

# Bush, Congress Get Down to Business Chancellor List To Remain Secret

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WASHINGTON — The Bush administration gets off to a heady start this week with promotion of the president's \$1.6 trillion tax plan in the Senate. President Bush picked up a Democratic sponsor, but also got Democratic warnings that he faces trouble if he ignores their priorities.

Bush must also deal with the insistence of his former rival for the GOP presidential nomination, Sen. John McCain, that campaign finance be one of the first items on the congressional agenda.

The Arizona senator and his Democratic ally, Sen. Russell Feingold of Wisconsin, are to introduce their bill limiting campaign contributions on

Monday, and Bush is to confer with McCain on Wednesday.

Also on Monday, Bush is expected to meet with congressional Republican leaders. Separately, Senate Banking Committee Chairman Phil Gramm, R-Texas, joined by Sen. Zell Miller, D-Ga., are announcing plans to introduce Bush's massive 10-year tax relief proposal. White House aides said the details of that across-the-board tax cut proposal should emerge when Bush submits his budget next month.

Miller's press secretary, Joan Kirchner, said Miller had campaigned on being "a tax-cutting governor like he was a tax-cutting governor. This was a great opportunity to do both."

Other Democrats, meanwhile, repeated their contention that the plan is overly ambitious and that Congress' first duty is to prepare a budget that ensures fiscal discipline and reduction

of the national debt.

"The one that President Bush is proposing is much too large and may spend money that we really don't have," Sen. Joe Lieberman, D-Conn., said on ABC's "This Week."

White House Chief of Staff Andrew Card, on CNN's "Late Edition," said Bush would work with McCain for campaign finance legislation that is "fair across the board," and contains "paycheck protection" that gives union members the right to withhold dues going to political donations.

But Bush's priorities are education, tax cuts and military readiness, he said.

Senate Minority Leader Tom Daschle of South Dakota said on ABC that paycheck protection, strongly opposed by organized labor, was "cumbersome and incredibly impractical" and would face a fight.

McCain, on NBC's "Meet the Press," said he was starting a grassroots campaign in states of legislators who oppose his legislation, and he insisted that his bill must get a vote by the end of March. "I believe we can work together on this, but we know that delay is death."

The Senate on Saturday quickly confirmed seven members of Bush's Cabinet, but hopes of pushing through legislative initiatives quickly could be stymied by a floor battle over the nomination of former Sen. John Ashcroft, R-Mo., to be attorney general. Daschle said Sunday he did not support a filibuster over the Ashcroft nomination, but Democrats will want floor time to explain why they think Ashcroft is too conservative for the job.

Ashcroft is expected to be confirmed eventually, with all 50 Republicans and some Democrats in support.

Bush also plans to move quickly to lay out his education package, including more school testing, holding schools more accountable for performance, boosting literacy and, most controversial, expanding school voucher programs.

Card said vouchers "won't be the top priority" of the administration but will be a tool used to help children trapped in failing schools.

Lieberman said he doubted "we can find a meeting of the minds on the question of so-called vouchers" under which money is diverted from public schools to send pupils to the school of their choice.

N.C. Central faculty are protesting Molly Broad's decision to keep chancellor names under wraps.

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UNC-system President Molly Broad decided Friday not to release the names of the three N.C. Central University chancellor finalists over protests from the N.C. Central Faculty Senate.

Faculty Senate Chairman George Conklin made a request to Broad in a letter Tuesday for the finalists to be introduced in the next Faculty Senate meeting, where an open forum would allow professors to question the finalists.

"Academic setting thrives on openness and discussion and consensus," said Conklin, also a member of the search committee.

"I do not feel that the committee has communicated well with the community as a whole."

Broad declined to attend the meeting with the finalists.

"When I met with the search committee, I made it very clear on the issue of confidentiality," Broad said. "It would be entirely inappropriate for us to spring this on the candidates now."

N.C. Central Board of Trustees Chairman William Smith said he would not support the publicizing of the three candidates.

"I respect the faculty's desire to know," Smith said. "We gave the candidates our word that it's going to be a confidential search, and I don't feel good going back on my word."

Conklin said the confidentiality rule was set before the search committee began the selection process and that the issue was never brought up thereafter.

But Conklin said the entire committee would be happy with any of the three finalists for chancellor.

"On the other hand, that doesn't mean that everybody will feel that way," he said. "Molly Broad could renegotiate with the candidates, and they could decide whether they want to go public or not."

An N.C. statute allows public institutions to close meetings where personnel decisions are discussed. The media has long pushed to get high-profile searches open, including the hunt that brought James Moeser to UNC-Chapel Hill. School officials, shielded by the N.C. law, say opening the searches could deter some candidates wary of displeasing their current institution.

Meredith and St. Augustine's Colleges, private institutions in Raleigh, have chosen to release finalists' names.

East Carolina University's Faculty Senate voted on a similar resolution at the start of its current chancellor search, but it failed.

N.C. Central Student Government Association President Timothy Peterkin, also a member of the search committee, said he respects the committee's rules but that the public would like to meet the finalists.

"There will not be a huge impact," he said. "But what impact there will be would be positive."

But Broad said that the impact would be negative for the candidates.

"We lose candidates if their names are public," she said. "It's very destabilizing for their campus once their colleagues know that they are applying."

Broad also said the search committee knew about the confidentiality rule before they met. "I presume (Conklin) was there when I was there in the meeting with the Board of Trustees," Broad said.

But Conklin maintains that the finalists' names should be released.

"The public's business should be conducted in public."

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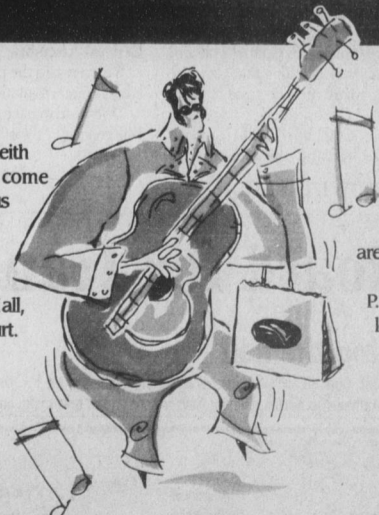
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