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News from Congressman Jim Oberstar

Dear Friend:

While we await the convening of the 109th Congress in the first week of January 2005, I look forward to a legislative agenda filled with both unfinished and new business. In the coming months, I will continue to work with my colleagues in Congress to develop bipartisan solutions to the challenges ahead.



I hope you will feel free to share with me your thoughts and advice on the many issues to be considered in the next session of Congress. In this newsletter, you will find a short survey that I hope you will fill out and mail back to me so that I can hear your views on timely economic, military and social issues.

The upcoming session of Congress provides a good opportunity to share information with you regarding how best you can communicate with me through my Minnesota and Washington, D.C. offices. I have also included information for those of you who plan to visit our nation’s capital in 2005.

In the new year, I look forward to meeting with you in Northern Minnesota and Washington, D.C. to discuss matters that are important to you.

Sincerely,

Jim Oberstar
James L. Oberstar, M.C.

An Invitation to the Nation's Capital

I encourage all Minnesotans to visit Washington, D.C., because there are many wonderful monuments, museums, historical sites, as well as cultural attractions in our nation's capital. For those who will be traveling to Washington, D.C. in the future, I encourage you to plan ahead and make reservations in advance whenever possible. Visitors should be aware that many facilities have high security measures. To make access to sites easier, carry as little as possible in a small bag. Visitor information for some of the most popular tourist attractions is listed below.

★ Arlington Cemetery

Arlington, VA. Open daily October-March 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.; April-September 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. Changing of the Guard at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier every half-hour April-October; every hour November-March.
703.607.8000 • www.arlingtoncemetery.org
M: Arlington Cemetery **D**

★ Bureau of Printing and Engraving

14th and C Streets, S.W. Tour tickets distributed at 8 a.m. weekdays on a first-come, first-serve basis. Admission is free. Times vary by season. Groups of ten or fewer can pre-arrange a tour through my office.
202.874.2330 • www.moneyfactory.com
M: Smithsonian **D**

★ Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts

Potomac Waterfront, N.W. Tours are given weekdays 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., weekends 10 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Pre-arranged tours can be arranged through my office. All tours are free of charge.
202.416.8340 • www.kennedy-center.org.
M: Foggy Bottom **D**

★ Monuments and Memorials

Open daily, except December 25th.
Staffed 8 a.m. to midnight.
202.426.6841 • www.nps.gov **D**

National World War II Memorial

On 17th Street, between Independence and Constitution Avenues.
M: Smithsonian

Thomas Jefferson Memorial

South bank of Tidal Basin, S.W. Paddle boats available for rent from the Swan Boathouse
M: Smithsonian

Korean War Veterans Memorial

West end of National Mall, south of the reflecting pool, at the foot of the Lincoln Memorial
M: Foggy Bottom or Smithsonian

Lincoln Memorial

West end of National Mall
M: Foggy Bottom or Smithsonian

Franklin Delano Roosevelt Memorial

West side of the Tidal Basin
M: Smithsonian

Vietnam Veterans Memorial

West end of the National Mall, north of the reflecting pool, at the foot of the Lincoln Memorial
M: Foggy Bottom or Smithsonian

Washington Monument

Temporarily closed

★ Smithsonian Institution

The following museums are open daily 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. but may have extended hours during the summer. Admission is free.
202.357.2700 • www.si.edu/visit **D**

Arthur M. Sackler Gallery

10th Street and Independence Avenue, S.W.
M: Smithsonian

Arts and Industries Building

9th Street and Jefferson Drive, S.W.
M: Smithsonian

Freer Gallery of Art

12th Street and Jefferson Drive, S.W.
M: Smithsonian

Hirshhorn Museum and Sculpture Garden

Independence Avenue at 7th Street, S.W.
M: L'Enfant Plaza

National Air and Space Museum

7th Street and Independence Avenue, S.W.
M: L'Enfant Plaza

National Museum of African Art

9th Street and Independence Avenue, S.W.
M: Smithsonian

National Museum of American Art

9th and G Streets, N.W.
M: Gallery Place

National Museum of American History

14th Street and Constitution Avenue, N.W.
M: Federal Triangle

National Museum of the American Indian

4th Street and Independence Avenue, S.W. **M:** L'Enfant Plaza

National Museum of Natural History

Constitution Avenue at 10th Street, N.W.
M: Archives-Navy Memorial

National Portrait Gallery

8th and F Streets, N.W.
M: Gallery Place

Renwick Gallery

17th Street and Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
M: Farragut West

★ U.S. Capitol

Free tickets are distributed on a first-come, first-serve basis at 9 a.m., Monday through Saturday at the kiosk on the Southwest lawn of the Capitol. For tickets to the House of Representatives and Senate galleries and to pre-arrange Capitol tours for groups of 15 or less, please contact my Washington, D.C. office.
202.225.6827 • www.aoc.gov
M: Capitol South or Union Station **D**

★ U.S. Supreme Court

1st Street and Maryland Avenue, N.E. Open Monday-Friday, 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Public lectures in the Courtroom every hour on the half-hour 9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m., except when Court is in session. (The Court is usually not in session July-September.) Pre-arranged tours for groups of four or less can be made through my office. Admission is free.
202.479.3211 • www.supremecourtus.gov
M: Capitol South or Union Station

★ White House

1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W. Tour arrangements, which have strict guidelines and procedures, must be made through a Congressional office. Please contact my office well in advance of your trip to inquire about tour availability. The White House Visitor's Center is open to the public seven days a week 7:30 a.m. until 4 p.m. It is located on the corner of 15th and E Streets, N.W.
202.456.7047 • www.whitehouse.gov
M: McPherson Square **D**

All information subject to change.

D: Facilities for disabled persons available

M: Nearest Metro station

2004 Issues Survey

Please respond to the questions below, cut along the dotted line, fold in half, tape shut, attach postage, and return to Congressman James L. Oberstar, 2365 Rayburn Building, Washington, D.C. 20515

Do you think the President's tax cuts have been:

- Good for the nation's economy
- Bad for the nation's economy
- Made no difference

Do you think the war with Iraq has improved the long-term security of the United States?

- Yes
- No
- Don't know

Do you think the Social Security system should be privatized?

- Yes
- No
- Don't know

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Which comes closest to your position?

Abortion should be:

- Legal in all cases
- Legal in most cases
- Illegal in most cases
- Illegal in all cases
- Should be funded with federal tax dollars
- Should not be funded with federal tax dollars

Which comes closest to your view of gay and lesbian couples?

- They should be allowed to marry
- They should be allowed to form a legal civil union, but not marry
- There should be no legal recognition of their relationships

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