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To: Barry Jackson

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January 14, 2005

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Senior Advisor to the President
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
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LACOM-FY1

Dear Karl:

I am writing to make you aware of a project that I believe is a worthy idea deserving of the President's support. There is a proposal to construct a veterans museum in Pennsylvania, and I believe that its ultimate completion could, with your assistance, reflect very positively upon President Bush. When completed with the exhibits that I shall detail below, the museum will stand alone as a unique monument to America's experience at war, without anything else in the country like it.

The Museum's opening and eventual completion will be seen locally as a victory for Bob McMahon, Mayor of Media, PA. Bob has been the driving force behind this important project, just as he was a driving force behind the production of the film "Stolen Honor: Wounds That Never Heal." His behind-the-scenes involvement with Swift Vets and POWs for Truth is well known. At no small political risk, Bob devoted an enormous amount of his time and energy to the efforts of these concerned veterans. John O'Neill has publicly spoken of Bob's early, and integral, role in the Swift Vets and POW campaign that was so important to America in 2004. While Bob's activities on behalf of the President may attract your interest, the Museum is an idea worthy of the Administration's support regardless of any political considerations.

The Pennsylvania Veterans Museum is a nonprofit (501 (c) 3) organization dedicated to preserving the legacy of all U.S. military veterans and to educate the public, particularly children and students, of the experiences and sacrifices of veterans during times of war. Headquartered near Philadelphia in the turn-of-the-century Media Armory (listed on the National Register of Historic Places), the Pennsylvania Veterans Museum is designed to be unlike any other in the nation, designated as the permanent site for several unique exhibits of great public and scholarly interest. These include:

- The "Band of Brothers" exhibit - The largest collection of memorabilia, equipment, diaries, and maps carried by the vaunted "Band of Brothers" during

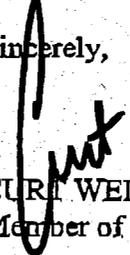
World War II. Thirty Pennsylvanians were among this group of soldiers. Their commanding officer, Major Richard Winters, has contributed many of his personal artifacts and video-recorded history for this compelling, singular exhibit.

- "American POWs of the Vietnam War" exhibit – The American POW community, including Medal of Honor recipients and some of the most highly decorated veterans to survive the Vietnam War, have offered their diaries, books and other materials, many currently on display at the Smithsonian Institution. Videotaped oral histories by individual POWs will also be exhibited.
- "Searching for the Truth: History of the Vietnam War" exhibit – A truly unique, evolving program that focuses on new and recently discovered records, accompanied by video-recorded testimony by prominent Vietnam veterans, that sheds new light on that controversial era and the 2.5 million who served in Vietnam. This exhibit, the first of its kind, will have as its primary mission academic research that explodes many of the myths associated with Vietnam veterans.
- "Turning Points: Historic Battles" exhibit – Through the use of rarely seen archival and news film footage, visitors will experience some of the key battles in American military history from World War II, Korea, Vietnam, and the Gulf Wars. Highlighted battles include World War II's D-Day Invasion and the Battle of the Bulge, Korea's Inchon Landing and Chosin Reservoir retreat, and Vietnam's Hamburger Hill and Tet Offensive.
- "SenseSurround Theater" exhibit – This dramatic facility will combine archival film footage and images, surround sound, theatrical lighting and special effects designed to place visitors in the midst of battle, as close to the sights, sounds, feel and smell of war as possible. A museum centerpiece, this exhibit is tailored specifically toward education of student visitors.
- "Eisenhower: Supreme Humanist" exhibit – Through an agreement with the nearby Media Theater, a play depicting Gen. Eisenhower's perilous decision to launch the D-Day invasion will be performed for museum visitors. David and Julie Eisenhower, patrons of the Media Theater, will be technical advisors for this production.

The Museum is scheduled to open this spring, but with limited space. In order to facilitate the voluminous military artifacts, SenseSurround Theater, exhibits, displays, and needed capacity to store historical documents, the Pennsylvania Veterans Museum will be required to expand from its current Armory building location (4,500 square feet) and acquire a second, nearby location. Partnerships with area institutions of higher learning, such as Villanova and St. Joseph's Universities, are currently being explored. However, additional computer/library facilities will still be needed on-site in order to adequately fulfill the museum's educational and academic goals.

It has been determined that an additional 20,000 square feet of space will be required to ensure that the museum can truly live up to its potential. The costs are estimated at \$15 million. I ask that President Bush include funding for the Pennsylvania Veterans Museum in his Fiscal Year 2006 budget request to Congress. Let us finish this important testament to those brave souls who have given so much to the cause of freedom.

Sincerely,



CURT WELDON
Member of Congress

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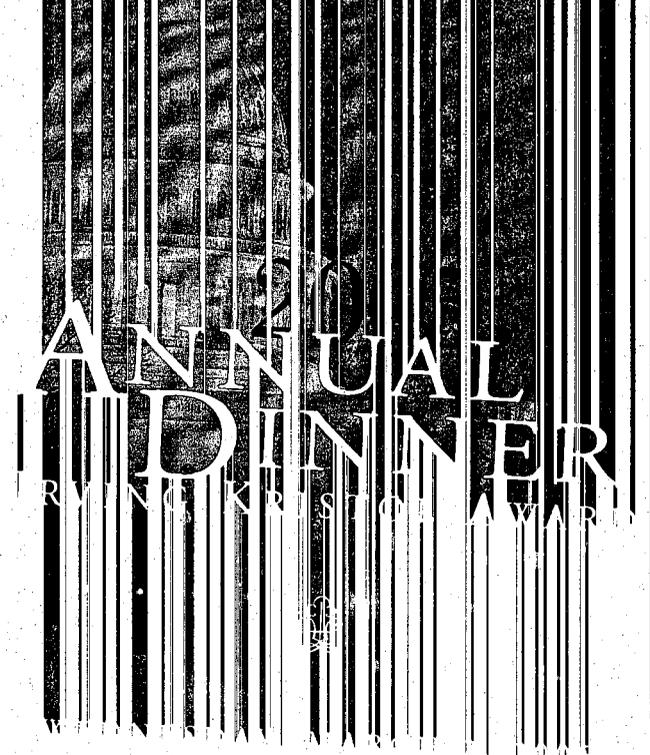
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House of Representatives

December 20, 2004

Mr. Karl Rove
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1600 Pennsylvania Ave NW
Washington DC 20500

Dear *Karl* 

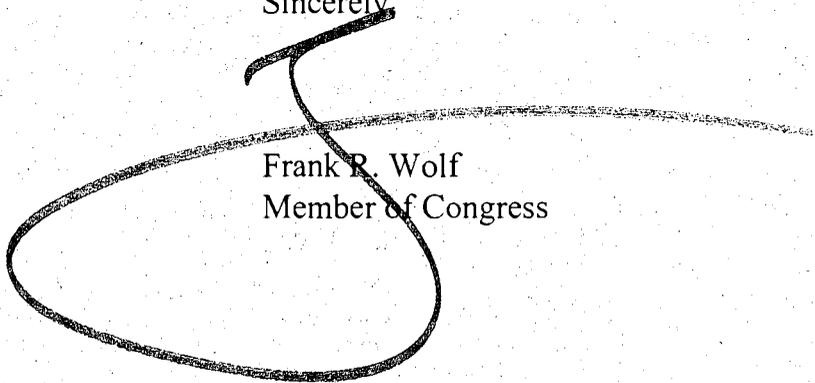
I want to share with you a copy of a letter I sent last week to Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld recommending that the administration create a "Team B" of advisers who would be dispatched to Iraq to provide a comprehensive review of all our operations. Team B's primary goal would be to provide "fresh eyes on the target."

I think you would agree that we have a moral obligation to our troops and their families to ensure that we are doing everything possible to protect them while working to realize our goal of a secure and peaceful Iraq.

Best wishes.

Sincerely,

Frank R. Wolf
Member of Congress



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The Honorable Donald Rumsfeld
Secretary, Department of Defense
The Pentagon Room 3E 880
Washington DC 20301

Dear Secretary Rumsfeld:

In June I shared with you a copy of a letter I sent to National Security Adviser Condoleezza Rice recommending that the Bush Administration consider creating a "Team B" of advisers who would go to Iraq to comprehensively review our efforts. Last month, I shared with you a copy of a letter I sent to the President making the same request. Today, I write directly to you.

My motives behind continuing to push for the creation of a Team B are not to find fault with our efforts but to ensure we are doing everything possible to protect our troops and realize our goal of a secure and peaceful Iraq. A Team B would provide "fresh eyes on the target" to look at our operations – both militarily and politically – and could perhaps offer different perspectives to addressing what is a very complex issue. I know you agree that we owe it to the thousands of men and women who are in harm's way to test the process and ask questions. We also owe it to their families, and especially to the memories of those who have paid the ultimate sacrifice.

As you know, the Team B concept has been employed by previous administrations. Enclosed you will find the names of several individuals with distinguished records of service to our country who could serve as Team B members. Of course, there are many more who would be similarly qualified for such an undertaking, including retired colonels who recently commanded troops.

Team B's mission would be to travel to all parts of Iraq to provide a comprehensive, independent assessment of our efforts. You know from your experience in Kuwait last week that there is no shortage of questions being asked, even by our troops.

The members of our nation's armed forces are the best in the world. They support the mission and they support the Commander-In-Chief. I do, however, believe we should constantly be asking if there are new and better ways to help them do their job more safely. One task of Team B would be to look at troop levels deployed to the region. Do we have enough troops? Is it the right mix? Team B also could examine if our forces in the region are getting the proper training prior to being deployed. Equally important is the level of training the Iraqi National Guard and the Iraqi police are receiving.

Suggested Names for Team B

General Charles C. Krulak

Served as Commander of Marine Forces Pacific and 31st Commandant of the Marine Corps.

General John R. Galvin

Served as NATO Supreme Allied Commander for Europe, Commander-in-Chief of US. Army, Navy and Air Forces in Europe, and Ambassador during negotiations with Bosnia.

Robert M. Gates

Served as Assistant to the President and Deputy National Security Adviser from 1989-1991 and as Director of the CIA from 1991-1993.

John O. Marsh, Jr.

Longest serving Secretary of the Army. Served as Counselor to President Ford and as a representative in the House of Representatives. Two sons in the military, one served in Desert Storm, another with Delta Force in Somalia.

General Eric K. Shinseki

Served as Commanding General of US Army Europe, Commander of Allied Land Forces Central Europe, Commander NATO Stabilization Force in Bosnia-Herzegovina, 28th Army Vice Chief of Staff and 34th Army Chief of Staff.

General Gary Edward Luck

Served as Commander-in-Chief of United Nations Command/Combined Forces Command and Commander of the United States Forces Korea.

General Paul Gorman

Served as Commander-in-Chief of the United States Southern Command.

General Edward Charles ("Shy") Meyer

Served as Chief of Staff of the United States Army.

General John W. Foss

Served as Army Chief of Infantry and Commanding General for Training and Doctrine Command.

Brigadier General Terry Paul

Served as the Marine Liaison Officer in the U.S. Senate starting in the summer of 1989.

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January 24, 2005

MEMORANDUM FOR: ANDY CARD
 KARL ROVE

THROUGH: DINA POWELL

FROM: AMANDA BECKER

SUBJECT: SCHEDULE C HIRING UPDATE

I wanted to take this opportunity to update you on the progress of hiring priority candidates. Within the past two weeks, over 150 candidates have been hired at the agencies. This period was an incredibly hectic time for the candidates as they were engaged with their responsibilities relating to the Presidential Inauguration. The White House Liaisons at each agency were both flexible and expeditious in getting candidates in for interviews and processing appropriate paperwork with PPO.

Below is a breakdown of where we stand today with respect to priority candidates who have gained employment.

Total number who have accepted jobs at an agency -	176
Total number who have accepted jobs since January 7 th -	153
Total number of candidates who have declined positions at an agency -	6
Total number of candidates who have accepted positions elsewhere - (private sector, White House, RNC, not interested, etc.)	136

PPO is anticipating many more candidates hired this week as a result PIC having ended and candidate's being able to interview. We are also scheduling a job fair for remaining candidates and WH Liaisons this week.

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

January 24, 2005

BJ Goergen
Executive Assistant to the Senior Advisor

BJ:

This came to me for Karl. Thanks.

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Tim
We sent this to you.
BJ

cc: Tim Grogan



*Arzobispo Metropolitano de
San Juan de Puerto Rico*

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Date: January 20, 2005

To: Mr. Karl Rove
Senior Advisor to the President of the United States

Fax: 1 202 456-0191

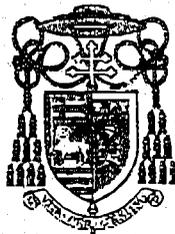
From: Roberto Octavio González Nieves, O.F.M. *RON*
Archbishop of San Juan de Puerto Rico

Phone (787) 725-4975 Fax (787) 723-4040

Comments: Greetings!

Along with this I am faxing a letter for you and a letter to the President.

May God bless you.



*Arzobispo Metropolitano de
San Juan de Puerto Rico*

January 20, 2005

Mr. George W. Bush
President
United States of America
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

As you begin your second term as President I wish to congratulate you with the prayer that the Lord will bless you with every Peace and Good as well as with a full portion of His Wisdom.

Your decision regarding Vieques has brought new life to the people of that island, especially to its children, encouraging a new and challenging beginning there. Thank you for having made this possible.

May God bless you and your family. I remain,

Sincerely yours in the Lord,

+ Roberto -

Archbishop of San Juan de Puerto Rico

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Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515-3803

November 17, 2004

The Honorable Richard B. Cheney
Vice President of the United States
Eisenhower Executive Office Building
1650 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20501

Dear Mr. Vice President:

As you begin to examine your various scheduling proposals for the upcoming year, I would like to take the opportunity to direct you to a speaking engagement request by my district's very own Thiel College.

On May 14, 2005, Thiel College's class of 2005 will convene for their commencement ceremony. As you know, this time honored tradition is the culmination of a student's commitment in their pursuit of higher education. On this special day, I have found that it is often the commencement speaker, whom serves as the most inspirational, establishing a new foundation and formulating the academician's recent efforts into the context of their future.

Thiel College has requested that you fulfill the honorary position of the commencement speaker for their 2005 ceremony. Throughout Pennsylvania's 3rd district there are various colleges and universities that thrive in community involvement and provide students with a strong educational background. Thiel College is among the elite and I could not think of a better candidate than yourself, to provide the students of Thiel with your words of wisdom, helping to prepare them for their future endeavors.

It is my hope that you will extend this request your most sincere attention. I stand behind the mission of Thiel College and hope to see its request fulfilled. I thank you in advance for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Phil English
Member of Congress



November 3, 2004

Mr. Vice President Richard B. Cheney
Vice President of the United States
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. Vice President Cheney:

First let me congratulate you and President Bush on your recent win for another four years. America has spoken and I couldn't be more pleased with the results.

I write today to ask you to consider being our Commencement speaker at Thiel College on Saturday, May 14, 2005. Founded in 1866 by a Lutheran pastor as a place where young men and women would prepare for lives of service to others, Thiel College is a progressive liberal arts, sciences and professional studies college located in northwestern Pennsylvania (PA 3rd Congressional District - Phil English). Eleven percent of our students are students of color and an additional six percent are international students, very intentionally the highest fractions in our region. Recent commencement speakers include noted columnist George Will (2002), (then) President of the Pontifical Council for Promoting Christian Unity Cardinal Cassidy (2001), US Ambassador to Jordan and then Chief of the US Foreign Service, the Honorable Edward "Skip" Gnehm (2000), Frances Hesselbein, the former long time President of Girl Scouts of America and past Chair of the Peter F. Drucker Center for Non-Profit Leadership (1999) and other persons of significant accomplishment and recognized leadership in their fields. They, too, would be honored by your inclusion in this rather exclusive assembly.

You might be interested to know that Dr. Bob Shimp, Director of the Buffalo Bill Historical Center, is a Thiel College alum, former Board of Trustees member and recipient of an honorary degree. He remains very close to the college and would be happy to hear that you will be the Commencement speaker at his alma mater!

We hope to hear from you soon concerning your availability to be with us. Subsequently, we will communicate with your staff concerning the particulars of your visit including travel logistics, accommodations, and so forth. We will, of course, cover your first class airfare and

provide you with all necessary housing and other courtesies while here, as well as a designated modest honorarium of \$2,500 towards a charitable purpose of your choosing. (You already knew that nobody gets rich at little church-related schools!) We recognize that you may wish to have some friends and family with you on such a happy occasion and will be delighted to extend our hospitality fully to our capacity -- we would just love for you all to come and have fun with us!

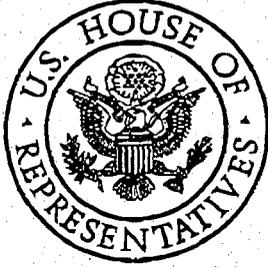
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Per my email. Thanks!

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Warren A. Stephens
President

December 28, 2004

Mr. Karl Rove
Senior Advisor to the President
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW
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Dear Karl,

Thanks for the article you sent to me recently. It was very interesting and a pretty clear picture of what happened.

Congratulations!

Sincerely,



Warren A. Stephens

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The Honorable Karl Rove
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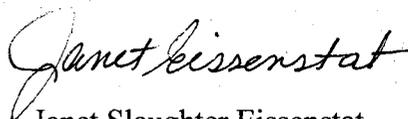
Dear Mr. Rove:

On behalf of the President's Commission on White House Fellowships, I would like to thank you for meeting with the 2004 – 2005 Class of White House Fellows. We all know how busy you are and appreciate the time and effort you put into meeting with the Fellows.

The knowledge and insights you shared about the "get out the vote" strategy behind the 2004 Presidential campaign were of great interest to the Fellows. In addition, they appreciated your comments on the role of the media in reporting election results. I know they learned a great deal, and this meeting will be one of the highlights of their year in Washington, D.C.

Thank you again for so generously giving your time to have lunch with the White House Fellows.

Best Regards,



Janet Slaughter Eissenstat
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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

JANUARY 18, 2005

MEMORANDUM FOR ANDY CARD
DAN BARTLETT
KARL ROVE
MIKE GERSON

FROM: STEVE HADLEY *TH*

SUBJECT: STATE OF THE UNION THEMES

Following up on our earlier meeting on the State of the Union, attached are elaborations on the themes we discussed that might be used in the foreign policy section.

Attachments

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Social Security: A Daring Leap

NEWSWEEK

By Allan Sloan

President Bush makes his proposed private accounts sound like the opportunity of a lifetime. But the fine print shows they pose great risk for you-and the nation

Feb. 14 issue - You've got to give President Bush an A-plus for the way he marketed the Social Security proposals in his State of the Union address last week. "If you've got children in their 20s, as some of us do, the idea of Social Security collapsing before they retire does not seem like a small matter," he said-a sentiment with which even a skeptic like me, who has twenty- and thirtysomething kids, totally agrees. "We must ensure that lower-income Americans get the help they need to have dignity and peace of mind in their retirement," he added. Then, with a twinkle in his eye, he talked about making Social Security "a better deal" for younger workers-a clever allusion to the New Deal of Franklin Delano Roosevelt, father of Social Security. You could almost feel the Democrats gnashing their teeth.

You can't argue with Bush's stated goals of making Social Security financially sound to allow Americans a secure retirement. "I will listen to anyone who has a good idea to offer," he said. But the conditions he laid down in the rest of the speech-demanding private accounts and no new payroll taxes-indicate that his mind's pretty much closed. For obvious reasons, he quickly skimmed over the sacrifices required to make any new system work, attributing the ideas to Democrats, such as former senator John Breaux. But in fact, so many details of Bush's plan have emerged that we can use some back-of-the-envelope math to see if they make sense. The short answer is that many of them don't-and I'll show you why. Don't worry, my envelope's bipartisan: there's plenty the Democrats aren't telling you, either. Bush is pretending Social Security's about to collapse and go broke, which isn't true. The Dems are telling you that it can continue as is for more than 30 years without a problem-and that's not true, either.

Yes, I know that by now, you're loaded to the eyeballs with Social Security analyses. You've seen so many numbers your teeth hurt and your brain has reached statistical overload. Please bear with me. Based on my decade of deep-diving into Social Security's workings, I'll filter out the political junk, spare you all but the essential numbers and stick to economics.

Let me start by saying it would be great if Bush's (seriously flawed) proposals lead to a reasonable compromise to adapt Social Security to the 21st century. Bush would be a statesman for the ages. Hey, I don't have a knee-jerk bias against private Social Security accounts. I'm all in favor of them, properly structured. But Bush's aren't.

Now to the details. The Bush proposals are based on something called Plan 2 that was proffered as a solution to Social Security's woes by a commission Bush set up in 2001. A Wednesday press briefing by Chuck Blahous, the White House's Social Security point man who

-was executive director of the commission, makes it clear the Bushies are proposing Plan 2, with a few modifications.

The current system is clearly unsustainable, despite what Democrats say about it being sound until the 2040s. Today's workers support current Social Security retirees, and the next generation is supposed to support them. The ratio of workers to recipients has fallen from 16-1 to the current 3-1, and will fall to a future 2-1. Keeping the current system afloat would require some combination of cutbacks in future benefits, more money from workers or taxpayers, or both. Given that Bush doesn't want to increase taxes, all that's left-if he prevails-is benefit cutbacks. And Plan 2 has serious cutbacks. An average worker retiring in 2075, for instance, would get a benefit 46 percent below the current formula. Later cuts would be even deeper. The plan does this by using a benefit formula based on inflation rather than on wages, which are roughly 1 percent a year higher. A few decades of compounding 1 percents sure adds up.

The one tax on income that Bush hasn't cut as president is the Social Security wage tax, which costs 80 percent of American workers more than federal income tax does. By keeping the tax the same and reducing future benefits, Bush is like a candymaker that cuts 46 percent off a chocolate bar but charges the same 75 cents for it. In other words, his plan would effectively increase the Social Security tax. Sure, the current formula's unsustainable-but, as we'll see, there are other ways to fix things.

Now, watch this. Bush's private accounts don't make Social Security financially sound-the benefit cuts do. The private accounts are something Bush insists on, not something Social Security needs to regain its long-term financial footing.

Shifting to private accounts, under Bush's plan, would lead to massive borrowing by the federal government, adding to our already huge deficits. Under the current system, your Social Security taxes go to pay Ma and Pa and Grandma and Grandpa, plus disabled people and survivors. If your money is going into a private account instead, how will Uncle Sam pay Ma and Pa? The same way Bush has paid for everything, be it tax cuts, wars or his Medicare prescription-drug benefit: borrowing.

In the first 10 years of private accounts, according to the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities, a Washington think tank, the government would have to borrow \$1.3 trillion (including interest) to make up for wage taxes no longer available to pay Social Security benefits. (This assumes two thirds of eligible workers opt for the accounts.) Over the first 20 years, borrowings would total \$4.5 trillion. This is serious jack. The Bushies like to compare these borrowings with what they claim is a \$10.4 trillion gap between Social Security's obligations and the resources available to pay them. But the shortfall-let's not quibble about its size-would be eliminated by cutting the benefit formula. We'd be borrowing trillions to cover bets in the stock and bond markets for a system with "security" in its name. Given that foreigners are financing almost all our budget deficit, we'd be hocking ourselves even more to lenders-such as the central banks of Japan and China-whose long-term interests may not be the same as ours. I think that would be a terribly serious mistake for us to make.

This brings us to the Democrats, who keep clinging to the idea that Social Security's accumulated surpluses-known as the "trust fund"-will protect benefits under the current system until 2042. Plenty of people share that opinion. But they're wrong. Let me show you why, unless we change things, Social Security will become an incredible cash drain on the rest of the government a decade or two down the road. My analysis, incidentally, is the same as Chuck Blahous's-and we've arrived at it totally independently.

Look at the chart on page 42 of the magazine. You see that Social Security is now taking in more cash than it spends. The accumulated surplus is approaching \$2 trillion. But there's a big problem here, fans. The money isn't being saved. Instead, one part of the government, the Treasury, is writing IOUs to another part, Social Security. The Treasury borrows Social Security's surplus cash and gives it IOUs in return. It pays interest on the trust fund's IOUs with additional IOUs rather than cash. So you've got a big pile of government promises to itself. Nothing's been saved. It's as if you wrote IOUs to yourself, stuck them in a coffee can and called them savings. When you needed cash, you'd reach into the can, but all you'd find are IOUs. You'd have to bring in more money or spend less or borrow-just as if there were nothing in the can but coffee.

OK, let's fast-forward to 2018, when Social Security is projected to take in \$23 billion less cash than it spends. By then, the trust fund would have more than \$5 trillion of

Treasury IOUs in it. So it would be a piece of cake to cover a crummy \$23 billion, right? Wrong. No matter how many Treasury securities the trust fund has, Treasury would still need \$23 billion of cash to cover Social Security's bills. The Treasury can trim other expenses, bring in more money or borrow 23 billion bucks. But these options are exactly the same as they'd be if there were no Social Security trust fund. By 2027, Social Security would be taking in almost \$400 billion less than it spends, requiring huge cash influxes. The trust fund-on paper-would still be getting bigger. In the real world, though, Social Security's cash deficit would be seriously squeezing the rest of the government. Finally, as the cash deficit nears half a trillion dollars annually, the trust fund starts to shrink, then melts away. But the fund's irrelevant, folks. It's an accounting entry, not real money. How the Democrats can cling to the trust fund with a straight face is beyond me. Maybe it's because they don't want to shatter Social Security's myths, or let people see how expensive Social Security really is.

Now, look. These numbers show there's a problem if something doesn't change. But it's no crisis. If you want a crisis, look at the totally unfunded Medicare prescription-drug program that Bush shoved down Congress's throat in 2003. The same people who calculate that Social Security has a \$10.4 trillion shortfall place the drug program's at \$17 trillion. Social Security can cover its own expenses for a dozen years. The drug program-which isn't even good insurance, being riddled with coverage holes and assorted problems-starts chewing through money next year. Which is the bigger problem? Hint: not Social Security.

Now it's time to look at how Bush's private Social Security accounts would work. And who'd win and lose. Under Plan 2 in its current incarnation, you'd almost certainly want to sign up for these accounts if you're younger than 55. Yes, you'd have to accept a smaller guaranteed benefit. But you'd come out ahead if your account produced an annual return-cash income and price gains-of more than 3 percent above inflation. That's not a slam-dunk, but it ought to be attainable because you would have a choice among a handful of high-grade, very-low-cost, very diversified mutual funds. But there's a catch. You would own the account, sort of, but you wouldn't control it. And you'd have to fork over the aforementioned 3 percent return-by taking a smaller benefit-when you cash in your account.

Bush, brilliantly, is marketing these accounts as empowering people who'd have no other assets. But I don't think things would work out well for these folks. There would be strict limitations on the accounts-you couldn't take money out of them before you retire, or even borrow against them. And the odds of a low-income person's being able to leave a significant account to her heirs-one of Bush's major selling points-strike me as remote.

Here's why. When it's retirement time, low-income people would likely have to convert most or all of their private account into an annuity to have enough money to live on, or to meet requirements that their guaranteed benefit plus annuity income would exceed certain levels. If you had to convert your entire account into an annuity, there would be nothing left for your heirs when you died. Higher-paid people, by definition, would have bigger private Social Security accounts and less need for annuity income than lower-income people would. This gives them a far greater chance of having something left to hand down to their heirs, and gives lower-paid people less chance. Not to be snotty, but we higher-income types hardly need additional breaks. We've already got plenty.

Staying power matters big time, too-and higher-income people have more of it than lower-income people do. Although stocks tend to rise over the long term, you'd have to cash in some or all of your retirement account to buy an annuity when you retire. That puts you at the mercy of events. Consider the following, produced at my request by the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities. Say you retired in March of 2000, with a private account that held \$100,000 of stock in an SP 500 Index fund. (Index funds match the performance of a benchmark; they don't try to beat the market.) Your inflation-adjusted annuity would have been \$7,558 a year-about \$630 a month-by the center's calculation. But if you had the same number of shares in your account and instead retired in October of 2002, your account would have had less than \$60,000 in it. Your annuity: \$3,352 a year, or \$279 a month. The combination of lower values and lower interest rates is a double whammy. You see the problem? You can get much less-or much more-than someone who's saved at the same rate as you, but retired a little earlier or later.

If you've got financial staying power, you could wait for better days, or buy the smallest annuity the government will permit. If you don't have staying power, you have to take what the market gives you. Higher-paid people thus have a big advantage. The guaranteed Social Security benefit, by contrast, is tilted toward lower-income people, with a benefit of

about 56 percent of Social Security-covered wages for a minimum-wage earner, 30 percent for folks like me who've reached the Social Security maximum every year. You're swapping benefits skewed toward lower-income people for investment opportunities skewed toward higher-income people.

I'm in favor of private accounts constructed along the lines that Bush suggested. But the accounts ought to be in addition to the basic benefit, not as a replacement for about half of it. Democrats are crazy to oppose private accounts. They really do empower you. The current generation is used to investing, and is understandably skeptical about government promises. This isn't the 1930's, when only a handful of people bought stocks, and many of them came to regret it. It's the oughts, guys, get with it. FDR's been dead for 60 years. The world has changed.

If the president really wants to fix Social Security rather than pick a political fight- and the Democrats feel the same-it wouldn't be difficult. They'd compromise by putting more money into the system by raising wage taxes a tad, taking less out by increasing the retirement age and trimming benefit formulas and setting up private accounts funded by wage earners, not by government borrowings. Put a few willing negotiators in a room and a deal's done in a month. I won't hold my breath, though.

Bush has marketed the pants off the Democrats by setting the terms of debate. Do you want to pay higher taxes or lower taxes? Clearly, lower. Do you want to pay estate tax or not? Do you want private accounts, or don't you? He's done a fabulous job of showing the goodies-and of hiding the costs. People, naturally, have opted for the goodies. The Bushies are in full sales mode, including sticking recordings on Social Security's phone lines preaching that the system has to change. In the name of empowering my kids, he's asking them to pay full freight for my retirement and for trillions in new borrowings, while forking over the same wage taxes for lower benefits. If he can sell this one, the Marketing Hall of Fame should start planning his induction ceremony.

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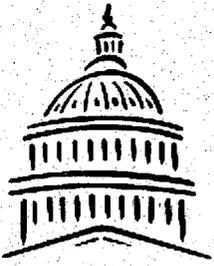
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Dear Mr. Rove:

On behalf of The Junior State of America and The Junior Statesmen Foundation we would like to invite you to speak to our student leaders at the upcoming *Congress 2005* convention program. *Congress 2005* is sponsored by The Junior Statesmen Foundation, a nonpartisan, educational organization which has spent the past seventy years engaging young people's minds with the workings of democracy in America. The main emphasis of our program is to foster an understanding of the important role a citizen must play in our democracy.

With that goal in mind, more than 2,000 students and teachers from across the country will gather in Washington in two sessions on February 18 - 20 and from February 25 - 27, 2005 for *Congress 2005*. Students learn about the legislative process and political issues through debate, guest speakers, and other educational programs. They assume the roles of members of Congress through exercises in bill drafting, committee hearings, mark-ups, floor debate and vote in student-moderated House and Senate sessions.

We cordially invite you to be one of our guest speakers on **Friday February 18, 2005 and/or Friday February 25, 2005 on Capitol Hill**. All our *Congress 2005* program guests speak to about 300 students for approximately a half hour, with at least 10 minutes reserved for student questions. We are sure you will be impressed by our students' sincerity and depth. Feel free to address any topic you feel will help broaden understanding or awareness of current issues and the institutions of our national government.

Thank you for your kind attention and consideration of our request. With your help, this convention will inspire young people to lead lives dedicated to public service. Please fax the attached form to 202-296-7839. If you have any questions at all please call us at 202-296-7838.

We look forward to having you participate and hope to hear from you soon.

Sincerely,

Adam Brandon
Midwest Program Director

Christopher McMahon
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TO: Adam Brandon
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FROM: Mr. Karl Rove

- Yes, I would be pleased to address the student participants.
Please contact the person listed below to schedule a convenient time:

Staff Contact Person: _____
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The following times are convenient for me:

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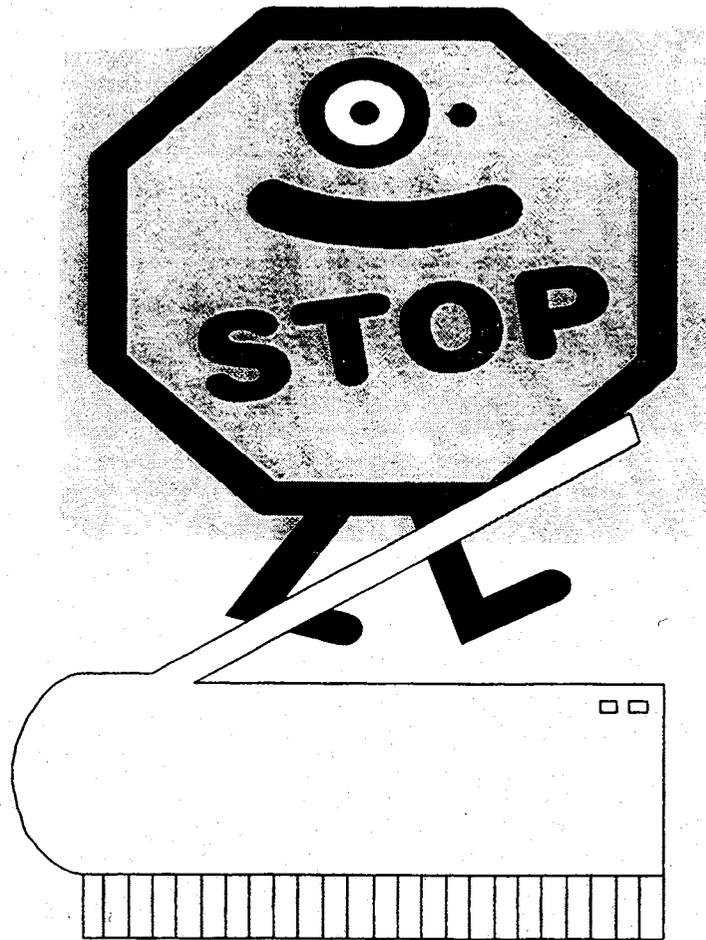
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Imagine yourself...

... standing on the floor of the Senate and casting the deciding vote on a bill on abortion, or

... delivering a fiery speech on the floor of the House that persuades Representatives to vote for a bill that you wrote.



Textbook accounts of how a bill becomes a law can never convey the passions of lawmaking. Even viewing Congress in session fails to give you a sense of the heated debates that go on in committee hearings or the compromising done in back-room meetings.

Congress 2005 will let you experience the thrill of having your own legislation passed by Congress or the anguish of watching your bill defeated. You will also have the opportunity to debate other students' bills and to propose amendments to improve them or do your best to prevent a bad bill from becoming law. At Congress 2005, you will experience everything from back-room logrolling to the fiery speeches made on the floor of the House and Senate.

The Junior State of America is sponsoring Congress 2005 sessions in Washington D.C.; Los Angeles, California; Coeur d'Alene, Idaho; Sacramento, California; Galveston, Texas; and Portland, Oregon. All high school students and teachers are eligible to attend these exciting simulations of the American political process. You will learn how a bill becomes a law by being part of the process.

CONGRESS



Serve as a Member of Congress

Can you protect your bill from amendments that might lessen its impact? Should you compromise in order to gain support or should you hold out and try to persuade others that your bill is perfect as is? Members of Congress face such questions everyday...now it's your turn. At Congress 2005, you will experience the inner workings of the U.S. Congress firsthand. Each delegate serves as either a Senator or a member of the House of Representatives.



Write your own Legislation

Do you want to ban the sale and possession of handguns? Should organized periods of prayer be allowed in public schools? What is your strategy for protecting our nation's environment? As a delegate to Congress 2005, you will have the opportunity to research and write your own bills, congressional resolutions, and Constitutional amendments on these and other controversial issues facing the nation today.

The Junior State of America

On high school campuses across the country, there are students concerned with what is happening around them; students who are interested in politics and government, foreign affairs, the law, and current events. The Junior State of America (JSA) is a non-partisan organization designed for these students. Since the program was founded in 1934, more than 300,000 student members have gained an appreciation of the American system of law and democratic government through active participation.

The Junior State of America is sponsored by both individual high schools and The Junior Statesmen Foundation. Junior State conventions like Congress 2005 are run by the students themselves. Junior State officers are elected on the high school chapter, regional, and state levels and gain practical experience in the art of self government.

The purpose of the Junior State is to teach high school students about government, to help them develop and polish their leadership skills, to encourage critical thinking, and to give them the theoretical and practical knowledge necessary to insure active, informed citizens.

If you have any questions about the organization, or require more information, please call The Junior Statesmen Foundation at (800)334-5353 from the West Coast, or Texas or (800)317-9338 from the East Coast, Midwest or Ohio. The Junior State is open to all high school students. Please check out our website at www.jsa.org.



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Serve on a Congressional Committee

Each student delegate to Congress 2005 will serve on a Congressional Committee where legislation is closely scrutinized. During these informal Committee Hearings, you will consider bills written by other students. Heated debates on provocative issues will challenge your beliefs. You can propose amendments and you can block bills you do not like from becoming law.



Vote on the Floor of the Senate or House

The climax of Congress 2005 is the full House and Senate sessions which will ultimately decide the fate of Congress 2005 legislation. The sponsors of bills will give rousing speeches as they lead the floor debate and try to convince the two houses of the merits of their bills. The opponents of the bills will furiously lobby to defeat them. When all the politicking is over, you get to weigh the pros and cons, then cast what could be the deciding vote.



CONGRESS 2005

Below is a brief overview of Congress 2005, from preparing for the convention to voting on the final bills. The Junior State has produced a booklet entitled *Preparing for Congress*, which covers the procedures and rules of Congress 2005 in detail and provides suggestions for getting you and your delegation ready for an enriching weekend. Please contact the Junior State at 1-800-334-5353 (West Coast and Texas delegates) or 1-800-317-9338 (East Coast, Midwest, and Ohio) for your free copy of *Preparing for Congress*, as well as complete registration materials.

Assembling a Delegation

Every student participant at Congress 2005 will register as part of their high school's delegation. Each delegation will be made of a combination of Senators and Members of the House of Representatives. Each delegation may designate one delegate as a Senator for every 3 delegates registered at the Convention. For example, a delegation of 19 students would be composed of 6 Senators and 13 Representatives. Each delegation will choose its Senators, either by election or appointment, prior to the convention.

Sponsoring Legislation

Sponsoring legislation is the best way to enjoy the full Congress 2005 experience. Sponsors research a topic and then write a short bill, no longer than one page. Each bill must propose a change in current federal law. Every delegation to Congress 2005 must submit at least one bill for every five delegates and can submit up to one bill per delegate. Each bill must be jointly sponsored by one Senator and one Representative from your school. The sponsors will be the primary speakers for their bill in the committee hearings as well as on the floors of the House and Senate.

Committee Hearings

On Saturday morning of the Convention, students will start the day with an Opening Session, then move into Senate and House Committee Hearings. During hearings, the student sponsors of bills will present their legislation for review by the committee. The committee will then debate the bill, propose amendments, and finally vote on it. The committees will be small enough so that everyone will have an opportunity to speak.

Senate and House Sessions

Saturday evening and Sunday morning the full House and Senate will convene separately to debate the bills that were passed out of committee. Bill sponsors will give impassioned speeches on the floors of the House and Senate as well as organize their supporters to deliver eloquent supporting speeches. Opponents of the bills will be just as convincing in their floor speeches as they try to prevent bills from receiving the votes they need. The excitement generated by the clashing of ideas will be heightened by the frantic rush to complete the Congressional Calendar before the weekend is over. Bills must pass both houses to become law.

Other Activities

The opening and/or closing general sessions at each location will feature prominent political leaders as keynote speakers. Delegates will also have an opportunity to relax and have some fun at a dance on Saturday night.

Washington, D.C. Special Events

Students attending the Washington, D.C. Congress are engaged in the intense political atmosphere of our nation's capital. At this memorable three-day convention, students have the opportunity to hear notable speakers in the Capitol building, as well as take a moonlight tour of the city's historical monuments.



Senator Hillary Clinton, D-New York

Registration Fees

Convention registration fees cover overnight hotel accommodations, educational materials, stimulating committee hearings, exciting general sessions, special guest speakers, and recreational activities including a dance on Saturday night. No refunds will be made after the registration deadline.

Note: If you are not a member, it is easy to start a Junior State chapter at your school to qualify for the lower member fee. Contact the Junior State office for more information.

The National Association of Secondary School Principals has placed the Washington, D.C. convention on the National Advisory List of Contests and Activities for 2004-2005.

Conference	*Washington, D.C.	Los Angeles	Coeur d'Alene	Sacramento	Texas	Portland
Junior State Member	\$165	\$94	\$75	\$96	\$96	\$99
Non-member student	\$168	\$97	\$78	\$99	\$99	\$102
Friday Night add	included	N/A	\$40	N/A	\$45	\$45
Teacher Advisor ¹	Free	Free	Free	Free	Free	Free
Teacher Advisor private room ²	\$165	\$95	\$70	\$95	\$96	\$95
Chartered bus transportation ³	\$75	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

***Note: The Washington, D.C. conventions last three days and two nights.**

- 1 One advisor for every 19 students, housed in a twin room with another teacher.**
- 2 Room price is per night. There is no extra charge for a spouse in a private room.**
- 3 Available to Washington D.C. from Metropolitan New York City, New Jersey, Southeastern Pennsylvania, Boston and Connecticut areas. Call 1-800-317-9338 for Ohio pricing.**

Registration Information

You must obtain a registration packet and register in advance to attend Congress 2005. Junior State National Headquarters, located at 400 South El Camino Real, Suite 300, San Mateo, CA 94402, or our Washington, D.C. office at 1140 Connecticut Avenue, NW, Suite 801, Washington, D.C. 20036, will provide a registration packet to teachers or students interested in attending these exciting conventions. The packet includes information on how to register, student permission slips, and a copy of *Preparing for Congress* with helpful hints for preparing a bill.

To obtain this registration packet, write to the Junior State or call toll-free 1-800-334-5353 from the West Coast, or Texas; East Coast, Midwest, Ohio, and Southeast delegates should call 1-800-317-9338.

Transportation

Delegations must provide their own transportation to the convention. STUDENT DRIVEN CARS ARE STRICTLY PROHIBITED. Large delegations may want to charter a school bus. Participants should arrive between 8:00 a.m. and 9:30 a.m. on Saturday morning and should plan to depart after 3:00 p.m. on Sunday.

For the Washington, D.C. convention, most participants arrive by 1:00 PM Friday and depart at 3:00 PM Sunday. Bus transportation to Washington, D.C. is available from New York City, New Jersey, Southeastern Pennsylvania, Boston and Connecticut areas for an additional fee of \$75. Bus transportation is also available from Cincinnati, Dayton, and Columbus—see registration packet for details.



Teachers and Advisors

Every delegation of students must be accompanied by a teacher from their high school. Students may NOT attend with another high school's delegation. Teachers provide invaluable educational guidance and assist with supervision. Delegations are well supervised and must adhere to all rules for school field trips. Teachers accompanying delegations numbering three to nineteen students may attend free of charge. The ratio of students to teachers may never exceed 19 to 1.





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Registration Deadlines

February 12-13	Southern California	Woodland Hills, CA	Warner Center Marriott	Tuesday, January 11
February 12-13	Northern California	Sacramento, CA	Double Tree Hotel	Tuesday, January 11
February 18-20	Northeast	Washington D.C.	Crystal City Double Tree Hotel	Tuesday, January 18
February 18-20	Midwest/Ohio River Valley/Southeast	Washington D.C.	Crystal City Marriott Hotel	Tuesday, January 18
February 19-20	Pacific Northwest	Coeur d'Alene, ID	Coeur d'Alene Resort	Tuesday, January 18
February 19-20	Texas	Galveston, TX	Moody Gardens Hotel	Tuesday, January 18
February 25-27	Mid Atlantic	Washington D.C.	Crystal City Double Tree Hotel	Tuesday, January 25
February 26-27	Pacific Northwest	Portland, OR	Double Tree Hotel, Lloyd Center	Tuesday, January 25

All registration materials must be postmarked on or before the registration deadline. NO REFUNDS WILL BE MADE AFTER THE REGISTRATION DEADLINE. Space permitting, late registration may be accepted. A late registration fee of \$10.00 per person will be assessed.

Sample Legislative Calendar

Below is a sample Legislative Calendar for Congress 2005. These are not bills that have been submitted, but they are listed here to give you an idea of the range of topics that will be discussed at Congress 2004.

Armed Services Committee



Colin Powell, U.S. Secretary of State

Sample Agenda

Friday (Washington, D.C. only)

Registration	11:00 am – 1:00 pm
Capitol Hill	2:00 pm – 5:30 pm
Speakers and Debates	7:00 pm – 10:00 pm
Optional Moonlight Tour of Monuments	10:00 pm – Midnight

Saturday (All Sites)

Registration	9:00 am – 9:45am
Opening Session	10:00 am – 11:00 am
Committee Hearings	11:00 am – 12:00 pm
Committee Hearings	1:30 pm – 5:30 pm
House & Senate Sessions	7:00 pm – 9:30 pm
Dance	10:00 pm – Midnight

Sunday (All Sites)

House & Senate Sessions	9:00 am – 1:00 pm
Closing Session	2:00 pm – 3:00 pm

In addition to the events listed above, each convention hosts a variety of other interesting activities, such as quiz bowls, talent shows, and impromptu speeches.

A bill to combat terrorism.

A bill to allow women to serve in combat.

A bill to establish a missile defense system.

A bill to allow homosexuals to serve openly in the military.

Education and Labor Committee

- A bill to establish national standards of teacher competency.
- A bill to require Pell Grant recipients to complete two years of military or public service.
- A bill to establish and maintain day care programs for pre-kindergarten children.
- A Constitutional Amendment to allow for a moment of silence for prayer in public schools.

Environment and Natural Resources Committee

- A resolution to promote the use of nuclear power.
- A bill to require an economic impact report for all additions to the endangered species list.
- A bill to allow more oil drilling in Alaska.
- A bill to require all new cars produced in the U.S. run on ethanol.
- A bill to ban all offshore oil drilling.
- A bill to purchase old growth forests.

Government Operations Committee

- A Constitutional Amendment to provide for the direct election of the President and Vice President.
- A resolution to lower the national drinking age to 18.
- A Constitutional Amendment to limit Congressional terms of office.
- A bill to ban research on embryonic stem cells.
- A bill to expand the use of wire taps.

