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"QUOTE" OF THE WEEK

"And I'm a drunk, but my liver's been good to me..."'

- Former GOP kingmaker L. Keith Bulen, in a classic Indianapolis Star profile by Bill Shaw

Gingrich's return will leave big wake

Both parties will be dealing with his legacy

INDIANAPOLIS - Three years ago, U.S. Rep. Frank McCloskey sat on the veranda at the French Lick Springs resort and observed that Newt Gingrich had the potential to become one of the most compelling figures in this nation's political history or an "American tragedy."

This weekend, House Speaker Gingrich returns to Indiana with a foot in both scenarios - perhaps both wet from trips down his own throat. While Gingrich hails from Georgia, he has had a huge impact on Hoosier politics. And Indiana political figures have played a gigantic role in shaping him into a national figure as well as abetting his potential demise.

This weekend, Gingrich will culminate a weeklong national tour at the Midwestern Republican Leadership Conference in Indianapolis before 1,200 delegates - a venue that will probably see him grab his share of limelight from the likes of 2000 presidential contenders Dan Quayle, George W. Bush, Jack Kemp, and Fred Thompson.

Two hours south, in French Lick, more than 500 Indiana Democrats will be gathering for the annual Indiana Democratic Editorial Association where the speaker will be reviled. In both places, national pollsters, strategists and money movers will be coaching party activists on their crucial roles in the 1998 and 2000 elections.

Speaker Gingrich is the target at which both parties will be taking aim at their own immediate destinies. He speaks at noon Friday at the Republican event.

Gingrich was so infuriated by McCloskey's seating over Republican Rick McIntyre in 1984 that he vowed to retaliate. That set him on a course in which he played a major role in knocking House Speaker Jim Wright from his office several years later and launched a

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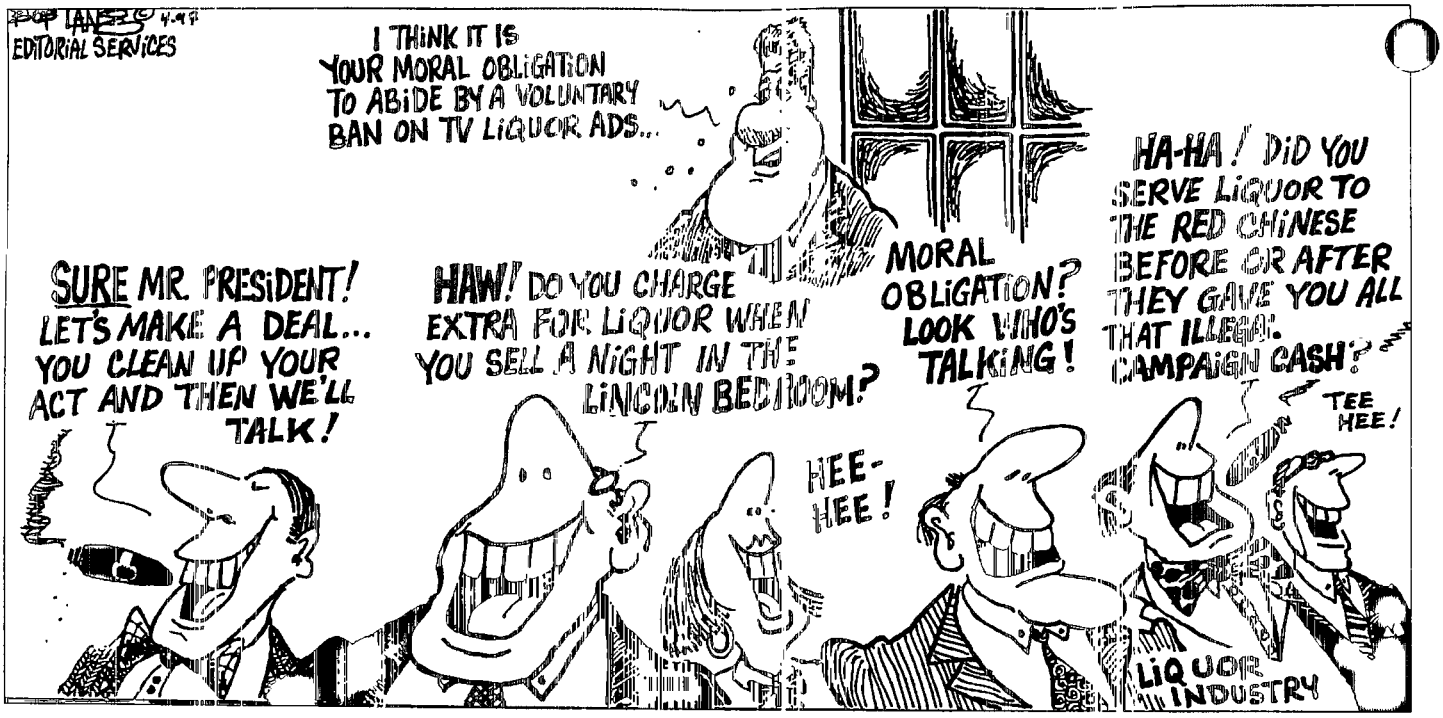

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PLAY OF THE WEEK: How about a real play? We mean, a real baseball play? U.S. Rep. Steve Buyer, a Monticello Republican, was the only Hoosier to play in the annual Congressional Baseball game. Buyer was a pinch runner and scored a run in a game won by the Republicans over the Democrats, 10-9. Now, who says one vote doesn't count?

Clerk of Courts John Oxeson had been saying he would be a candidate for the 1999 Fort Wayne mayor's office only if current Mayor Paul Helmke didn't seek a fourth term. Now he's saying if the mayor doesn't commit to the race soon,

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national trajectory that brought him to the probable apex of his career - the Republican tsunami of 1994 and his ascension as speaker.

It was an election that seated Hoosier Republicans David McIntosh, Mark Souder and John Hostettler. Those three politicians have played in a political plot worthy of Shakespeare or Machiavelli. McIntosh became the darling freshman, seated in the Gingrich inner circle in 1995, only to turn on him two years later in the near coup d'etat last month.

Gingrich spurned Souder and Hostettler on scheduled fundraisers in Fort Wayne and Evansville in January 1996 after they bucked him on the budget vote. Souder said it was an honor for a Speaker to visit Northeast Indiana, but called him a political liability.

During the summer of '97, Souder has called for Gingrich to resign and Hostettler voted against him for a second term as Speaker last January.

In July 1995, Gingrich returned to Indianapolis to keynote the Republican State Dinner as a conquering hero. A year later when he campaigned for Virginia Blankenbaker in the 10th CD race, GOP strategists wondered whether he would cost her support

In 1997, Gingrich returns, posting in an NBC/*Wall Street Journal* poll an 18 percent favorable rating and 54 percent unfavorable. On job performance, he comes in at 31 percent approval and 52 percent disapproval. Gingrich returns to Indiana under the veiled threats of seeking retribution against McIntosh by possibly funding a primary opponent. Roll Call identified McIntosh along with Reps. Joe Scarborough of Florida and Matt Salmon of Arizona as potential targets after Gingrich suggested he would use the National Republican Congressional Committee's fundraising arm as a mode of retribution.

And McIntosh, who sought a new committee assignment recently so he could deal with his forte of regulatory reform, was rejected by Gingrich. Sources close to McIntosh say the move wasn't a serious blow, but in kinder, gentler times such a request most certainly would have been honored.

In both Indianapolis and French Lick, party activists will be dealing with the political wake left by Gingrich. Democrats will be seeking exploit recent political victories on a balanced budget, the line item veto and a rejuvenated labor movement following the UPS strike.

Earlier this week, Gingrich struck GOP themes saying Republicans fulfilled their "Contract With America" and voters rewarded them with the first consecutive Republican con-

Poll shows Clinton popularity at 59 percent, but most favor re-electing Congress

HORSE RACE

TRENDLINE: There is more evidence that could help Democrats in the 1998 Congressional and legislative races. A Pew Research Center poll said that "a near majority of Americans (49 percent) are satisfied with the way things are going in the country," said pollster Andrew Kohut. "That is nearly twice as many as felt that way just a year ago - and the first time since the heady days immediately following victory in the Gulf that most of the public is happy with the country's direction." Kohut noted that President Clinton has a 59 percent approval rating, "close to the 62 percent rating enjoyed by President Reagan at the same point in his second term. This is quite an accomplishment, given that Reagan achieved re-election in a 59 percent landslide, while Clinton failed to win a majority." Finally, the percentage of those favoring the re-election of their congress(wo)man rose to 66 percent, higher than similar polls conducted in 1990, 1994 and 1996.

Yet, National Republican Congressional Committee Chairman John Linder predicted the GOP would add 20 House seats in 1998. "History is on our side," Linder told *Roll Call*. "A 20-seat net gain is a reasonable assumption."

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■ **9TH CD:** Republican Kevin Shaw Kellems is still undecided on whether to seek the nomination. Some friends said they expected him not to run. But then he just did a poll.

■ **2000 GOVERNOR'S RACE:** A lot of fantastic things have been said about the 2000 gubernatiorial race. IU pollster Brian Vargus said on a *Mike Pence Show* last spring that Indianapolis Mayor Stephen Goldsmith will run "and he will win." Goldsmith himself is tap-dancing around whether he is interested even though his campaign - The Steve Goldsmith Committee - has been booking speeches for him around the state. Now comes forth *Indianapolis Star* columnist Dick Cady, who surmised last week that if Goldsmith doesn't seek re-election in 1999, that certainly means he won't run for governor in 2000. Horse Race thinks Dick Cady is riding backwards on this one. If Goldsmith seeks a rematch with Gov. O'Bannon in 2000, he almost certainly wouldn't run for re-election as mayor. Remember all the controversy in 1995 about Goldsmith running for two offices? Remember the Meridian Street police brawl? Remember all those stinking dead fish?

gresses since 1928.

"I'm supposed to be in trouble?" Gingrich asked in Los Angeles earlier this week. "We just passed the tax cut bill that I campaigned on for three and a half years. We got huge bipartisan majorities and the president signed it into law, and I'm supposed to be the outsider?"

At least one insider, political analyst Stuart Rothenberg who publishes the *Rothenberg Political Report*, is suggesting Gingrich may be looking for a promotion - like the GOP presidential nomination in 2000. Republicans imposed an eight-year term limit on their speaker, meaning Gingrich has until 2002 to serve in that post if there is a majority. "If Gingrich stays in office until 2002, he could face a political landscape with a new Republican president who could stay in office to 2008 and who might have a running mate who wants to run at that time. So Gingrich, who knows that opportunity don't come along every day, probably will decide that he can't pass up 2000."

Most people would laugh at the prospect of the sanctioned Speaker who had to take a $300,000 loan from Bob Dole to pay off a fine running for president.

But Rothenberg observed, "Unlike the rest of the world, I'm not yet ready to pronounce Gingrich's presidential prospects dead. You see, I remember what voters said about Bill Clinton in November 1994.

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he'll run regardless (Mike Dooley, Fort Wayne News-Sentinel).

Shortly after the North Hollywood, Calif., shootout where two robo-criminals held off 300 cops for hours, HPR predicted the tape would be used to boost police budgets. While the tape wasn't shown to the Vanderburgh County Council, it did hear testimony that the sheriff, prosecutor and coroner's offices need 20 new full-time employees at a cost of $2 million (Alan Julian, Evansville Courier). Vanderburgh County has an daily average inmate population of 330, or 70 over capacity.

Indiana Tax Court Judge Thomas Fisher ordered St. Joseph County to begin building a new correctional facility "forthwith." Fisher's ruling overturned an Indiana Board of Tax Commissioners ruling that a new petition process giving remonstrators a chance to kill the project, would be necessary. Fisher said it was "troubling" that anyone would regard the original decision made by U.S. District Judge Allen Sharp as anything short of an order. After the ruling, Sheriff Joseph Speybroeck "lit up a victory cigar" (Jack Colwell, South Bend Tribune).

U.S. Sen. Richard Lugar is the only Indiana Member of

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Mike McDaniel talks about GOP changes in 1998 and 2000 elections

HPR INTERVIEW

"Everybody understands that the '98 cycle means keeping control of both houses of Congress. And we've got to get ourselves in a position to control as many Statehouses as we can in 2000 for reapportionment..."
- Mike McDaniel

INDIANAPOLIS - Other than Election Day, this weekend's Republican Leadership Conference marks the biggest challenge for Indiana Republican Chairman Mike McDaniel, who will host 1,200 delegates, about 10 presidential candidates and a national horde of news media.

HPR played phone tag all day Tuesday with the venerable "Switzerland" McDaniel and finally caught up with him around 5 p.m. The goal? To get some earnest analysis of the weekend up through the year 2000.

HPR: The polls look good for President Clinton as well as Congressional incumbents. What's your read on that?

McDaniel: In my opinion, that's good news and kind of good news. Let me explain why. First of all, Bill Clinton can't run again. So even though he has popular numbers, believe me when I tell you those numbers won't transfer to Al Gore. Because Al Gore is no Bill Clinton. He's not as smooth as he is in communicating with the American public. He doesn't have the same Teflon coating that Clinton has. The fact that Clinton can't run again ... his numbers are less than relevant when you weigh those with the fact that most Americans are satisfied with their Congress member. Subsequently, since we control both houses in Congress, that has to make us feel pretty good.

HPR: Why is President Clinton so popular?

McDaniel: Clinton is riding the crest of the strongest economy we've had in some time. I also think Clinton gets some of the benefit of all the good programs we're passing through Congress. He kind of leans over and puts his hand around the programs when they're done and says, "Yeah, me too." He's got the greatest of both worlds right now.

HPR: Did you ever dream Bill Clinton would become "Son of Great Communicator"?

McDaniel: No. No. Again, I think he's a product of just a great economy and we didn't run the greatest campaign we could have run, by way of Bob Dole. While he's a great American, every one knew from the get-go that that one was doomed to failure. Clinton is talking about a bridge to the future when we have full employment. Bob Dole is out there talking about ... we're not quite sure what. The message never solidified in the campaign. I mean that one was one where we said we're going to give this guy a chance because he's done a lot of great things for the party over the years. I think the great lesson we learn from that, kind of translates into what we're trying to do this week. The reason there is so much interest in this conference this weekend is because people are saying, "Look, we've got the best chance we've had in years to win back the White House," and people are eager to get started. That's why we're meeting with the candidates and why we've got 1,200 delegates.

HPR: Did you dream you'd have so many?

McDaniel: No. The biggest crowd they've ever had for one of these things was, like, 590 in Green Bay, Wis., two years ago. But anytime you can get a good lineup with a lot of superstars of the party, that's what brings people out. It's coming back together to make sure we win the White House. Everybody understands that the '98 cycle means keeping control of both Houses of Congress. And we've got to get ourselves in a position to control as many Statehouses as we can in 2000 for reapportionment.

HPR: Is this the opening of the 2000 presidential race?

McDaniel: Well, I don't want to go quite tha far. But I will say this: the tremendous amount of Washington media who have shown an interest in this thing ... I mean they are coming in from everywhere right now because of the lineup we have. They're viewing it that way. We may have the eventual nominee here. I believe we are not only going to have the eventual nominee, but the next president. It's pretty exciting.

HPR: Things don't look as bleak for Democrats as everyone was saying 1998 would be last winter with the mid-term jinx and all. I

mean, last January I was thinking 1998 would a disaster for Democrats.

McDaniel: I think we've got a chance to pick up 20 to 25 seats in Congress next year.

HPR: Last January I could see a scenario where that could be 40 to 50 seats with all the talk of the Clintons facing indictments.

McDaniel: I don't think I was ever completely euphoric about those kind of numbers. Even in our winter state chairmen's meeting in St. Petersburg they were talking about 20 to 25 seats. If we end up picking up 20 to 25 more seats in Congress, that's a home run. We can have a great year next year.

HPR: How do you see Indiana shaping up?

McDaniel: I believe our six incumbents are going to be in good shape. We really have a shot at picking up the 9th and the 10th.

HPR: I see the battleground in the 8th, 9th and 10th. The war will be fought in the south. Tell me about the Bloody 8th.

McDaniel: I think Hostettler, by surviving what was thrown at him by the unions down there and the dishonest ads run about the guy down there and surviving that, I think they took their best shot. They didn't get it done that time and John hasn't done anything to make the people mad. If he keeps doing a good job I think he can be down there a long time.

HPR: What is your assessment of Gail Riecken, Hostettler's likely challenger?

McDaniel: I know a little bit about her. I hear she's going to be a formidable candidate. But, having said that, every day that ticks by and she's not out there running is a plus for us. To raise money at a $1,000 maximum a clip which is the legal limit in a federal campaign is a very tough thing to do. The longer she is not out there doing that is another day we have an advantage. John has proved himself to be his own man and is out there working very hard. His may be closer than a lot of our incumbents, but he'll be all right.

HPR: Would any tornado touchdown near Evansville help him out, given Gore's broken Doppler promise in 1994?

McDaniel: I can understand that controversy down there. People are saying, "Hey, we pour all our tax dollars down there and we ought to be getting the same safety they're getting in other parts of the world.

HPR: The 9th CD, your open seat. Do you expect Kevin Shaw Kellems to get in?

McDaniel: Kevin hasn't officially said yet, but again every day Kevin is not officially in it is a day that's tougher to get done what he has to get done. If he's going to do it, it's going to have to be soon. I don't think he's really finalized it yet. I would have to think that if Jean (Leising) is our candidate, having made the cycle a couple of times.... I mean this is an open seat. We're not running against Lee Hamilton this time. We've got a shot. This district votes overwhelmingly for Republican presidential candidates. So we think we've got a shot at winning the seat back. I mean, we're winning county offices in some of those southeastern counties; more than we've ever won before. That district goes all the way over to Daviess County where you've got Democratic county commissioners switching parties. We've got to get to the Reagan Democrats. It could be done.

HPR: Assess Baron Hill as a candidate.

McDaniel: I think Baron Hill is a great campaigner. But again, Baron has to make the case. He's got to decide what he stands for. When you go across the country and look at open seats, that's one that we've got to go in with everything we've got.

HPR: How about the 10th CD?

McDaniel: It's tough. Julia Carson is now an incumbent. I don't care who you are, if you're running against an incumbent, it's tougher. But having said that, she hasn't been there part of the time. She's missed a lot of time due to health reasons. She's been all over the lot on a lot of the votes she's made. So, we're going to give her everything we've got. I mean, you eliminate the ones you're going to win and the ones you're going to lose and then you go in with everything you've got in the middle.

HPR: Does the 10th fit that category?

McDaniel: The 10th will definitely be that way.

HPR: Do you expect anyone other than Virginia Blankenbaker and Gary Hofmeister?

McDaniel: I think both will go to the post.

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Congress to have authored a book. Lugar has written "Indianapolis: Crossroads of the American Dream" published in 1996 and "Letters to the Next President" in 1988.

One of Lt. Gov. Joe Kernan's big projects as mayor of South Bend was the College Football Hall of Fame. But the new facility is becoming a bust with a lack of corporate support and poor turnout last week during the enshrinement of 25 gridders. Kernan came under attack for using tax dollars to build the facility from several vocal taxpayers. Now, the South Bend Tribune is calling 1998 "a potential make-or-break year for the shrine." Tribune reporter David Haugh offered 10 suggestions for success, including, "Secure the preseason game between Notre Dame and Indiana" and "Induct Lou Holtz. He deserves it."

1996 presidential candidate Bob Dole will be the keynote speaker for the annual Allen County Republican Bean Dinner in Fort Wayne on Oct. 22. Allen County Chairman Steve Shine credited U.S. Sen. Dan Coats and 1998 Senate hopeful Peter Rusthoven for helping secure Dole. Last year's speaker was favorite son Dan Quayle, who raised $75,000 in an event that attracted about

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800 people.

There are reports out of Fort Wayne that City Councilman Archie Lunsey may challenge State Rep. Win Moses in the Democratic primary. The seat had been drawn up for a black candidate, but Moses defeated City Councilman Charles Redd in 1992 without spending a dime. However, the Fort Wayne Journal Gazette reported that Lunsey owes $321 in property taxes due on May 12. County Treasurer Tim Berry, a potential candidate for state auditor, told the newspaper that his office would begin garnishing Lunsey's council wages by the end of this month.

The Indiana Policy Review Foundation, a conservative think tank, is now on the Internet with a web site: http://www.inpolicy.com

Former Indiana Clerk of the Courts Dwayne Brown attempted to get his law license back before the Indiana Court of Appeals, but showed up 9 minutes late for the hearing, couldn't produce witnesses he had promised, and in the end, saw his petition for reinstatement rejected.

Indiana Attorney General Jeff Modisett hosted 15 states and Puerto Rico in Indianapolis to

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COLUMNISTS ON INDIANA

Mike Dooley, *Fort Wayne News-Sentinel* - If you give points for not offending anyone, the first round of the Republican senatorial race to be fought on local soil went to the outsider. That seemed to be the consensus Monday night as GOP leaders gathered at the Autumn Ridge clubhouse for an after-golf tournament party featuring appearances by U.S. Senate hopefuls Paul Helmke and Peter Rusthoven. The Indianapolis attorney and former staffer in the Reagan White House appeared to capture the upper hand as he offered his thanks to local Republican Chairman Steve Shine for hosting the event, then presented a White House golf ball autographed by his old boss to former county chairman Orvas Beers in honor of Beers' 79th birthday. Helmke, meanwhile, left many wondering if he got up on the wrong side of the bed that morning. First, he corrected Beers, telling him it was 1980, rather than 1982 as Beers recalled, that former Kansas Sen. Bob Dole made his last visit to the Summit City. Then he turned his attention to the current chairman, telling the crowd he could "remember when Steve Shine was a Democrat" as evidenced by Shine's aborted mayoral bid in the 1979 Democratic primary. "At least I went from a Democrate to a Republican," Shine said later.

Charles E. Cook, *Roll Call* - Can (Massachussets Gov. William) Weld win the GOP nomination? Probably not, but a lot would depend on who the alternatives are. In a multi-candidate field, the names in the race matter most. For example, some senior Bob Dole advisers believe that because conservatives were so badly split, former Tennessee Gov. Lamar Alexander could have captured the GOP presidential nomination in 1996 if he had moved a little to the left. Weld's profile is obviously to the left of Alexander's, but a one-on-one match between Weld and former Vice President Dan Quayle would be more interesting and better configured for Weld than a race against Texas Gov. George W. Bush, Kemp, or, for that matter, Alexander.

Dave Kitchell, *Logansport Pharos-Tribune* - John Price just got back from a family vacation in Washington state, and now he's out to take his campaign for family issues to Washington, D.C. While he has never held elective office, Price says voters should like him because he's most like (U.S. Sen. Dan) Coats of any candidate, including Gov. Evan Bayh. "I think I would be most like him because Dan has been the leading pro-family man of the Senate and I certainly don't want him to be replaced by Evan Bayh who would be diamentrically opposed to him on those issues," Price said.

Sylvia Smith, *Fort Wayne Journal Gazette* - Is Lugar trying to stick it to Helms as revenge? Talking to reporters for an hour Thursday, Lugar himself made a very clear link among three things: his view that Helms is wrong to deny the Senate a chance to air the pros and cons of a Weld appointment; his frustration at Helms' refusal to appoint Lugar to a Senate committee that's putting the final touches on a bill dealing with sensitive foreign policy issues; and Lugar's decision to conduct two hearings on the tobacco settlement and his opinion that Uncle Sam should take tobacco farmers off the public dole. If Lugar didn't mean to suggest that he was ready to tighten the screws on the tobacco industry - an industry Helms has made a career of protecting - he sure fooled me and everyone else at that breakfast.

Rachel Gorlin, *The New Yorker* - Not since Jesse Helms took on Robert Mapplethorpe, in 1989, has Washington, D.C. seen pictures like these. Actually, not even then. The main attraction at a free lectured called "Sex, Lunch and Overhead Slides" held the other day in the basement of the Capitol, was a series of blown-up images depicting the ravages of sexually transmitted diseases. The mostly female audience of Capitol Hill saffers, who sat in folding chairs with their legs tightly crossed, found it hard to finish their sandwiches.

PERHAPS... WE WANDER

By Brian Howey

September could be a crucial month for Sen. Richard Lugar

WASHINGTON - In a political career that has had many moments of drama, U.S. Sen. Richard Lugar may be closing in on one of the most crucial months of his career in September.

On Sept. 18, the Senate Agriculture Committee will commence hearings on subsidies for tobacco farmers. It is part of a Senate showdown between Lugar and North Carolina Sen. Jesse Helms over the nomination of former Massachusetts Gov. William Weld as ambassador to Mexico that could provide an epic subplot to a capital already swirling with intrigue in Senate and House campaign finance investigations, and the specter of indictments engineered by Special Counsel Kenneth Starr.

"I feel the power of the chair is being misused," Lugar said last weekend in Evansville (Laura Felder, *Evansville Courier*). "I hope the Foreign Relations Committee will have a hearing. That's the way I run my committee and I suggest Senator Helms do the same."

The Helms-Lugar showdown is a continuation of a drama that has been brewing since 1986 when Helms ousted Lugar as chairman of the Foreign Relations Committee.

Earlier this year, Helms rejected Lugar's bid to serve on a conference committee dealing with foreign policy. Lugar has retaliated by suggesting that tobacco farmers sign on to the historic Freedom to Farm Act that Lugar pushed through in 1996.

When Lugar took the position that Weld should get a hearing, it occurred in July and early August when most of Congress had left town. In that vacuum, Lugar found the national news media at his doorstep. He appeared on NBC's Meet the Press - a show that had snubbed him during his 1996 presidential campaign.

Helms' press secretary, Marc Thiessan, has the reputation for being one of the most aggressive in Washington. His most compelling comment on Lugar's stance to date was something along the lines of Sen. Helms is surprised by the Lugar attack. It will be hard to imagine that Helms will let too much of September go by before he lambasts the Indiana senator.

Roll Call observed in its Aug. 14 edition, "In today's Senate, it may be hard to imagine senators rallying around the crusty Helms."

It quoted Dennis Ritchie, associate Senate historian, as saying the history of the upper chamber is "replete with tales of major nomination battles between the chamber and various presidents." But a showdown between two Senate chairmen over a nomination is rare.

"I'm always hesitant to say something is unprecedented," Ritchie told *Roll Call*. "But we're still looking. We haven't come up with one in which two committee chairmen have challenged one another like this over a nomination."

Other Senate sources say they are surprised that the normally cautious Lugar "could become so militant. It's so unLugar-like," one senior aide told Roll Call. "If you had asked which senators would pull a stunt like this, Lugar would have been at the bottom of the list of suspects."

What Lugar is venting here, however, may be a preview of some of the battles facing the Republicans heading into 1998 and 2000. Lugar is taking the position that tobacco farmers should be treated no differently than other farmers who are slowly being eased out of the subsidy programs. Public opinion may be on his side since the historic deal with big tobacco was cut by 40 states attorney generals.

The Weld-Helms showdown is also exposing a rift between the moderate and conservative wings of the party. But Lugar's historic reform of agriculture is actually more in line with the ideological rhetoric of the GOP than Helms' protection of the good ol'boy tobacco road network.

Helms is probably keeping his powder dry for September. Then we'll get to see an almost unprecedented showdown between Lugar and Helms that may have people talking for years.

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discuss ways of dividing the proposed $368 billion tobacco settlement. Congress, however, may not vote on the settlement until December or early next year. Modisett also defended the tobacco settlement which he helped broker after it has come under severe attack in Congress and by anti-tobacco activists. "Debate over the proposed settlement is healthy. But let's not lose sight of the fact that it will do more for the children and public health of our nation than all of the lawsuits filed by attorneys general combined," Modisett said.

U.S. Rep. Lee Hamilton called the recent budget agreement something that "moves the country forward." Hamilton explained, "It ensures Medicare's solvency for 10 years. It provides tax relief, education, and health care benefits to hard-working families. It moves backwards on tax reform, and health care benefits to working families. While it moves backwards on tax reform and postpones some tough decisions, it is still likely to achieve a balanced budget. My hope is that we can build on this political and economic achievement to address the country's long-term challenges as we move into the next century."

State Sen. Richard Worman has decided not to seek re-election

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and that has prompted State Rep. Phyllis Pond, Worman's son, Dennis, and former Allen County Sheriff Bud Meeks to seek the nomination.

Gov. Frank O'Bannon and First Lady Judy O'Bannon will celebrate their 40th wedding anniversary Saturday night at the Indiana Democratic Editorial Association Convention at the French Lick Springs resort.

Harry Alford, founder of the National Black Chamber of Commerce, will address a business awards banquet in Evansville on Sept. 5.

Anderson Herald-Bulletin, Angola Herald Republican, Albion New Era, Bedford Times, Bluffton News-Banner, Brazil Times, Churubusco News, Columbia City Post & Mail, Crothersville Times, Decatur Daily Democrat, Elkhart Truth, Indianapolis Business Journal, Indianapolis News, Jeffersonville Evening News, Johnson County Daily Journal, Logansport Pharos-Tribune, Muncie Star Press, Michigan City News-Dispatch, Northwest Allen County Times, Shelbyville News, Sullivan Daily Times, NUVO Newsweekly, Hudson Institute

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