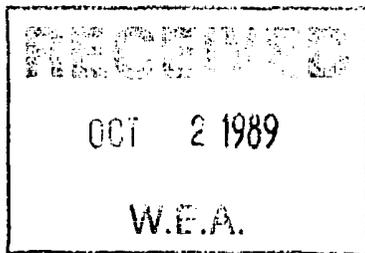


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Executive Summary



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AT THE FEDERAL LEVEL

- The Senate reached a consensus on the drug legislation and attached it to the DOT appropriations bill which it passed September 27. The House could appoint conferees as early as October 2, at which point airline smoking ban proponents could raise the issue on the floor through a procedural objection to a motion (by Silvio Conte (R-MA)) to instruct conferees on a non-related topic. If that does not occur, or if it is not successful, the fight for a compromise will continue in conference.
- On September 27, Congressman Scheuer (D-NY) and his Subcommittee of the House Committee on Science, Space and Technology held hearings on H.R. 1530, the Indoor Air Quality Act, sponsored by Congressman Joe Kennedy (D-MA). H.R. 1530 is the House companion to the Mitchell bill in the Senate. Testimony consistently emphasized the building systems approach to indoor pollution as more feasible than a source-by-source approach. BCIA's Paul Cammer and NEMI's Frank Powell illustrated this point in their testimony, as did indoor air quality expert Hal Levin and representatives from EPA, GSA and NIOSH. Testimony by the private sector witnesses was well received and Scheuer stated that he will pursue their recommendations in modifying the Committee's bill.
- The Roybal hearings on H.R. 2980 (doubling the cigarette excise tax to help pay for universal health care), scheduled for September 28, were postponed to a date uncertain.
- The U.S. Trademark Association has adopted a resolution opposing those provisions of the Luken and Synar advertising restriction bills that restrict trademark use.

IN THE STATES

- In **Wisconsin**, the Select Committee on Health Care Financing meets today on a plan that would provide care for 200,000 uninsured citizens. A 10-cent cigarette tax increase is among the Committee's top options for funding the legislation.

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- The **Illinois** "veto" session begins on October 4 and the governor says he wants the other 8 cents of an 18-cent cigarette tax increase he proposed at the start of the 1989 session. A 10-cent increase was approved in June.

- The **Arizona** legislature voted funding for new prison construction and drug programs last week without new taxes. A November special session on the deficit is likely to see new tobacco taxes on the list of revenue-raisers.

- We expect the introduction of a "fire-safe" cigarette bill in **Wisconsin** this week. The bill's sponsor first proposed standards for a "fire-safe" cigarette in February.

IN OTHER MATTERS

- This weekend, TI staff will participate in the fall meetings of the National Volunteer Fire Council and the NVFC Foundation in Indianapolis.