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Quote Of The Day:

"He sometimes barks
 without filling out his
 thoughts, but 98 percent of
 the time, he's thorough...."

- **U.S. Rep. Steve Buyer,**
 on Speaker Newt Gingrich,
 Peru Tribune

Special Fax Report

Andrew poised to succeed DeLaney

INDIANAPOLIS - Attorney Joe Andrew appears to be the odds-on favorite to succeed Ann DeLaney as chairman of the Indiana Democratic Party.

Fred Nation, a spokesman for Gov. Evan Bayh, confirmed that Andrew has discussed the position with both the governor and Lt. Gov. Frank O'Bannon.

"Joe would meet the criteria as an effective spokesperson, raising money and dealing with the grass-roots of the party," Nation said this morning.

Wednesday, O'Bannon said on Network Indiana's Mike Pence Show that he and Bayh would be making a joint announcement soon to announce a successor to DeLaney. "It's the governor's call as the leader of the party to make the strongest recommendation to the state committee," O'Bannon said.

"He and I talked about it several months ago and again as late as yesterday," O'Bannon continued. "Hopefully I can join him in a joint statement for his pick for the next two years."

O'Bannon said his top criteria would be a "strong spokesperson" and a "strong fundraiser."

In another Statehouse development, former Secretary of State Joe Hogsett is under "serious consideration" for a job in Bayh's office.

"Joe is seriously considering coming into the governor's office," Nation said. "He's been talking to the governor. It's possible, but nothing is final."

Hogsett is on his honeymoon in Hawaii and was unavailable for comment. Nation discredited rumors that Hogsett would become Bayh's chief of staff. "Mark Peterson is not planning to leave," Nation said.

Andrew formerly worked with Bayh and Hogsett at the Indianapolis law firm of Bingham Summers Welsh & Spilman, where he is now employed.

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 Happy Holidays!

Long apparently loses Ag secretary nomination

LARWILL - U.S. Rep. Jill Long apparently has lost her bid to become the next U.S. Secretary of Agriculture.

Both the *Associated Press* and *The Washington Post* are citing White House sources as saying that President Clinton will name U.S. Rep. Dan Glickman to the post later today or Friday. "He's pretty much made up his mind, but he hasn't dotted the last 'i' yet," the source told AP.

The Washington Post reported in today's editions this quote from a West Wing source: "It's as done as you can get in this administration without actually announcing it. Glickman, 50, of Wichita, was first elected to Congress in 1976 and, like Long, was defeated for re-election on Nov. 8. CNN reported Thursday afternoon that Glickman is the "front runner" but that no "final decision had been made.

Glickman's office would not comment.

Long was unavailable for comment this afternoon. She had actively sought the nomination, picking up public support for GOP members of the House, outgoing Texas Gov. Ann Richards and, reportedly, from Vice President Al Gore and First Lady Hillary Clinton. Indiana agriculture sources indicated that Glickman had hurt his chances after he bucked the White House and voted for the GATT agreement in late November.

Sources tell the *HPR* that Clinton believes Glickman's experience with previous farm bills and his close ties with White House chief-of-staff Leon Panetta allowed him to pick up momentum for the nomination.

Panetta's influence appears to be growing. He was embarrassed last fall when he wanted to fire White House spokeswoman Dee Dee Myers. Myers is leaving today and is expected to be replaced by State Department spokesman Michael McCurry.

GOP governors anger Bayh

INDIANAPOLIS - Indiana Gov. Evan Bayh has accused colleagues on the National Governor's Association from locking out Democrats over the issue of the balanced budget amendment.

The Washington Post reported today that Bayh fired off a letter to Wisconsin Gov. Tommy Thompson, accusing him of diminishing the impact governors would have on the issue by ignoring Democratic members.

"Our concern was that Republican members of the NGA were becoming much more partisan and really negotiating with Congress on behalf of themselves rather than on behalf of the organization and of all governors," Bayh told the *Post*. "We felt the organization was clearly threatened."

Apparently Thompson and Michigan Gov. John Engler met privately on Dec. 7 with congressional Republicans over the proposed amendment.

Musings and Meanderings

No '96 bid by Bayh

A Tuesday *Wall Street Journal* article suggested that Gov. Evan Bayh might be the best Democrat for the 1996 presidential nomination in wake of President Clinton's popularity slide. But Bayh is having none of that talk. "Gov. Bayh will not run for president," said his spokesman, Fred Nation. "He will serve out his term." Bayh's term ends in January 1997. Bayh is expected to join President Clinton at his annual "Renaissance" retreat in Hilton Head, S.C., over the holidays.

Bopp candidacy editorialized

Vigo County Republican Chairman Jim Bopp's bid to succeed Al Hubbard as Indiana Republican chairman has brought some polarized responses from around the state. *The Indianapolis Star* editorialized that Bopp was a "militant" on the abortion rights issue and should be turned down. Bopp serves as general counsel for the National Right to Life Committee. The *Terre Haute Tribune-Star* endorsed Bopp as the next chairman. "Bopp has managed to avoid being defined by a single issue," the *Tribune-Star* editorialized in its Dec. 16 edition. "(He) has been true to his word not to make abortion a litmus test for support among the Vigo County GOP." Grant County GOP Chairman John Earnest is also pursuing the office. There has been talk of GOP National Committeewoman Jean Ann Harcourt of Rush County considering the post. She was unavailable for comment today.

McCloskey joins law firm

Outgoing U.S. Rep. Frank McCloskey will become a government affairs attorney with the Indianapolis law firm of Cohen & Malad, P.C.

Mrvan, Becker declared victors

The controversial Indiana Recount Commission has declared State Sen. Frank Mrvan, D-Hammond, the winner by 50 votes over Republican Sandy Dempsey. The commission also affirmed Republican John Becker's victory over State Rep. Ben GiaQuinta. Republicans still maintain that the recount commission is illegally constituted because Secretary of State Sue Anne Gilroy was not seated after she took office on Dec. 1. State Sen. Richard Thompson says the whole Senate will likely vote on the Mrvan-Dempsey race on Jan. 4.

Buyer: DC "very strange"

U.S. Rep. Steve Buyer terms the atmosphere in Washington "very strange" and predicts that the balanced budget amendment, stiffer punishments in the crime bill, and increased defense spending have a good chance of passage. Buyer told the *Peru Tribune* that term limits and a reduction in capital gains taxes are "long shots."