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NAME SEN. KAY BAILEY HUTCHISON
R-Texas

Elected on June 5, 1993 to fill the seat vacated by Lloyd Bentsen who was appointed Secretary of the Treasury

COMMITTEES No assignments as of June 30, 1993 * *yesterday*

PREVIOUS 1991-93: Texas State Treasurer
1973-77: Texas House

Broadcast Journalist
Banking Executive
Candy Manufacturer

EDUCATION B.A., University of Texas
J.D., University of Texas

PERSONAL Born in Galveston, Texas

Kay Bailey Hutchison (R) Texas - Junior Senator
Of Dallas - Elected 1993; 1st term
[Won special election 6/5/93]

BIOGRAPHICAL DATA
(Updated: June 1993)

Election: Defeated Bob Krueger (D) to fill the seat vacated by
Lloyd Bentsen (D) who was appointed secretary of the
Treasury.
Born: July 22, 1943; Galveston, Texas.
Education: U. of Texas, B.A. 1992, J.D. 1967.
Military Service: None.
Occupation: Broadcast journalist; banking executive, candy
manufacturer.
Family: Husband, Ray Hutchison.
Religion: Episcopalian.
Political Career: Texas House, 1973-77; Texas state treasurer,
1991-93.
Capitol Office: Office not yet assigned 50510-4303; telephone:
(202) 224-5922; fax number not reported.

IN WASHINGTON
(Updated: June 1993)

NEW MEMBER - See AT HOME/THE PATH TO WASHINGTON.

AT HOME/THE PATH TO WASHINGTON
(Updated: June 1993)

Background: Hutchison's special-election victory in June 1993 was a breakthrough both for her sex and for her party. Like many of the women beginning their Washington careers in the 103rd Congress, Hutchison is the first woman from her state to occupy her office. And her triumph was a significant boost for Republicans, giving the GOP control of both Texas Senate seats for the first time since Reconstruction.

Hutchison also helped her party counteract the Democratic dominance of the "Year of the Woman" phenomenon in 1992, when all the women elected to the Senate and most of those elected to the House were Democrats.

But Hutchison is likely to part company with her first-term sisters in the Senate more often than she votes with them. Her feminist pitch on the campaign trail was hardly radical, telling voters she hoped to create a society that is "better for our sons and open for our daughters."

Hutchison proved her political mettle -- and Texas voters confirmed their trend toward the GOP -- in the special election to replace Lloyd Bentsen, who retired to become President Clinton's Treasury secretary. Democratic Gov. Ann W. Richards appointed former Rep. Bob Krueger to the seat in January, after a handful of better-known Democrats declined the opportunity.

Krueger was the only major Democratic figure in the 24-person, all-party special election May 1. But Hutchison edged him out in that vote and then crushed him in their runoff June 5, winning with 67 percent.

Hutchison advocates establishing gender equity in Individual Retirement Accounts. She hopes to eliminate discrepancies that limit non-working spouses to setting aside \$250 annually for their retirement, while working people can set aside up to \$2,000. She also expects to join other women in Congress in pressing bills to help children and women who are victims of crime. The most visible test, however, may come on the question of abortion.

Like the only other Republican woman in the Senate, Nancy Landon Kassebaum of Kansas, Hutchison supports abortion rights. But with many abortion-related matters slated to come before the 103rd Congress, the issue could become increasingly complex.

She said during the campaign that she opposed government funding of abortion and supported some restrictions -- such as requiring parental consent for minors.

On economic issues, Hutchison is a solid conservative rooted in the anti-regulatory, pro-entrepreneurial beliefs that are the core philosophy of the Texas GOP.

If Hutchison's ideology is tried-and-true Texas conservative, her style is anything but. In a state where male and female politicians win by strutting their stuff in 10-gallon hats and cowboy boots, Hutchison worked her way up in the system quietly -- and in high heels. She is a petite, soft-spoken woman who has trouble rousing a large crowd but charms people one-on-one.

Hutchison probably will slow her campaigning, but she cannot afford to stop. She must face the voters again in 1994 to win a full term of her own.

1993 Special Runoff

Kay Bailey Hutchison (R)	1,188,716	(67%)
Bob Krueger (D)	576,538	(33%)

1993 Special

Kay Bailey Hutchison (R)	593,338	(29%)
Bob Krueger (D)	593,239	(29%)
Joe L. Barton (R)	284,135	(14%)
Jack Fields (R)	277,560	(14%)

6/93

REP. BENNIE THOMPSON
D-Mississippi

Represents the 2nd congressional district.
Elected in a special election held April 13, 1993 to replace Mike
Espy, who was appointed Secretary of Agriculture -- First Term.

COMMITTEES

Agriculture
Merchant Marine & Fisheries
Small Business

PREVIOUS

1980-93: Hinds County Board of Supervisors
1973-79: Mayor of Bolton, Mississippi
1969-73: Bolton (MS) Board of Alderman

EDUCATION

B.A., Tougaloo College, 1968
M.S., Jackson State University, 1972

PERSONAL

Originally from Bolton, Mississippi

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Bennie Thompson (D) Mississippi - 2nd District
Of Bolton - Elected 1993; 1st term
[Won special election on April 13, 1993]

BIOGRAPHICAL DATA
(Updated: May 1993)

Election: Defeated Hayes Dent, R, in a special runoff to replace

Rep. Mike Espy, D, who was appointed secretary of
Agriculture.

Born: January 28, 1948; Bolton, Miss.

Education: Tougaloo College, B.A. 1968; Jackson State U., M.S.
1972.

Military Service: None.

Occupation: Teacher.

Family: Wife, London Johnson; 1 child.

Religion: Methodist.

Political Career: Hinds County Board of Supervisors, 1980-93;
mayor of

Bolton, 1973-79; Bolton Board of Aldermen,
1969-73.

Capitol Office: 1408 Longworth Bldg. 20515-2402; telephone:
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IN WASHINGTON
(Updated: April 1993)

New Member -- See AT HOME/THE PATH TO WASHINGTON

AT HOME/THE PATH TO WASHINGTON
(Updated: April 1993)

Bennie Thompson began his political career at age 20,
learning the game in a state and local political system
bitterly divided over race.

In the late 1960s, when Thompson began challenging that
system, the black officeholders were few and the discouragements
many. If a black candidate got elected, white officials
sometimes refused to seat him.

"In each instance that I ran for office I had to go to
court," Thompson says.

But when he is sworn in as a member of Congress on April 20,
he will personify an ongoing struggle for power in Mississippi.

Thompson won his seat with 55 percent of the vote over
Republican Hayes Dent, an adviser to GOP Gov. Kirk Fordice. He
replaces Mike Espy, the state's first African-American
representative in Congress since Reconstruction. Espy resigned
in January to become secretary of Agriculture.

Unlike Espy, Thompson has not been viewed as a candidate who

could appeal both to blacks and to conservative whites in the district. His participation in the state's civil rights battles made him less attractive to whites, and he did not go out of his way to court white voters as Espy had.

"I hope to bridge that gap, but right now it's still very much divided," he said after his election April 13.

Thompson was educated in segregated elementary and secondary schools in the state. As a student at Tougaloo College, he met civil rights activist Fannie Lou Hamer, who inspired him to pursue a career in politics.

At 20, he ran for alderman in his native Bolton. He won, but was denied a seat by white officials until a court order forced the town to relent. Four years later, Thompson was elected mayor of Bolton. And at 32, he took a seat on the Board of Supervisors for Hinds County, which includes the state's capital city of Jackson.

Although much of the 2nd is relatively remote from Thompson's base, he had been active enough in Democratic politics to be known throughout the district. He easily won endorsement at a meeting of district party officials in February.

The endorsement did not clear the field for Thompson, however, who had to contend with several other well-known Democrats in the initial vote March 30. Dent finished first in that vote with 34 percent, and Thompson was second at 28 percent.

With just two weeks to the runoff, the campaign was intense.

Both candidates were plagued by unfavorable publicity. Newspaper stories in the 1980s had questioned whether Thompson's friendship with a state official had helped to prevent an investigation into Thompson's practices as a supervisor. But the story did not gain much momentum in the retelling this spring, nor did it prevent Thompson from uniting the black vote and keeping turnout relatively high. (Story, 1993 Weekly Report p. 970)

With the election behind him, Thompson said he had met with House Speaker Thomas S. Foley, D-Wash., to push for a seat on the Agriculture Committee in order to safeguard the state's farm interests.

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COMMITTEES, LEADERSHIP POSITIONS AND CAUCUS MEMBERSHIP
(Updated: June 1993)

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Committee and Subcommittee Assignments

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AGRICULTURE

(26th of 29 Democrats)

Environment, Credit & Rural Development

General Farm Commodities

MERCHANT MARINE & FISHERIES

(30th of 30 Democrats)

MERCHANT MARINE & FISHERIES

(30th of 30 Democrats)

Environment & Natural Resources

Merchant Marine

SMALL BUSINESS

(27th of 27 Democrats)

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Leadership Positions and Party Committee Assignments

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None

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Selected Caucus and Special Organization Memberships

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CONGRESSIONAL BLACK CAUCUS

CONGRESSIONAL RURAL CAUCUS

CONGRESSIONAL SUNBELT CAUCUS

LOWER MISSISSIPPI DELTA CONGRESSIONAL CAUCUS

ELECTIONS AND CAMPAIGN FINANCE

(Updated: May 1993)

Election Results

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Election/Candidate -----	Votes -----	(%) -----
1993 Special Runoff *		
Bennie Thompson (D)	71,701	(55%)

Hayes Dent (R)	58,544	(45%)
1993 Special *		
Hayes Dent (R)	34,733	(34%)
Bennie Thompson (D)	28,786	(28%)
Henry Espy (D)	20,675	(20%)
Unita Blackwell (D)	7,331	(7%)
David M. Halbrosk (D)	6,019	(6%)
Steve Richardson (D)	3,019	(3%)
Brian H. Neely (D)	506	(0%)
James H. Meredith (D)	360	(0%)

* Nearly complete, unofficial returns.

6/93

REP. PETER BARCA
D-Wisconsin

Represents the 1st congressional district.
Elected in a special election May 4, 1993 -- first term.
(succeed Les Aspin, who was appointed Secretary of Defense)

COMMITTEES

Public Works & Transportation
Science, Space & Technology

PREVIOUS

1985-93: Wisconsin Assembly
(served as majority caucus chairman 1991-93)

EDUCATION

B.S., University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee, 1977
M.A., University of Wisconsin, Madison, 1982

PERSONAL

Originally from Kenosha, Wisconsin

Peter W. Barca (D) Wisconsin - 1st District
Of Kenosha - Elected 1993; 1st term
[Won special election on May 4, 1993.]

BIOGRAPHICAL DATA
(Updated: June 1993)

Election: Defeated Mark Neumann, R, to succeed Les Aspin, D, who was appointed secretary of Defense..
Born: August 7, 1955; Kenosha, Wis.
Education: U. of Wisconsin, Milwaukee, B.S. 1977; U. of Wisconsin, Madison, M.A. 1982.
Military Service: None.
Occupation: Educator; employment specialist.
Family: Wife, Kathy Hau; 2 children.
Religion: Roman Catholic.
Political Career: Wis. Assembly, 1985-93 (majority caucus chairman, 1991-93).
Capitol Office: 1719 Longworth Bldg. 20515; telephone: (202) 225-3031; fax number not reported.

IN WASHINGTON
(Updated: May 1993)

New Member -- See AT HOME/THE PATH TO WASHINGTON

AT HOME/THE PATH TO WASHINGTON
(Updated: May 1993)

Barca prevented some embarrassment for the Democrats by holding the Wisconsin seat that Secretary of Defense Les Aspin had vacated. But it is unclear how reliable an ally of President Clinton he will be once he is in Congress.

Barca made a point of keeping his distance from the president during his special election campaign. While saying he supported the "spirit" of Clinton's economic program, Barca ticked off a number of specific points he disagreed with.

He opposed Clinton's energy tax proposal. He opposed raising the tax on Social Security benefits unless the earnings threshold was raised. And he criticized the North American Free Trade Agreement.

Yet in a career in the Wisconsin Assembly that spanned nearly a decade, Barca quietly advanced by being a team player. He chaired the Employment and Training Committee and co-chaired the Joint Committee on Audit before becoming majority caucus chair, the third-ranking position in the Assembly's Democratic leadership, in 1991.

Words such as sincere, hard-working and low-key are often used to describe him, but the word colorful is not. Says one Wisconsin newsman: "He's not the first guy to come to mind if

you're having a party."

He was not the first candidate to come to mind when Aspin's House seat suddenly came open, either. The open seat initially attracted a wide field of potential candidates, including several legislators and former state party Chairman Jeffrey Neubauer, the early favorite. But Barca quickly emerged as a major competitor by lining up endorsements from a number of prominent legislators as well as powerful labor elements, including the state AFL-CIO and the United Auto Workers.

In the end, though, it was Barca's strong base in his hometown of Kenosha and his ability to turn out the home folks on Election Day that made the difference. Running up big margins in Kenosha County, the district's third largest, enabled him to win the Democratic primary easily and go on to narrowly defeat Republican Mark W. Neumann in the May 4 special election.

As a politician, Barca defies easy labeling. The product of a middle-class Italian-American family and a Catholic upbringing, he has indicated that he would support the Freedom of Choice Act pending in Congress. Still, he proudly depicts himself as a reflection of his hometown, and his political concerns in the state Legislature were often unmistakably local. Although not as dependent as it once was on automobile manufacturing, Kenosha remains a blue-collar union town. It has had its share of economic hardship. American Motors once had a large plant in Kenosha, which was kept open after American was absorbed into the Chrysler Corp. But Chrysler shut the Kenosha assembly plant in the late 1980s, laying off thousands of workers. Subsequently, Barca spent much of his time on job retraining programs and legislation that enabled the city to build a new industrial park.

Before he was elected to the Wisconsin Legislature in 1984, Barca was a teacher, camp director and job training specialist for disabled and emotionally disturbed children. He is a member of the AFL-CIO.

TALKING POINTS

- * THOUGHTS ABOUT SWEARING-IN? CLIPS/B-ROLL
- * THOUGHTS ABOUT ADJUSTMENT PERIOD.
- * HOW DO YOU GET STARTED? ✓
- * WHAT HAS LIFE BEEN LIKE SINCE SWEARING-IN?
- * IS THE CONGRESS WHAT YOU EXPECTED?
- * ANY SURPRISES ABOUT HOW THE CONGRESS WORKS?
- * HARDEST ADJUSTMENT?

PERSONALS:

- * TELL US ABOUT YOUR DISTRICT (STATE)
- * PERSONAL BACKGROUND
- * PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND
- * ~~WHY~~ DID YOU DECIDE TO RUN?
- ✓ * TELL US ABOUT YOUR CAMPAIGN
- * TELL US ABOUT BEING A "FRESHMAN" (HOW BAD IS IT BEING AT THE BOTTOM OF TOTEM POLE?)

THE JOB:

- * WHERE'S YOUR OFFICE? *SETTING UP CONG. OFFICE*
- * TELL US ABOUT THE ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE OF YOUR OFFICE
- * HOW ^{OFTEN} DO YOU PLAN TO GET BACK HOME?
- * ~~IS YOUR FAMILY HERE OR BACK HOME?~~
- * ~~HOW DO YOU PLAN TO KEEP IN TOUCH WITH YOUR CONSTITUENTS?~~
- * ~~TALK TO US ABOUT YOUR COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS (HUTCHISON ANNOUNCED YESTERDAY)~~
- * KEY ISSUES YOU ARE PURSUING

CURRENT POLITICS:

* PRESIDENTS BUDGET

* HEALTH CARE

* SPENT ANY TIME WITH THE PRESIDENT?

* GIVE US YOUR READ ON HIM...

* GIVE US YOUR READ ON LEADERSHIP?

--FOLEY, MITCHELL, DOLE, ETC.

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NEW MEMBERS OF THE 103RD CONGRESS

REP. PETER BARCA D-WISCONSIN (ASPIN)
REP. BENNIE THOMPSON D-MISSISSIPPI (ESPY)
SENATOR KAY BAILY HUTCHISON (KRUEGER/BENTSEN)

LENGTH: 60 MINUTES

B/ROLL/CLIPS

- * BARCA SWEARING-IN :35 SECONDS (PERSONAL THOUGHTS)
- * THOMPSON SWEARING-IN :35 SECONDS (PERSONAL THOUGHTS)
- * HUTCHISON NEWS CONFERENCE IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING SWEARING-IN
(RELATIONSHIP/ROLE OF MEDIA)

HOOK: ALL THREE CAME TO OFFICE RECENTLY IN SPECIAL ELECTIONS
AFTER PRESIDENT CLINTON'S TAPPED ASPIN, ESPY, AND BENTSEN FOR HIS
CABINET.