

Ron Paul appears on national television show *Discusses education, AmeriCorps legislation*
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WASHINGTON, DC - US Representative Ron Paul (R-Surfside) was Thursday night's guest on NET's "DirectLine" program, hosted by Paul Weyrich. Congressman Paul was invited on the program to discuss two of the pieces of legislation he has sponsored this session of Congress. NET is a popular cable network offering a wide selection of news, interview and talk shows, from a conservative point of view. It is broadcast to more than 50 million homes nationwide.

"I was pleased to be able to go on Mr. Weyrich's show and talk about the Family Education Freedom Act and the Selective Service Privacy Act. These are two major pieces of legislation which will have a direct impact on the lives of almost every American," said Representative Paul.

The Family Education Freedom Act, HR 1816, allows Americans to take up to \$3,000 in tax credits per child per year to pay for education and education-related expenses, whether the child is in a public, private, church or home school setting.

"Real education reform involves getting the federal government completely out of the system, and letting parents keep more of their money so they can be free to make the best possible choices for their own children," said Paul. "Giving more money and power to Washington bureaucrats is a big mistake."

Meanwhile, The Selective Service Privacy Act, HR 2029, will permanently prohibit the AmeriCorps program from ever using the records of, or merging with, the Selective Service Administration. Under current law, all 18-year-old males must register with Selective Service so they can be drafted. Some members of the Clinton Administration have indicated a desire to be able to "call up" young people for "national volunteer service," said Paul.

"It's completely contrary to everything our nation was founded upon and we as a people cherish that this or any president could have the authority to draft our sons, and maybe someday

daughter, to go hand out needles to drug users in urban areas, or clean up national parks."

Besides these pieces of legislation, Paul is also sponsoring numerous other items, including the American Sovereignty Act (HR 1146), the Second Amendment Restoration Act (HR 1147), the Financial Freedom Act (HR 1121), legislation to hand the Palmetto Bend Project over to the state of Texas (HR 2161). Further, he is cosponsoring more than 60 other pieces of legislation.