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WASHINGTON, D.C. -- The Congressional recess provides C-SPAN the opportunity to highlight two issues of ongoing national interest: the role of the press in society and defense spending.

FOCUS ON THE NATIONAL PRESS BUILDING Monday, July 7 - Friday, July 11, 8:30 - 10:30 am et

Beginning Monday, July 7th, C-SPAN takes a week-long look at Washington's famed National Press Building, focussing on the people, businesses, and news organizations that have made this Washington, D.C. building an institution since the turn of the century. Ten hours of special programming includes: live call-in programs from the Washington bureaus of the *Daily Oklahoman*, Knight-Ridder Newspapers, the Foreign Press Center of the United States Information Agency, and the Copley News Service; TASS News Agency's Washington Bureau Chief will be interviewed and so will the National Press Club's archivist; also on the agenda are roundtable discussions with Washington correspondents for the *Cleveland Plain Dealer*, *Boston Herald*, and *San Antonio Express-News*.

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FOCUS ON DEFENSE SPENDING

Thursday, July 10, 4:00 - 7:00 pm et
Friday, July 11, 2:00 - 7:00 pm et
Sunday, July 13, 8:00 - 9:30 pm et

President Reagan has proposed a \$320.3 billion budget for 1987 defense funding. Next week, C-SPAN plans over nine hours of special programming to examine U.S. defense spending, consisting of: panel discussions on defense policy, and the role of Congress in defense acquisition; live call-in programs on U.S. military manpower, and the cost of weapons systems; and interviews with House and Senate members of defense committees. Interested C-SPAN viewers will have an opportunity to examine the particulars of the defense budget in preparation for Congress' upcoming debate on the Department of Defense Authorizations.

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