

REMARKS OF SENATOR BOB DOLE  
MANCHESTER KIWANIS CLUB  
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MANCHESTER, NEW HAMPSHIRE

NEW ENGLAND HAS ALWAYS BEEN SPECIAL. FROM HER EARLIEST DAYS, THIS ROCK-RIBBED CORNER OF THE CONTINENT HAS GIVEN AMERICA A DAZZLING ARRAY OF POETS AND PREACHERS, SCHOLARS AND MEN OF TRANSCENDENT POLITICAL AND MORAL VISION. BUT THE PEOPLE OF NEW ENGLAND HAVE LIVED OFF OF MORE THAN THEIR IDEALS. YANKEE INGENUITY IS MORE THAN A CONVENIENT CATCHPHRASE TO DESCRIBE THE DRIVE AND AMBITION THAT TRANSFORMED PLACES LIKE MANCHESTER AND LOWELL AND HARTFORD AND PROVIDENCE INTO MAJOR INDUSTRIAL CENTERS.

LATELY, HOWEVER, THE ECONOMY OF THIS REGION HAS SUFFERED MORE THAN ITS SHARE. I NEED'T REMIND YOU THAT NEW ENGLANDERS PAY THE HIGHEST ENERGY COSTS IN THE NATION. LACKING ANY HOMEGROWN ENERGY SUPPLIES, NEW ENGLANDERS PAY ENERGY COSTS NEARLY 40% HIGHER THAN THE REST OF THE NATION. 71% OF THE REGION'S BUILDINGS ARE OIL-HEATED. 77% OF THE OIL USED COMES FROM OPEC NATIONS. THE RESULTS OF THIS ARE DRAMATIC.

YOUR GEOGRAPHICAL PLACEMENT HAS ISOLATED NEW ENGLAND AND ENDANGERED HER INDUSTRIES AT A TIME WHEN THE SO-CALLED SUNBELT IS EXPERIENCING EXPLOSIVE GROWTH.

### ENERGY AND THE NORTHEAST

GOVERNMENT CAN'T CHANGE THE CLIMATE OR LOCATION WHICH CONTRIBUTE SO MUCH TO YOUR HIGH ENERGY COSTS. BUT IT CAN HELP TO REDUCE OUR DEPENDENCE UPON FOREIGN OIL, AND INCREASE OUR USE OF CHEAP, ABUNDANT COAL.

AS RANKING REPUBLICAN ON THE SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE, I'M WORKING ON TAX INCENTIVES TO STIMULATE PRODUCTION OF SUCH ALTERNATE ENERGY SOURCES AS SOLAR, GEOTHERMAL AND WIND AND WAVE POWER.

I ALSO WANT TO CONVENE A NORTH AMERICAN ENERGY SUMMIT, BRINGING TOGETHER PRODUCER NATIONS LIKE CANADA AND MEXICO AND AVOIDING ANY REPEAT OF LAST SPRING'S SABOTAGE OF NEGOTIATIONS FOR MEXICAN OIL AND NATURAL GAS.

I'VE URGED DECONTROL OF OIL AND GAS PRICES FOR A LONG TIME. I JUST DON'T THINK ANYONE CAN LOOK AT THE PRICING SITUATION, AND THE WAY WE'VE SKEWERED THE MARKETPLACE, AND CONCLUDE OTHERWISE. IF WE'RE GOING TO STIMULATE PRODUCTION OF THE ENERGY SUPPLIES WE NEED SO BADLY, WE'VE GOT TO HOLD OUT TO PRODUCERS THE PROMISE OF A FAIR RETURN.

AT THE SAME TIME, I ALSO RECOGNIZE THAT REGIONS LIKE NEW ENGLAND ARE HEAVILY DEPENDENT ON HOME HEATING OIL, AND IMMEDIATE DECONTROL OF PRICES COULD HAVE A POTENTIALLY DAMAGING EFFECT UPON THOUSANDS OF LIVES AND BUSINESSES. THAT'S WHY I'M CO-SPONSORING, WITH SENATOR RIBICOFF OF CONNECTICUT, A BILL TO PROVIDE TAX RELIEF, IN THE FORM OF REFUNDABLE TAX CREDITS, TO NEW ENGLANDERS WHO RELY ON HOME HEATING OIL. IT ALLOWS A CREDIT OF UP TO \$250 IF AND WHEN THE PRICE OF HEATING OIL REACHES \$1.50 A GALLON. YOU'D BE ELIGIBLE FOR SUCH ASSISTANCE IF YOUR FAMILY INCOME RANGED FROM 8 TO 20 THOUSAND DOLLARS A YEAR.

FOR THOSE WHOSE INCOME FALLS BELOW EVEN THAT LEVEL, I'D SUPPORT DIRECT ASSISTANCE GRANTS. THIS WON'T LOWER THE PRICE YOU PAY FOR ENERGY, BUT IT CAN EQUALIZE THE ECONOMIC BURDENS OF OUR UNEVENLY DISTRIBUTED ENERGY SUPPLIES. I THINK IT'S SIMPLE JUSTICE -- AND I HOPE YOU'LL JOIN WITH ME IN URGING THIS IDEA UPON YOUR REPRESENTATIVES IN THE CONGRESS.

WE MUST ALSO FACE FACTS IN THE AREA OF NUCLEAR POWER. TODAY, 66 NUCLEAR PLANTS SUPPLY THE U.S. WITH 13% OF ITS ENTIRE ELECTRICAL SUPPLY. BY 1985, SUCH PLANTS WILL GENERATE THE DAILY EQUIVALENT OF A MILLION BARRELS OF OIL. WE COULD NOT ELIMINATE OUR USE OF NUCLEAR EVEN IF WE WANTED TO. BUT WE CAN TAKE STEPS TO INSURE ITS SAFETY.

CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES ARE CORRECT IN DOING EVERYTHING IN THEIR POWER TO PROTECT US FROM POSSIBLE NEGATIVE IMPACT OF NUCLEAR POWER. BUT, WHEN THEY INSIST UPON AN ABSOLUTE FEDERAL VETO OVER ANY STATE'S AUTHORITY TO LICENSE OR BUILD A NUCLEAR POWER, I THINK THEY MAY UNCONSCIOUSLY OVER-REACT. TO ME, IT MAKES MORE SENSE TO WORK TOGETHER TO DEVELOP STRINGENT SAFEGUARDS AGAINST ANY REPETITION OF THE THREE MILE ISLAND AFFAIR, PERHAPS DEVELOP A STANDARD PLANT DESIGN THAT CAN THEN BE ENFORCED ALONG UNIFORM NATIONAL LINES.

#### RENEWING NEW ENGLAND'S ECONOMY

WE CAN DO OTHER THINGS IN OTHER FIELDS TO ASSIST THE SPECIALIZED NATURE OF DOING BUSINESS IN NEW ENGLAND. FOR INSTANCE, THE NEW ENGLAND ECONOMY IS MORE DEPENDENT THAN OTHER REGIONS UPON SMALL BUSINESSES, WHICH IN TURN ARE MOST ADVERSELY IMPACTED BY EXCESS GOVERNMENT REGULATION.

BUT REGULATION CAN BE REGULATED. I'D LIKE TO SEE A NATIONAL COMMISSION PATTERNED ON THE OLD HOOVER COMMISSIONS, AND IDEALLY CHAIRED BY MY FRIEND AND FORMER RUNNING MATE, JERRY FORD, TO ATTACK THIS PROBLEM BEFORE IT ATTACKS EVEN MORE OF OUR INITIATIVE AND OUR ECONOMY. I DON'T WANT THE BUSINESSES OF NEW HAMPSHIRE TO CONTINUE PAYING MILLIONS OF DOLLARS--HARD-EARNED DOLLARS-- TO A GOVERNMENT ALREADY DROWNING IN PAPERWORK.

WE CAN ADOPT A CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT TO LIMIT BOTH FEDERAL TAXATION AND FEDERAL SPENDING TO 18% OF THE GROSS NATIONAL PRODUCT. BY DOING SO, WE CAN PROVIDE AN ENORMOUS BOOST TO THE SAGGING CAPITAL MARKET, AND ENCOURAGE DIRECT INVESTMENT IN OTHERWISE MARGINAL MARKETS.

WE CAN CREATE CONSTRUCTION AND OTHER JOBS BY REPEALING THE OUT-DATED AND COUNTER-PRODUCTIVE DAVIS-BACON ACT, WHICH REQUIRES PAYMENT OF A PREVAILING MINIMUM WAGE, EVEN IF THAT REQUIREMENT ACTUALLY WORKS AGAINST THE HIRING OF THE YOUNG AND ECONOMICALLY DISADVANTAGED AND IT'S SUPPOSED TO HELP.

WE CAN ALSO ADOPT A NATIONAL SYSTEM OF CATASTROPHIC HEALTH INSURANCE, TO REMOVE THE CLOUD OF DOUBT NOW HANGING OVER MILLIONS OF AMERICAN FAMILIES, WITHOUT SACRIFICING THE TRADITION OF INDIVIDUAL SERVICE PROVIDED BY OUR HOSPITALS AND CLINICS.

## A PROGNOSIS FOR TOMORROW

I DON'T WANT YOU TO THINK FOR A MOMENT THAT I'M PESSIMISTIC ABOUT AMERICA'S FUTURE. WE HAVE THE TECHNOLOGY, THE SKILLS AND THE RAW MATERIALS TO REASSERT OUR ECONOMIC GREATNESS. ALL WE NEED TO DO SO IS THE WILL AND THE LEADERSHIP TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE GOD-GIVEN RESOURCES IN OUR CLASSROOMS, OUR UNION HALLS AND THE VERY EARTH ITSELF.

WE NEED LEADERSHIP THAT IS CONFIDENT, BECAUSE IT HAS BEEN TESTED AND SUCCEEDED. WE NEED LEADERSHIP THAT KNOWS THE AMERICAN PEOPLE, HOW THEY LIVE AND WHAT PROBLEMS THEY HAVE TO OVERCOME. WE NEED LEADERSHIP THAT DOESN'T JUST PREACH OR PRONOUNCE, BUT APPROACHES OUR PROBLEMS WITH A COHERENT PLAN. I HAVE SUCH A PLAN. IT'S CALLED PRODUCTION.



WE CAN PRODUCE SOLUTIONS TO THE ENERGY CRISIS. WE CAN PRODUCE AN ECONOMY NO LONGER HOSTAGE TO INFLATION, NO LONGER THREATENED BY CYCLICAL UNEMPLOYMENT. WE CAN PRODUCE A NATION THAT'S WHOLE AGAIN, CONFIDENT OF HER PURPOSE AND HER PATH.

BUT GOVERNMENT IS IMPERFECT; YOU DON'T NEED A PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE TO TELL YOU THAT. ULTIMATELY, GOODNESS DOES NOT COME FROM A CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEE ROOM. IT COMES INSTEAD FROM PEOPLE LIKE YOURSELVES, WHO CARE ABOUT EACH OTHER, AND NOT AS NUMBERS ON A GRAPH.

WE MUST NOT FORGET THAT A GOVERNMENT ELABORATE ENOUGH AND LAVISHLY FINANCED ENOUGH TO GIVE US JOBS CAN ALSO TAKE AWAY OUR PERSONAL LIBERTIES.

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ONLY IN DOLLAR TERMS.

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GROUPS LIKE THIS HOLD PERHAPS THE BRIGHTEST PROMISE  
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THAT GOODNESS IS NOT THE RESULT OF A LAW PASSED OR  
REGULATION ENFORCED. YOU KNOW THAT THE TYRANNY OF  
MODERN POLITICS, WHICH SUBSTITUTES SPOKESMEN FOR  
INDIVIDUAL HUMAN BEINGS, IS NOT FOR US. YOU REMIND US  
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CHERISH YOUR TRADITIONS, THE CUSTOMS THAT MAKE MANCHESTER  
AND ALL NEW ENGLAND UNIQUE. HONOR YOUR INDEPENDENT  
WAYS. STAND TOGETHER WITH YOUR NEIGHBORS. THE  
BROTHERHOOD OF COMMUNITY REMAINS THE ONLY ALTERNATIVE  
TO BIG BROTHER. IT IS ALL WE HAVE BETWEEN OUR FREEDOM  
AND A SMOTHERING, IF WELL-INTENTIONED, PUBLIC SECTOR.

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BUT IF WE REASSERT THAT, AND ADOPT A POLICY OF PRODUCTION  
TO MEET OUR PROBLEMS, THEN WE RETURN TO WHAT MADE  
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Lately, however, the economy of this region has suffered more than its share. I needn't remind you that New Englanders pay the highest energy costs in the nation. Lacking any homegrown energy supplies, New Englanders pay energy costs nearly 40% higher than the rest of the nation. 71% of the region's buildings are oil-heated. 77% of the oil used comes from OPEC nations. The results of this are dramatic.

Your geographical placement has isolated New England and endangered her industries at a time when the so-called Sunbelt is experiencing explosive growth.

## ENERGY AND THE NORTHEAST

Government can't change the climate or location which contribute so much to your high energy costs. But it can help to reduce our dependence upon foreign oil, and increase our use of cheap, abundant coal.

As ranking Republican on the Senate Finance Committee, I'm working on tax incentives to stimulate production of such alternate energy sources as solar, geothermal and wind and wave power.

I also want to convene a North American energy summit, bringing together producer nations like Canada and Mexico and avoiding any repeat of last spring's sabotage of negotiations for Mexican oil and natural gas.

I've urged decontrol of oil and gas prices for a long time. I just don't think anyone can look at the pricing situation, and the way we've skewered the marketplace, and conclude otherwise. If we're going to stimulate production of the energy supplies we need so badly, we've got to hold out to producers the promise of a fair return.

At the same time, I also recognize that regions like New England are heavily dependent on home heating oil, and immediate decontrol of prices could have a potentially damaging effect upon thousands of lives and businesses. That's why I'm co-sponsoring, with Senator Ribicoff of Connecticut, a bill to provide tax relief, in the form of refundable tax credits, to New Englanders who rely on home heating oil. It allows a credit of up to \$250 if and when the price of heating oil reaches \$1.50 a gallon. You'd be eligible for such assistance if your family income ranged from \$8 to \$20 thousand a year.

For those whose income falls below even that level, I'd support direct assistance grants. This won't lower the price you pay for energy, but it can equalize the economic burdens of our unevenly distributed energy supplies. I think it's simple justice - and I hope you'll join with me in urging this idea upon your representatives in the Congress.

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We must also face facts in the area of nuclear power. Today, 66 nuclear plants supply the U.S. with 13% of its entire electrical supply. By 1985, such plants will generate the daily equivalent of a million barrels of oil. We could not eliminate our use of nuclear even if we wanted to. But we can take steps to insure its safety.

Congressional committees are correct in doing everything in their power to protect us from possible negative impact of nuclear power. But, when they insist upon an absolute federal veto over any state's authority to license or build a nuclear power plant, I think they may unconsciously over-react. To me, it makes more sense to work together to develop stringent safeguards against any repetition of the Three Mile Island affair, perhaps develop a standard plant design that can then be enforced along uniform national lines.

#### RENEWING NEW ENGLAND'S ECONOMY

We can do other things in other fields to assist the specialized nature of doing business in New England. For instance, the New England economy is more dependent than other regions upon small businesses, which in turn are most adversely impacted by excess government regulation.

But regulation can be regulated. I'd like to see a national commission patterned on the old Hoover commissions, and ideally chaired by my friend and former running mate, Jerry Ford, to attack this problem before it attacks even more of our initiative and our economy. I don't want the businesses of New Hampshire to continue paying millions of dollars - hard-earned dollars - to a government already drowning in paperwork.

We can adopt a constitutional amendment to limit both federal taxation and federal spending to 18% of the Gross National Product. By doing so, we can provide an enormous boost to the sagging capital market, and encourage direct investment in otherwise marginal markets.

We can create construction and other jobs by repealing the out-dated and counter-productive Davis-Bacon Act, which requires payment of a prevailing minimum wage, even if that requirement actually works against the hiring of the young and economically disadvantaged and it's supposed to help.

We can also adopt a national system of catastrophic health insurance, to remove the cloud of doubt now hanging over millions of American families, without sacrificing the tradition of individual service provided by our hospitals and clinics.

#### A PROGNOSIS FOR TOMORROW

I don't want you to think for a moment that I'm pessimistic about America's future. We have the technology, the skills and the raw materials to reassert our economic greatness. All we need to do so is the will and the leadership to take advantage of the God-given resources in our classrooms, our union halls and the very earth itself.

We need leadership that is confident, because it has been tested and succeeded. We need leadership that knows the American people, how they live and what problems they have to overcome. We need leadership that doesn't just preach or pronounce, but approaches our problems with a coherent plan. I have such a plan. It's called production.

We can produce solutions to the energy crisis. We can produce an economy no longer hostage to inflation, no longer threatened by cyclical unemployment. We can produce a nation that's whole again, confident of her purpose and her path.

But government is imperfect; you don't need a presidential candidate to tell you that. Ultimately, goodness does not come from a Congressional committee room. It comes instead from people like yourselves, who care about each other, and not as numbers on a graph.

We must not forget that a government elaborate enough and lavishly financed enough to give us jobs can also take away our personal liberties.

We must not allow government to replace individual conscience; the cost is simply too great, and not only in dollar terms.

In New England, government flows from a historic compact drawn between pilgrim ancestors and their God. It is designed to be intensely personal. Our generation has a responsibility to safeguard that covenant, not violate it in the mistaken idea the making everything the same makes it better.

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Groups like this hold perhaps the brightest promise I know that such goals can still be achieved. You know that goodness is not the result of a law passed or regulation enforced. You know that the tyranny of modern politics, which substitutes spokesman for individual human beings, is not for us. You remind us that our greatness comes from our diversity.

Cherish your traditions, the customs that make Manchester and all New England unique. Honor your independent ways. Stand together with your neighbors. The brotherhood of community remains the only alternative to big brother. It is all we have between our freedom and a smothering, if well-intentioned, public sector.

If we lose that, we lose the very backbone of America. But if we reassert that, and adopt a policy of production to meet our problems, then we return to what made us great, and will keep us in the front rank of nations.

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