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Dear Senate Press Secretary:

A rare technical problem recently caused C-SPAN II's live coverage of the U.S. Senate to be moved to another satellite.

If you know of broadcast news directors in your state that use C-SPAN II clips of the Senate directly off our satellite, please pass along the new C-SPAN II satellite coordinates to them:

SATCOM 4 (or "F-4")

Transponder 8

Audio 6.8

News directors (or viewers!) who were picking up C-SPAN II from their local cable system should not be affected by this change: C-SPAN II should be on the same channel on the local cable system as it was prior to this satellite switch. Among the more than 300 cable systems who were carrying C-SPAN II, there are just a few who lacked the necessary equipment to make the change immediately.

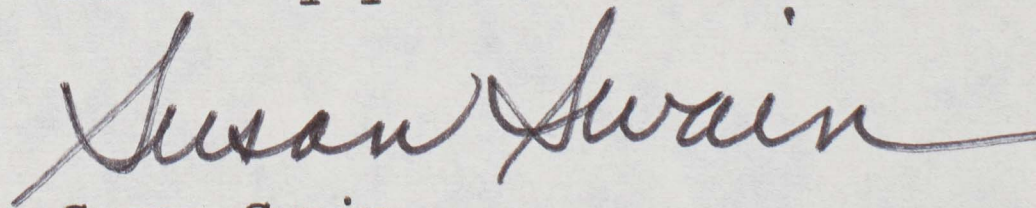
As a brief background, this change was caused by a technical malfunction of the satellite we had been using for C-SPAN II transmissions (Satcom III-R). The III-R transponder carrying the Weather Channel failed and contractual agreements necessitated moving the Weather Channel's signal to the transponder carrying C-SPAN II.

C-SPAN II's move to Satcom 4, transponder 8 is a solution that will carry us through the October adjournment of the Congress. If a further move is necessary after that time, we will certainly be in touch with you.

C-SPAN II's live coverage of the Senate has attracted considerable interest among radio and television news directors and we appreciate your assistance in passing along our service's new satellite information to interested parties.

If you have any further questions, I will be most happy to address them. I can be reached at (202) 737-3220. Nan Gibson, our local press liaison, is also able to help.

Sincerely yours,



Susan Swain
Director, Public Relations

P.S. If you have any copies of C-SPAN's brochure for Use of C-SPAN Clips by Radio and TV News Directors on hand, don't forget to insert the new C-SPAN II satellite information.