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AS ENJOYS ALMOST AN ENTIRE PARTY'S ENTHUSIASM BY JIM ZUCKERMAN, GLOBE STAFF, 01/20/98 HE'S GOT BIG DUCKS, a strong campaign organization, and 15 months of ground work to show for himself, but one thing Attorney General Scott Harshbarger does not have in his run to become governor is an enthusiastic nod from other elected Democrats. Harshbarger, who said he will officially inform the state Democratic committee today that he intends to seek the gubernatorial nomination, is still waiting for widespread support among his party colleagues. At a recent informal meeting of US House members from Massachusetts, the lawmakers agreed that they were looking for someone other than Harshbarger to support for the Democratic nomination for governor. "Most of the people felt as I did," said Representative J. Joseph Moakley, the South Boston Democrat and dean of the delegation. "They're waiting for Mr. Right to jump in the pipe. They don't think he is there yet." Of the 10 representatives to the House, only one has endorsed Harshbarger. Representative William D. Delahunt, the Quincy Democrat, had kind words in public for the attorney general, but privately, he is said to have warned Harshbarger, "You're the most hated guy in Democratic politics." Harshbarger's troubles among established politicians can be traced to three things: his role as the state's top prosecutor investigating public corruption; his willingness to challenge Representative Joseph P. Kennedy II, the Brighton Democrat, for the nomination; and what some say is his hesitancy to help elect other Democrats to office. Nevertheless, the politician with the most endorsements at the end of a political campaign is not always the one elected. "It's probably both a blessing and a curse that he's seen as somebody outside the political establishment," said Dan Payne, a Democratic media consultant. Outsiders frequently have an easier time appealing to independent voters. But at the same time, outsiders often find it difficult to tap the partisan volunteer force that turns out to help elect Democrats around the state. "I think one of the main reasons he's having trouble coalescing the congressional delegation is the same reason he's had trouble pulling together members of the State House," said one Democratic political consultant. "He's never been viewed as a team player." Harshbarger has received the support of 41 of the 163 Democrats on Beacon Hill, more than any other Democratic challenger in the race, but still not enough to call a groundswell. The problems afflicting Harshbarger's campaign are similar to those of other attorneys general who have sought higher office. Few have been successful candidates, with the notable exception of Bill Clinton, former attorney general of Arkansas. The office is seen as more suited for prosecutors than statesmen, and for nonpartisan crime hunters than party loyalists. Finding friends and funds can be difficult for attorneys general trying to climb the political ladder. Many local politicians have never forgiven Harshbarger for his indictment of a popular former attorney general, Edward J. McCormack, on  
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