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## --C-SPAN'S UPCOMING PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS--

WASHINGTON, D.C.-- In March, "States of the Nation '85" continues featuring a conference with county officials across the nation. A sampling of other events coming up on C-SPAN this Spring include: a day-long look at agriculture, media access to government -- both foreign and domestic, and a black-tie gala honoring White House news photographers. Here's a preview of some special events available to C-SPAN viewers:

- FEDERAL TAX PROGRAMS--On March 15, C-SPAN will let viewers talk back to the IRS when IRS officials Amy Otten (Public Affairs Officer) and Rob Wilkenson (Chief, IRS Taxpayer Service, St. Louis) appear on a 9:00 pm call-in program to discuss changes in the federal tax code.
- NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES (NACo)--On March 4 & 5, C-SPAN offers extensive coverage of the NACo Washington conference. Live viewer call-in programs with NACo members will be scheduled over the two-day session. Topics under discussion by the NACo participants include: Revenue sharing, hazardous wastes and the Superfund program, and health care costs. Participants in the NACo sessions include: Sen. David Durenberger (R-MN), Sen. Bob Dole (R-KS), Rep. Richard Gephardt (D-MO), Sen. Paul Simon (D-IL). *(Coverage of the first NACo session begins at 10:30 am, est, on Monday, March 4.)*
- TV ACCESS TO GOVERNMENT-- On Monday, March 4 C-SPAN will devote the evening programming to proposals to increase media access to the U.S. Government and to ways in which other countries televise their legislatures. Beginning at 6:00 pm est, C-SPAN will air portions of the televised proceedings of the Canadian Parliament (½ hour) and the British House of Lords (at 7:00 pm/ ½ hr.). Call-in programs for the evening include Michael White of the Manchester Guardian (7:10 pm est), Larry Scharff, Counsel to Radio & TV News Directors' Association (9:00 pm). *(Also featured: Sen. Robert Byrd's testimony before the Senate Rules Committee on TV in the Senate and Supreme Court Justice John Paul Stevens speaking on TV in the Supreme Court.)*
- AGRICULTURE DAY--The topic for Friday, March 8 is the Farm Credit Crisis and U.S. Agriculture Programs. From 9:00 am until 6:00 pm, est, C-SPAN will feature live programs including roundtable discussions with members of the U.S. House of Representatives Agricultural Committee and agriculture lobbyists; call-in programs with congressional agriculture correspondents, agriculture economists, and an administration official. *(Taped interviews with U.S. farmers and speeches by Secretary of Agriculture John Block and Senate Agriculture Committee Chairman Jesse Helms (R-NC) are also featured.)*
- TV DAY-- On Monday, March 18, C-SPAN will focus on TV by featuring sessions of TV Digest's conference on "The Business of News." Speakers include FCC Commissioner James Quello, the Brookings Institution's Alice Rivlin and several broadcast network executives. The group discusses how the viewer, the use of TV and TV technology are changing; technical innovations in news coverage; and future news programming strategies. *(Times will be announced.)*
- AMERICAN SOCIETY OF NEWSPAPER EDITORS -- The nation's newspaper editors convene in Washington for their annual meeting and C-SPAN cameras will provide extensive live and taped coverage of their sessions from the Sheraton Washington. *Several of the editors will be appearing on C-SPAN's live viewer call-in programs during the conference.*
- WHITE HOUSE NEWS PHOTOGRAPHERS AWARDS DINNER--On May 16, C-SPAN cameras return to the Sheraton Washington for live coverage of the annual black-tie awards dinner of the White House News Photographers Association. Approximate times are 7:00 - 10:30 pm est. Coverage of the awards presentation by President Reagan, call-in programs, interviews with photographers and their famous subjects are on C-SPAN's agenda for the evening. *C-SPAN will also televise the still and video award winners for 1984.*

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