In Commemoration of The Bicentennial of the United States Capitol 1793-1993



Saturday, October 23, 1993 The West Front of the Capitol

# Commission on the Bicentennial of the United States Capitol

#### United States House of Representatives

The Honorable Thomas S. Foley Co-Chairman

The Honorable Robert H. Michel Co-Chairman

The Honorable Richard A. Gephardt
The Honorable Charlie Rose
The Honorable William M. Thomas
The Honorable Vic Fazio
The Honorable Stephen Horn

#### **United States Senate**

The Honorable George J. Mitchell Co-Chairman

> The Honorable Bob Dole Co-Chairman

The Honorable Robert C. Byrd

The Honorable Wendell H. Ford

The Honorable Ted Stevens

The Honorable Harry Reid

The Honorable Mark O. Hatfield

## The United States Capitol

n September 18, 1793, the President of the United States, George Washington, participated in a ceremony to lay the cornerstone of the building that has housed Congress since 1800. From that time the Capitol has become the best recognized symbol of democratic government in the world. It is where Congress meets to write the laws of our nation and where presidents are inaugurated and deliver their annual State of the Union message. For two centuries, the Capitol has grown along with the nation, adding new wings to accommodate the increasing number of senators and representatives as new states entered the Union. Its halls are lined with statuary and paintings representing great events and people in the nation's history.

In 1863, at the height of the Civil War, some citizens thought it was inappropriate to hoist a new statue atop the dome of the Capitol, add marble pillars to the Senate wing, and install a stunning bronze door at the main portal. When Abraham Lincoln was apprised of these concerns he remarked, "If people see the Capitol going on, it is a sign we intend the Union to go on."





9:45 a.m.

Historical Reenactment of the Laying of the Capitol Cornerstone Reflecting Pool, Base of the West Front of the Capitol Conducted by The U.S. Capitol Cornerstone Celebration Committee An Educational Consortium

WEST FRONT OF THE CAPITOL

MUSICAL PRELUDE
The United States Navy Band
Captain William J. Phillips, Jr.

Conductor

10:30 a.m.

RETURN OF THE STATUE OF FREEDOM TO THE CAPITOL DOME

11:15 a.m.

Presentation of the Colors Armed Forces Color Guard

THE NATIONAL ANTHEM

MASTER OF CEREMONIES
David McCullough

INVOCATION

Reverend James David Ford, D.D. Chaplain, U.S. House of Representatives

ADDRESSES

The Honorable George J. Mitchell Majority Leader, U.S. Senate

The Honorable Bob Dole Republican Leader, U.S. Senate

The Honorable Robert C. Byrd President Pro Tempore, U.S. Senate

The Honorable Harry A. Blackmun Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States MUSICAL INTERLUDE

The Capitol

Senior Chief Musician Chuck Yates, United States Navy Soloist

POEM

Lady Freedom Among Us

Rita Dove

Poet Laureate of the United States

ADDRESSES

The Honorable Robert H. Michel Republican Leader, U.S. House of Representatives

The Honorable Richard A. Gephardt Majority Leader, U.S. House of Representatives

The Honorable Thomas S. Foley

The Speaker

The President of the United States

Music

America the Beautiful Liza Minnelli and

The Howard University Choir
J. Weldon Norris

Conductor

CONCLUSION OF CEREMONIES

Cannon Salute to the Union

The 3rd U.S. Infantry (The Old Guard) Salute Gun Platoon

This event was made possible in part by

The Coca-Cola Company General Motors Corporation Sony Music Entertainment Inc.

"The Capitol," Music by Mel Marvin, Lyrics by Robert Satuloff from "Phantoms of the Capitol," a Franklin S. Roberts Production Historical engravings courtesy of The Bureau of Engraving and Printing

## The Statue of Freedom

The work of American sculptor Thomas Crawford, the bronze Statue of Freedom is the crowning feature of the dome of the United States Capitol. It has adorned the dome since December 2, 1863, when the final section of the work was hoisted in place. The Statue stands 19 feet 6 inches in height and weighs 15,000 pounds.

The sculptor was commissioned to design the Statue of Freedom in 1855 and executed the full-sized plaster model in his studio in Rome. He died in 1857 before it left his studio. The model, packed into six crates, was shipped from Italy in a small sailing vessel in the spring of 1858. During the voyage the ship began to leak and stopped in Gibraltar for repairs. Eventually reaching Bermuda, the vessel was unable to complete its journey. Half of the crates arrived in New York in December 1858, but all pieces were not in Washington until the end of March 1859. In 1860 the Statue was cast in five main sections by Clark Mills, whose bronze foundry was located on the outskirts of Washington. The Civil War halted work on the Statue but it was completed by the end of 1862 and temporarily displayed on the Capitol grounds. The final section, the figure's head and shoulders, was raised on December 2, 1863, to a salute of thirty-five guns answered by the guns of the twelve forts around Washington.

The Statue is a classical female figure of Freedom wearing flowing draperies. Her right hand rests upon the hilt of a sheathed sword; her left holds a laurel wreath of victory and the shield of the United States with thirteen stripes. Her helmet is encircled by stars and features a crest composed of an eagle's head, feathers, and talons, a reference to the costume of Native Americans. A brooch inscribed "U.S." secures her fringed robes. She stands on a cast iron globe encircled with the national motto *E Pluribus Unum*. Ten bronze points tipped with platinum are attached to her headdress, shoulders, and shield for protection from lightning.

On May 9, 1993, after 130 years in place, the Statue was removed from its pedestal by helicopter for restoration, for which privately raised funds were provided by the United States Capitol Preservation Commission. The restoration has been completed in time for its return to the dome in commemoration of the Capitol's bicentennial. The original plaster model has been restored and is on permanent display in the basement rotunda of the Russell Senate Office Building.



## a/o 10/21/93 Schedule For The Celebration of The Bicentennial of the U.S. Capitol October 23, 1993

9:00 a.m. to 9:45 a.m.

9:45 a.m. to 10:15 a.m.

10:45 a.m.

11:20 a.m. to 12:15 Music begins - U.S. Navy Band Location: Platform, West Front of Capitol

Cornerstone Laying Reenactment Location: Capitol Reflecting Pool

Return of the Statue of Freedom to the Dome of the Capitol Location: Plaza-East Front

Ceremony to commemorate the 200th Anniversary of the U.S. Capitol Location: Platform, West Front

Order of Program Ruffles and Flourishes VO Announcement - The Vice President The President Hail to the Chief Presentation of Colors National Anthem Departure-Presentation of Colors Master of Ceremonies (David McCullough) Invocation-Rev. James David Ford, House Chaplain David McCullough Senate Majority Leader (Sen. Mitchell) David McCullough Senate Republican Leader (Sen. Dole) David McCullough President Pro Tempore of the Senate (Sen. Byrd) The Vice President David McCullough Justice Blackmun David McCullough Music-The Capitol David McCullough Poet Laureate of the United States David McCullough Minority Leader-House of Representatives (Rep. Michel) David McCullough Representative Charlie Rose David McCullough Speaker of the House of Representatives

a/o 10/21/93
Schedule For The Celebration of
The Bicentennial of the U.S. Capitol
October 23, 1993

Order of Program (continued)
The President
David McCullough
Music-America The Beautiful
(Liza Minnelli)
Salute to the Union-cannon volleys with narrative. All remain standing.
David McCullough
Platform participants depart
Special guests depart
Proceed to EF 100

Immediately following

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U.S. Navy Band concert <u>Location</u>: Platform, West Front <u>Note</u>: Duration of concert 1/2 hour

U.S. Capitol open for tours

GEORGE J. MITCHELL
MAINE

United States Senate Office of the Majority Leader Washington, DC 20510-7010

October 22, 1993

Dear Bob:

On behalf of the Commission on the Bicentennial of the Capitol, I am very much looking forward to having you with us as a platform participant for the Celebration on Saturday, October 23. This is going to be a memorable day in the life of the Capitol where we pay tribute to the building and its place in the founding and continuation of democracy and freedom in the life of our country. As you know, both the President and the Vice President, as well as their families, will be joining us for both the reinstallation of the Statue of Freedom and the Bicentennial Ceremony.

To expedite your arrival at the celebration, please enter the Capitol grounds via the Constitution Avenue entrance. Because of safety concerns, we are asking that no automobiles be parked on the grounds. You may either park your car in one of the Senate garages or be dropped off at the Constitution Avenue entrance.

Because you are part of the bipartisan leadership group which will greet the President and Vice President, you should be at the House steps on the East Front of the Capitol by 10:40 a.m.

After greeting them, you will be escorted to a nearby spot to view the return of the Statue of Freedom with the President, Vice President, and their families. From there, you will be escorted to the main platform on the West Front for the official ceremony.

Immediately following the ceremony and the departure of the President and Vice President from the platform, you will be escorted to Room EF-100 for a short reception with the President and Vice President, all platform guests and special guests.

If you would like to have Mrs. Dole accompany you and be seated on the platform, please have your office advise Dot Svendson at 224-3628, no later than Friday noon. If you would like a picnic lunch to take back out on the grounds following the ceremony, please also let Dot know. We have attached the most recent version of the program for your information.

Again, we look forward to celebrating this wonderful occasion with you.

Sincerely,

George J. Mitchel

Enclosure

## CELEBRATION OF THE 200TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE U.S. CAPITOL October 23, 1993

#### PRIOR TO:

9:45 a.m.: Cornerstone Laying Re-enactment, Reflecting Pool

10:30 a.m.: Reinstallation of The Statue of Freedom, East Front

#### PROGRAM - PLATFORM - WEST FRONT START TIME: 11:15 A.M.

#	ITEM PAGE	TIME	CUMULATIVE
1.	"Ruffles and Flourishes" U.S. Navy Band	:15	:15
2.	V.O. Announcement (WHCA) The President The Vice President	:10	:25
3.	"Hail to the Chief" U.S. Navy Band	:30	:55
4.	V.O. Announcement (TBD) "Please remain standing for the Presentation of the Colors and The National Anthem"	: 15	1:10
5.	Presentation of Colors	:30	1:40
ś.	"The National Anthem" United States Navy Band Senior Chief Musician, Chuck Yates - soloist	1:10	2:50
	Departure Presentation of Colors "Trio to the National Emblem"	:30	3:20
	David McCullough Introduction of House Chaplain	:10	3:30

#	ITEM PAGE	TIME	CUMULATIVE	
9.	Invocation Rev. James David Ford House Chaplain	:30	4:00	
10.	David McCullough Opening Remarks and Introduction of Majority Leader - Senate	1:45	5:45	
11.	Remarks Senator Mitchell	2:00	7:45	
12.	David McCullough Introduction of Republican Leader - Senate	:15	8:00	
13.	Remarks Senator Dole	2:00	10:00	
14.	David McCullough Introduction of President Pro-Tempore, Senate	:15	10:15	
15.	Remarks Senator Byrd	2:00	12:15	
.6.	Senator Byrd Introduction The Vice President	:15	12:30	
.7.	Remarks The Vice President	2:00? TBA	14:30	
.8.	David McCullough Introduction of Justice Blackmun	:15	14:45	
9.	Remarks Justice Blackmun	2:00	16:45	
	David McCullough Introduction - "The Capitol"	:15	17:00	

#	ITEM PAGE	TIME	CUMULATIVE
21.	Music - "The Capitol" United States Navy Band Senior Chief Musician, Chuck Yates - soloist	3:30	20:30
22.	David McCullough Introduction of Poet Laureate	:15	20:45
23,	Rita Dove "Lady Freedom Among Us"	2:00	22:45
24.	David McCullough Introduction of Minority Leader - House	:15	23:00
25.	Remarks Representative Michel	3:00	25:00
26.	David McCullough Introduction of TBA (House of Representative	:15	25:15
27.	Remarks TBA (House of Representative:	2:00	27:15
28.	David McCullough Introduction of The Speaker of the House of Representatives	:15	27:30
29.	Remarks Speaker Foley	2:00	29:30
30.	Speaker Foley Introduction of The President	: 05	29:35
31.	Remarks The President	5:00	34:35
2.	David McCullough Introduction of Liza Minnelli et al	:10	34:45

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	ITEM PA	ĢE 1	TIME	CUMULATIVE
3.	"America the Beautiful" Liza Minnelli United States Navy Band Howard University Choir		3:00	37:45
34.	V.O. Announcer The 3rd U.S. Infantry (The Old Guard) Salute Gun Platoon		:05	37:50
35.	Cannon Volleys		3:20	41:10
36		lowing	:15	41:25
37	. Departure of platform guests			
Ti	ming - all inclusive			41:25
- No	ote: Music continues from	m platform	1	30:00

U.S Navy Band

Howard University Choir

Platform Guests Justice Harry Blackmun Senator Robert C. Byrd, President Pro-Tempore of the Senate Mrs. Hillary Clinton Miss Chelsea Clinton Senator Bob Dole, Senate Republican Loador Ms. Rita Dove, Poet Laureate Representative Vic Fazio The Speaker of the House of Representatives, Thomas S. Foley The Rev. James David Ford, D.D., House Chaplain Senator Wendell H. Ford Representative Richard Gephardt, House Majority Leader Vice President Gore's guests TBA Senator Mark Hatfield Representative Stephen Horn Mr. David McCullough Representative Robert H. Michel, House Minority Leader Ms. Liza Minnelli (may not sit on platform; Senator George J. Mitchell, Senate Majority Leader The President Senator Harry Reid The Vice President Representative Charlie Rose Senator Ted Stevens

# SENATOR BOB DOLE CAPITOL BICENTENNIAL

WE GATHER THIS MORNING
ON THE GROUNDS OF THE THIRD
CAPITOL OF THE UNITED
STATES.

WHEN THE FIRST CONGRESS
CONVENED IN 1789, IT MET IN
NEW YORK CITY, OCCUPYING

THE FORMER CITY HALL. THAT LOCATION WAS ONLY TEMPORARY, HOWEVER, AS THE RECENTLY RATIFIED **CONSTITUTION PROVIDED FOR** THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A PERMANENT CAPITAL CITY.

A LOCATION FOR THAT CITY
WAS SELECTED IN 1790, WHEN
CONGRESS PASSED THE

"RESIDENCE ACT," DIRECTING
THAT BY THE YEAR 1800, THE
GOVERNMENT SHOULD OCUPY A
NEW FEDERAL DISTRICT ALONG
THE POTOMAC RIVER.

WHILE THE NEW CAPITAL CITY
WAS UNDER CONSTRUCTION,
CONGRESS MOVED FROM NEW
YORK TO PHILADELPHIA, WHERE

THEY CARRIED ON THE TASK OF BUILDING A DEMOCRACY.

AT THE SAME TIME, **HUNDREDS OF WORKMEN WERE** BUILDING THE NEW FEDERAL CITY ON THE POTOMAC. IN HIS PLAN FOR THE CITY, PIERRE CHARLES L'ENFANT PLACED THE CAPITOL ON THE CREST OF WHAT WAS THEN KNOWN AS

"JENKIN'S HILL," A SITE THAT HE **DESCRIBED AS "A PEDESTAL** WAITING FOR A MONUMENT." **ON SEPTEMBER 18, 1793, A** LARGE AND BOISTEROUS **CROWD GATHERED HERE TO** WATCH AN ELABORATE MASONIC CEREMONY, HIGHLIGHTED BY THE PLACING OF THE CAPITOL CORNERSTONE

BY PRESIDENT GEORGE WASHINGTON. AND AS YOU MAY KNOW, MY COLLEAGUE, SENATOR STROM THURMOND, WHO WAS THERE ON THAT DAY, **REFUSES TO REVEAL JUST EXACTLY WHERE THE** CORNERSTONE IS.

THE ALEXANDRIA GAZETTE REPORTED THAT THE **CEREMONY CONCLUDED WITH** FIFTEEN SALUTES FROM THE ARTILLERY, AND THEN "THE WHOLE COMPANY RETIRED TO AN EXTENSIVE BOOTH, WHERE AN OX OF 500 POUNDS WAS **BARBEQUED.**"

HISTORY WILL NOTE THIS
WAS THE FIRST TIME, BUT
CERTAINLY NOT THE LAST, THAT
SOMEONE'S OX WAS GORED IN
THE UNITED STATES CAPITOL.

#### United States Senate

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20510

October 20, 1993

Honorable Robert J. Dole United States Senate Washington, DC 20510-1601

Dear Senator Dole:

At approximately 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, October 23, 1993, the Architect of the Capitol will direct the reinstallation of the Statue of Freedom atop the dome of the U.S. Capitol Building. A skycrane will again be used to move the Statue from the East Front Plaza to the dome of the Capitol. In order to ensure the safety of persons within the Capitol Complex, the following measures will be implemented:

- \* Senators and staff who occupy office space on the 3rd and 4th floors of the U.S. Capitol Building are requested not to utilize those offices between the hours of 9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, October 23.
- \* Parking on Capitol Square will be restricted beginning at 12 a.m., Saturday, October 23, until approximately 6:00 p.m. No parking will be allowed on the East Front Plaza, East Capitol, Maryland, Northeast and Northwest Drives, and Constitution Ave. from 1st St. N.E. to 3rd St. N.W., Pennsylvania Ave. N.W., from 1st to 3rd St., N.W., and 1st St., N.W. between Constitution Ave. and Pennsylvania Ave., N.W. Holders of permits for all of these areas may use any available space, on a first come first served basis, from North of Constitution Ave., including all other Senate streets and lots.
- \* The East Front and West Front steps and terraces will be closed to all pedestrians during movement of the Statue.

The following observation areas have been established:

- \* Senators, their guests, and staff members with Congressional identification will be permitted to view the reinstallation in the area beginning at the N.E. corner of the U.S. Capitol Building to the intersection of the Northeast Drive and the East Front Plaza.
- \* Senators and guests may also view the reinstallation from the West Front seating area on the lower West Terrace.

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- \* Members of the Press with Press Gallery identification should enter at the North and South barricades and take up positions in the 10 foot buffer area between the two snow fences located in the grassy areas on the East Front.
- \* Members of the general public will be permitted on the East Front, east of the double snow fence, and on the grassy areas of the West Front.

Immediately following the statue of Freedom event, Senators and their guests have been invited by the Joint Congressional Leadership to the seating area on the lower West Front of the Capitol to attend a celebration of the Bicentennial of the U.S. Capitol with President Clinton, commencing at 11:15 a.m. You may access that area either by walking from the outside, using the terrace to access the West Front staircase to the seating area, or by entering the Capitol and proceeding to the first floor Crypt and descending the West staircase to the West Front. Please note there might be a momentary delay inside the building due to the President's arrival.

We have enclosed for your information a fact sheet, schedule, and map.

Please let us know if you have any questions regarding this event.

Sincerely,

Enclosures (3)

Martha S. Pope

#### Congress of the United States

Washington, D.C. 20515

#### SCHEDULE FOR THE COMMEMORATION OF THE 200th ANNIVERSARY OF THE U.S. CAPITOL

October 23, 1993

9:00 a.m. Music to Location: Platform, West Front of 9:45 a.m. Capitol

9:45 a.m. Cornerstone Laying Reenactment
to Location: Capitol Reflecting Pool
10:15 a.m.

10:30 a.m. Return of the Statue of Freedom to the Dome of the Capitol.

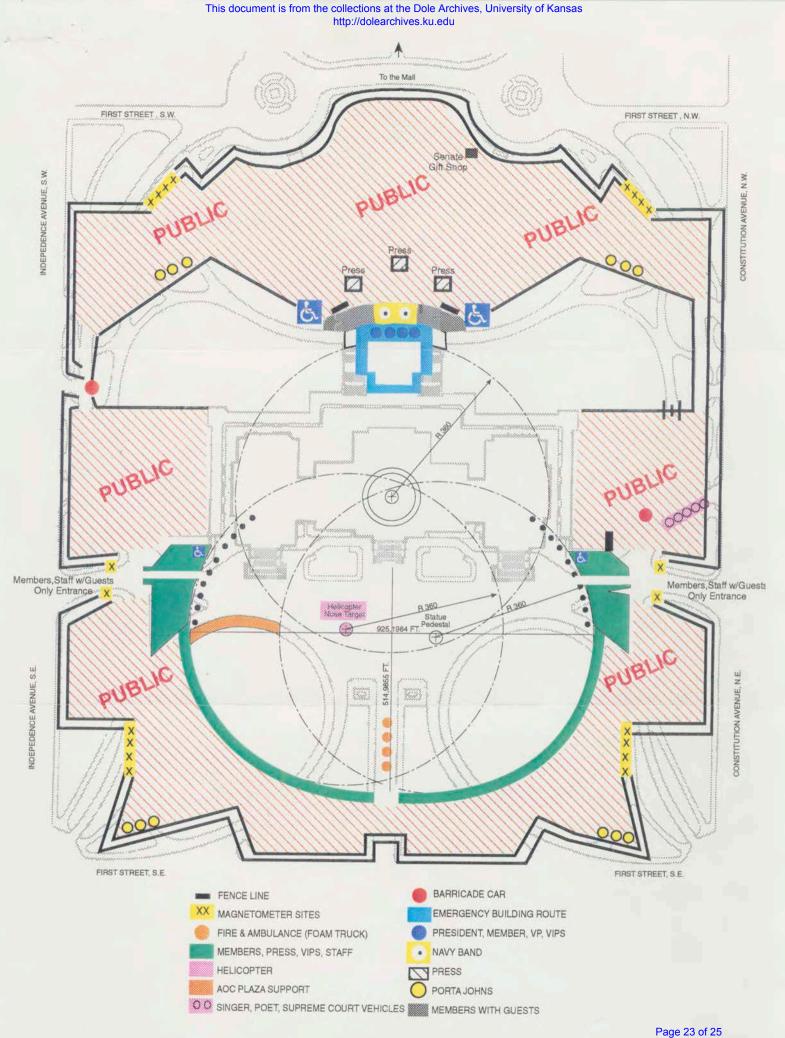
Location: Plaza-East Front, Also visible from the West Front.

11:15 a.m. Ceremony to commemorate the 200th to Anniversary of the U.S. Capitol. 12:15 p.m. Location: Platform, West Front.

Immediately following: U.S. Navy Band Concert

Location: Platform, West Front

U.S. Capitol open for tours.



### Congress of the United States

Washington, D.C. 20515

## CELEBRATION OF THE BICENTENNIAL OF THE U.S. CAPITOL REINSTALLATION OF THE STATUE OF FREEDOM

#### FACT SHEET

The celebration of the Bicentennial of the U.S. Capitol and the reinstallation of the Statue of Freedom will take place on the grounds of the Capitol on Saturday, October 23rd. The public is invited to bring a picnic and to participate in the day's festivities.

Activities include:

Weather permitting, reinstallation of the Statue of Freedom on the Dome of the Capitol, via helicopter.

An historical reenactment, complete with period costumes, of the laying of the cornerstone by President George Washington, provided by an Educational Consortium of historical organizations, including the National Trust for Historic Preservation. In addition, the actor portraying President Washington will mingle with the West Front crowd and be available for photo opportunities.

A concert by the U.S. Navy Band with soloist Chuck Yates.

A ceremony marking the 200th anniversary of the Capitol, with historic narratives presented by the bipartisan House and Senate leadership, telling the story of the Capitol and its meaning as a symbol of democracy and the seat of Congress. David McCullough, the noted historian and author, will serve as Master of Ceremonies. Rita Dove, the Poet Laureate, will deliver an original poem created for the occasion. Liza Minnelli will perform "America The Beautiful" accompanied by the Howard University Choir and the U.S. Navy Band.

(See attached schedule)

Complimentary soft drinks, provided by the Coca-Cola Company, will be dispensed from Grant Memorial Park, which is located just across from the West Front of the Capitol on First Street. Twenty Five Thousand balloons to commemorate the occasion will also be distributed free of charge to the public.

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The grounds of the U.S. Capitol will be open to the public beginning at 8:00 a.m. It is suggested that people arrive early to avoid congestion due to security requirements. The portion of First Street N.W. between Constitution and Independence will be closed to all vehicular traffic. For safety reasons, the East Front Plaza will be cordoned off until the Skycrane helicopter used to lift Freedom to her pedestal atop the Dome has landed.

For more information

Contact:

Todd Woodard (Foley), 202/225-5604 Mary Ann Hill (Mitchell), 202/224-2939