optimism abounds as peres, arafat resume stalled talks

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CBO to rule health premiums must be included in budget

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apprehensive White House officials said Monday night they expect the Congressional Budget Office to rule Tuesday that billions of dollars in required insurance premiums in President Clinton's health care plan must be included in the federal budget.

The decision would not change the Clinton health plan but it is a public relations blow the White House desperately sought to avoid. The Republicans who will jump all and Dana Priest

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in the aftermath of last month's earthquake, thousands of police officers, fire chief's deputies and National Guard troops helped keep crime statistics to record numbers, according to internal police records.

Crime in L.A. dropped sharply after quake

Past, present Surgeon Generals endorse secondhand smoke bill

WASHINGTO

U.S. Senator Joe Lieberman and five of his predecessors added their endorsement Monday to a Clinton administration-buck plan to protect Americans from the dangers of secondhand cigarette smoke by severely restricting smoking in most of the nation's public buildings.

legislation introduced by Rep. Henry A. Waxman, D-Calif., would prohibit smoking in public buildings used regularly by more than 10 people unless separately ventilated rooms were provided for smokers.

Waxman's subcommittee on health and the environment — part of the House Committee on Energy and Commerce — held a hearing Monday on the bill, known as the Smoke-Free Environment Act of 1993.

Last year, an Environmental Protection Agency study identified secondhand smoke as a deadly carcinogen and blamed it for 3,000 lung cancer deaths annually in adults and as many as 300,000 cases of bronchitis and pneumonia in children.

The gathering of Elders and the former surgeons general — Antonia C. Novello, C. Everett Koop, Julius B. Richmond, S. Pail Ehrlich

Past, Present Surgeon Generals

and Jesse L. Steinfeld — marked the first time they had met to support a single piece of legislation.

But Tobacco Institute consultant Charles O. Whitley claimed that testimony favoring a ban on smoking in public buildings was based on old reports and questionable EPA studies.

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