

SENATOR J. BENNETT JOHNSTON

State: Louisiana

Election in 1994: No

Priority Health Issues:

Validity Long-Term Budget Assumptions
Concerned about Financial Impact of Reform on State Charity Hospitals
Advocate of Emphasis on Preventive Care

Priority Non-Health Issues:

Energy (Oil and Gas)

Recent Comments:

6/12/94 - "I'm not an enthusiastic supporter of employer mandates. But I have not taken a position because there's a whole lot of difference between a minimal employer mandate and a big employer mandate." He also stated that he wants action this year.
New Orleans Times

Strategy: Inside

Principal Contact:

Cabinet/White House Contact: Bentsen [Cabinet Affairs Recommends O'Leary/Deutsch]

Influential State/Local Officials:

Jim Brown, Insurance Commissioner
Melinda Schwegmann, Lieutenant Governor
Mary Landriiu, State Treasurer
Sammy Nunez, President of the Senate

Influential Groups and Organizations:

Media/Grassroots Efforts Advisable: No

Notes on Strategy: We believe a direct appeal from the administration would be most effective. If possible, Johnston should be solicited to assist in overall inside strategy.