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CALIFORNIA CONGRESSIONAL ROSTER

A roster of California members of Congress for the 106th Congress is attached to this bulletin. We will correct and update it as needed. It will be available on our website in text format at <http://www.calinst.org/pubs/106th.htm> or in Adobe Acrobat format at <http://www.calinst.org/pubs/106th.pdf>.

CONGRESS SETS TENTATIVE CALENDAR FOR 1999

Congress has announced the following tentative calendar for the 106th Congress in the first half of 1999:

Jan. 6	House and Senate convene
Jan. 7-18	In recess
Jan. 19	State of the Union address
Jan. 20-Feb. 4	In session
Feb. 4-6	House Republican and Democratic retreats
Feb. 8-12	In session
Feb. 13-21	Senate President's Day recess
Feb. 15-19	House President's Day recess
Feb. 22-Mar. 18	In Session
Mar. 19-20	House bipartisan retreat in Hershey, PA
Mar. 22-26	In Session
Mar. 27-Apr. 11	Senate Spring recess
Mar. 29-Apr. 5	House Spring recess
May 1-9	Tentative Senate recess
May 28-June 1	House and Senate Memorial Day recess

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REPS. FARR AND ROYBAL-ALLARD TO JOIN HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS PANEL; SEN. FEINSTEIN RECEIVES APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

Reps. Sam Farr (Carmel) and Lucille Roybal-Allard (Los Angeles) have been nominated to serve on the Appropriations Committee. They will replace retiring Reps. Vic Fazio and Esteban Torres. Their nominations will be formalized by the House Democratic Caucus early next year. They will join five

other Californians on this committee: Reps. Jerry Lewis (Redlands), Julian Dixon (Los Angeles), Ron Packard (Oceanside), Nancy Pelosi (San Francisco), and Duke Cunningham (San Diego).

House Democrats have not yet made other Committee assignments.

On the Senate side, Sen. Dianne Feinstein, who will resume a seat on the Senate Appropriations Committee in the 106th Congress, has been named to several subcommittees. She will serve as ranking member of the Appropriations' Legislative Branch Subcommittee, and will also sit on the Agriculture, Interior, and Labor/Health and Human Services/Education Subcommittees.

In announcing these appointments, Sen. Feinstein stated that these subcommittees handles issues of great importance to California, including agriculture, health and education, and she will use her position to fight for funds for California's projects.

SOCIAL SECURITY DISCUSSED; CALIFORNIANS LOBBY AGAINST MANDATORY COVERAGE FOR STATE AND LOCAL EMPLOYEES; MATSUI MOVING TO RANKING ON SOCIAL SECURITY SUBCOMMITTEE

Last week, the White House hosted a two-day conference on the future of the Social Security program, which is at risk of running short of funds during the next century. The President may propose fixes for the system in conjunction with the release of the FY2000 budget in February, and various Californians, including a wide range of California members of Congress suggested one element that should not be part of any bailout plan.

California is among several states which would be adversely affected if state and local employees were to be mandatorily included in the Social Security system. Californians and others argue that, for relatively little benefit, mandatory coverage would bankrupt successful ongoing retirement programs.

Presently, Social Security taxes are adequate to finance retirees. But by 2013, when baby boomers born between 1946 and 1964 begin to retire, the trust fund will start to pay more in benefits than it receives in the taxes. According to some calculations, the trust fund will run out by 2032 and tax collections will be able to cover only roughly 75 percent of benefits required. When originally devised in 1935, the Social Security system prohibited state and local workers and their employers from participating in the program. Thus, California and many of its local governments and school districts created programs of their own.

A key Ways & Means Committee figure in the debate during the 106th Congress will be California Rep. Robert T. Matsui (Sacramento), who will shift from the ranking Democrat slot on the trade panel to that position on the subcommittee on Social Security.

CALIFORNIA RECEIVES \$10.6 MILLION IN POLICING GRANTS

California communities will receive \$10.6 million in grants under the COPS MORE '98 (Making Officer Redeployment Effective) program. The money will be used to help law enforcement agencies upgrade their technology and equipment to help put more police on the streets.

The largest grant, \$6.64 million, will go to the Brea Regional Consortium, which consists of 11 cities, to develop a new regional, information-sharing, network, the Brea Regional Mobile Data System. The 11 cities are: Brea, Yorba Linda, Buena Park, Downey, Newport Beach, Placentia, Cypress, La Palma, Los Alamitos, Seal Beach, and Tustin.

Other California cities receiving grants include: Garden Grove (\$1.3 million); LaVerne (\$212,440); Lodi (\$270,000); Mountain View (\$300,000); and Seaside (\$225,000).

The program is designed to allow law enforcement agencies to purchase equipment and hire civilian support staff to handle administrative tasks, freeing up police officers to spend more time on the streets.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION CONVENES; GOVERNOR-ELECT MAKES APPOINTMENTS

Last week, 119 state legislators were sworn into office for the coming two-year legislative session. In the Senate, John Burton (D-San Francisco) was reelected as President pro Tempore and Chairman of Rules Committee, Richard Polanco (D-Los Angeles) returns as Majority Leader, and Ross Johnson (R-Irvine) was reelected as Minority Leader. In the Assembly, Antonio Villaraigosa (D-Los Angeles) was reelected Speaker, Fred Keeley (D-Santa Cruz) was appointed Speaker pro Tempore, and Rod Pacheco (R-Riverside) was elected Minority Leader.

Governor-elect Gray Davis has announced his selections for several posts in his administration recently. While this list surely omits some, among them are:

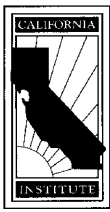
- Former Rep. Lynn Schenk, who also served as secretary of the state Business, Transportation and Housing Agency from 1980 to 1983, as chief aide and senior counselor;
- Vincent Hall, Davis' communications director in the lieutenant governor's office after serving as district Director for Rep. Bob Filner, will be the day-to-day manager of the governor's office staff;
- Tim Gage, veteran legislative budget staffer, as finance director;
- Mary Nichols, EPA assistant administrator and former CARB chair under Governor Jerry Brown, as secretary of the Resources Agency;
- former state Sen. Gary K. Hart as education secretary;
- Gartland Johnson, a former Sacramento County supervisor and now head of a U.S. Department of Health and Human Services region that includes California, as head of the Health and Welfare Agency;
- William J. Lyons, California chairman of the Farm Service Agency of the U.S. Department of Agriculture, as head of the Food and Agriculture Agency;
- Philip Trounstine, political editor of the San Jose Mercury News, as communications director;
- Michael Flores, Davis' chief of staff in the lieutenant governor's office, as director of administration and protocol;
- Michael R. Yamaki, currently the president of the Los Angeles Fire Commission, was named special assistant to the governor;
- Burt Pines, a former Los Angeles city attorney, will be Davis' judicial appointments secretary;
- Dario Frommer will serve as Appointments Secretary;
- Demitri Boutris, financial counsel and formerly attorney for U.S. Trade Representative Mickey Kantor, will be legal affairs secretary.

U.S. TRADE DEFICIT FELL UNEXPECTEDLY IN OCTOBER

The U.S. trade deficit dropped unexpectedly in October from \$14.37 billion to \$14.19 billion, a 1.2 percent decline. Although there were record imports during the month, a boost in exports of farm products offset the imports. Overall, exports of goods and services reached \$79.62 billion, a 2.8 percent rise.

The U.S. Commerce Department said the record-setting imports largely reflected increases in the purchases of civilian aircraft and engines, industrial supplies, and cars and parts.

Despite the decline in the overall trade deficit, and the Asian financial crisis, the U.S. deficit with Japan rose to \$5.97 billion, the highest since March 1995. It had been \$5.07 billion in September. The deficit with China, however, fell to \$5.54 billion from \$5.9 billion in September.



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CALIFORNIA CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION ROSTER -- 106TH CONGRESS

<u>Dst</u>	<u>Member Name</u>	<u>Party</u>	<u>Office Address</u>	<u>Phone 202-</u>	<u>Fax 202-</u>
30	Xavier Becerra	D	1119 Longworth	225-6235	225-2202
26	Howard Berman	D	2330 Rayburn	225-4695	
49	Brian Bilbray	R	1530 Longworth	225-2040	225-2948
44	Mary Bono	R	516 Cannon	225-5330	225-2961
42	George Brown	D	2300 Rayburn	225-6161	
43	Ken Calvert	R	2201 Rayburn	225-1986	
15	Tom Campbell	R	2442 Rayburn	225-2631	225-6788
22	Lois Capps	D	1118 Longworth	225-3601	225-5632
18	Gary Condit	D	2234 Rayburn	225-6131	225-0819
47	Chris Cox	R	2402 Rayburn	225-5611	225-9177
51	Randy Cunningham	R	2238 Rayburn	225-5452	225-2558
32	Julian Dixon	D	2252 Rayburn	225-7084	225-4091
20	Calvin Dooley	D	1201 Longworth	225-3341	225-9308
4	John Doolittle	R	1526 Longworth	225-2511	225-5444
28	David Dreier	R	237 Cannon	225-2305	
14	Anna Eshoo	D	205 Cannon	225-8104	225-8890
17	Sam Farr	D	1221 Longworth	225-2861	225-6791
50	Bob Filner	D	2463 Rayburn	225-8045	225-9073
23	Elton Gallegly	R	2427 Rayburn	225-5811	225-1100
2	Wally Herger	R	2433 Rayburn	225-3076	225-1740
38	Steve Horn	R	2331 Rayburn	225-6676	226-1012
52	Duncan Hunter	R	2265 Rayburn	225-5672	225-0235
36	Steve Kuykendall	R	512 Cannon	225-8220	
12	Tom Lantos	D	2217 Rayburn	225-3531	
9	Barbara Lee	D	414 Cannon	225-2661	225-9817
40	Jerry Lewis	R	2112 Rayburn	225-5861	225-6498
16	Zoe Lofgren	D	318 Cannon	225-3072	225-3336
31	Matthew Martinez	D	2269 Rayburn	225-5464	225-5467
5	Robert Matsui	D	2308 Rayburn	225-7163	225-0566
25	Howard McKeon	R	2242 Rayburn	225-1956	226-0683
37	Juanita Millender-McDonald	D	419 Cannon	225-7924	225-7926
41	Gary Miller	R	1037 Longworth	225-3201	
7	George Miller	D	2205 Rayburn	225-2095	
3	Doug Ose	R	1508 Longworth	225-5716	
34	Grace Napolitano	D	1407 Longworth	225-5256	
48	Ron Packard	R	2372 Rayburn	225-3906	225-0134
8	Nancy Pelosi	D	2457 Rayburn	225-4965	225-8259
11	Richard Pombo	R	2411 Rayburn	225-1947	
19	George Radanovich	R	123 Cannon	225-4540	225-3402
27	James Rogan	R	126 Cannon	225-4176	225-5828
45	Dana Rohrabacher	R	2338 Rayburn	225-2415	225-0145
33	Lucille Roybal-Allard	D	2435 Rayburn	225-1766	
39	Ed Royce	R	1133 Longworth	225-4111	226-0335
46	Loretta Sanchez	D	1529 Longworth	225-2965	225-5859
24	Brad Sherman	D	1524 Longworth	225-5911	225-5879
13	Pete Stark	D	239 Cannon	225-5065	226-3805
10	Ellen Tauscher	D	1239 Longworth	225-1880	225-5914
21	Bill Thomas	R	2208 Rayburn	225-2915	225-8798
1	Mike Thompson	D	415 Cannon	225-3311	
35	Maxine Waters	D	2344 Rayburn	225-2201	225-7854
29	Henry Waxman	D	2204 Rayburn	225-3976	225-4099
6	Lynn Woolsey	D	439 Cannon	225-5161	225-5163
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	Senator Dianne Feinstein	D	331 Hart	224-3841	228-3954

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