

REMARKS OF SENATOR BOB DOLE

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IT'S A LONG-STANDING AXIOM OF AMERICAN POLITICS THAT THE ONLY CONSTANT IS CHANGE. ISSUES CHANGE. CANDIDATES CHANGE. ONE INTEREST GROUP OR MOVEMENT MONOPOLIZES THE HEADLINES FOR MONTHS, ONLY TO BE FORGOTTEN A SHORT TIME LATER.

UNDERLYING THE EBB AND FLOW OF PUBLIC OPINION, THE SUCCESSES AND FAILURES OF CANDIDATES AND POLITICAL PARTIES, AN INEXORABLE SHIFT IN THE PUBLIC MOOD HAS BEEN UNDERWAY FOR QUITE SOME TIME. OVER THE PAST DECADE, THE AMERICAN PEOPLE HAVE BECOME DISILLUSIONED WITH THEIR GOVERNMENT, CYNICAL ABOUT THE PERSONALITIES AND PROCESSES OF POLITICS, ANGRY ABOUT GOVERNMENT MEDDLING ON THE FARM AND IN THE CITY,

Charles Yeager
the many farmers
winning in agriculture

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FINANCIALLY BURDENED BY GOVERNMENT-INDUCED INFLATION, AND
FED UP WITH THE TOLL FEDERAL, STATE, AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTS
EXTRACT FROM THEM IN EVER-INCREASING TAXES.

COMMON SENSE IN GOVERNMENT

THE PEOPLE OF MINNESOTA ARE NO DIFFERENT, THEY YEARN FOR
COMMON SENSE IN GOVERNMENT, FOR A GOVERNMENT WHICH IS
COMPASSIONATE YET FRUGAL, IDEALISTIC BUT NOT FOOLHARDY,
RESPONSIVE TO ITS CITIZENS AND RESPONSIBLE TO ITS TAXPAYERS.

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I DON'T THINK THERE'S A MAN OR WOMAN IN MINNESOTA BETTER EQUIPPED TO ARTICULATE THIS PHILOSOPHY, TO HELP THE REPUBLICAN PARTY ESTABLISH IT AS PUBLIC POLICY, THAN DAVE DURENBERGER. HE GRASPS THE PUBLIC'S CRY FOR SCALED-DOWN GOVERNMENT, FOR LOWER TAXES, FOR FISCAL SANITY, AND FOR NATIONAL POLICIES WHICH HELP, NOT HINDER, THE MINNESOTA FARMER.

DAVE DURENBERGER WILL HELP REPUBLICANS AND LIKE-MINDED DEMOCRATS IN THE CONGRESS GIVE THE AMERICAN PEOPLE THE KIND OF GOVERNMENT THEY WANT. IF THE PEOPLE OF MINNESOTA ELECT DAVE DURENBERGER (AND RUDY BOSHWITZ) TO THE SENATE, THEY WILL GIVE A TREMENDOUS BOOST TO POLICIES WHICH CAN STABILIZE OUR ECONOMY, FIND JOBS FOR THOSE WHO NEED THEM, MAINTAIN THE ECONOMIC VIABILITY OF THE FAMILY FARM, RESTORE OUR NATION'S

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COMMITMENT TO PREEMINENCE IN THE INTERNATIONAL ARENA, AND
REDUCE THE OPPRESSIVE TAX BURDEN ON HARD WORKING MEN AND WOMEN.

NEED FOR STRONG, ACTIVE VOICE

MINNESOTA FAMILY FARMERS, IN PARTICULAR, DESPERATELY NEED A
STRONG AND ACTIVE VOICE IN THE UNITED STATES SENATE. FOR YEARS,
A DEMOCRAT -- HUBERT HUMPHREY -- PROVIDED THAT VOICE.
IN 1978, DAVE DURENBERGER OFFERS MINNESOTA FARMERS THEIR BEST
HOPE FOR STRONG REPRESENTATION IN THE SENATE. HE UNDER-
STANDS HOW IMPORTANT AGRICULTURE IS TO THE MINNESOTA ECONOMY.
HE KNOWS THAT WITHOUT A STRONG AGRICULTURE THIS STATE'S
ECONOMY WILL FALTER, OUR INTERNATIONAL BALANCE OF TRADE WILL

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FURTHER DETERIORATE AND A WAY OF LIFE WORTH PRESERVING WILL BE THREATENED.

DAVE DURENBERGER UNDERSTANDS THAT THE CARTER ADMINISTRATION HAS FOUGHT EVERY MEANINGFUL EFFORT IN THE CONGRESS TO IMPROVE THE QUALITY OF LIFE AND THE FINANCIAL STABILITY OF THE MINNESOTA FARMER. AS THE CONGRESS HAS DEVELOPED FARM LEGISLATION OVER THE PAST YEAR, WE HAVE DONE SO UNDER THE THREAT OF PRESIDENTIAL VETO ON POINTS THAT MANY OF US FELT WERE ABSOLUTELY ESSENTIAL TO THE IMPROVEMENT OF FARM INCOME.

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THE PRESIDENT HAS RESISTED OUR EFFORTS TO IMPLEMENT THE FLEXIBLE PARITY TARGET PRICE CONCEPT FOR MINNESOTA WHEAT AND FEEDGRAIN FARMERS. HE HAS DELIVERED MINNESOTA CATTLEMEN A COLLECTIVE SLAP IN THE FACE BY LIFTING QUOTAS ON MEAT IMPORTS. HE HAS PURSUED SUGAR POLICIES WHICH COULD SPELL DISASTER FOR SUGAR BEET GROWERS. AND THE ADMINISTRATION HAS DRUG ITS FEET ON FOOD FOR PEACE COMMODITY SHIPMENTS.

SUGAR POLICY CAUSES DUMPING ON U.S. MARKET

ON JUNE 2, 1978, U.S.D.A. ANNOUNCED, IN ACCORDANCE WITH LAW, AN INCREASE IN THE PRICE SUPPORT FOR 1978 CROP SUGAR TO 14.65 CENTS PER POUND, BUT DID NOT TAKE ANY COUNTERACTION REGARDING SUGAR IMPORT FEES OR QUOTAS. THIS MAKES THE U.S. MARKET MORE ATTRACTIVE FOR FOREIGN SUGAR AND THE SUGAR TRADE IS ARRANGING FOR IMPORTS TO MOVE TOWARD THE UNITED STATES IN GREAT VOLUME.

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THERE ARE 50,000 TONS OF EUROPEAN COMMUNITY SUGAR DESTINED FOR OUR SHORES WITH AN EXPORT SUBSIDY OF 16.8 CENTS PER POUND -- THE SUBSIDY ALONE IS GREATER THAN THE U.S. SUPPORT PRICE. THIS IS DUMPING! AS A MATTER OF FACT, EVERY POUND OF SUGAR CURRENTLY BEING IMPORTED IS COMING IN AT LESS THAN THE FOREIGN COST OF PRODUCTION.

UNLESS THE ADMINISTRATION INCREASES THE IMPORT FEE IMMEDIATELY, AND IMPOSES OTHER TIGHT IMPORT REQUIREMENTS, THE UNITED STATES WILL BE DELUGED WITH TREMENDOUS QUANTITIES OF SUGAR, WHICH WILL UNDERMINE THE SUPPORT PROGRAM, AND PROCESSORS WILL BE UNABLE TO PAY OFF THE LOANS. REMEMBER DECEMBER, 1977, WHEN 1.5 MILLION TONS ARRIVED HERE TO BEAT THE DECEMBER 31 DEADLINE.

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ALSO, WITH LARGE SUPPLIES OF FOREIGN SUGAR ON HAND IN THE UNITED STATES, STORAGE FACILITIES WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE FOR THE 1978 U.S. CROP ESTIMATED AT ABOUT 6 MILLION TONS. THUS, PRODUCERS WILL HAVE TO SELL THEIR SUGAR IN COMPETITION WITH FOREIGN SUGAR ENTERING AT LESS THAN THE COST OF PRODUCTION. THIS, IN EFFECT, WILL MEAN THAT THE 1978 CROP WILL NOT BE SUPPORTED!

I WANT FARMERS TO GET THEIR RETURNS FROM THE MARKETPLACE, NOT FROM THE GOVERNMENT WHICH HAS EVER INCREASING DEFICITS.

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ALSO, THERE WILL BE AN INCREASE IN THE BALANCE OF PAYMENT DEFICIT BECAUSE OF THE INCREASED IMPORTS.

THIS IS CONTRARY TO LAW AND THE INTENT OF CONGRESS.

CARTER HAS CURIOUS INFLATION PROGRAM

NOT ONLY HAS THE CARTER ADMINISTRATION INVOKED A RIDICULOUS SUGAR POLICY, BUT THEY ARE FIGHTING INFLATION IN A CURIOUS MANNER. THEIR ACTION OF JUNE 8 TO FIGHT INFLATION BY INCREASING BEEF QUOTAS BY 200 MILLION POUNDS -- LESS THAN 1 POUND PER PERSON FOR EACH U.S. CITIZEN -- IS A COSMETIC GESTURE TO THE EXPERIENCING MODEST PRICE RECOVERY AT THE FARM LEVEL AFTER A NUMBER OF YEARS OF DISASTROUSLY LOW PRICES. AFTER THE JUNE 8 ANNOUNCEMENT, THIS MARKET RECOVERY AT THE FARM LEVEL WAS BROKEN.

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CHOICE STEERS IN OMAHA WENT OFF 2 CENTS PER POUND BETWEEN JUNE 8 (\$59.45 PER CWT.) AND JUNE 14 (\$57.45 PER CWT). EVEN SLAUGHTER HOGS FOLLOWED CATTLE AND DECLINED DURING THIS SAME PERIOD BY \$1.25 PER CWT.

PRESIDENT CARTER CONTINUES HIS POLICY OF EXCESSIVE BUDGET DEFICITS AND HAS DONE NOTHING TO IMPROVE OUR BALANCE OF PAYMENT POSITION. IN THE ABSENCE OF SUCH NECESSARY ACTIONS, HE SHOULD NOT TRY TO SOLVE INFLATION BY TAKING IT OUT OF THE HIDES OF THE LIVESTOCK PRODUCERS.

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VICTIMS OF GOVERNMENT OVERSPENDING

DAVE DURENBERGER KNOWS THAT WE'RE NOT GOING TO SOLVE THE BATTLE OF INFLATION BY TAKING IT OUT OF THE HIDES OF CATTLEMEN OR REFUSING TO IMPLEMENT REASONABLE PRICE SUPPORTS FOR WHEAT AND FEEDGRAIN FARMERS. DAVE DURENBERGER UNDERSTANDS THAT ALL THE PEOPLE OF MINNESOTA -- FARMERS AND NON-FARMERS ALIKE -- ARE THE VICTIMS, NOT THE CAUSE OF THE DOUBLE DIGIT INFLATION WHICH PRESIDENT CARTER HAS REINTRODUCED TO OUR ECONOMY. IN MINNESOTA AND ACROSS THIS NATION, PEOPLE ARE TELLING GOVERNMENT THEY'VE HAD ENOUGH, THAT BUREAUCRACY HAS GROWN TOO BIG, THE TAXES ARE TOO HIGH. THE OVERWHELMING APPROVAL OF PROPOSITION 13 IN CALIFORNIA LAST WEEK IS A CLEAR SIGNAL TO ALL POLITICIANS THAT THE AMERICAN TAXPAYER IS FINALLY WAKING UP TO HIS ETERNAL TAX NIGHTMARE, THAT THE PEOPLE WANT GOVERNMENT OFF THEIR BACKS AND OUT OF THEIR POCKETS, THAT THEY WANT TAX RELIEF, NOT SOCIAL

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SECURITY TAX INCREASES AND TOKEN INCOME TAX "CUTS" WHICH ARE BEING FORCED UPON THEM BY THE GOVERNMENT. THE PEOPLE OF MINNESOTA, LIKE PEOPLE EVERYWHERE ARE TIRED OF GIGANTIC BUDGET DEFICITS, WASTEFUL FEDERAL REGULATION AND SPIRALING INFLATION.

HARD WORKING TAXPAYERS IN MINNEAPOLIS, IN MINNESOTA AND AROUND THE NATION ARE CONFRONTED WITH A TAX ON ALMOST EVERY IMAGINABLE HUMAN ACTIVITY. THERE ARE INCOME AND GIFT TAXES, SOCIAL SECURITY, UNEMPLOYMENT, AND EXCISE TAXES. WE HAVE A TELEPHONE TAX, A TOBACCO AND ALCOHOL TAX, AN IMPORT TAX. THERE ARE TAXES ON LICENSE PLATES, FRANCHISES, PROPERTY SALES TAXES, GASOLINE TAXES, AND EVEN GIFT TAXES. IF PRESIDENT CARTER HAS HIS WAY, WE WILL SOON HAVE BILLIONS OF DOLLARS IN NEW ENERGY TAXES.

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I DON'T THINK ALL THIS TAXATION IS NECESSARY. THERE IS SOMETHING FUNDAMENTALLY WRONG WHEN THE MINNESOTA WORKER IS FORCED TO ENDURE ALMOST A DECADE OF ZERO GROWTH IN HIS STANDARD OF LIVING BECAUSE GOVERNMENT OVERSPENDING HAS ERODED THE VALUE OF THE DOLLAR.

GOVERNMENT CAN HELP

DAVE DURENBERGER AND I WOULD BE THE LAST TO SUGGEST THAT THE GOVERNMENT ABANDON ITS COMMENDABLE EFFORTS TO HELP THE NEEDY OR TURN A DEAF EAR TO THE UNQUESTIONED NEEDS OF OUR CITIES, OR IGNORE THE ECONOMIC CRUNCH FACING OUR FARMERS. WE BELIEVE GOVERNMENT CAN HELP. IT CAN PROVIDE A WIDE RANGE OF IMPORTANT PUBLIC SERVICES WITHOUT INCURRING HUGE BUDGET DEFICITS, WITHOUT EXTRACTING UNNECESSARY BILLIONS OF DOLLARS IN TAXES EACH YEAR FROM THE AMERICAN PEOPLE.

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REPUBLICANS IN THE CONGRESS NEED DAVE DURENBERGER'S HELP IF WE ARE TO BRING GOVERNMENT SPENDING AND TAXATION UNDER CONTROL. I, FOR ONE, AM SPONSORING LEGISLATION WHICH WOULD PERMIT INDIVIDUAL TAXPAYERS TO EXCLUDE ANY INCREASE IN EARNED INCOME THAT IS ATTRIBUTABLE TO INFLATION. SO, A WORKER EARNING \$10,000 WHO RECEIVES A \$1,000 PAY INCREASE AT A TIME OF 10% INFLATION WOULD, FOR TAX PURPOSES, BE PERMITTED TO EXCLUDE THE \$1,000 PHANTOM INFLATIONARY INCOME INCREASE. I THINK THIS IS ONLY FAIR. IT FORCES GOVERNMENT, WHICH IS NOW INFLATION'S MOST SATISFIED CONSTITUENT, TO SUFFER RIGHT ALONG WITH THE REST OF US.

IT WILL PUT STRONG PRESSURE ON WASHINGTON, WHICH HAS INCREASED SPENDING BY OVER \$100 BILLION IN JUST THE LAST TWO YEARS, TO FACE UP TO ECONOMIC REALITIES.

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RESPONSIBLE BALANCE IN WASHINGTON

FOR THE SAKE OF THE MINNESOTA FARMER, FOR THE SAKE OF MINNESOTA TAXPAYERS, I HOPE DAVE DURENBERGER IS ELECTED TO THE SENATE THIS YEAR. I HOPE THAT YOU WILL GIVE YOUR TIME AND MONEY TO THIS EFFORT IN MINNESOTA TO RESTORE RESPONSIBLE BALANCE IN WASHINGTON, BECAUSE THE PROBLEMS WE FACE TODAY ARE NOT PROBLEMS FOR A ONE-PARTY CONGRESS OR ONE-PARTY GOVERNMENT ANYWHERE.

I AM CONFIDENT THAT THE VAST MAJORITY OF THE PEOPLE OF MINNESOTA-- AND PEOPLE EVERYWHERE--SHARE DAVE DURENBERGER'S BASIC VALUES, HIS PHILOSOPHY, HIS CONCERN ABOUT GOVERNMENT GONE AWRY, HIS DESIRE TO DO SOMETHING ABOUT HIGH TAXES AND WASTEFUL SPENDING AND THE ECONOMIC CRISIS IN AGRICULTURE.

FOR MY PART, I WILL DO EVERYTHING I CAN TO ENSURE THAT COME JANUARY DAVE DURENBERGER WILL BE IN THE UNITED STATES SENATE.

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