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-- C-SPAN CAMERAS FOCUS ON OKLAHOMA POLITICS --

-- "Campaign '86" Travels To OKLAHOMA CITY for U.S. Senate/Gov.'s Race Coverage --

WASHINGTON, D.C.-- Oklahoma is a key state in this year's midterm elections and C-SPAN's "Campaign '86" travels to Oklahoma City to examine the state's U.S. Senate and gubernatorial races. The impact of falling oil prices on the Oklahoma economy is one of the top election issues that will be discussed during C-SPAN's two-day telecast, beginning Friday May 9th.

Oklahoma's Democratic and Republican party chairmen join C-SPAN for a live viewer call-in program (May 10th, 6pm/edt) to discuss the national and statewide importance of the state's U.S. Senate and gubernatorial elections.

The Democrats hope to prevent GOP incumbent Don Nickles from returning to the Senate for a second term; the Republicans are striving to maintain their majority status in the Senate. On Friday, May 9th at 6pm edt, Sen. Nickles appears on a viewer call-in — live from Tulsa — to discuss his re-election campaign. 1st Congressional district Rep. Jim Jones (who is said to be considering the Democratic Senate bid) will discuss Oklahoma political and economic issues on a live viewer call-in program from Oklahoma City on Friday, May 9th at 9:30 pm edt.

C-SPAN plans to examine the Oklahoma governor's race through interviews with Democratic front-runner Mike Turpen, Oklahoma's Attorney General, and a likely Republican challenger, former Gov./Sen. Henry Bellmon. Political journalist Mike Hammer of The Daily Oklahoman adds his perspective of Oklahoma's statewide elections during an interview airing Friday evening.

A special highlight of the two-day telecast is an historical look at radio and television political advertisements. On Saturday, May 10th, C-SPAN cameras visit the Political Commercials Archive at the University of Oklahoma - Norman for an interview with curator Julian Kantor.

C-SPAN's preliminary Oklahoma City Program Schedule is as follows:

FRIDAY, MAY 9

LIVE	6:00 pm ET/5:00 pm CT (One Hour)	Guest: Topic:	<u>VIEWER CALL-IN</u> (From Tulsa) SEN. DON NICKLES (R-OK) Oklahoma U.S. Senate race
LIVE	9:30 pm ET/8:30 pm CT	Guest: Topic:	<u>VIEWER CALL-IN</u> REP. JIM JONES (D-OK) Political and economic issues in Oklahoma
TAPED	10:30 pm ET/9:30 pm CT	Guest: Topic:	<u>C-SPAN INTERVIEW</u> MIKE HAMMER, Political Editor, <u>The Daily Oklahoman</u> '86 Oklahoma statewide elections
TAPED	11:00 pm ET/10:00 pm CT	Guest: Topic:	<u>C-SPAN INTERVIEW</u> HENRY BELLMON, Former Gov./Sen. of Oklahoma (R) Political and economic issues in Oklahoma

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FRIDAY, MAY 9 (cont'd)

TAPED 11:30 pm ET/10:30 pm CT C-SPAN INTERVIEW
Guest: MIKE TURPEN, Oklahoma Attorney General and
Democratic candidate for governor
Topic: '86 Oklahoma governor's race

SATURDAY, MAY 10

TAPED 5:30 pm ET/4:30 pm CT OKLAHOMA PUBLIC POLICY ADDRESS
Speaker: SEN. DAVID BOREN (D-OK)
Topic: Sen. Boren gives the commencement address before the
"Leadership Oklahoma City" civic group. Sen. Boren
will outline his blueprint for economic development
for Oklahoma in this speech (taped May 9).

LIVE 6:00 pm ET/5:00 pm CT VIEWER CALL-IN
Guests: JIM FRASIER, Chairman, Oklahoma Democratic Party
TOM COLE, Chairman, Oklahoma Republican Party
Topic: '86 Oklahoma statewide elections

TAPED 7:00 pm ET/6:00 pm CT "A Look at Oklahoma's Political Commercials Archive"
Guests: JULIAN KANTER, Curator, Political Commercials Archive &
DR. DAN NIMMO, Professor of Communications, from the
University of Oklahoma at Norman
Topic: Historical look at radio and television paid political
advertisements

TAPED 7:30 pm ET/6:30 pm CT C-SPAN INTERVIEW
Guest: GOV. GEORGE NIGH (D-OK)
Topic: Retrospective look at his administration/Impact of
falling oil prices on Oklahoma economy

LIVE 8:00 pm ET/7:00 pm CT VIEWER CALL-IN
Guest: To be announced.
Topic: Impact of falling oil prices on Oklahoma economy

Throughout the year, C-SPAN plans to present a broad cross section of the 1986 elections by travelling to 16 states for coverage of key races shaping-up nationwide. Denver is the next stop on the "Campaign '86" tour where C-SPAN will focus on the Colorado Democratic and Republican Party conventions (June 6-8).

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