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Ryan, Nader Slate Sunday Morn Debate

Congressman Leo J. Ryan and consumer advocate Ralph Nader are still at it.

Ryan and Nader, who have been at loggerheads for weeks over the proposed federal consumer protection agency, are scheduled to meet Sunday in an early morning debate on the subject in the Little Theater at College of San Mateo.

The confrontation is scheduled for 7:45 a.m. John Pico of the San Mateo County Trial Lawyers Association, which is sponsoring the debate, explained that the unusual scheduling was agreed to by Ryan to accommodate a tight timetable for Nader on a quick trip to California.

Pico said Municipal Court Judge Edward Pliska

will be the moderator. There will be no charge for admission, Pico said.

Nader has claimed that someone "got to" Ryan and persuaded him to withdraw his support of the federal consumer agency. Nader asserted that the San Mateo Democrat was "irritated" because he

(Nader) had "let the people back home" know that Ryan intended to vote against creation of the agency.

Ryan said he changed his mind about the bill after a poll of his constituency indicated that the majority was opposed to the creation of the new federal bureau.

