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President's Drug Czar to Testify at
Government Reform Hearing

"Recovery Now: The President's Drug Treatment Initiative"

Who: Rep. Mark Souder (R-IN-4th), Chairman, Subcommittee on Criminal Justice, Drug Policy and Human Resources

What: Public hearing to review the "Recovery Now" drug treatment initiative proposed by President George W. Bush in his State of the Union Address on January 28

Where: 2154 Rayburn House Office Building

When: Thursday, February 27, 2003, 10 a.m.

Background: The President has proposed a \$600 million initiative to significantly enhance the availability and accountability of drug treatment in the United States. The initiative, "Recovery Now," creates a voucher program to supplement existing treatment programs and could assist as many as 100,000 additional Americans each year who want to obtain drug and alcohol abuse treatment services but lack the financial resources.

At the hearing, Office of National Drug Control Policy Director John P. Walters, the President's "Drug Czar" will comment on new estimates of coca cultivation in Colombia. Charles G. Curie, Administrator for the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration will also be testifying.

Government Reform Committee Chairman Tom Davis (R-VA-11th) will also be speaking at the hearing.

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