

# **JIM C – QUIZ OF THE WEEK**

## **MONDAY - 08/24/08**

**It's often fascinating and suspenseful when the presidential candidates, political strategists, and pundits argue the advantages and disadvantages of each potential candidate for *Veep*.**

### **HOW DID THE TERM “*VEEP*” ORIGINATE?**

***Definition (Wikipedia):* In politics, a vice president is a person whose primary responsibility is to replace the president on the event of his or her death, resignation or incapacity. In some countries, the vice president is called the *deputy president*.**

***Etymology:* Circa 1949, American political slang (colloquial / humorous pronunciation) coined from the initials V.P., the abbreviation for the Vice President of the United States. The term “*Veep*” is now used especially during an election cycle where several are in the running for the nomination.**

- The “*Veep*” can become President at any moment, as 13 Vice Presidents have done in American history**
- The term "vice" comes from the Latin *vice* meaning 'in place of'**
- The Vice President's wife may be known as the Second Lady**

**Conventional Wisdom: *Veep* = American slang for Vice President**

**M of Z: For all the ink and air time devoted to the selection of *Veep*, it's not likely to have any detectable bearing on the race.**