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HEALTH REFORM:

AARP Endorses Democratic Bills in House, Senate

WASHINGTON - The nation's largest organization of senior citizens throws its weight behind Democratic health bills in the House and Senate. "Now is the time to strike," says the president of the American Association of Retired Persons.

Slug AM-Health Reform. Developing.

By Christopher Connell. AP Photo staffing.

Analysis: First Big Senate Votes Will Tell a Lot

WASHINGTON - The Senate is expected to vote quickly on stripping the last vestiges of the so-called employer mandates from health reform - and the outcome will go a long way toward determining the fate of the legislation in both houses.

Slug AM-Health Reform-Analysis. 650 words.

AP News Analysis by David Espo.

OUT FRONT: Abortion Foes Unrepentant About Petition of Violence

UNDATED - Henry Felisone says the FBI agents who came to his New York City door were brief and polite: "They asked me about Paul Hill and I told them I didn't know anything." Felisone is among some 30 anti-abortion activists whose names endorse a petition circulated by Hill, charged last month with killing a doctor and his escort outside a Pensacola, Fla., abortion clinic. The petition declared use of lethal force justified in defense of the unborn. The signers, now the subject of FBI inquiry and vilification by abortion foes and supporters alike, remain steadfast and mostly unrepentant.

Slug AM-OutFront-Justifiable Homicide. 850 words. New, should stand.

By National Writer Fred Bayles. AP Photo planned.

Box: AM-Justifiable-Box, text of petition.

#### PLANE CRASH: Passengers Escape Seconds Before Korean Jet Explodes

SEOUL, South Korea - The crew of the Korean Air jet shouted: "Don't panic, don't panic!"

They didn't. All 152 passengers lined up in an orderly fashion and jumped out of an escape chute, one by one - two minutes before the plane exploded into flames.

"It's amazing that we all escaped alive," says Kim Sun-ho.

Slug AM-South Korea-Plane Crash. About 650 words. New material.

By Ju-Yeon Kim. AP Photos planned.

#### CUBAN TIDE: Cubans Held for Questioning in Boat Hijacking

KEY WEST, Fla. - Twenty-six Cubans accused of hijacking a Cuban boat and killing a navy lieutenant are held for questioning while U.S. authorities decide whether they are defectors or criminals. The tide of Cubans fleeing the island continues, meanwhile, as a cropduster carrying 14 people lands nearby.

Slug AM-Cuban Hijacking. Developing. 600 words.

By Nicole Winfield. AP Photo staffing.

#### WHITEWATER: Costs of Probe Dwarf Others, Democrats Say

WASHINGTON - The number of investigators poured into the probe of a savings and loan tied to President Clinton's former land venture dwarfs those for far bigger S&L failures, according to an analysis by House Democrats. If Congress thinks that's overkill, the Resolution Trust Corp. says, it has itself to blame.

Slug AM-Whitewater-Costs. New. 600 words. May stand.

By Larry Margasak.

Separate:

- AM-Whitewater-Starr, from WASHINGTON: Newly appointed Whitewater independent counsel Kenneth Starr issues a statement on the investigation after meeting with his predecessor.

#### RWANDA: Exiled Tutsis Return By The Thousands After Decades

BUTARE, Rwanda - From tiny hilltop villages to big cities wrecked by war, Rwanda's depleted ethnic minority is swiftly repopulating the country with generations of exiles while their rivals sit frozen in fear and misery in squalid refugee camps. Arriving by the busload, some of the returnees haven't been back in three decades, the last time the Tutsis ruled Rwanda.

Slug AM-Rwanda-Tutsi Nation. About 850 words. New, should stand.

By Mark Fritz. AP Photo planned.

Separates:

- AM-Rwanda-Refugees, from GOMA, Zaire: Food distribution workers deal with angry and volatile crowds as supplies of grain and other items fall short of demand. After two refugees are beaten to death in food lines, officials look for ways to ease competition for supplies.

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- AM-Rwanda-Body Patrol, from GOMA, Zaire: The death wagons assemble early each morning. Their destination is always the same and their messy mission never varies: retrieving the bodies in the world's biggest refugee catastrophe. AP Photo NY190, Zairian workers collect body near Goma.

## FEMINIST AUTHOR: Flees Bangladesh To "Rest And Work' In Exile

STOCKHOLM, Sweden - Taslima Nasrin, the feminist writer who has enraged Muslim fundamentalists in Bangladesh, flees to Sweden. "I've come to Sweden ... to rest and work," Ms. Nasrin says in a statement issued by Sweden's PEN, a branch of the international writers' group.

Slug AM-Sweden-Bangladesh-Author. About 700 words. New material.

By Elisabet Soderstrom. AP Photos DEL102, NY119, file photos of Nasrin.

## ASIA: Chinese Satellite Dispute Suggests Space Is Running Out Of Space

HONG KONG - A quarrel has broken out over a parking spot in space.

China is accused of wedging a satellite between two neighbors in a position that threatens all three with interference and could disrupt the race for the vast Asian satellite TV market. It's believed to be the first incident of its kind, and raises a question that once belonged in the realm of science fiction: is space is running out of space?

Slug AM-Asia-Crowded Space. About 650 words. New, should stand.

By Marcus Eliason.

## TOBACCO-MEDICINE: Scientists Finding Good-Health Side

WASHINGTON - In a sweltering greenhouse in the Appalachian Mountains, Dr. Carole Cramer fingers a fat tobacco leaf that is incubating a vital human blood protein. Tobacco is under attack from all sides for its harmful health effects, but scientists say they are discovering a good side that could provide cheaper medicines.

Slug AM-Tobacco-Medicine. New. 650 words. Should stand.

By Luran Neergaard.

## DISILLUSIONED DEMOCRATS: Disarray in Clinton's Party

WASHINGTON - Once again, the Clinton White House responds to a political crisis by ditching an outsider and calling in a consummate insider. But while the shakeup at the Democratic Party might smooth the president's relations with Democrats in Congress, it will hardly solve the wider disarray in the president's party.

Slug AM-Disillusioned Democrats. 750 words.

AP News Analysis by Political Writer John King.

## EDUCATING IMMIGRANTS: Who Pays When They're Illegal?

ANAHEIM, Calif. - Tiffanie Smith's class at Loara High School is filled with students from Mexico and Vietnam. Some may be here legally, some may not. As far as the school system is concerned, it doesn't matter. The education they get is the same. But there are some in California, and in Congress, who believe that it is wrong to make taxpayers pay the education, welfare and other social service expenses of illegal immigrants.

Slug AM-Educating Immigrants. New, will stand. 1,100 words.

By Education Writer Carole Feldman. Eds: Moved in advance Aug. 8 as b0345.

## BASEBALL STRIKE: TV Stations Scramble for Something to Show Instead

NEW YORK - With baseball headed for an almost-certain player strike on Friday, TV stations that ordinarily carry games are lining up programs featuring everything from Michael Jordan to Adolf Hitler.

Slug AM-Strike-TV. New, may stand. 500 words.

By Hal Bock. Eds: A version also moving on financial wires.

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