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**New AAP president urges national child health policy**  
Speaking for the first time as the Academy's 1989-90 president, Birt Harvey, M.D., called on government, physicians and children's advocates to formulate a "national child health policy." . . . . . 1

**Commission hears testimony from child health advocates**  
Members of the U.S. Bipartisan Commission on Comprehensive Health Care, known as the "Pepper Commission," heard testimony from AAP leaders advocating the Academy's access to care legislative proposal. . . . . 1

**Letter from the President**  
AAP President Birt Harvey, M.D., explains the AAP stand on direct advertising of infant formula. . . . . 1

**FDA approves "orphan" drug for premature infants**  
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**Service provides information on "orphan" drugs**  
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