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there has been fraud in it, and those ripoff artists are going to go to jail."

When later asked specifically about Smith's actions, Quayle referred to past problems with legislation concerning the industry and then said: "...I'm sure there is plenty of blame to go around. I'll just speak to my

own knowledge of Denny Smith, and his integrity is impeccable.

"He has got a remarkable record of public service," Quayle said. "He's got a remarkable record of serving his constituency. And as far as I'm concerned he is a very capable and outstanding member of the congress in all respects."

Kopetski has used Smith's

S&L involvement as a weapon in his campaign against the congressman.

Among other issues touched on, Quayle called for continued public support for the decisions President Bush has made in dealing with the Persian Gulf crisis. And referring to budget negotiations now in progress in Washington, D.C., the vice president scolded Congress for

not working with the administration to craft a new budget and reduce the budget deficit.

Monday morning the vice president flew from Seattle to Portland, where Smith and his wife, Deanna, joined Quayle's motorcade for the ride to Salem.

Over the last two years,

Quayle has raised about \$14 million in campaign funds by making similar appearances for candidates around the country, said David Beckwith, the vice president's press secretary.

Contributions to such events by participants pay "most of the costs" of the vice president's campaigning, Beckwith said.

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"Smith seemed to take his race for granted. Kopetski took limited resources and built a crack organization."

And in this year's race, the odds look very similar.

In July, *Roll Call*, a semi-weekly newspaper on Capitol Hill that focuses solely on Congressional politics, listed Smith second in an article titled "The 20 Members (of Congress) Most in Jeopardy."

But in this campaign Smith appears to be taking no chances.

A round of members of the Bush Administration have been through to stump for Smith, their appearances culminating in Quayle's fund-raiser Monday. The Smith campaign hopes the high-level help will draw voters.

But it is Smith's high-rolling image that Kopetski has tried to use against him in in this campaign.

"I will approach the job differently," Kopetski said in a phone interview Friday. "I will be more concerned with the economic and social issues of the 5th District."

Kopetski's campaign literature goes even further by listing "Five ways Denny Smith personally contributed to the \$500 billion savings and loan crisis."

Smith's involvement with three Oregon savings and loans — all of which failed — has prompted the Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee to file a formal ethics complaint against him.

Then in August Smith stepped up his offensive. Shortly after the Iraqi invasion of Kuwait, Kopetski remarked to reporters that "We shouldn't take military action. What we should do, though, is go through the United Nations."

The Smith campaign used the remark as the cornerstone of a bold campaign maneuver, producing the ad with Hitler's voice and summarizing: "... Mike, appeasement is wrong."

The add resulted in more attention for Smith; the congressman received media coverage and negative remarks around the country.

In early September *The Washington Post* ran a one-column article under the headline "Incumbent Smith Calls on Hitler in Oregon Contest." And one week later, syndicated columnists Jack Anderson and Dale Van Atta wrote an editorial scolding Smith for his actions.

But overall, Smith doesn't appear to have been hurt. He came out six points ahead of Kopetski in a poll produced by *The Oregonian* newspaper earlier this month.

Despite the jockeying and accusations, for every percentage point Smith is reported to be ahead by, a week of campaigning remains. A lot can happen in six weeks.

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