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SUBJECT: DNC Message Meeting Report

Report from DNC Message Meeting on the Hill

Big Events Next week

Impact on Rural America events on Hill and around country
Senate Democrats continue alternative health care mtgs.
House Ways & Means mark-up of Medicare-Medicaid

Individual Reports

House Democrats are planning Medicare events around Ways and Means mark-up, which begins next week --- Focus will be on:
 provisions that will force adult children to pay for their
 parents' long-term care,
 relaxation of nursing home standards
 impact on rural areas, etc.

Gephardt's big event next week is a Health Care University on Thursday.

They are tentatively expecting to see Medicare on the House floor on October 18th.

Senate Democrats are planning alternative hearings next week -- schedule below is tentative depending on how Majority proceeds:
 Today -- Hearing on nursing home standards
 Tuesday -- Unveil Medicare-Tax Cut truth squads
 Wednesday -- Rural health care
 Thursday -- Spousal impoverishment

Women's health care event --fly-arounds with women members of Congress are being developed for the weekend of October 14-15. Marla Romash is helping to coordinate.

Also, WMUR presidential debate is scheduled for October 11th in Manchester (8-9:30 p.m.) -- will be broadcast on CNN as well.

Vice President's interview will be broadcast in advance. CNN is planning a post-forum special anchored by Bernard Shwa and Judy Woodruff. DNC is organizing seniors in Manchester for the 11th.

Senior's activity. AARP is opening branches in three hot-beds of GOP presidential political activity -- Des Moines, Iowa, and St. Petersburg, FL.

Please call if you have any questions.

Thanks.

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