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MISSOULA--

Western District Congressman Max Baucus and Eastern District Congressman John Melcher will join Gov. Thomas L. Judge in responding to questions from a panel of journalists and newspaper and broadcast executives Friday, Feb. 14, at the University of Montana, Missoula, in conjunction with the Third Public Affairs Forum entitled "Montana and the Rest of the World."

Friday's panel discussion, which is open to the public without charge, will be at 3:30 p.m. in the University Center Ballroom. The three Democrats will respond to questions from a panel composed of Aubrey Larson, publisher of five weekly newspapers--the Powder River Examiner, Broadus, and the Circle Banner, Jordan Tribune, Hysham Echo and the Fairview News; Duane W. Bowler, editor of the Billings Gazette; Ed Erlandson, executive editor of the Missoulian; Dale G. Moore, Missoula, owner and president of Western Broadcasting Co., and Steve Forbis, managing editor of the Montana Kaimin, the UM student newspaper. Theme of the panel discussion is "Focus on Montana and U.S. Food and Energy Policies."

The panel discussion will be the concluding feature of the forum. Questions addressed to the panelists will be based on the discussions during other segments of the two-day program. Purpose of the panel discussion is to explore how citizens can support political leaders when difficult decisions must be made by the politicians in such areas as trade and international markets for food.

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The Third Public Affairs Forum is sponsored by the Montana Committee for the Humanities; the Missoula branch of the American Association of University Women; the Cooperative Extension Service at Montana State University, Bozeman; the Kellogg-Extension Education Project, and the Program Council of the Associated Students of UM.

Conference keynote speaker will be former Secretary of Agriculture Orville L. Freeman, who will discuss "Global Interdependence" at 8 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 13, in the UC Ballroom. His remarks will follow the 6 p.m. international foods buffet, and a drama presentation by the UM drama department in the ballroom.

Cost of the buffet is $5 per person. A breakfast is set for 8 a.m. Friday in the University Center Gold Oak Room and a luncheon will be at noon Friday in the UC Ballroom. Cost of each is $2.50. Reservation deadlines for the meals is 1 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 11. For reservations, interested persons may phone Joyce Zacek, project promotion director for the UM Bureau of Business and Economic Research, at her campus office, 243-6714, or at home, 542-0278.

Registration fee for the conference is $1, to cover the costs of printed materials, but all of the individual talks and panel discussions are open to the public without charge.