democratic State Convention, two candidates, Congressman **BEN NIGHTHORSE CAMPBELL** and former Senator **DICK LAMM** qualified for the ballot with the required 30% support. A third person, '90 Senate candidate **JOSIE HEATH**, qualified for the ballot via petition route after she failed to garner the necessary 30% support at the convention. In the final weeks prior to the August 11 primary virtually all the opinion polls showed Campbell with a comfortable lead. Campbell went on to easily win the primary. Although Campbell is somewhat difficult to peg on a philosophical spectrum the race between he and Considine should be a classic battle of liberal vs conservative.

A poll reported in *The Hotline* conducted September 14-18 for 9-News by Ciruli & Associates, surveyed 451 registered voters; margin of error: +/- 4.6%, produced the following results:

Campbell	50%
Considine	39

1992 Primary Results:

U. S. Senate - Democratic Primary

Ben Nighthorse Campbell	45%
Dick Lamb	36
Josie Heath	18

Republican U. S. Senate candidate **TERRY CONSIDINE** was unopposed.

Considine is best known for his sponsorship of the state's successful term limit initiative in 1990. Considine had raised only a token amount of money at the end of 1991. However, he will benefit from Senate GOP help, since the National Republican Senatorial Committee had targeted Wirth.

A poll reported in *The Hotline* conducted on September 27 for the National Republican Senatorial Committee and the Considine campaign by Hill Research, surveyed 500 registered voters; margin of error: +/- 4.5%, produced the following results:

Ben Nighthorse Campbell	48%
Terry Considine	39

Key Congressional Races:

Five of the six incumbent members of Congress are seeking re-election. The sixth, Ben Nighthorse Campbell, is running for the Senate, thus leaving his 3rd Congressional seat open. State Representative SCOTT MCINNIS is the Republican seeking the seat and Lt. Governor MIKE CALLIHAN is the Democrat. McInnis is one of the NRCC's top targets.

The only Congressional primary race was in the 2nd district between Republicans BRIAN DAY, an Arvada minister who is pro-life, and SHARON KLUSMAN, a strong party activist who is pro-choice. Day defeated Klusman in the August 11 primary 51% to 49%. Klusman entered the primary battle after CAROL TAYLOR-LITTLE dropped out of the race after a Denver District Judge ruled in late May that she was ineligible because she had not been registered in Colorado the necessary two months prior to the filing deadline.

Day is expected to give a very strong challenge to incumbent DAVID SKAGGS (D), who won his primary against Jim Herrington, 79% - 21%.

The other congressional matchups are as follows:

1st Congressional District: PAT SCHROEDER (D)
RAYMOND DIAZ ARAGON (R)

4th Congressional District WAYNE ALLARD (R)
TOM REDDER (D)

5th Congressional District JOEL HEFLEY (R)
CHARLES ORIEZ (D)

6th Congressional District DAN SCHAEFER (R)
TOM KOLBE (D)

Republicans hope to gain at least one Congressional seat in 1992.

Other races:

Denver voters elected WELLINGTON WEBB, one of two black Democrat candidates, as Mayor on June 17, 1991.

10/5/92

COLORADO STATE STATISTICS

POPULATION: 3,294,394
Largest City: Denver (467,610)
Second Largest: Colorado Springs (281,140)
Third Largest: Aurora (222,103)

GOVERNOR: Roy Romer (D) elected 1986
next election - 1994

SENATORS: Wirth (Boulder) and Brown (Greeley)

DEMOGRAPHICS: 88% White, 81% Urban, & 19% Rural

MEDIAN FAMILY INCOME: \$21,276 (12th)

VIOLENT CRIME RATE: 471 per 100,000 (27th)

COLORADO

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Co-Chairman

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Mon., Oct. 5, 1992 Rocky Mountain News

Campbell lacks punch, say critics

Senate candidate goes on defensive in campaign against GOP's Considine, worrying some Democrats

By Thaddeus Herrick

Rocky Mountain News Political Writer

A growing number of Democrats are uneasy as Ben Nighthorse Campbell, their front-running Senate nominee, employs a defensive strategy that is widely seen as lacking a clear message.

Slipping in the polls with about a month left until the election, Campbell has limited his Colorado appearances and has declined at least six offers to debate Republican Terry Considine.

Moreover, Democrats outside the Campbell campaign are concerned that the candidate has not broadened his message beyond his compelling biography.

Without a better-articulated platform, those Democrats say, their candidate could lose.

All this comes at a time when Considine's campaign, beset by ties to the



savings and loan crisis and accusations that he dodged the Vietnam draft, nonetheless has moved within striking distance.

"Considine is closing the gap despite his bad press," said Jim Carpenter, an aide to Democratic Sen. Tim Wirth who keeps a close eye on the race for his boss' job. "I think there's some nervousness the seat could be lost."

Still, the Democrats concede that Campbell, an American Indian who rose from the ranks of poverty, pursued a primary election strategy similar to his current one and scored a resounding victory in August.

"Somebody in his campaign is whispering, 'Don't rock the boat, the tide is with you,'" said former Gov. Dick Lamm, who lost to Campbell in the primary. "But it's worked."

However, some political observers say that running down the clock involves risks. One is that Considine, who has presented himself as an agent of economic and political change, will

represent the clearer choice for voters.

Part of the problem, political observers say, is that Campbell's strategy relies heavily on television advertising designed for the primary and rebuttals to Considine's barrage of attacks.

"It's nothing more than 'who I am; it's not true; and shame on you,'" said Eric Sondermann, a Denver Democratic consultant. "The piece that has to come out is 'what I'm about; why I'm running.'"

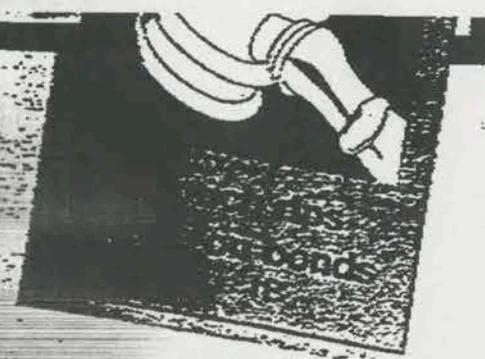
Campbell aides had promised to introduce a more substantive element to the campaign after the primary. But Campbell himself told the *Rocky Mountain News* last week that his message is simply that he wants children to have it better than he did.

Still, political observers say such a vague social agenda could give Campbell the edge in the race — especially if he hones it to include his support for both abortion rights and a government that fights for working people.

"The Campbell people have a challenge," said Sondermann. "But there's still time for a message."



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Campbell's 'absence' assailed

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Congressman Ben Nighthorse Campbell was absent or voted by proxy for 76 percent of the recorded committee votes in the two House committees he served on, according to the Congressional Quarterly.

The counts were done by the independent publication at the request of a consultant working for Republican Terry Considine, Campbell's opponent in the race for the U.S. Senate.

Congressional Quarterly staff members said there is no congressional average on voting in committee, but The Daily Sentinel compared Campbell's absentee record and use of proxies with

Numbers wrong, congressman says; Considine: Campbell not doing his job

other members of the same committees, including two representatives from Colorado, one from Utah and one from Wyoming. The survey includes 97 votes over the past four years.

Democrat Campbell's absentee record or use of proxy on the House Interior Committee was much higher than that of fellow Coloradans Joel Hefley and Wayne Allard, both Republicans. Allard was absent or voted by proxy 26 percent of the time, while Hefley

was absent or used proxy 37 percent.

Campbell also did worse than fellow Democrats Wayne Owens of Utah, who was absent or used proxies 39 percent of the time, and John Lewis of Georgia, who was absent or used proxies 43 percent of the time. Republican Craig Thomas of Wyoming, was absent or used proxies 49 percent of the time.

Considine has already attacked Campbell for missing votes on the

House floor. The new information backs up his argument that Campbell isn't doing his job, Considine said.

"For \$130,000 a year, a congressman ought to show up for work," he said.

Considine's campaign manager, Dick Wadhams, said the numbers, when included with Campbell's missed votes this year on the House floor, "show a consistent pattern of neglect of duties as a congressman. His low attendance

in representing his constituents on two very important committees is disturbing."

Campbell's campaign spokesman, Tom Smith, called the latest release typical of what he termed Considine campaign distortions.

"As I have the entire campaign, I seriously doubt the veracity of Considine's mathematics," he said. "Here we go again. It's another red herring by Considine and his sidekick, Dick Wadhams. People are fed up with their distortions that don't allow people to see the truth."

The main problem with the numbers is that they're including proxy votes the same as absences, Smith said.

"House rules allow members to vote in committee by proxy,"



Campbell

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he said. And because Campbell's two committees, Agriculture and Interior, frequently meet at the
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me time, he often must choose which has the most important issue, then send a staffer to give his proxy vote to another member at the second committee, Smith said.

"I challenge Terry Considine to include the proxy votes, and perhaps we can get to the truth," he said.

But even if one counts proxy votes as actual votes, Campbell had a higher absentee record than most of the other members whose records were examined.

He was absent for 19 percent of the recorded votes in both committees over the past four years. Most of the others were absent less than 10 percent of the time, and Allard wasn't absent a single time. Of

those examined, only Hefley had a worse record, being absent 30 percent of the time.

"The bottom line is that their defense is spoken like that of a true incumbent," Wadhams said. "Ultimately, it's not defensible that Campbell has been absent from his committee responsibilities.

"I find it incredible that they would count proxies as votes," he added. "Giving away one's vote is not representing Colorado.

"One needs only compare the exemplary records of two of his colleagues, Joel Hefley and Wayne Allard, to see the difference."

Considine gains momentum as Campbell's lead shrinks

By Fred Brown
 Denver Post Political Editor

In Colorado's increasingly bitter U.S. Senate race, Democrat Ben Nighthorse Campbell continues to lead Republican Terry Considine, but by a dwindling margin.

The latest Denver Post/News 4 Poll shows that the Democratic congressman's seemingly invincible lead — as high as 32 percentage points in one of Considine's own early polls — is down to 16 points.



That's still considerable, but

Campbell's comfort zone is shrinking. Talk has even begun that if he doesn't step up his campaign, he might be in danger of blowing it.

"He seems so colossally disengaged," said Bob Hoffert, a political scientist at Colorado State University.

The new survey, conducted by Talmey-Drake Research & Strategy of Boulder the last week of September, shows Campbell favored by 51 percent of the 517 registered voters polled, compared with 35 percent for Considine. Fourteen



Denver Post file photo

IN TROUBLE? Ben Nighthorse Campbell's lead has been cut in half.

percent are undecided.

Other recent polls have shown Campbell ahead by only 7 to 9 percentage points.

Some political experts wonder if Considine could do to Campbell what Campbell did to former Gov. Dick Lamm in the Aug. 11 Democratic primary.

Lamm, a very appealing politician with a huge lead in early

polls, was brought down because Campbell supporters outworked him and capitalized on the controversies Lamm had stirred up over the years — blunt statements that gave Lamm a stubborn negative image among some traditional and very committed Democratic constituency groups.

"There's no doubt about it," said Considine's campaign manager, Dick Wadhams. "The momentum is clearly ours, and Campbell is stagnant."

Considine has plenty of credibility problems of his own, but in recent weeks he has deflected negative media attention with an effective counterattack, especially on Campbell's incumbency and his taking a trip to Alaska on an oil company's tab.

And Campbell, inevitably, has begun to get more press scrutiny — for debates he avoids, votes he has missed in Congress, whether his jewelry business stretches House rules on outside income. Even his Korean War stories and the extent of his American Indian heritage have come under question.

Campbell's response has been to defend himself instead of attacking Considine.

"Campbell is acting as though

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SENATE RACE

■ If the election were held today, which of these two candidates would you vote for:

Ben Campbell.....51%
Terry Considine.....35%
Undecided.....14%

Source: Talmey-Drake Research & Strategy Inc. Random telephone interviews with 517 registered Colorado voters, Sept. 24-30, 1992. Margin of error plus or minus 4.4%

EARLIER: May July Aug.
Campbell.....51% 55% 54%
Considine.....30% 26% 33%
Undecided...19% 19% 13%

Considine cutting into Campbell lead

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he is the issue," said Hoffert, an associate dean and associate professor of political science at CSU.

Lynn Ellins, a Denver-based pollster and consultant, agrees. "Terry is doing some very effective television. He started early and he hasn't let up, and he's had a variety of messages.

"I don't think Campbell has effectively countered the media blitz. You just don't have the sense that Campbell's present in the campaign," Ellins added.

Considine has been advertising on television since before the primary, even though he didn't have a Republican opponent to face in that August election.

"It is a very heavy buy; there's no doubt about it," said Wadhams. But Considine's campaign manager argues that Campbell has had a comparable buy since he went on the air in the past couple of weeks, and it reflects in the better poll numbers for Campbell.

Campbell has used much of his television time to defend himself against Considine's attack ad on the Alaska trip. Front-running candidates normally don't feel they have to go on the defensive, but Campbell's campaign in the primary also had hair-trigger reactions to criticism. And now Considine's latest ads call attention to that Campbell trait.

Considine has more money to buy advertising. As of July 22, the last official reporting period, Considine had raised nearly three times as much as Campbell — \$783,000 to \$270,000.

Campbell's missed debates and defensiveness didn't hurt him in the three-way Democratic primary, but he may have profited from a comparatively low turnout that gave an edge to anti-Lamm votes.

"It's almost like he assumes the race was the primary and that that took care of everything," said CSU's Hoffert.

Hoffert also said other candidates have said they don't think Campbell is effectively leading the Democratic ticket. Instead of his energizing their campaigns, they feel they must bolster his campaign.

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Considine says Senate campaign targeted on lowering taxes

By PETER STRESCINO

The Pueblo Chieftain

When he was born 45 years ago, families were taxed at 2 percent of their incomes, U.S. Senate candidate Terry Considine said Monday.

Presently, he told the weekly meeting of Pueblo Rotary 43, American families pay almost a quarter of their income to the government.

"And since 1970, the average income of Colorado families has grown just 6 percent," he said.

"The single driving force in my election to the Senate is to lower the taxes that parents have to pay, particularly single-parent families who do not have enough money to pay the bills."

Every dollar that working parents pay in taxes is money that they need for mortgages, college educations and retirements, Considine said.

"So we need to find a way to lower taxes on parents, so families

can find a way to function better in our country," he said. "Let people have their own money."

The best way to allow people to keep their money is for government to cut spending, he said.

"This Congress will spend more money this year than the United States spent from its inception through the first year of John F. Kennedy's presidency," Considine said. "They are mortgaging our future."

"More government spending means stagnation. Only in Cuba, North Korea and the U.S. Congress do people think that more government spending is good."

Considine said he will support a line-item veto for the president and would like to see the Grace Commission recommendations on government efficiency implemented.

One item that could be excised with a line-item veto, he said, would be a \$100 million annual subsidy to the National Helium

Reserve, established in 1929 to make sure the nation had enough helium for its hot-air balloons.

"We would also save \$40 billion by privatization of services, without cutting a single program," he said. "And it was odd to cut back Individual Retirement Accounts. We need more savings."

To do any and all of these things, the first step will be to change the Congress, Considine said.

"Political reform is the most important movement in America," he said. "We spend an average of \$5 million on every congressman. We need to cut that in half."

"Leadership is by example. But with our budget deficit spinning out of control since 1985, the Congress led by doubling their salaries during that time."

Considine said the pay of congressmen should be cut 10 percent for every year the national budget is out of balance.

Cutting regulations on businesses would help even more than cutting taxes, he said.

Considine is best known for his drive to limit terms of Colorado's state and federal elected officials. He said if he gets to the U.S. Senate, the first thing he will propose will be a constitutional amendment to limit terms.

"But in fact, (his opponent for the Senate, U.S. Rep.) Ben Campbell voted to spend tax dollars to fight term limitations. We need to get back to citizen legislators. Then they need to come home and live under the laws they passed."

He predicted that, after the November election, 35 percent of the states will have term-limitation laws, some more restrictive than Colorado's first-in-the-nation legislation.

During his speech, Considine said Coloradans have a clear choice between him and Campbell, the Democrats' choice to succeed retiring Sen. Tim Wirth.

"He has been rated the biggest spender in the Colorado delegation, bigger than (U.S. Rep.) Pat Schroeder and (U.S. Rep.) David Skaggs," he said. "I was rated the most frugal while in the Colorado Senate."

Considine also said he wants to debate Campbell, but accused Campbell of avoiding the issue.

If he could pick one small nugget from Campbell's voting record and his own philosophy of governance to show the differences between them, Considine said, it would be the \$80,206 Campbell and others agreed to spend for U.S. Capitol elevator operators to push the buttons on the automatic elevators in the building.

"Congressmen ought to be able to pick for themselves the floor of their goal," he said. "And in the overall budget, \$80,000 is a small amount."

"But stop and think about the families who really need that money."



Candidate Terry Considine
... addresses Rotary Club

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Considine closing the gap, poll shows

Results suggest TV ads have wooed moderates in Denver area, where Campbell has faltered

By Thaddeus Herrick

Rocky Mountain News Political Writer

A new poll shows Republican Terry Considine within striking distance of Democrat Ben Night-horse Campbell with just under

five weeks left in the Senate race.

Considine has cut Campbell's lead by more than half, from 32 percentage points in August to 11 this month, according to a KUSA 9Voter Poll released Tuesday. Campbell leads Considine 50% to 39%, with 11% undecided.

In early August, a KUSA 9Voter Poll showed Campbell leading 56% to 24%, with 20% undecided.

The narrowing of the race, for which the Campbell campaign has

braced, coincides with a barrage of TV advertising that attacks Campbell as a big-spending incumbent beholden to special interests.

That advertising, said Floyd Ciruli, whose Ciruli Associates conducted the poll, has helped Considine woo metro-area moderate Republicans, while Campbell is having difficulty consolidating his base in the Denver area.

"Campbell hasn't gelled here yet," said Ciruli. "Meanwhile,

Considine is bringing home some Republicans."

Democrats have expressed concern that Campbell is not tapping into the support of former Gov. Dick Lamm, who lost in the primary but beat Campbell in Jefferson and Arapahoe counties.

Considine leads in those Denver suburbs, as well as Colorado Springs and the plains. Ciruli's data show Campbell holds solid control of the Western Slope and

Pueblo, plus Boulder and Denver.

"It's a dramatic comeback," said Dick Wadhams, Considine's campaign manager.

Said Sherrie Wolff, Campbell's campaign manager: "It's going to be a close race."

The KUSA 9Voter Poll, taken Sept. 14-18, was a phone poll of 451 registered Colorado Democrats, Republicans and unaffiliated voters. The margin of error is 4.6percentage points.

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"Give light and the people

George, Ben ducking out?

THE ISSUE:
Bush, Campbell
both appear de-
bate-shy

OUR VIEW:
Voters deserve
as much give-
and-take as
possible

The way the president is hanging back from debates, you'd think he was 10 points ahead in the polls instead of 10 points behind. To break through a disgruntled electorate's flirtation with Bill Clinton-type "change," George Bush must step forward boldly and contrast his positions

with the voters.

In a somewhat analogous situation here in Colorado, Ben Nighthorse Campbell demanded last week that a media representative moderate future debates, Campbell's purpose being to avoid what he calls "mud-slinging events." The candidate's sensitivity was brought to the fore, he maintains, by a debate on the Western Slope, during which Campbell was forced to endure what he calls a "food fight."

with those of his opponent in front of the widest possible audience.

Campbell is being a little precious here. It so happens that political campaigns, as any politician should be aware, are affairs of the heart as well as of the mind, and that impassioned rhetoric is quite the norm.

Pollsters are finding a great many voters complaining that Bush is leading nowhere. But the fundamental source of their anxiety is a recession that has jolted public confidence, at a time when health and college costs are soaring and urban-decay breeds crime and illiteracy, raising fears about the future of the country.

It's also the case that as a member of Congress, Campbell should expect his opponent to attempt to make hash of his record. Which Terry Considine has attempted to do. Campbell seems to believe that attacks on his record are attacks on his person.

People are uneasy about the nation's problems: the economic adjustment under way, as military needs contract and foreign competition grows; the need for higher standards of education and more responsive government. Concern about meeting these challenges has resulted in a wide dissatisfaction with the present leadership. But do most voters understand either Bush's policies or the alternatives? It seems unlikely.

Sure, the Western Slope encounter was sharp, but it was hardly a howitzer battle. Campbell's demands that the candidates be protected by a media moderator deserve little more than a dismissive guffaw, if for no other reason than the fact that he showed up at a joint appearance Monday in which there was no media moderator. That debate also turned into a rough-and-tumble affair, but not through any fault of the non-media moderator, Federico Peña. It turned confrontational because the candidates chose to make it that way.

After the gulf war, when the president launched no Operation Domestic Storm, many people got the impression he thought the country could coast. Now, with five weeks to go before the election, Bush must demolish that impression if he hopes to win. Nationally televised debates are the best way to reach some 50 million viewers and to sharpen the contrast between the two contenders' policies.

Unfortunately, if Campbell maintains his current attitude, such head-to-head encounters may become a rare phenomenon during the remaining five weeks of the senate campaign.

Obvious as that seems, the president's handlers apparently prefer to argue with the Democrats over the format for debates. That concern is trivial compared with the president's urgent need to communicate

Politics ain't beanbag, the old saying goes, nor is it necessarily the best place to polish one's Emily Post skills. Sometimes, the clash of political ideas produces a few sparks, and — horrors! — an insult or two as well. Which is no reason to avoid political debate, especially if you're a politician.

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Campbell Admits He Embellished Korean War Record

By Glenn R. Simpson

The issue of military service has boomeranged on Rep. Ben Nighthorse Campbell, the Democratic Senate nominee in Colorado, who on Monday attacked his GOP opponent Terry Considine for receiving draft deferments during the Vietnam War.

The Rocky Mountain News yesterday reported that Campbell campaign literature falsely asserts the Congressman was trapped behind enemy lines for five weeks as a military policeman during the Korean War. "I was not trapped behind enemy lines," Campbell, who served in the Air Force in Korea from 1952 to 1953, acknowledged.

The admission is in stark contrast to an interview Campbell gave the Denver Post in 1982. "For a long time we didn't know where we were, and nobody else did either," he was quoted as saying at that time. Campbell said the erroneous history may have resulted from an incident in which his mother was unable to contact him for five weeks and thought he might have been captured or lost.

New polls show the race tightening for the open seat being vacated by Democratic Sen. Tim Wirth. A poll conducted Sept. 14 to 18 by a Denver television station, KUSA, gave Campbell an 11-point lead over Considine, 50 percent to 39 percent. And a poll conducted for the Considine campaign had essentially the same results, showing Campbell over Considine, 48 percent to 39 percent.

As the race heats up, the National Abortion Rights Action League has entered the fray, announcing an independent expenditure campaign against Considine, who opposes abortion rights. However, the group has declined to say how much it will spend.

The Hotline
October 2, 1992

HEADLINE: COLORADO: CONSIDINE TARGETED BY NARAL

The race between ex-state Sen. Terry Considine (R) and Rep. Ben Nighthorse Campbell (D-03) is "one of three nationwide being targeted" with independent expenditures by NARAL -- NY and MO being the others. NARAL pres. Kate Michelman said the race was selected "because the stakes are so high, the choice is so stark, and we are just one Supreme Court justice away from total criminal ban on abortion." Considine is strongly pro-life; Campbell is pro-choice. Considine manager Dick Wadhams: "They are an extremist organization, way out of the mainstream of Coloradans. What Coloradans are really concerned about is balancing the federal budget." Michelman "accused" Considine of "trying to downplay" abortion "because he is worried about the pro-choice vote turning out against him (Sanko, ROCKY MOUNTAIN NEWS, 9/30).

M.I.A. ON VOTES: Campbell's "voting attendance record slipped" from 74% to 70% during September, "even as he turned down requests for debates" with Considine, "citing a busy congressional schedule." Wadhams: "It's clear that Congressman Campbell was insincere when he claimed he could not debate because of the crush of congressional business." Campbell has "turned down six requests from Colorado civic organizations for October debates" (Herrick, ROCKY MOUNTAIN NEWS, 10/1). NEWS editorial: "If Campbell maintains his current attitude, such head-to-head encounters may become a rare phenomenon during the remaining five weeks of the campaign. ... Sometimes, the clash of political ideas produces a few sparks, and -- horrors! -- an insult or two as well. Which is no reason to avoid a political debate, especially if you're a politician" (9/30). Campbell released a response to an attack from Considine "warning the public that there may not be any more debates." Campbell listed debates he plans to attend: 10/21 in Denver, 10/27 in Pueblo and 10/30 in Denver taped for the following day (Release, 10/1).

MORE MILITARY: Campbell, who has "attacked" Considine as a "draft dodger" now "finds himself trying to clarify part of his own military history." At issue is a claim made in Campbell campaign literature and past interviews that while serving as an "air policeman during the Korean war," he and "a squad of soldiers were trapped behind enemy lines for five weeks." In '82, Campbell recounts the story, "For a long time we didn't know where we were, and nobody else did either." But in an interview 9/92, Campbell said that "although the area in which he served in Korea was never infiltrated by guerrillas, he never got closer than 9 miles to enemy lines." Campbell said the story was "confused with one in which a military postal error put him out of touch with his mother for five weeks" (Herrick, NEWS, 9/30).

The Hotline
September 30, 1992

HEADLINE: COLORADO: POLL SHOWS RACE TIGHTENING SINCE AUGUST

9-News poll, conducted 9/14-18 by Ciruli Assoc., surveyed 451 registered voters; margin of error +/- 4.6% (Ciruli release, 9/29). An internal Considine poll conducted 9/27 by Hill Research surveyed 500 RV's moe +/- 4.4%; subsample of 375 LV's; moe +/- 5.1% (Considine release, 9/29). Tested: Rep. Ben Nighthorse Campbell (D) and ex-State Sen. Terry Considine (R).

	CIRULI/9-News				CONSIDINE			
	NOW	8/92	FAV / UNFAV	RVs	LVs	FAV / UNFAV		
Campbell	50%	56%	55% / 19%	48%	47%	60% / 27%		
Considine	39	24	44 / 33	39	41	51 / 29		

DEBATE: Criticizing Considine on defaulting on loans from Silverado S&L and for past real estate dealings in Atlanta, Campbell "attacked" Considine" as a "Vietnam draft dodger" at a 9/28 debate: "I don't throw property back to the taxpayers for them to pick up the bill, I didn't run people out of their homes only to be called the buzzard of Peachtree Street ... and I darn sure didn't dodge the draft" (Herrick, ROCKY MOUNTAIN NEWS, 9/29). DENVER POST's Gavin reported the remark as "I damn sure didn't dodge the draft, either." The debate was held before the Petroleum Club, a group that favors expanded trade relations between CO and Mexico and invited the candidates to discuss NAFTA. Campbell opposes the agreement; Considine favors it. Campbell said "he hasn't enjoyed two fiery debates he has had with Considine," although "a third, on statewide (TV) was tamer." Campbell: "The first time I met with you, I felt like I had been thrown into a pit full of vipers" (9/29).

ALSO: Nat'l Taxpayers Union pres. David Keating wrote a letter to the the DENVER POST correcting the Campbell campaign's assertion that the group endorsed Considine: "We are a non-partisan, nonprofit organization and we do not endorse candidates for Congress" (9/29). NARAL will mount an independent expenditure campaign in CO to "identify and inform pro-choice Republicans and Independent throughout (CO) and mobilize the pro-choice vote" (NARAL release, 9/29).

The Hotline
September 24, 1992

HEADLINE: COLORADO: POLL SHOWS CONSIDINE WITHIN MARGIN

KMGH-TV poll, conducted 9/18-20 by Political/Media Research, surveyed 813 likely voters; margin of error +/- 3.5% (9/22).
Candidates: Rep. Ben Nighthorse Campbell (D-03), ex-state Sen. Terry Considine (R).

	ALL	DEM	GOP	IND	MEN	WOMEN	FAV/UNFAV	ID
Campbell	50%	71%	27%	54%	46%	54%	43%/ 21%	94%
Considine	43	22	67	38	45	41	38 / 26	92
Undec.	7	7	6	8	9	5		

ROCKY MOUNTAIN NEWS' Carroll on recent stories regarding Considine's dealings with Silverado S&L: "Terry Considine must shake his head sometimes and wonder whether he is running for office in Colorado or in Omsk, Russia. Where but in Omsk could the Republican candidate for the U.S. Senate have expected to encounter such ignorance of basic business realities as he has during the past few weeks?" (9/22). R.M. NEWS' Blake writes the first Campbell- Considine debate "resembled Lincoln-Douglas only if you're referring to heavyweight James 'Buster' Douglas vs. American Nazi George Lincoln Rockwell" (9/23).

The Hotline
September 22, 1992

HEADLINE: COLORADO: CAMPBELL, CONSIDINE MEET IN FIRST DEBATE

Rep. Ben Nighthorse Campbell (D-03) and ex-state Sen. Terry Considine (R) "battered each other with personal punches" 9/19 during their first debate sending the race into "its ugliest turn yet." The two "left few topics untouched, charging each other with cowardice, hypocrisy, greed and dishonesty. ... The tone was set early on as Considine charged that Campbell 'stepped over the line' when he visited Alaska at the expense of an oil company." In turn, Campbell accused Considine of "campaigning on 'distortions, accusations, negativism and outright fabrications' and called his campaign literature 'absolute trash.' Considine's aggressive start to the debate underscored a need to jump-start his lagging campaign, which has been beset by controversy" (Herrick, ROCKY MOUNTAIN NEWS, 9/20). The two were "far more congenial" during a KWGN-TV debate 9/20 where they were "quizzed on environmental issues by a panel of journalists." Both "wrestled hard for the middle of the road in their answers to numerous questions, each arguing for a balance between (enviro) and economic concerns" (NEWS, 9/21). Campbell admitted his enviro record was "mixed" (Kirksey, DENVER POST, 9/21).

CONSIDINE BUSINESS DEALINGS: R.M. NEWS editorial takes issue with Campbell's attack on Considine's business dealings, accusing Campbell of "misrepresenting what is perfectly legal and ethical business behavior." NEWS charges Campbell with "diverting the campaign away from the issues ... and instead (has) focused on a couple of loans that a partnership involving Terry Considine assumed then defaulted on. ... (It's) a tad sleazy; on a factual level, the allegation is even bizarre" (9/21). POST's Spencer: "It should be pointed out that no one has suggested that any evil has been done here. However, the fact that Terry Considine has made an issue of purity in government may have heightened interest in his situation (9/20).

The Hotline
September 18, 1992

HEADLINE: COLORADO: CONSIDINE STANDS TO PROFIT FROM RTC SALE

ROCKY MOUNTAIN NEWS' Knox reports Property Asset Brokerage Inc., a firm partly owned by ex-state Sen. Terry Considine (R), "stands to receive a commission of several hundred thousand dollars" from the RTC for "handling the sale" of an RTC owned apartment complex. Disclosure of the sale comes on the heels of a 5/92 FDIC memo that "disqualified Considine-related companies from managing or selling thrift properties." The memo "came after officials learned that Considine-managed partnerships defaulted on loans they took" over from the failed Silverado S&L (9/16). Knox reports 9/17 that the FDIC was "informed" nearly "two years ago of a possible loan default" from the Considine-managed firm Property Asset Management. FDIC pres. Steven Ira said the firm "has been forthright in its dealings" with the FDIC. Ira added the agency's "initial approval" and "subsequent disqualification suggests the FDIC action was politically motivated" (NEWS, 9/17). CO Dem chair Howard Gelt said Considine "should return any profits he made from the cleanup of the savings and loans industry until he has repaid" the loans. Gelt: "He ought to take the money and return it. He's still making profits off of RTC contracts" (DENVER POST, 9/17). Considine manager Dick Wadhams: "Howard Gelt is a liar, and he knows it. This says more about his integrity than anything else." Gelt: "I don't know how to respond to something else that stupid" (ROCKY MOUNTAIN NEWS, 9/17).

OOPS-ED: Rep. Ben Nighthorse Campbell (D-03) writes in response to a Colorado Springs GAZETTE TELEGRAPH op-ed, "the most glaring error in the editorial was a statement that I often vote with the leadership of the House 'to protect and advance congressional privilege, including free mass mailings and last year's pay raise.'" The GAZETTE had "goofed in saying" Campbell had voted for the pay raise. Campbell: "I don't mind being criticized if the Gazette disagrees with something I have done, but naturally I resent an attack that is not even based on facts or my true record" (9/15).

HEADLINE: HOUSE RACE BRIEFINGS: CO 03

BODY:

Rep. Ben Nighthorse Campbell (D-03), running for Senate, will not endorse either LG Mike Callihan (D) or House Maj. leader Scott McInnis (R) in the battle for his old seat. (AP/MONTROSE DAILY PRESS, 9/23).