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-- BALTIMORE/WASHINGTON AREA CABLE CO.s AGREE TO CARRY SENATE TELECASTS --
-- Local Viewers to Have Greatest Access To Senate Channel — C-SPAN II --

WASHINGTON, D.C.-- Beginning June 2nd, more than 300,000 cable television viewers in the Baltimore/Washington area will have access to the live proceedings of the U.S. Senate.

Nine cable companies in the Baltimore/Washington area have committed a channel to C-SPAN II — providing live, uninterrupted coverage of the Senate floor proceedings — forming the largest concentration of C-SPAN II subscribers nationwide.

Across the country, some 120 cable systems have slated C-SPAN II for their program line-ups. This means that some 3 million households will have the opportunity to witness the opening of the Senate chamber to the scrutiny of television.

C-SPAN II's coverage of the U.S. Senate will enable cable viewers who live in the shadow of the nation's capital to have full coverage of both houses of Congress and a variety of other public affairs programs. Even "cable-less" Washington, D.C. — including the White House — will receive C-SPAN II through George Mason University's "Capitol Connection."

Congressional observers will have their eyes on the Senate telecasts when tax reform, an equally controversial issue, is taken-up for debate on the Senate floor. Senate leaders have announced that one of the first televised debates will focus on the highly-publicized income tax reform proposals.

C-SPAN plans a full menu of programming for the inaugural broadcast of Senate sessions that explores the nature of the Senate -- how it works, who the key players are, and the power of the Senate. On June 2nd at noon, edt and continuing until the Senate gavels in the first televised session, U.S. Senators, journalists, and experts on the Congress join C-SPAN for interviews -- live from the U.S. Capitol -- to discuss what viewers can expect to see in the weeks ahead.

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