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REMARKS OF SENATOR BOB DOLE  
TESTIMONIAL DINNER FOR  
STATE SENATOR DAVID DOCTORIAN  
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I AM DELIGHTED TO BE IN CHILLICOTHE THIS EVENING TO HELP THE PEOPLE OF THE 28<sup>TH</sup> SENATORIAL DISTRICT PAY TRIBUTE TO SENATOR DAVID DOCTORIAN, AN OUTSTANDING PUBLIC SERVANT AND LEADER OF THE REPUBLICAN PARTY IN MISSOURI.

YOU'RE ALL FAMILIAR WITH DAVID DOCTORIAN'S SUCCESS STORY, OF HIS DEDICATED TEACHING CAREER, OF HIS BELIEF IN LIMITED GOVERNMENT, AND OF HIS COMMITMENT TO THE TWO-PARTY SYSTEM IN MISSOURI AND IN AMERICA.

AND WHETHER YOU ARE A REPUBLICAN OR A DEMOCRAT OR AN INDEPENDENT, I CAN'T OVEREMPHASIZE THE IMPORTANCE OF A STRONG TWO-PARTY DEMOCRACY. BECAUSE ONLY WHEN THERE IS REASONABLE BALANCE BETWEEN THE TWO GREAT AMERICAN POLITICAL PARTIES IS GOVERNMENT TRULY RESPONSIVE TO THE NEEDS OF ALL ITS CITIZENS. IN JEFFERSON CITY AND IN WASHINGTON, MY PARTY--THE REPUBLICANS--IS NUMERICALLY OVERWHELMED BY THE DEMOCRATS. THAT'S NOT GOOD FOR MISSOURI AND IT'S NOT GOOD FOR AMERICA.

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BUT NUMBERS ALONE DO NOT TELL THE STORY. REPUBLICANS IN JEFFERSON CITY AND IN WASHINGTON HAVE LONG FOUGHT FOR FISCALLY RESPONSIBLE GOVERNMENT, FOR GOVERNMENT WHICH IS RESPONSIVE TO THE NEEDS OF ITS CITIZENS. AND THAT REPUBLICAN PHILOSOPHY -- OF LIMITED-YET-RESPONSIVE GOVERNMENT -- IS ATTRACTIVE TO A GREAT MANY DEMOCRATS AND INDEPENDENTS. TOM COLEMAN DEMONSTRATED THAT BY CAPTURING A CONGRESSIONAL SEAT HERE IN A DISTRICT WITH A STRONG TRADITION OF SUPPORTING DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATES.

I KNOW THERE ARE MANY DEMOCRATS AND INDEPENDENTS IN TONIGHT'S AUDIENCE AND THAT'S A TESTAMENT TO DAVE DOCTORIAN'S RECORD OF SERVICE TO THE PEOPLE OF THE 28<sup>TH</sup> DISTRICT. HIS ELECTORAL SUCCESS IS GOOD FOR THE REPUBLICAN PARTY AND THAT'S GOOD FOR EVERYONE. BECAUSE THE IMPORTANCE OF THE TWO-PARTY SYSTEM IS NOT FIRST THAT IT KEEPS THE REPUBLICAN PARTY ALIVE, BUT THAT IT KEEPS OUR SYSTEM OF DEMOCRATIC -- WITH A LITTLE "D" -- GOVERNMENT ALIVE.

FRONTING THE PROBLEMS OF AGRICULTURE

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EARLIER THIS WEEK, I CONDUCTED A FIELD HEARING FOR THE SENATE AGRICULTURAL COMMITTEE IN KANSAS CITY SO THAT FARMERS AND OTHERS CONCERNED WITH THE FARM CRISIS COULD SHARE THEIR CONCERNS DIRECTLY WITH THEIR ELECTED REPRESENTATIVES. WE SOUGHT NEW IDEAS THAT MIGHT BE INCORPORATED IN GOVERNMENT FARM PROGRAMS TO STRENGTHEN THE FARMERS' ECONOMIC POSITION. I ONLY WISH THAT MORE OF MY CONGRESSIONAL COLLEAGUES -- ESPECIALLY THOSE FROM URBAN AREAS WHO ARE NOT IN FREQUENT TOUCH WITH FARMERS -- COULD HAVE BEEN PRESENT TO HEAR OUR FARMERS SPEAK OF THEIR PROBLEMS, PROBLEMS WHICH ARE NOT JUST THE PAROCHIAL CONCERN OF RURAL AMERICA, BUT WHICH WILL AFFECT CONSUMERS IN OUR BIG CITIES, AS WELL.

SINCE WE CANNOT HAVE A HEALTHY NATIONAL ECONOMY WITHOUT A HEALTHY AGRICULTURE ECONOMY, ALL AMERICANS, PARTICULARLY CONSUMERS, HAVE A VITAL INTEREST IN THE ISSUES OF CONCERN TO FARMERS.



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PROTECTING OUR PANAMA CANAL INTERESTS

SO, TOO, WE ARE FIGHTING THE ADMINISTRATION ON THE PANAMA CANAL ISSUE. THE CANAL IS IMPORTANT TO ALL AMERICANS, BUT IT IS ESPECIALLY IMPORTANT TO THE FARM ECONOMY. THIS IS SO BECAUSE THE CANAL ROUTE IS VITAL TO BOTH DOMESTIC AND INTERNATIONAL SHIPMENT OF AGRICULTURE PRODUCTS AND PLAYS A KEY ROLE IN OUR ABILITY TO COMPETE WITH FOREIGN PRODUCERS.

AMERICAN FARMERS AND RURAL COMMUNITIES HAVE A GREAT INTEREST IN THE CONTINUED STABLE, DEPENDABLE OPERATION OF THE CANAL. THAT'S ONE REASON WHY I FEEL SO STRONGLY THAT WE SHOULD NOT JUST GIVE UP THIS VITAL WATERWAY RESOURCE WITHOUT GOING OVER ALL THE TREATY PROVISIONS WITH A FINE TOOTHED COMB.

I HAVE STUDIED THE PROPOSED PANAMA CANAL TREATIES AND FOUND THEM FULL OF LOOPHOLES AND VAGUE PROVISIONS WHICH CAN ONLY CAUSE PROBLEMS FOR THE UNITED STATES IN THE FUTURE. FOR THAT REASON, I HAVE INTRODUCED A NUMBER OF AMENDMENTS TO THE TREATIES WHICH I INTEND TO BRING UP WHEN THE CANAL DEBATE STARTS IN THE SENATE NEXT MONTH.



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PROMOTING FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY

PRESIDENT CARTER HAS NOW EMBRACED THE CONCEPT OF PERMANENT TAX REDUCTIONS FOR ALL AMERICANS, ESPECIALLY LOWER AND MIDDLE INCOME TAXPAYERS. THIS IS AN IDEA WHICH SEVERAL OF US -- INCLUDING JACK DANFORTH -- OFFERED IN THE SENATE LAST SPRING, ONLY TO BE MET WITH STRONG OPPOSITION FROM THE ADMINISTRATION. NOW, IN AN ELECTION YEAR, THE PRESIDENT HAS COME AROUND TO OUR WAY OF THINKING. BUT NOT QUITE. EVEN THOUGH HE PROPOSES SOME \$25 BILLION IN INDIVIDUAL AND BUSINESS INCOME TAX REDUCTIONS, HE IS STILL PUSHING FOR ENACTMENT OF THE LARGEST PEACE-TIME TAX INCREASES IN OUR NATION'S HISTORY -- \$125 BILLION IN HIGHER ENERGY TAXES OVER THE NEXT SEVEN YEARS AND \$225 BILLION IN HIGHER SOCIAL SECURITY TAXES OVER THE NEXT DECADE. I DON'T HAPPEN TO THINK THAT THE MAJORITY OF THE PEOPLE IN THE 28<sup>TH</sup> SENATORIAL DISTRICT ARE GOING TO FALL FOR THAT KIND OF ECONOMIC SLEIGHT-OF-HAND.



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RESTORING COMMON SENSE TO GOVERNMENT

AND WE MUST PARE BACK NEEDLESS, EXPENSIVE GOVERNMENT REGULATION, WEIGHING WHETHER THE BURDEN OF REGULATION IS WORTH THE BENEFITS RECEIVED. AT THE VERY LEAST, WE MUST INSIST ON REPEAL OR REFORM OF SOME OF THE MORE LUDICROUS GOVERNMENT REGULATIONS.

FOR EXAMPLE, THE OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH ADMINISTRATION SAYS YOU MUST HAVE IN THE BUTCHER DEPARTMENTS OF SUPERMARKETS GRATED FLOORS TO DRAIN THE BLOOD. BUT THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE PROHIBITS GRATING BECAUSE IT IS DIFFICULT TO KEEP CLEAN.

OR TAKE THE SITUATION OF CONSTRUCTION SITES WHERE THE OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH ADMINISTRATION REQUIRES BACKUP ALARMS ON BULLDOZERS AND AT THE SAME TIME REQUIRES WORKERS TO WEAR EARPLUGS TO GUARD AGAINST NOISE.

ANOTHER ONE IS THOSE DEFENSE CONTRACTS WHERE EXIT DOORS HAVE TO BE LOCKED FOR SECURITY REASONS -- YET, IF YOU DO, YOU VIOLATE THE FIRE SAFETY REQUIREMENTS OF OSHA.

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UNDERSTAND THAT THE OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH ADMINISTRATION IS ONLY ONE OF HUNDREDS OF BOARDS, COMMISSIONS AND AGENCIES. YET, IN A TWO-YEAR PERIOD, THEY PASSED ENOUGH REGULATIONS TO FILL A 17-FOOT SHELF. WHY, THE HARVARD CLASSICS SERIES ONLY HAS A FIVE-FOOT SHELF OF BOOKS -- WHERE 15 MINUTES A DAY FOR 20 YEARS IS SUPPOSED TO GIVE YOU A COLLEGE EDUCATION. AT THAT RATE, YOU COULDN'T READ LAST YEAR'S REGULATIONS IN A LIFETIME AND THAT'S JUST ONE AGENCY WITH HUNDREDS OF OTHERS.

NOW, AS CONGRESS BEGINS CONSIDERATION OF NEXT YEAR'S FEDERAL PROGRAM, IS THE TIME TO ACT. THE RESTORATION OF COMMON SENSE AND FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY TO THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT CAN LEAD TO LOWERED TAXES, LESS GOVERNMENT INTERFERENCE IN OUR PRIVATE LIVES, AND MORE JOBS FOR THOSE WHO NEED THEM.

