

SENATOR BOB DOLE
INTRODUCTORY REMARKS
IN RECOGNITION OF
SENATOR MILTON R. YOUNG
FARGO, NORTH DAKOTA
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I AM DELIGHTED TO BE IN FARGO THIS EVENING, IN THE HOME STATE OF THE REPUBLICAN DEAN OF THE U.S. SENATE, MILT YOUNG, ONE OF THE ABLEST, MOST DEDICATED MEN EVER TO SERVE IN THE UNITED STATES SENATE. IN THE ENTIRE HISTORY OF OUR NATION, ONLY A HANDFULL OF MEN HAVE SERVED IN THE SENATE LONGER THAN MILT YOUNG. AND FEW HAVE SERVED WITH SUCH DISTINCTION AND PROVIDED SUCH LEADERSHIP ON HIS PARTY AND HIS NATION AS HAS MILT YOUNG. I AM PROUD TO SERVE WITH MILT ON THE SENATE AGRICULTURE COMMITTEE WHERE HE'S BEEN BATTLING FOR NORTH DAKOTA FARMERS FOR OVER THREE DECADES. AND ALL AMERICANS CAN BE GLAD THAT MILT YOUNG SITS AS RANKING REPUBLICAN MEMBER OF THE SENATE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE, CAREFULLY WATCHING FOR WASTE AND INEFFICIENCY IN THE FEDERAL BUREAUCRACY.

REMARKS OF SENATOR BOB DOLE
REPUBLICAN FUNDRAISING DINNER

FARGO, NORTH DAKOTA
FRIDAY, APRIL 28, 1978

SEVENTEEN MONTHS AGO, WE REPUBLICANS LOST A NATIONAL ELECTION, AND JUST FIFTEEN MONTHS AGO, WE TURNED OVER THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH OF GOVERNMENT TO THE DEMOCRATS. THAT TRANSITION BROUGHT WITH IT A BREATH OF HOPE FOR MANY AMERICANS, A FLEETING MOOD OF OPTIMISM WHICH MUCH OF THE COUNTRY SEEMS TO FEEL AT THE BEGINNING OF ANY NEW ADMINISTRATION. AND, TOO, IT REMINDED REPUBLICANS EVERYWHERE OF THE NARROWNESS OF OUR POLITICAL BASE, OF THE STRENGTH OF THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY, OF THE THREAT THAT ONE-PARTY GOVERNMENT MIGHT SPREAD NATIONWIDE.

DISILLUSIONMENT

HOW QUICKLY THINGS CHANGE. TODAY, THE AMERICAN PEOPLE ARE DISILLUSIONED WITH THEIR PRESIDENT AND THEIR GOVERNMENT. THE RE-

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NEWED CONFIDENCE IN AMERICA -- IN THE INTEGRITY AND HONESTY AND GOOD SENSE OF HER LEADERS WHICH WAS RESTORED BY PRESIDENT FORD -- IS FADING. AND THE FORTUNES OF THE REPUBLICAN PARTY -- ~~IN NORTH DAKOTA~~, IN NORTH DAKOTA, AND NATIONWIDE -- ARE ONCE AGAIN ON THE RISE.

LET'S FACE IT. THE CARTER ADMINISTRATION HASN'T BEEN ALL BAD FOR THE REPUBLICAN PARTY. ON THE NATIONAL LEVEL, WE HAVE WON MOST OF THE OFF-YEAR CONGRESSIONAL ELECTIONS, INCLUDING MANY IN DISTRICTS LONG HELD BY OUR OPPONENTS.

HERE IN NORTH DAKOTA, MARK ANDREWS IS STRONGER THAN EVER AND PRESIDENT CARTER'S UNPOPULARITY DOES NOT BODE WELL FOR DEMOCRATIC PROSPECTS THIS FALL OR IN 1980. BACK IN WASHINGTON, DESPITE THE OVERWHELMING DEMOCRATIC CONTROL OF THE CONGRESS, REPUBLICAN INITIATIVES ON ECONOMIC POLICY, ON FARM PROGRAMS, ON DEFENSE SPENDING, AND ON TAX RELIEF HAVE ACHIEVED A REMARKABLE DEGREE OF SUCCESS.

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AS REPUBLICANS, WE SHOULD BE ELATED. WE SHOULD BE THANKFUL THAT THE LACK OF LEADERSHIP IN THE WHITE HOUSE AND ON CAPITOL HILL HAS BREATHED NEW LIFE INTO OUR PARTY AND OPENED UP NEW OPPORTUNITIES FOR POLITICAL SUCCESS IN 1978 AND IN 1980. BUT THE SAD FACT OF THE MATTER IS THAT THE IMPROVED PROGNOSIS FOR OUR PARTY REFLECTS NOT JUST OUR REINVIGORATED EFFORTS IN CONGRESS AND AT THE GRASSROOTS, BUT A SERIOUS REVERSAL IN OUR COUNTRY'S FORTUNES AT HOME AND ABROAD. SO WHILE WE, AS REPUBLICANS, CAN AND SHOULD TAKE POLITICAL ADVANTAGE OF PUBLIC DISSATISFACTION WITH THE PRESIDENT AND HIS PARTY, IT IS DIFFICULT FOR ME TO RISE THIS EVENING WITH ANY SENSE OF POLITICAL SATISFACTION OR JUBILATION.

REPUBLICAN RESPONSIBILITY

RATHER, I COME BEFORE YOU AS A VERY TROUBLED AMERICAN -- YOUR PARTISAN ALLY -- WITH A GROWING SENSE OF SADNESS AND DISMAY AT

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WHAT IS HAPPENING IN WASHINGTON, HAPPENING TO OUR COUNTRY, HAPPENING TO OUR NATION IN THE EYES OF THE WORLD.

WE FIND AMERICA DIVIDED, UNEASY ABOUT OUR PRESIDENT'S COMMITMENT TO PREEMINENCE IN THE INTERNATIONAL ARENA, UNSURE AND DISILLUSIONED ABOUT THE LACK OF DIRECTION HERE AT HOME, AND UTTERLY FRUSTRATED WITH POLITICIANS WHO PROMISE A LOT AND DELIVER A LITTLE. IN NORTH DAKOTA AND AROUND THIS NATION, WE HAVE A RESPONSIBILITY TO THE PEOPLE TO PROMOTE POLICIES WHICH WILL RESTORE OUR COMMITMENT TO NATIONAL STRENGTH, STABILIZE OUR DOMESTIC ECONOMY, HELP OUR FAMILY FARMERS, AND GIVE THE ELECTORATE LESS REASON TO BE CYNICAL ABOUT THE PERSONALITIES AND PROCESSES OF POLITICS.

I THINK THE REPUBLICAN PARTY CAN MEASURE UP TO THIS TASK. WE CAN GIVE THE AMERICAN PEOPLE THE KIND OF GOVERNMENT THEY WANT, IF WE WILL. WE CAN TAKE THE INITIATIVE, IDENTIFY PROBLEMS, AND PROPOSE FISCALLY RESPONSIBLE SOLUTIONS WHICH WILL MAINTAIN

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OUR WORLD LEADERSHIP ROLE AND STRENGTHEN OUR CITIES, OUR STATES, AND OUR NATION.

WE REPUBLICANS CAN DO THESE THINGS IF WE ACT TOGETHER, MOTIVATED BY WHAT UNITES US AND NOT INHIBITED BY WHAT DIVIDES US.

NEED FOR UNITY

IF EVER THERE WAS A TIME FOR REPUBLICAN UNITY, THIS IS IT. THE AMERICAN PEOPLE ARE DESPERATELY SEARCHING FOR LEADERS WHO SHARE THEIR SENSE OF FRUSTRATION, WHO WANT GOVERNMENT OFF THEIR BACKS AND OUT OF THEIR POCKETS, WHO BELIEVE THAT THE LEGITIMATE ROLE OF GOVERNMENT AS SERVANT, NOT MASTER, OF THE PEOPLE IS NOT AN OUTDATED NOTION.

BUT, TOO, THE PEOPLE WANT A GOVERNMENT THAT IS RESPONSIVE TO THEIR NEEDS. INSPIRED RHETORIC ABOUT INDIVIDUALITY AND FREE

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ENTERPRISE AND NATIONAL STRENGTH STILL HAS ITS PLACE IN AMERICAN POLITICS. BUT THE VOTERS OF NORTH DAKOTA -- AND VOTERS EVERYWHERE -- EXPECT MORE THAN THAT FROM THE REPUBLICAN PARTY. THEY ALREADY SHARE OUR BASIC VALUES, OUR PHILOSOPHY. WHAT THEY WANT FROM US ARE CANDIDATES AND PUBLIC OFFICIALS WHO WILL PUT THAT PHILOSOPHY TO WORK IN FARGO, IN BISMARCK, AND IN WASHINGTON.

REPUBLICAN PHILOSOPHY CREATES ACTION

AMERICANS ARE A PERCEPTIVE PEOPLE. THEY ARE NOT FOOLED BY POLITICAL GIMMICKRY AND SLOGANEERING AND DEMAGOGUERY. THEY KNOW THAT INFLATION IS TOO HIGH, THAT GOVERNMENT SPENDS TOO MUCH MONEY, THAT THE FAMILY FARMER IS IN A SEVERE ECONOMIC BIND, THAT OUR POSITION OF WORLD LEADERSHIP IS SLIPPING, THAT THERE ARE STILL TOO MANY AMERICANS WHO CAN'T FIND JOBS, THAT BURDENSOME GOVERNMENT REGULATION IS COSTING CONSUMERS BILLIONS OF DOLLARS EACH YEAR. WHAT THE AMERICAN PEOPLE WANT FROM OUR PARTY -- FROM ALL POLITICIANS FOR THAT MATTER -- IS ACTION.

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THEY WANT TO SEE THE REPUBLICAN PHILOSOPHY AT WORK -- FOR THE NORTH DAKOTA FARMER, FOR THE SOUTHERN TEXTILE WORKER, FOR THE EASTERN FACTORY WORKER, AND FOR THE BLACKS AND OTHER ETHNIC GROUPS IN OUR GREAT AMERICAN CITIES.

AND ACTION IS EXACTLY WHAT THEY'RE GETTING FROM THE REPUBLICAN PARTY. NO LONGER ARE THE DEMOCRATS PERCEIVED TO BE THE PARTY WHICH RESPONDS TO THE CONCERNS OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE, WHICH PROPOSES "SOLUTIONS" TO NATION, STATE, AND LOCAL PROBLEMS. TODAY IT IS OUR OPPONENTS WHO DEFEND THE STATUS QUO, WHO ARE CONTENT WITH THINGS AS THEY ARE NOT AS A GREAT MANY AMERICANS THINK THEY SHOULD BE. IT IS THE DEMOCRATS, THE ARCHITECTS OF THE BLOATED FEDERAL BUREAUCRACY, WHO RESIST PROGRESS -- PROGRESS AWAY FROM BIG GOVERNMENT AND HIGH TAXES AND TOWARDS TAX RELIEF AND LESS REGULATION.

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INNOVATIVE ECONOMIC POLICIES

ON DOMESTIC ISSUES, FOR EXAMPLE, IT IS OUR OPPONENTS WHO ARE RESISTING INNOVATIVE NEW ECONOMIC POLICIES, POLICIES WHICH ENCOURAGE CREATION OF NEW JOBS IN THE PRIVATE SECTOR, POLICIES WHICH LET THE AMERICAN PEOPLE -- NOT THE GOVERNMENT -- DETERMINE HOW BEST TO SPEND THEIR HARD EARNED DOLLARS. IT IS REPUBLICANS -- MEN LIKE MARK ANDREWS AND MILT YOUNG -- WHO ARE FIGHTING FOR THE AVERAGE MAN AND WOMAN, WHO OPPOSE EXORBITANT NEW TAXES IN THE NAME OF ENERGY CONSERVATION, WHO FIGHT DRASTIC INCREASES IN SOCIAL SECURITY TAXES, WHO RESIST MORE-OF-THE-SAME SCHEMES FOR EXPANDING THE SCOPE OF FEDERAL POWER.

YET THE DEMOCRATS PERSIST IN THEIR ADVOCACY OF THE "TAX AND TAX, SPEND AND SPEND" PHILOSOPHY. PRESIDENT CARTER AND HIS ALLIES IN CONGRESS KNOW THAT THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT IS INFLATION'S

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MOST SATISFIED CONSTITUENT, THAT INFLATION LEADS TO HIGHER TAXES AND MORE MONEY FOR GOVERNMENT TO SPEND, THAT EVER-INCREASING RESOURCES AT THE FEDERAL LEVEL ARE NECESSARY IF GOVERNMENT IS TO EXPAND ITS REGULATORY GRIP ON THE AMERICAN PEOPLE.

REPUBLICANS FIGHTING "TAXFLATION"

WE REPUBLICANS DON'T LIKE THAT "STATUS QUO". WE HAVE CONSISTENTLY FOUGHT FOR TAX REDUCTIONS, FOR KEEPING MORE MONEY IN THE HANDS OF THE PEOPLE WHO EARN IT AND LESS IN THE BELLY OF BIG GOVERNMENT. WE HAVE FOUGHT FOR SPENDING RESTRAINT TO STIFLE THE ROBBER BARON OF INFLATION. WE'RE TIRED OF "WINDFALL PROFITS" -- FOR GOVERNMENT. WE KNOW THAT THE AMERICAN TAXPAYER WHO RECEIVES A PAY INCREASE TODAY WILL END UP IN A HIGHER TAX BRACKET TOMORROW AND WIND UP LOSING MONEY DESPITE THE PAY HIKE. AND WE DON'T LIKE IT.

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IF YOU FILED YOUR TAX RETURN IN THE PAST COUPLE OF WEEKS, YOU KNOW WHAT I'M TALKING ABOUT. YOU KNOW THERE'S SOMETHING FUNDAMENTALLY WRONG WITH A TAX SYSTEM WHICH REWARDS GOVERNMENT FOR THE INFLATION IT PRODUCES AND PENALIZES THE TAXPAYER WHO'S TRYING TO KEEP HIS HEAD ABOVE WATER. THERE'S SOMETHING WRONG WHEN A TAXPAYER WHO EARNED \$15,000 LAST YEAR MUST EARN NEARLY \$16,000 THIS YEAR JUST TO BREAK EVEN. BUT IF HE EARNS \$16,000 IN 1978, HIS TAX LIABILITY WILL BE INCREASED SO MUCH THAT IN FACT HE WILL SUFFER A LOSS. THIS "TAXFLATION" IS INTOLERABLE. IT'S WHY WE NEED INCOME TAX REDUCTIONS AND WHY MANY OF US IN CONGRESS HAVE INTRODUCED LEGISLATION WHICH WOULD AUTOMATICALLY ADJUST PERSONAL INCOME TAX RATES ACCORDING TO INCREASES OR DECREASES IN THE COST OF LIVING. HOLDING THE LINE ON AUTOMATIC TAX INCREASES WOULD SAVE AMERICAN CONSUMERS MORE MONEY THAN A HUNDRED "CONSUMER PROTECTION AGENCIES". YET THE "STAND-PATTERS" IN CONGRESS AND IN THE WHITE HOUSE ARE RESISTING.

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OTHER ISSUE INITIATIVES

ON FARM POLICY, MILTON YOUNG, MARK ANDREWS, AND I FOUGHT FOR NEW FARM LEGISLATION. THE NEW FARM BILL CONTAINED A FLEXIBLE PARITY TARGET PRICE CONCEPT. UNDER FLEXIBLE PARITY THE NORTH DAKOTA FARMER, NOT A FEDERAL BUREAUCRAT WOULD DECIDE HOW MUCH TO PLANT, HOW MUCH TO HARVEST, AND WHAT HIS TARGET PRICE WOULD BE.

FLEXIBLE PARITY WAS AN INNOVATIVE REPUBLICAN INITIATIVE WHICH PASSED THE SENATE OVER STRONG ADMINISTRATION OPPOSITION DUE TO THE VALIANT EFFORTS OF ^{Milton Young} ~~MARK ANDREWS~~ AND OTHER FARM STATE ~~CONGRESSMEN~~ ^{Senators} FROM BOTH PARTIES.

THE CONCEPT OF FLEXIBLE PARITY IS A REPUBLICAN IDEA WHOSE TIME HAS COME. I BELIEVE THE CONCEPT OF FLEXIBLE PARITY WILL BE

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INCLUDED IN FUTURE FARM LEGISLATION.

JUST THIS WEEK THE BASIC CONCEPT OF FLEXIBLE PARITY WAS ADOPTED BY THE SENATE-HOUSE CONFERENCE COMMITTEE EXCEPT THAT CONTROL OVER THE SET-ASIDE AND TARGET PRICE NOW RESTS WITH THE SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE RATHER THAN WITH THE FARMER.

UNDER THE CONFERENCE AGREEMENT THE SECRETARY IS AUTHORIZED TO INCREASE THE ESTABLISHED PRICE OF WHEAT, FEED GRAINS, AND UPLAND COTTON BY SUCH AMOUNTS AS HE DETERMINES APPROPRIATE TO COMPENSATE PRODUCERS FOR PARTICIPATION IN ANY SUCH SET-ASIDE.

I BELIEVE REPUBLICANS CAN CLAIM PARTIAL VICTORY FOR THE FLEXIBLE PARITY CONCEPT. THE CONCEPT IS THERE TO INCREASE THE TARGET PRICE TO THE FARMER AS THE ACRE SET-ASIDE IS INCREASED. THIS IS ONLY HALF A LOAF FOR THE FARMER BUT THERE WASN'T ANY CHOICE IF WE WANTED TO HELP THE WHEAT AND COTTON FARMER THIS YEAR. THE ADMINISTRATION MADE IT VERY CLEAR THAT THIS IS ALL THEY WOULD ACCEPT AND NOT VETO.

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THE ADMINISTRATION DOESN'T SEEM TO QUARREL WITH THE FLEXIBLE PARITY CONCEPT AS LONG AS THEY HAVE THEIR HAND ON THE CONTROL LEVER. THEY WANT TO CONTROL THE LOAN RATE, THE SET-ASIDE PERCENTAGE, AND NOW THE INCREASE IN TARGET PRICES. THE SECRETARY HAS SAID IF GIVEN THIS AUTHORITY HE WOULD RAISE THE 1978 TARGET PRICE FOR WHEAT TO \$3.40.

SO, TOO, IT HAS BEEN REPUBLICANS IN THE CONGRESS WHO HAVE TAKEN THE INITIATIVE IN PROPOSING INNOVATIVE NATIONAL ENERGY POLICIES, FOOD STAMP AND WELFARE REFORM, AND PROGRAMS TO HELP SMALL BUSINESSMEN AND WOMEN. IT HAS BEEN REPUBLICANS WHO POINTED UP THE NEED FOR RELIEF FOR HARD PRESSED MIDDLE INCOME FAMILIES WHO WANT TO SEND THEIR KIDS TO COLLEGE. AND IT IS THE REPUBLICAN TUITION TAX CREDIT PLAN -- AN INNOVATIVE, SIMPLE CONCEPT -- WHICH HAS ATTRACTED WIDE BIPARTISAN SUPPORT IN WASHINGTON.

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REPUBLICANS ALSO FIGHTING FOR LOCAL ISSUES

BUT REPUBLICANS AREN'T CONTENT JUST TO TACKLE THE "GLAMOUR" ISSUES LIKE ENERGY AND TAXES. MILT YOUNG, MARK ANDREWS, AND MANY OF THEIR COLLEAGUES IN THE CONGRESS ARE FIGHTING FOR IMPORTANT LOCAL PROJECTS BACK HOME -- PROJECTS SUCH AS THE GARRISON DIVERSION PROJECT HERE IN NORTH DAKOTA, PROGRAMS TO AID RURAL TELEPHONE CO-OPS, AND REASONABLE, WELL-BALANCED, ENVIRONMENTALLY SAFE WAYS OF EXTRACTING MORE COAL FROM THE RICH DEPOSITS IN NORTH DAKOTA.

ON ANY NUMBER OF ISSUES, REPUBLICANS ARE ACTING, NOT REACTING.

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NEED FOR RESPONSIBLE BALANCE

YET, ALL OF OUR INITIATIVES FACE AN UNCERTAIN FUTURE AT BEST BECAUSE THERE'S A DEMOCRAT IN THE WHITE HOUSE AND A TWO-TO-ONE DEMOCRATIC MAJORITY IN THE CONGRESS. IF WE STICK TOGETHER, WE CAN BLOCK PARTS OF THE "MORE-OF-THE-SAME" GOVERNMENT OUR OPPONENTS WILL TRY TO FOIST UPON US. BUT UNLESS WE INCREASE OUR NUMBERS IT WILL BE DIFFICULT TO ADVANCE OUR OWN PROGRAMS BEYOND THE RHETORICAL STAGE.

AND SO WE STAND AT A POINT IN THE POLITICAL HISTORY OF OUR NATION WHEN THE NEED FOR RESPONSIBLE BALANCE IN WASHINGTON IS GREATER THAN EVER BEFORE. THE PROBLEMS WE FACE TODAY ARE NOT PROBLEMS FOR A ONE-PARTY CONGRESS OR A ONE PARTY GOVERNMENT. THAT'S WHY IT'S SO IMPORTANT THAT MARK ANDREWS BE RE-ELECTED TO THE HOUSE THIS YEAR.

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THAT'S WHY WE NEED TO ESTABLISH A CLEAR REPUBLICAN MAJORITY
IN THE STATE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AND INCREASE OUR NUMBERS
IN THE NORTH DAKOTA SENATE.

OUR PARTY HAS AN ATTRACTIVE, ACTIVIST PHILOSOPHY, A NO-NONSENSE,
FISCALLY RATIONAL APPROACH TO GOVERNMENT. HERE IN NORTH DAKOTA
WE CAN DEMONSTRATE TO THE REST OF THE NATION THAT THE REPUBLICANS
NEED NOT REMAIN A MINORITY PARTY.

OUR MINORITY STATUS HAS NOT BEEN LEGISLATED. BUT NEITHER HAS
OUR EXISTENCE.

SO WE HAVE SACRIFICES TO MAKE. WE HAVE HARD WORK TO DO. IF
WE WORK TOGETHER, I THINK WE'LL BE QUITE SUCCESSFUL.

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