

RICHARDSON BUMPED TO PRIME TIME

I was standing with one of the NM bloggers and not far from Bill Richardson's Presidential internet staffer last night when Beau Biden started speaking. All of a sudden, I realized that Richardson, who was supposed to have a slot in the schedule before Biden, hadn't spoken. We were in a bit of a tizzy trying to figure out why Richardson hadn't spoken.

It looks like they got behind on their schedule, and decided to bump the popular, Latino Western Governor to a prime time slot today at Mile High, before Obama speaks. From DNCC spokeswoman Jenni Engebretsen:

Giving even more Democrats and supporters an opportunity to hear from Governor Bill Richardson, his speech has been moved from this evening to a featured speaking slot tomorrow at Mile High. Because of such an enthusiastic audience response, the long-running schedule led the Democratic Convention to ask the governor if he would speak tomorrow and he graciously agreed. He will be speaking to 75,000 people and a nationally televised audience.

I find this particularly fascinating since, even with Obama's surprise showing at Pepsi Center last night, they still finished about 15 minutes before 9:00—they're running a **really** tight ship timewise. Though perhaps they hadn't calculated in time for Obama's appearance and had to bump Richardson to allow time for that?