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-- C-SPAN TARGETS NEW ENGLAND FOR '86 ELECTION COVERAGE --

-- "Campaign '86" Travels to Vermont/Massachusetts For Midterm Elections Preview --

WASHINGTON, D.C.-- C-SPAN's "Campaign '86" travels to Vermont and Massachusetts in September for a closer look at New England politics.

C-SPAN examines Vermont's gubernatorial and U.S. Senate races in telecasts originating live from Montpelier September 5-8. Former Gov. Richard Snelling (R) participates in a live viewer call-in program, Friday, September 6 at 6:00 pm ET, to discuss his candidacy for U.S. Senate. (Democratic incumbent Sen. Patrick Leahy has also been invited to participate in a similar format, but has not confirmed.)

Vermont gubernatorial front-runners, Lt. Gov. Peter Smith (R) and Burlington Mayor Bernard Sanders (Ind.), join C-SPAN for a live viewer call-in/candidates forum on Monday, September 8 at 9:30 pm ET. (Democratic incumbent Gov. Madeleine Kunin has been invited to participate in this candidates forum, but had not confirmed at press time.)

C-SPAN's Vermont election programming also features a live roundtable discussion with state political journalists, as well as taped coverage of candidate speeches and other campaign activities.

The next stop for "Campaign '86" is Boston, where C-SPAN programs — focusing on Massachusetts politics, media, and education — will originate live, September 11-15. Highlights from C-SPAN's five-day telecasts from Boston include: an interview with retiring U.S. House Speaker Thomas P. (Tip) O'Neill; a live debate with candidates in the race for the 8th Congressional district seat (being vacated by O'Neill) -- featuring a face-off between political legacies Joe Kennedy and James Roosevelt; viewer call-in shows with state party officials and political journalists; and a special glimpse at Harvard University's 350th Anniversary celebration.

The Vermont and Massachusetts "Campaign '86" stops are part of C-SPAN's yearlong focus on the 1986 elections. C-SPAN's 24-hour public affairs program offerings are currently seen in 25 million households, via 2,300 cable system affiliates nationwide.

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