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Letters to the Editor

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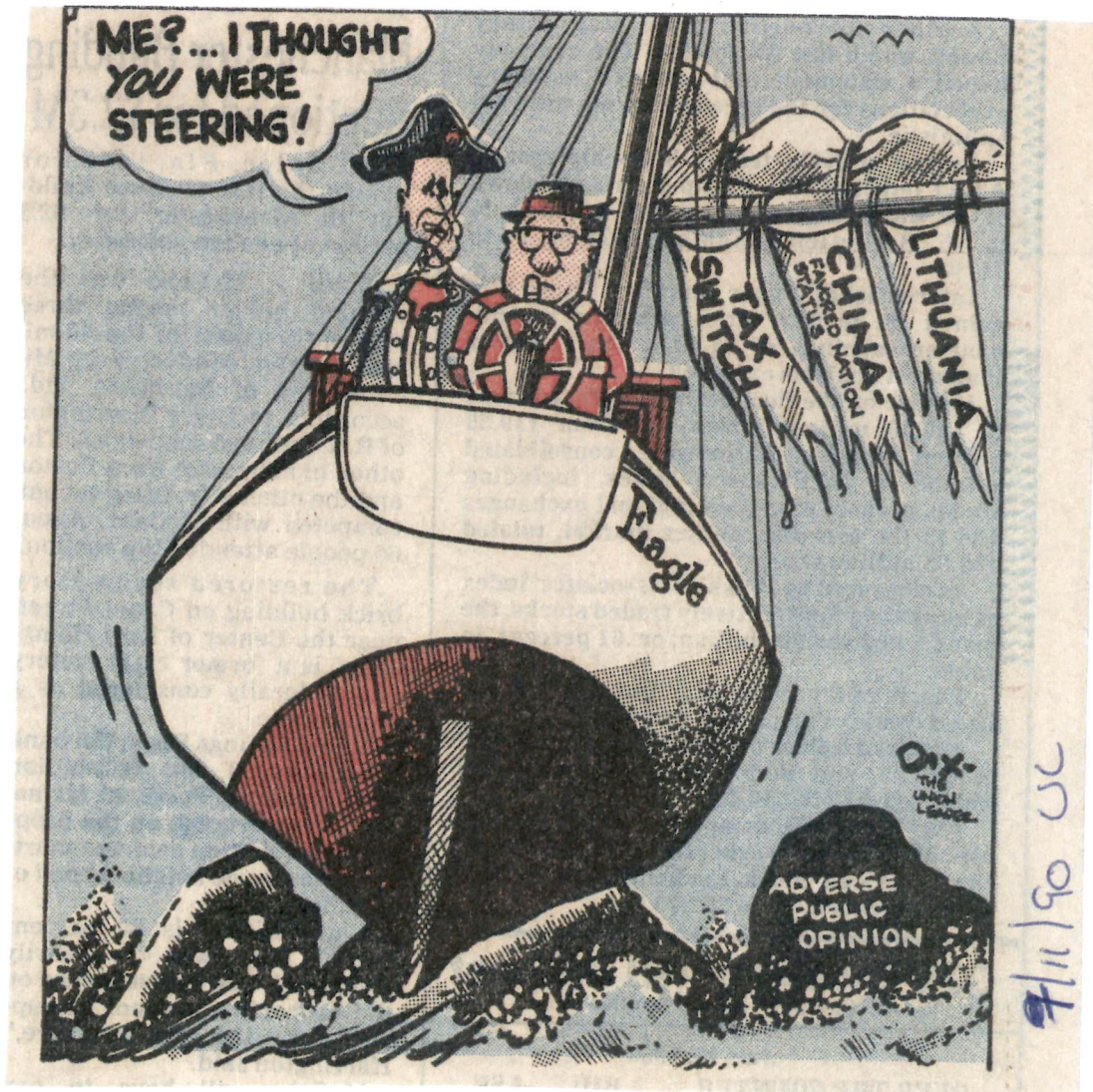
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Finally, if Mr. Nyhan had taken the time to read his own paper on July 2 he would have seen Bill Coughlin's story which correctly characterized the decision to visit Kennebunkport as the Department of Transportation's idea and not that of President Bush or Governor Sununu, as some others have suggested. But then, he wouldn't have had a basis venting his political frustrations.

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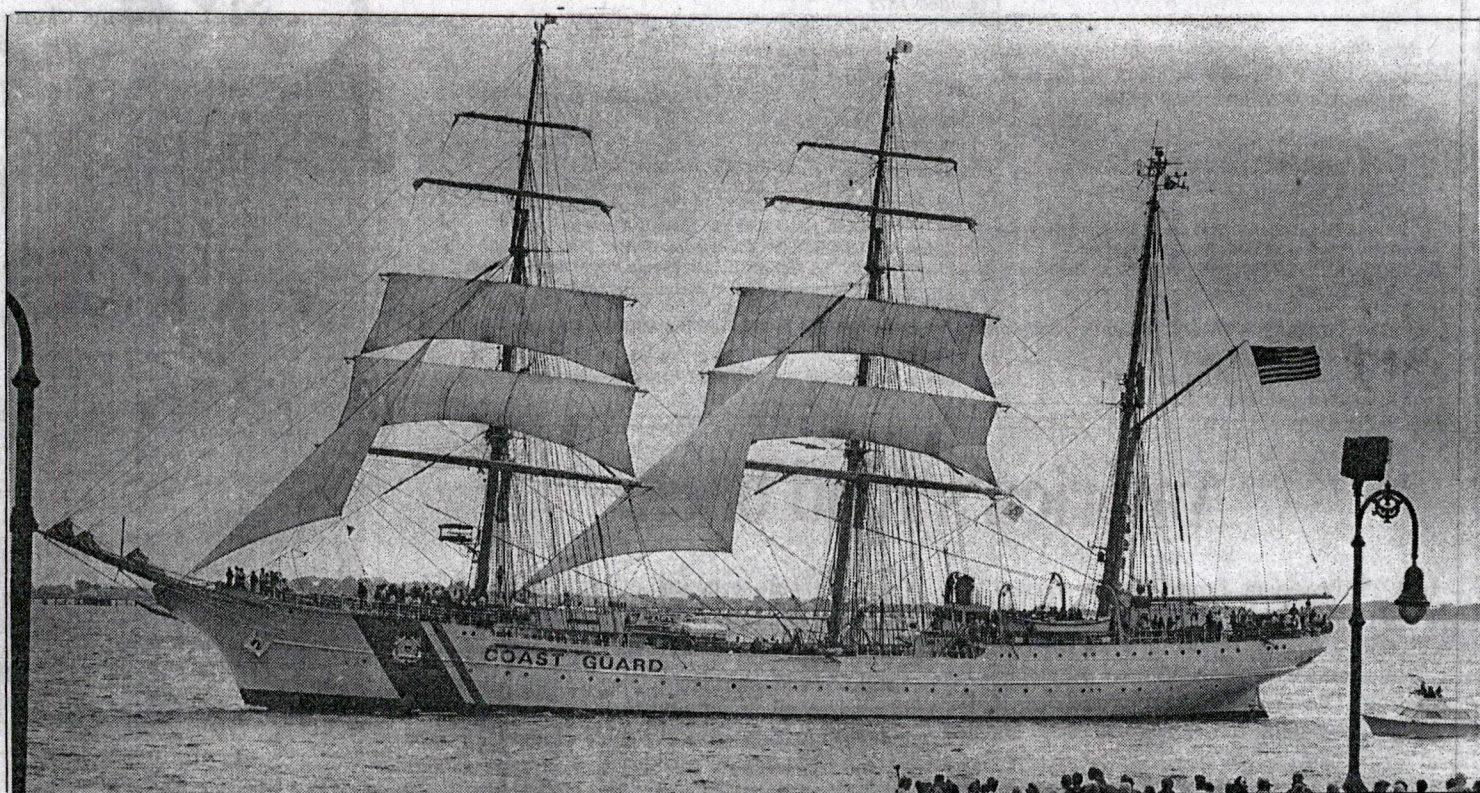
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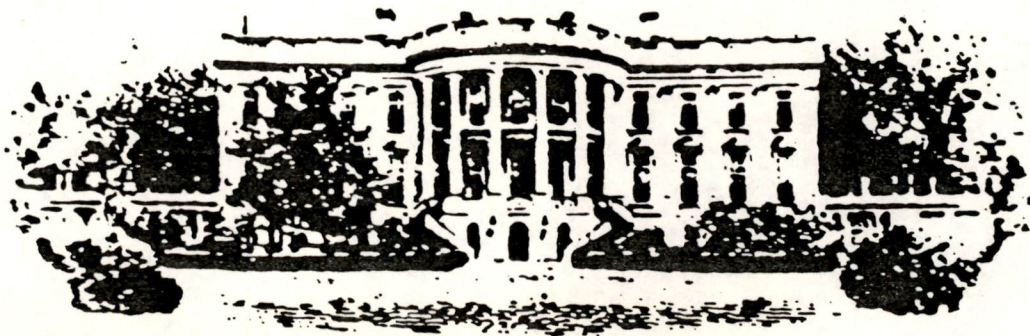
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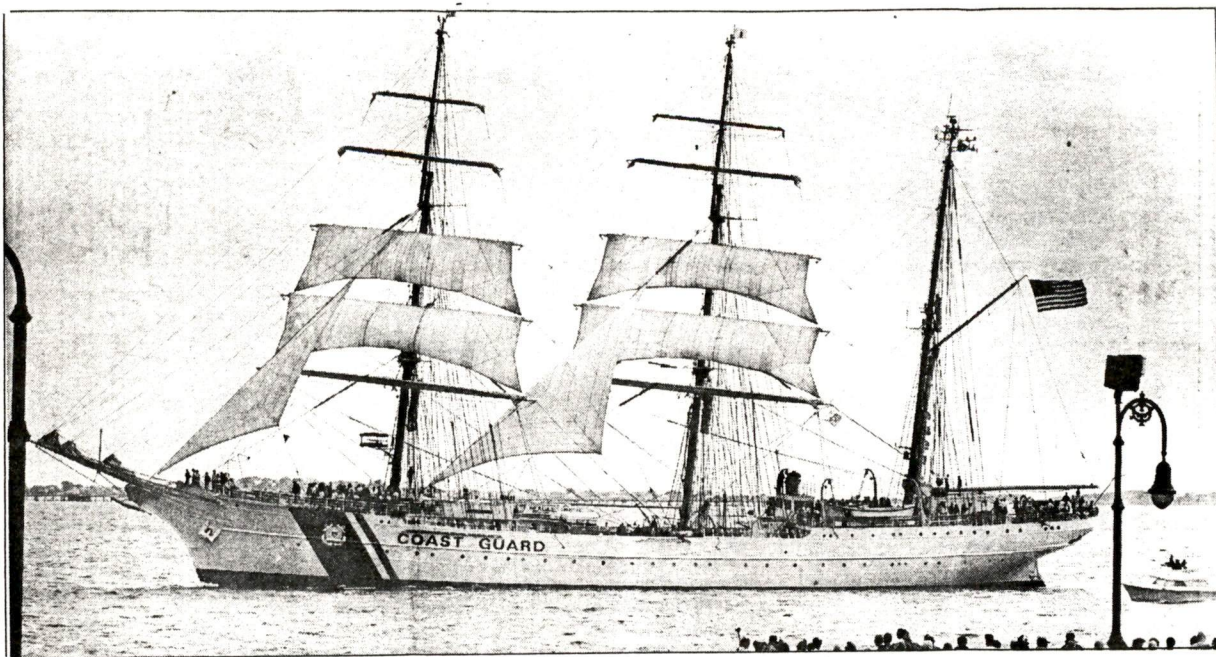
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