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## REPUBLICANS FORM NATIONAL LABOR ADVISORY COUNCIL

WASHINGTON, D.C. -- Richard Richards, Chairman of the Republican National Committee today announced the formation of a national RNC labor advisory council.

"This council was created to open doors of communication between representatives of labor organizations and the Republican Party. It is not a policy-making group. It is a grassroots group that will advise the RNC on ways to develop a constructive dialogue with representatives of organized labor.

"The members of this committee have a deep understanding of and sensitivity to labor issues and they believe that labor should have a voice in both political parties," Richards said.

"We know we're starting at the very beginning of building bridges to labor. And we know it's going to take time, but our doors are now open through this council," Richards said.

According to Richards, the council will consist of members from the private/public sector and from national, regional and labor organizations.

Today Richards named W. J. "Bill" Usery, former Secretary of Labor under President Ford, as chairman of the council. "We are delighted that Bill Usery, who is so well respected by both labor and management for his work in the field of labor relations, has accepted the chairmanship of this council," Richards said.

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Usery, who heads the Washington-based labor management consulting firm, Bill Usery Associates, Inc., was also formerly director of the Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service.

In accepting the chairmanship, Usery stated, "having spent the majority of my career in working toward improving labor relations, I look forward to continuing such efforts through this council. I believe that the creation of a labor advisory council by the RNC is a most positive step in establishing open channels of communication with organized labor--important not only to this country's two-party system, but to all Americans."

In addition to Usery, the private/public sector members are:

Rep. Margaret Heckler (R-Mass.)

Sen. John Heinz (R-Penn.)

Rep. Claudine Schneider (R-Rhode Island)

Gov. James Thompson (Illinois)

The national labor representatives are:

Jesse Calhoun, President, National Marine Engineers Beneficial Association, (AFL-CIO)

Frank Chiappardi, President, National Federation of Independent Unions (NFIU)

Thomas "Teddy" Gleason, President, International Longshoremen's Assoc. (ILA), (AFL-CIO)

Captain John J. O'Donnell, President, Airline Pilots Association (AFL-CIO)

John Sytsma, President, Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers (BLE)

Shannon J. Wall, President, National Maritime Union of America, (AFL-CIO)

Leo Marchetti, President, Fraternal Order of Police

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The local/regional labor representatives are:

Stan Arnold, Secretary-Treasurer, Michigan Building and Construction Trades Council  
(AFL-CIO)

Bill Brogan, Vice-President, International Union of Operating Engineers, Local #399  
(AFL-CIO)

Bob Cruz, President, International Association of Machinists (IAM) Local #780  
Minneapolis, Minnesota

Bruce Foster, International Vice-President, Amalgamated Transit Union (AFL-CIO)

Charles Marciante, President, New Jersey (AFL-CIO)

Dave Richardson, Secretary-Treasurer, Nassau and Suffolk County Building and Construction  
Trades Department (AFL-CIO)

Attached is biographical information on the members.

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Margaret M. Heckler  
(R-Mass.)

Margaret M. Heckler, an eight-term member of the House of Representatives, is the senior woman in Congress. She serves on the Science and Technology Committee, Veterans' Affairs Committee, and the Joint Economic Committee.

This year, she was endorsed for reelection by the 90,000 member Massachusetts Building Trades Council, AFL-CIO, as well as five union locals representing, among others, postal workers, firefighters, and textile workers.

Senator John Heinz  
(R-Penn.)

Senator H. John Heinz was elected in 1977. He is Chairman of the Special Committee on Aging, a member of the Committee on Finance and a member of Banking, Housing and Urban Affairs.

Heinz has received the endorsement of Pennsylvania unions representing over 250,000 members, including the Pennsylvania Building and Construction Trades Council (AFL-CIO), the American Clothing and Textile Workers Union (AFL-CIO), and the Teamsters.

Rep. Claudine Schneider  
(R-Rhode Island)

Schneider was first elected to Congress in 1980. She has joined in the formation of a labor advisory council, comprised of labor, business and government officials in her state of Rhode Island.

Schneider supported the Defense Industrial Base Revitalization Act, which would increase the number of skilled workers to fill the slots currently left open due to an untrained labor force.

Governor James R. Thompson

Governor James R. Thompson, 46, was first elected Governor of Illinois in 1976, and was reelected to a four-year term in 1978.

In 1981, he called a summit conference with representatives of labor and management in order to work out a solution to the increasing problems of unemployment insurance costs.

Recently, Thompson negotiated an agreement between these same groups that will save \$80 million to \$90 million in workmen's compensation insurance rates.

So far in 1982, he has been endorsed by labor organizations representing over 600,000 Illinois workers.

Thompson is Chairman of the Republican Governors' Association and serves on the Executive Committee of the National Governors' Association.

Jesse M. Calhoon

President, National Marine Engineers Beneficial Association, AFL-CIO

In 1958, Calhoon was elected secretary-treasurer of the national MEBA, a post he held until his election as president in 1963.

Calhoon is an officer of the Joint Maritime Congress, a labor-management group concerned with developing the interests of the American maritime industry.

He serves as president of the MEBA's District No. 1 - Pacific Coast District. He is a member of the general board of the AFL-CIO, and a member of the executive board of the Maritime Trades Department of the AFL-CIO.

Frank Chiappardi

President, National Federation of Independent Unions (NFIU)

In 1978, Chiappardi became Executive Vice-President of the NFIU Eastern Region. He was elected to the presidency in 1980.

He was executive vice-president of the Confederation Unions of America before its merger with the National Independent Union Council. (The merger in 1963 formed the NFIU).

Thomas "Teddy" Gleason  
President International Longshoremen's Assoc. (ILA)  
(AFL-CIO)

Gleason was elected Executive Vice President of the International in 1961, and to the Presidency in 1963. He has been re-elected to that post four times--1967, 1971, 1975, and 1979.

He is Vice-President and an Executive Council member of the AFL-CIO.

He was elected President and Business Agent of local #1 of the ILA in New York City in 1935. He held this post until 1953, when he became General Organizer of the International Union.

Activities outside the ILA include the Vice Presidency of the International Transport Workers Federation (ITF), a worldwide organization representing six million transport workers in 78 countries.

Captain John J. O'Donnell  
President  
Airline Pilots Association (AFL-CIO)

O'Donnell was elected to his third consecutive four-year term in November, 1978.

He was elected a vice president and member of the Executive Council of the AFL-CIO in 1979.

O'Donnell is the chief US delegate to the International Federation of Airline Pilots Associations, which represents airline pilots from 65 nations. He serves on the Labor Department's Services Policy Advisory Committee and is a member of the American Council for Capital Formation.

John Sytsma

President, Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers (BLE)

From 1962-1974, Sytsma was General Secretary-Treasurer and from 1974-1976, first Vice President. He was elected President in 1976 and reelected in 1981.

Sytsma began his career in union leadership in 1956 when he moved to Cleveland to become Administrative Assistant to the President of the BLE.

Shannon J. Wall

President, National Maritime Union of America, AFL-CIO

In 1966, Wall was elected National Secretary-Treasurer of the union and re-elected for a four-year term in 1969. In 1973, he was elected president.

Wall is a Vice President of the Industrial Union Department of the AFL-CIO. He is vice chairman of the Seafarers Section of the International Transport Worker's Federation and Titular head of the Joint Maritime Commission of the International Labor Organization in Geneva. He serves as Co-Chairman of the Labor-Management Maritime Committee.

Stan Arnold

Secretary-Treasurer

Michigan Building and Construction Trades Council  
(AFL-CIO)

In 1961, Arnold was elected Secretary-Treasurer of the Michigan Building and Construction Trades Department of the AFL-CIO, a post he has held continuously until the present. He now serves on the executive board of the Michigan AFL-CIO.

He is currently chairman of several state bodies--among them the Construction Safety Standards Commission, Committee for Jobs and Energy, and the Governor's Energy Awareness Committee.

Bill Brogan

Vice-President

International Union of Operating Engineers  
Local #399 (AFL-CIO)

Brogan has held a number of offices in the International Union of Operating Engineers Local #399 (Illinois) including Business Agent and Secretary-Treasurer. He currently holds the post of Vice President.

He is a member of the Illinois Federation of Labor, and is a delegate to the Chicago Federation of Labor.

Dave Richardson  
Secretary-Treasurer

Nassau and Suffolk County Building and Construction Trades Department  
(AFL-CIO)

Dave Richardson is currently Secretary-Treasurer of the Building and Construction Trades Council (AFL-CIO) of Nassau and Suffolk Counties (New York).

Along with his current duties, Richardson serves as business manager for the Council. He is affiliated with the Long Island Federation of Labor, and sits as Vice President of that body. He is Vice President of the Union Label and Service Trades.

Bob Cruz

President, International Association of Machinists (IAM)  
Local #780 Minneapolis, Minnesota

Cruz was elected vice president in 1975 and has served for the past two years as president.

During his tenure in the IAM, Cruz has been a delegate to the District Convention and to the National Legislative Conference. He has been active in Local 780's Civil Rights Committee.

Bruce Foster

International Vice President, Amalgamated Transit Union (AFL-CIO)

In 1971, Foster was elected International Vice President of the ATU and was elevated to International Vice President of the Executive Board in 1975, the post he currently occupies.

Since 1970, he served as Vice President of the Cleveland Federation of Labor, and was interim President of that body from August, 1980 until January of 1982.



Charles Marciante

President, New Jersey AFL-CIO

Marciante was elected Secretary-Treasurer of the state AFL-CIO in 1961, a position he held until 1970, when he was elected president.

He began his labor career in 1950 as an electrician with the IBEW.

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