McNamara runs against Tip O'Neill

By Barry S. Newman
Frank L. McNamara Jr., a 34-
year-old lawyer from Beacon Hill, officially announced May 18 he will challenge Speaker of the House Thomas P. "Tip" O'Neill Jr. for Massachusetts' eighth-con-
gressional district seat in the US House of Representatives.

O'Neill has represented the dis-
trict, which includes Cambridge, Boston's downtown, North End, and Beacon Hill, Charlestown, Watertown, Brighton, and Bel-
mont, since John F. Kennedy left the seat in 1913. O'Neill's policies, McNamara said in his announcement speech.

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I low many manufacturing in-
dustries to countries in the Pacific basin such as South Korea, Taiwan, Hong Kong, and Singapore, he predicted. The United States will become mostly a service economy, though some will work in high-technology in-
dustries, he added. Denver,
at Government Center in Boston, "are out of date, damaging to-society, and harmful to the people of our district."

"A time when people are looking to government officials everywhere for change, vision, and hope, McNamara said, "they are frustrated by a Speaker whose slavish adherence to an arbi-
trary philosophy and inflexible political habit compels him to op-
pose any change, obstruct that vi-sion, and stuff all hope;"

McNamara's address cast O'Neill as a big spender, blaming the Speaker for inflation, and ac-
cusing him of patronage.

Colorado and Fairfield County, Connecticut are good examples of such economies, Samrow said. The American economy, overall, is still healthy, said Samrow. "I don't think we're in a crisis. Most of the American troubles were are talking about are troubles of effi-
cien-cy."

McNamara, a graduate of Har-
card College and the University of Virginia Law School, spent $62,631 on his campaign between July 1, 1981, and March 31, 1982, according to documents filed with Federal Election Commission. In the same period, the McNamara campaign raised over $85,000 in contributions.

Much of McNamara's cam-
paign funding has come from out-
side Massachusetts. Over $17,000 in major contributions came from outside the state in the first three months of 1982, largely from Texas and Oklahoma.

Republican McNamara faces a difficult challenge. O'Neill has taken at least three-quarters of the vote in each of the last three contests for his House seat.

"I set myself against the Speaker of the House," McNamara said, "one of the most powerful and entrenched elected officials in America. This will be no ordinary campaign. This is a race of great significance for our district and for the country, and I intend to run it to win."