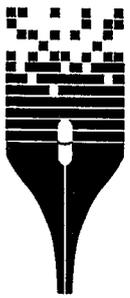


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“QUOTE” OF THE WEEK

“That’s a lot of emergencies!...”

- State Rep. Eric Turner on the 10,000 bills

normally filed in short legislative sessions, as he pressed to have the ‘98 session called off

Coats’ endorsement appears likely in ‘98

Rusthoven meets most of senator’s criteria

INDIANAPOLIS - The race for the Republican Senate nomination will likely take a decisive turn late next January should U.S. Sen. Dan Coats decide to endorse one of three seeking his party’s nomination.

If that endorsement were to be made, HPR’s educated guess would have Coats endorsing Indianapolis attorney Peter Rusthoven.

In meeting with Statehouse reporters, HPR asked Coats to survey the 1998 political landscape and whether he would consider an endorsement. “Clearly, Evan Bayh is going to be a formidable Democratic candidate given his name identification and fund-raising ability,” Coats said. “I still believe it will be important to rally around one candidate. That hasn’t happened, but it still might depending on how they are attracting support and money.”

Coats said he was “still holding the option” to make an endorsement, based on three criteria:

- Support within the party;
- Ability to raise money;
- How the candidates stack up with Evan Bayh on the issues.

Based on Coats’ criteria, at this point in the three-way Republican race for the nomination, Rusthoven appears to be meeting two crucial pieces of that list. Sources close to the Rusthoven campaign say he has raised in the neighborhood of \$200,000. Sources close to the campaigns of Indianapolis attorney John Price and Fort Wayne Mayor Paul Helmke say neither campaign is close to that \$200,000 fund-raising threshold.

On party support, Rusthoven is clearly in the driver’s seat. He has the endorsements of both Indiana Republican National Committee members, 15 out of 20 members of the Indiana Republican Central Committee, more than 50 county chairs, 20 state senators and 30 state representatives. Former state chairmen Gordon Durnil,

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10 STUPID THINGS REPUBLICANS DO TO MESS UP THEIR CREDIBILITY.

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(WITH APOLOGIES TO DR. LAURA)
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PLAY OF THE WEEK: State Rep. Eric Turner for getting the best media play out of the Why Do We Have to Meet? game at the legislature. Turner created a small stir by pressing the issue at the annual reorganization day on Tuesday. That's a better way to get attention than, say, lighting a firecracker, which is still illegal in Indiana.



State Rep. Bill Ruppel, 22nd District Republican, will have competition from his own party in next spring's primary election. Wabash County Commission Chairman Brian Haupt used the main hall of the Wabash County Courthouse Nov. 12 to announce his

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Rex Early and Allan Hubbard have also aligned with Rusthoven.

Asked if he would take a long look at year-end reports that will be made public by Jan. 15, the senator answered, "Yes, that's one of the indicators. The other is traveling around the state getting opinions and assessments talking to candidates for other offices."

The caveat for Coats is that he remembers his 1980 primary race for the 4th CD seat vacated by Dan Quayle. It was a three-way battle that included Paul Helmke, the son of Walter Helmke, a former Allen County Republican party chairman and state senator as well as one of the most powerful attorneys in Fort Wayne.

Coats said that making an endorsement will be "very hard for me to do" because a similar move for one of his 1980 opponents would have nipped his federal-level career in the bud. "Not everyone thought I was the best candidate," Coats said of that 1980 race. "If someone else had been anointed, I wouldn't have had a chance. I'm reluctant to think my judgment and my judgment alone is the correct judgment."

Having said that, Coats immediately reveals his fervor about keeping his seat in the Republican column. "If we are going to hold the

seat, we are clearly putting ourselves in a very disadvantageous position" with the three-way primary. "It might become clear that one is essentially positioning himself to be the strongest individual," Coats said. "At that point, I've held open the option of saying, 'This is not a personal decision, everyone deserves a chance, but realistically if we are going to have a chance against Evan Bayh, it appears that this candidate is stronger than the other two.'"

HPR speculated last August that for Helmke to take on the trappings of a viable candidate, he would have to raise somewhere between \$200,000 and \$250,000 by the year-end reporting deadline.

That might not have been the case had Helmke taken a course similar to that Rusthoven did shortly after Coats' Dec. 16, 1996, announcement that he would not seek re-election. Rusthoven quickly put together a campaign that included support from such heavy-weight political players as Early, Mitch Daniels and Mark Lubbers and hit the Lincoln Day Dinner circuit. It was during those 40 or so dinners that Rusthoven reached credibility and viability with party activists. Helmke did not work that circuit and entered the race officially only last July.

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WTHR-TV report on Carson
could help or hurt in 1998;
Dems rallying around Richard

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TRENDLINE: The defeat of fast-track legislation was a critical blow to the Clinton administration and Vice President Al Gore, which lost the support of one in five Democrats. This political scenario breathes new life into the 2000 presidential aspirations of House Minority Leader Richard Gephardt of Missouri and puts a bounce in the step of Big Labor. But the sting wasn't as bad since President Clinton finds himself in an international showdown with Iraqi Idiot Saddam Hussein. 🐾



■ **1996 10TH CD:** Prior to the 1996 campaign, legendary Republican operative L. Keith Bulen warned GOP nominee Virginia Blankenbaker not to criticize Democrat Julia Carson. In what Blankenbaker realized was a costly error in retrospect, her campaign did, coming up with the weird "T.J. Maxx/boys underwear" TV ad that criticized Carson's stewardship as Center Township Trustee. In a minimal sense, the ad simply didn't work because Carson won. If you look at worst case scenarios, it backfired, just as Bulen said it would.

Last week, Republicans didn't have to go after Carson. WTHR-TV investigative reporter Roger Harvey did in a report that was both searing in its topic and almost unbelievable in Carson's candor and then arrogance. Harvey reported that Carson owned a dilapidated house near her Indianapolis home. It was repeatedly targeted by city zoning inspectors and finally condemned. The city had to pay close to \$7,500 to raze the building. But Carson wouldn't pay, that is, until after the election. Harvey reported that once she was elected to Congress, she sent an emissary to deal with the city, which had hired a collection agency to collect the money. But she refused to pay the whole \$7,500, finally negotiating with the city a \$5,100 payment. As of Tuesday, Carson still maintains the \$5,100 is all she owes.

In a moment of extraordinary candor, Carson said on camera that she was "scheming to get a better deal." Once the report aired, Harvey tracked Carson down at a Veteran's Day ceremony in downtown Indianapolis. The video showed an angry Carson fleeing the camera and calling Harvey a "liar." Harvey responded that it was no lie, showed documents and aired an interview with a city official saying the deal with Carson was unusual. Obviously the campaigns of Blankenbaker and Gary Hofmeister will have that news clip ready for use come Fall 1998 when one of them emerges to challenge Carson. It probably won't hurt Carson too much in the core of Center Township, but it has the potential to be damaging in white precincts where the notion of a slumlord congresswoman who got a sweet deal from the city probably won't play too well. The fascinating part of this story is how the Republicans push it. 🐾

■ **1999 Indianapolis Mayor:** Former Attorney General Pam Carter, former Bayh Chief of Staff Bart Peterson, and former Marion County Democratic Chairman Kip Tew are all seriously considering running for the Democratic mayoral nomination in Indianapolis. Tew told HPR that he met Carter last week. "It was a very good meeting. There will not be a primary," Tew said. He added that while he, Carter and Peterson have not "talked together in the same room, we'll figure out what will be the best person to represent the party so we don't waste our resources in the primary." This three-way intrigue was created when Councilwoman Susan Williams declined to seek the nomination, citing family concerns. 🐾

■ **1999 Fort Wayne Mayor:** Democrats are lining up the big guns on behalf of former State Sen. Graham Richard, who will likely be the nominee for mayor of Fort Wayne in 1999. Hosting a Nov. 20 downtown Indianapolis function on behalf of Richard will be Ed Treacy, John Walda, Tom New, Donna Imus, Craig Hartzer, Mike Gery and Betty Cockrum. Democrats have not seriously contested the mayor's race there since Paul Helmke defeated Win Moses in 1987. 🐾

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opposition to Ruppel. Ruppel has not yet announced for re-election, but has hinted he will run again. Hauptert didn't mention Ruppel in his announcement statement, but said his main campaign premise is his contention that members of the General Assembly "are just not listening to what the majority of Hoosiers want." To illustrate that contention, he said the last session of the Legislature failed to enact any meaningful property tax reform. "Instead of getting reform, which the people want, we got another study committee, which will not report on its findings for another two years," Hauptert said. Hauptert, a carpenter, is in his fifth year as a county commissioner and third year as commission chairman. He is an Air Force Reserve veteran of Desert Storm. He lives in North Manchester.

State Sen. Bob Hellmann will resign from his seat effective Dec. 1. "In light of the current health problems of my wife, Nancy, I must be able to spend more time, attention and energy at home," Hellmann said. The seat had been held by Republican Bill Dunbar, who found himself targeted by the ISTA when Hellmann won it in 1986. Said Terre Haute Tribune-Star columnist Dick Robinson, "If the Democrats don't pick the right

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Goldsmith's 'panhandling' jab at U.S. mayors conference perplexes Helmke

By Mark Schoeff Jr.
Howey Political Report

WASHINGTON, D.C. - While establishing an organization to tout his brand of urban renewal, Indianapolis Mayor Stephen Goldsmith stepped on the toes of fellow Republican Hoosier Mayor Paul Helmke, who holds a leadership position in a prominent mayoral group.

In an October Washington news conference announcing the formation of the Center for Civic Innovation (CCI), an entity that advocates free-market approaches to urban governance, Goldsmith drew a distinction between the center and the 64-year-old U.S. Conference of Mayors (USCM). He said the conference evolved during a time when "mayoral panhandling was the way to provide city services." By "panhandling" he meant that mayors would lobby Washington to fund city operations. The CCI, which Goldsmith chairs, would instead focus on promoting self-help principles like privatization and wealth creation. The USCM concentrates on "how to get more money from Washington," Goldsmith said.

Goldsmith's critique of USCM didn't sit well with many city chief executives around the country, including conference President Paul Helmke, mayor of Fort Wayne.

Many mayors are "offended by the notion that they're panhandlers," Helmke said. He said that he has received copies of letters sent to Goldsmith from mayors from around the country who have taken issue with Goldsmith's choice of words. The USCM has about 600 active members.

At the Washington news conference, Goldsmith said that CCI is "not hostile to the U.S. Conference of Mayors." He also praised Helmke. "Mayor Helmke is a friend and he has an important position as president of the USCM). I've had casual discussions with Paul and I agree with him on most issues. Maybe his leadership will improve the U.S. Conference of Mayors."

Goldsmith spokeswoman Kate Healey said that the mayor was not referring to the USCM when he used the term "panhandlers." He was drawing a distinction between the old way of running city hall and new practices being implemented by chief executives like Goldsmith. The new approach includes introducing competition in city services; pushing school reform; and implementing community policing.

Helmke argued that the USCM is pursuing an agenda whose themes resonate with the tune Goldsmith is playing. The conference has worked to end unfunded mandates placed on local governments by Congress; to reform federal environmental regulations so that waste dumps can be redeveloped; and to stimulate education reform. In October, Helmke chaired a USCM meeting in Detroit that brought together school superintendents and mayors from about 20 cities to discuss the future of education. In September, he hosted a USCM meeting in Fort Wayne devoted to exploring ideas for fighting drugs in urban areas.

"The issues we're talking about are the issues that fit in perfectly with what Steve is doing in Indianapolis," said Helmke, who has not talked with Goldsmith about his Washington news conference. "Mayors everywhere have learned that there isn't any money coming out of Washington and there hasn't been for about 10 years."

Bill Styring, a senior fellow at the Hudson Institute, an Indianapolis think tank, said that some mayors in the conference don't share Helmke's attitude. "We still have a faction of the U.S. Conference of Mayors that believes in the Marshall Plan for cities. I don't believe that Paul Helmke is part of that group."

Helmke invited Goldsmith to participate in the USCM. "We'd love to have input from Steve and the others (who are involved with CCI)," Helmke said. While acknowledging that he understood how hectic a mayoral schedule can be, Helmke pointed out that Goldsmith has

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"If he had been involved with the U.S. Conference of Mayors, he would have known what we're doing."

- Paul Helmke, in response to Stephen Goldsmith

attended few conference meetings. "If he had been involved with the U.S. Conference of Mayors, he would have known what we're doing."

Goldsmith has not monopolized the idea of privatization, said Helmke, who has been mayor of Fort Wayne since 1987 and is running for the Senate seat being vacated by U.S. Sen. Dan Coats. Fort Wayne privatized electricity utilities in the 1970s, before "privatization was a buzzword." In addition, Fort Wayne has made more progress than Indianapolis in competing out the garbage service.

Tew critical of Goldsmith privatization claims

Goldsmith's efforts to introduce competition in Indianapolis city services have generated national headlines but not unanimous support at home. Kip Tew, a former Marion County Democratic chairman and potential 1999 mayoral candidate, said that privatization has not been an elixir for the Indiana capital.

"Privatization has cost us more than it has saved," said Tew, who is director of government affairs at Cinergy. Tew argued that during Goldsmith's first term, the city spent \$1 billion more than the last four years of the William Hudnut administration. Goldsmith can "point to no other place than in his own budget where he has saved money. The budget is an imaginary promise."

Deputy Mayor Skip Stitt disputed Tew's calculations. He said that by the end of the year, Indianapolis will have achieved a total savings of \$400 million by competing out 75 city services. The operating budget has declined during the Goldsmith administration and property taxes have been reduced three times. The fund balance, or city savings account, has increased 400 percent. Stitt acknowledged that the city has spent about \$1.4 billion for items that include improving streets, curbs and sidewalks; and covering unfunded police and fire employee pensions.

Tew also criticized Goldsmith's privatization as "pinstripe patronage." He said the Goldsmith administration doesn't award contracts based on who is offering the lowest cost but rather on who can give the mayor the big-

gest political boost.

Stitt countered that the process for competing out services is transparent. "All the data is public and widely distributed." The city once delivered 12,000 pages of privatization documentation to a member of the City-County Council.

Another dark side of turning services over to the private sector is relinquishing mayor's office oversight of the functions, Tew said. Through privatization, Goldsmith is creating "unregulated monopolies -- the worst of all possible worlds for the citizens of Indianapolis."

Stitt agreed that privatizing a service without evaluating the results would bring disastrous consequences. But Indianapolis has "implemented a rigorous process for evaluating performance."

The city reviews 257 performance measures annually. "Scrutiny has gone way up," Stitt said. "We have more management data than at anytime in our history."

Tew said Goldsmith has been successful in selling privatization to the national media. "He goes out and talks to national reporters who don't do the work on both sides of the issue that needs to be done."

Styring said that Goldsmith has made steady progress, especially in reducing regulations. "He hasn't accomplished everything I wanted him to do or that he wanted to do. You almost have to go brick-by-brick in chipping away at this stuff. We're far better off with him as mayor than any of the alternatives. He's kept the city property tax level and slowed the rate of growth of spending."

Styring praised Goldsmith for tackling 10,000 pages of rules governing the city's taxi cab industry and taking on a big GOP contributor in the process. Goldsmith eliminated the ordinance that dictated the number of cabs that could operate. This move increased the number of cabs on the street by 100 while diversifying the gender and ethnic mix of owners. In addition, maximum fares were instituted and a prohibition on hailing cabs on the street was lifted. "Even the Democrats are happy," said Styring.

Schoeff is HPR's Washington correspondent.

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candidate, they could lose this seat." Robinson said there was a "stampede" in Democratic circles toward replacing Hellmann.

Former New York Gov. Mario Cuomo predicted at the Sinai Forum in Michigan City that the Dow Jones will hit 10,000 points by the year 2001. But Cuomo expressed his dismay about the growing number of disenfranchised Americans. "One half of American households have less than \$1,000 in assets," Cuomo said. "We have to produce more and better jobs, increase skills and improve productivity. I am in favor of workers taking over companies" (J.P. Brennan, South Bend Tribune).

Former Democratic Presidential nominee Michael Dukakis told a University of Notre Dame symposium on campaign finance reform that "mad as hell" understated his ire at having to play the soft money game during his 1988 campaign (Jack Colwell, South Bend Tribune). Dukakis also called it "blatant hypocrisy" that Congress is investigating Vice President Al Gore for making fund-raising calls while avoiding a clamp down on soft money abuses.

The City of Evansville may expand its privatization efforts

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into seven areas (Herb Marynell, *Evansville Courier*). A nationally known consultant will study the operations of the city garage, city maintenance, park maintenance, levee authority, traffic engineering, animal control and two city cemeteries to look for ways to improve services and cut costs. City Controller Leslie Blenner said that any of the 90 jobs lost to privatization would be through attrition. But Teamsters Local 215 President Chuck Whobrey warned that many city departments are "already at skeleton crew in so many areas." He said that while privatization is "in style," he called it "the biggest con job."

One of those asking Gov. Frank O'Bannon to commute the death sentence of convicted murderer Gary Burris in Michigan City on Thursday was Bishop Dale Melczek of the Roman Catholic Diocese in Gary. Melczek said he doesn't believe the death sentence helps deter violent crime. "On the contrary, I believe it promotes an attitude which devalues the sacredness and dignity of the human person," the bishop said. "It promotes vengeance rather than compassion" (Daniel Yovich, *Munster Times*). O'Bannon denied clemency on Tuesday.

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COLUMNISTS ON INDIANA

Dave Kitchell, *Logansport Pharos-Tribune* - When NBC correspondent Gwen Ifill came to Depauw University three weeks ago, the discussion she became a part of probably should have been heard in break rooms, dining rooms and classrooms. Ifill, the best known female African-American correspondent/anchor for a major network, met with students to discuss improving race relations on campus. Ken Bode suggested that one way to improve race relations might be to have African-American students bring a white friend to cultural activities for minority students. But Ifill questioned whether or not that will work or whether or not that would be valuable. After all, she reasoned, white students who have African-American students as friends probably do not need to be convinced about the need for race relations. In a matter of speaking, that would be preaching to the congregation. When the discussion turned to a question and answer session, something remarkable happened. Students and faculty members reflected some of the reasons why the lines between ethnic and racial groups are becoming harder to define. The words they were saying are so similar to those of golfer Tiger Woods, who earlier this year called himself a "Cablinasian" when asked to identify his ethnic background. In short, he was part many things, but in the citizen sense, he is just an American. 📌

Phil Wieland, *Munster Times* - America is on the verge of a dollar coin crisis, and we have only to look at the Susan B. Anthony dollar minted almost 20 years ago to see why. First of all, it was so small, most people thought it was a quarter. Susan B. Anthony even looked a little like George Washington, who is pictured on the quarter. Can you imagine George Washington picking up a Suzie today and whipping it across the Potomac? I think not. The crisis is who will appear on the new coin. It has to be somebody historically significant but politically bland. There's also a strong sentiment that it be female. Some favor the Statue of Liberty, a revered and

dignified figure who still helped beat the evil Vigo in "Ghostbusters II." While Raggedy Ann might be a sentimental favorite of Indianans, Hoosiers have their own suffragist, May Wright Sewell, and cosmetics magnate Madam C.J. Walker, the first African-American millionaire. 📌

Jim Chapman & Leslie Stedman, *Fort Wayne Journal Gazette* - Next year's race for state treasurer is shaping up to be a heated one. But it's not the general election in November 1998 we're talking about. It's the Republican primary in May. Incumbent Republican Treasurer Joyce Brinkman is taking heat from one of her own, Allen County Treasurer Tim Berry. Berry hasn't officially announced his candidacy, but he said Friday he "expects to be a candidate." This month, Berry criticized Brinkman's appeal of a judge's ruling that said she had no authority to challenge a law passed to help the Indiana Pacers and other professional sports franchises. After Brinkman appealed Nov. 7, Berry said: "This could directly hit the pocketbooks of taxpayers across the state by increasing the cost of construction or remodeling of sports complexes and convention and tourism sites throughout Indiana." 📌

Robert Bork, *New York Post* - Only two presidents have been seriously threatened with impeachment. The first, Andrew Johnson, escaped conviction in the Senate, and hence removal from office, by a single vote. The second, Richard Nixon, aborted the process by resigning. Now, we are invited for a third time to contemplate the removal of a president from office through the impeachment process. R. Emmett Tyrrell, Jr. and "Anonymous" in their book "The Impeachment of William Jefferson Clinton" make the case, and a powerful case it is. If Nixon deserved impeachment, Clinton certainly does. The scandals of the two Clintons continue unendingly. A new instance of misbehavior in office seems to surface every week. 📌

PERHAPS... WE WANDER

By Brian Howey

Political advertising isn't a very steep price to pay for America's freedom

NOTRE DAME - "Find the cost of freedom, buried in the grave," sang Crosby, Stills, Nash & Young during the heyday of the anti-war moratoriums of the 1960s and 1970s.

Today, perhaps we find the cost of freedom in the din of TV and radio advertisements, yard signs and bumper stickers.

When you consider the alternative to having to endure a few months of grown-ups sniping at each other - take your pick: Russia, Bosnia, Liberia - maybe that really isn't a very high cost at all.

My colleague Jack Colwell of the *South Bend Tribune* picked up a most interesting quote at a University of Notre Dame symposium on campaign finance reform. Craig Engle, general counsel to the National Republican Senatorial Committee, got up and said that "more, not less money is needed in the political process" to inform voters.

The initial reaction to such a politically incorrect thought is that Engle is under a hallucinogenic testosterone high with a Beltway chaser.

But Engle noted that all of the money spent on House and Senate races in 1996 was "equal to what American people gamble in 23 hours."

Or, to put it in other words, Miller Brewing Company spends far more on ads by "Dick" pushing Lite Beer; Ford spends more telling folks they can "buy me a Ford Truck and cruise it up and down the road"; Kellogg's spends more on Tony the Tiger and Frosted Flakes; and there is probably more spent on Preparation H than all of the political races combined.

I was on the WNDY-TV's Mike Pence Show with Julia Vaughn of Indiana Common Cause. At the end of the broadcast when each

panelist gets their "15 seconds of fame" an indignant Vaughn told viewers to call in and register their rage about campaign spending.

The problem is, there is so little rage out there. Sitting in coffee shops, in newsrooms, at sporting events, in pubs, at school ice cream socials - name just about any place - I can barely remember anyone talking about their rage at campaign finances.

When the end of October rolls around in an election year, I do hear people expressing irritation at adults doing tattle-tale ads, the same way I grumble about the insipid Buddy's Carpet, Bob Rohrman or Menard's ads.

The lead story in this newsletter talks about Sen. Dan Coats and the impact his decision of not seek re-election has been on the Indiana political scene. A huge reason Coats decided against seeking another term wasn't that he was afraid of Evan Bayh. He just wasn't interested in raising the \$5,000 a day it would cost to fund the race.

I got to sit and watch Sen. Dick Lugar make fund-raising phone calls during his presidential campaign and it was enough to make my skin crawl.

Colwell reported that Bradley A. Smith of the Cato Institute takes Engle's thought and extends it further, saying there should be no contribution limits. Smith maintains that freedom to spend and say whatever one wants to say is "the core of the First Amendment" and the guarantee of free speech.

If that were reality, that means that people like Coats wouldn't have to spend most of their time raising money to stay in office.

Even with limits, people like Vaughn say politicians are controlled by special interests.

But there are remedies. The media can still report on the money spent and the roll call votes cast if political reporters get off their lazy duffs and keep an eye on such trends.

Voters in this country still have the luxury of throwing any bum out. And anyone can turn the channel or turn the TV set off. ☞

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3rd CD Democratic Chair Butch Morgan tells HPR that State Sen. Cleo Washington is leaning toward a run for secretary of state against incumbent Republican Sue Anne Gilroy. Washington, a freshman senator from South Bend who is not up for re-election, had also considered running for auditor.

State Rep. Vaneta Becker has been asked to consider a run for Vanderburgh County Commissioner if incumbent Republican Richard Mourdock declines a second term. Becker told the *Evansville Courier*, "I personally would like to see Richard Mourdock run again."

U.S. Sen. Richard Lugar notes that on the eve of the Kyoto global warming conference, President Clinton has called for an additional \$5 billion over five years in U.S. energy research and development funding. "Many, including myself, would argue that this amount is insufficient if we hope to make the bold strides necessary to prevent further environmental damage."

U.S. Rep. Dan Burton successfully pushed a rule change that will now compel Congressional witnesses to allow television coverage of their testimony. Since 1957, the House had allowed subpoenaed witnesses to ban TV cameras and radio

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microphones from committee hearings. Burton pres. ed for the rule change after three witnesses testifying before his House Government Reform and Oversight Committee invoked their right to have cameras barred from the hearing.

In the wake of a bloody month of crime in South Bend, a Mason-Dixon poll conducted on behalf of the South Bend Tribune revealed that 74 percent of those responding favor stricter laws on the sale of handguns, including 91 percent of the females polled.

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Helmke campaign coordinator Peter Slen told HPR of the potential Coats endorsement, "Those are good criteria and we're on target for where we're headed."

Helmke, speaking to HPR from San Francisco on Tuesday, said that the main question Coats and other Republicans ought to be asking is "Who has the best chance of winning in the fall?"

"We're raising money, getting around and getting organized," said Helmke, who spent a day earlier this month taping TV ads for his campaign.

As for the money war, Helmke said his campaign coffers are "not as much as I'd like to see" and acknowledged that he would not likely reach the \$200,000 mark by the year-end report.

As for the endorsements, Slen explained, "When Paul gets a chance to get out of the city, Paul gets a good reception. We are focused on winning the primary and being the strongest Republican candidate. City business is primary and that's a full time and a half job right now. As often as possible, we're out there. We get an enthusiastic response from Republicans. His reception

is very positive.

Helmke has maintained from the earliest days of the 1998 campaign cycle that endorsements from party leaders are virtually irrelevant, pointing to the two-thirds of the county chairs who endorsed Early in his losing 1996 primary effort against Stephen Goldsmith and Michael Bailey's 1992 upset in the 9th CD when Charlie Loos had the nod from all 19 county chairs.

Bayh, meanwhile, appears as if he will reserve 1997 to dote on his two-year-old twin sons and wife and make his official entry after the holiday season. "Ninety-seven was an important year for him and his family," said Bayh's political director, Tom Sugar. "It was very important for Gov. Bayh to give our newly elected governor Frank O'Bannon time to set his agenda in motion and to be able to do that unencumbered by a lot of political activities swirling around him."

Sugar added about Bayh, "He is leaning strongly in favor of running for the U.S. Senate. We expect a final decision in the near future."

Bayh is expected to raise between \$2.5 million and \$3 million by the year-end report.



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