

REMARKS OF SENATOR BOB DOLE

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IT'S GOOD TO BE BACK IN MAINE, AND TO SALUTE THE WORK OF THE MEN AND WOMEN WHO HAVE MADE THIS ONE OF THE MOST VIGOROUS REPUBLICAN PARTIES IN AMERICA. JUST A FEW YEARS AGO, THIS ROCKRIBBED STATE SEEMED ON THE VERGE OF DISCARDING ITS HISTORIC COMMITMENT TO THE GOP.

BUT THEN SOMETHING HAPPENED. A WHOLE NEW GENERATION OF LEADERS CAME TO THE FORE. DAVE EMERY AND BILL COHEN AND OLYMPIA SNOWE WENT OUT AND TALKED TO THE PEOPLE OF MAINE. EQUALLY IMPORTANT, THEY LISTENED. THEY SPOKE COMMON SENSE AND THEY EARNED THE TRUST OF THE ELECTORATE. THEY PROPOSED SOLUTIONS -- THEY EMBRACED IDEAS INSTEAD OF IDEOLOGY.

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NOW, AS IN THE PAST, AS MAINE GOES . . . WELL, YOU  
KNOW THE REST.

AND BECAUSE THIS STATE IS SO IMPORTANT, AND BECAUSE THIS  
PARTY HAS SHOWN THE WAY FOR OTHER REPUBLICANS WHO WISH  
TO RENEW THEIR FAITH, I WANT TO SHARE WITH EACH OF  
YOU THIS MORNING SOME OF THE IDEAS I THINK WE AS  
REPUBLICANS MUST PLACE BEFORE A NATIONAL AUDIENCE IF  
WE ARE TO REGAIN THE WHITE HOUSE IN 1980.

IT'S NOT ENOUGH, YOU KNOW, TO SAY JIMMY CARTER'S FAILED AND  
WE'RE AVAILABLE. WE'VE GOT TO DESERVE THE PRESIDENCY.  
AND TO DO THAT, WE AS A PARTY MUST SET BEFORE THE PEOPLE  
A COHERENT VISION OF WHERE WE WOULD GO AND WHAT WE WOULD  
ACCOMPLISH THAT THE CURRENT ADMINISTRATION HAS FAILED TO  
ACCOMPLISH.

EVERYONE THESE DAYS SEEMS TO BE TALKING ABOUT LEADERSHIP. IT'S BECOME ALMOST A CODEWORD FOR THE FAILURE OF JIMMY CARTER TO GIVE THE NATION WHAT HE SEEMED TO PROMISE IN 1976 -- AN ADMINISTRATION THAT WAS COMPETENT AS WELL AS COMPASSIONATE, THAT CONDUCTED A FOREIGN POLICY ROOTED IN MORALITY BUT NEVER BLIND TO WHAT WAS IN THE NATIONAL INTEREST.

A LOT OF PEOPLE EXPECTED MIRACLES. AND NOW THEY'RE DISAPPOINTED. IN THEIR DISAPPOINTMENT, THEY ARE GROPING FOR AN ALTERNATIVE -- ANY ALTERNATIVE TO MORE OF THE DRIFT AND GOOD INTENTIONED CONFUSION THAT HAS MARKED THE CARTER ADMINISTRATION.

THEY'RE LOOKING FOR LEADERSHIP. THAT MUCH EVERYONE CAN AGREE UPON. BUT WHAT KIND OF LEADERSHIP? A MAN ON HORSEBACK? SOMEONE TO HUFF AND PUFF AND BLOW OUR PROBLEMS DOWN?

THAT WOULD BE A HOAX UPON THE AMERICAN PEOPLE. LEADERSHIP IS MORE THAN CHARISMA, MORE THAN CHARM, MORE THAN GLITTERING WORDS STRUNG TOGETHER. LEADERSHIP IS, FIRST AND FOREMOST, BASED ON EXPERIENCE. IT'S ROOTED IN A MAN OR WOMAN'S PRIOR EXPERIENCES, AND THE VIEW THEY BRING TO PUBLIC LIFE. IT INCLUDES A VISION OF THE FUTURE MOLDED FROM THE PAST, AND THE SKILLS TO BRING TOGETHER PEOPLE OF DIFFERING CONVICTIONS TO PROMOTE A COMMON GOOD.



LEADERSHIP IS HARD WORK -- NOT EASY PROMISES. AND IN 1980, THE PEOPLE OF THIS COUNTRY ARE GOING TO WANT TO LOOK AT A CANDIDATE'S RECORD OF PERFORMANCE BEFORE THEY PAY ANY ATTENTION TO HIS PROMISES.

### 1980 - A HISTORIC CHOICE

IN 1980, ALL AMERICA WILL FACE A CHOICE. IT MAY BE THE MOST DRAMATIC CHOICE POSED IN A GENERATION OR MORE. IT IS A CHOICE BETWEEN CENTRALIZATION OF POWER IN WASHINGTON, OR RELIANCE UPON LOCAL AND STATE GOVERNMENT. IT IS A CHOICE BETWEEN THE POLICIES THAT HAVE BROUGHT US 13% INFLATION, RISING UNEMPLOYMENT, RECORD INTEREST RATES, A WEAKENED DOLLAR AND AN ENERGY PROGRAM THAT MAY AGGRAVATE THE PROBLEM RATHER THAN SOLVE IT -- AND A RETURN TO THE FREE MARKETPLACE AS THE ONLY GENUINE ANTIDOTE TO OUR CURRENT PROBLEMS.

IT IS A CHOICE BETWEEN REGULATION AND PRODUCTION,  
BETWEEN ENCOURAGEMENT OF INDIVIDUAL GENIUS OR AN EQUAL  
SHARE OF MEDIOCRITY. IT IS A CHOICE BETWEEN A  
FUTURE, BRIGHT WITH PROMISE, AND THE POLICIES THAT HAVE  
FAILED IN THE PAST.

I'VE BEEN WARNING MY FELLOW REPUBLICANS ABOUT A KENNEDY  
CANDIDACY FOR MONTHS. WHEN EVERYONE ELSE WAS TRAINING  
THEIR CRITICISM ON THE FAILURES OF THE CARTER ADMINISTRATION--  
AND THERE'S BEEN PLENTY TO CRITICIZE -- I'VE BEEN LOOKING AT  
SENATOR KENNEDY'S RECORD, AND YOU KNOW WHAT I'VE FOUND?

AMERICA CAN'T AFFORD TED KENNEDY IN THE WHITE HOUSE.  
NOSTALGIA ISN'T WHAT IT USED TO BE.

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FOUR YEARS OF TEDDYISM, WHICH CAN BE DEFINED AS A TENDENCY TO ADVOCATE COSTLY PROGRAMS WITHOUT REGARD FOR THE TAXPAYERS WHO HAVE TO PAY THE BILLS, WOULD EVENTUALLY PUSH AMERICAN TAXPAYERS TO THE BRINK OF BANKRUPTCY. THE GRANDIOSE PROPOSALS ADVOCATED BY SENATOR KENNEDY FLY IN THE FACE OF THE CURRENT PUBLIC MOOD TO REDUCE TAXES, BALANCE THE FEDERAL BUDGET AND DECREASE THE SIZE OF THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT. THE MESSAGE IS CLEAR -- AMERICANS SIMPLY CANNOT AFFORD TED KENNEDY AND HIS BIG-SPENDING PROPOSALS.

BUT IT'S NOT JUST THE COST OF A KENNEDY PRESIDENCY THAT AMERICANS SHOULD WORRY ABOUT. IT'S THE THREAT SUCH A RESTORATION WOULD POSE TO THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL POLICIES THAT WE OUGHT TO BE FOLLOWING IF WE ARE TO REGAIN OUR SPECIAL PLACE IN THE WORLD.

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WHEN I VOTED AGAINST GIVING AWAY THE PANAMA CANAL,  
SENATOR KENNEDY WAS VOTING TO STRIKE THE AMERICAN  
FLAG FROM THE CANAL ZONE. WHEN I VOTED TO LIMIT FEDERAL  
FUNDING FOR ABORTION, SENATOR KENNEDY VOTED AGAINST  
ANY SUCH RESTRICTION. WHEN I SPONSORED LEGISLATION TO  
GIVE TAX RELIEF FOR FARMS AND SMALL BUSINESSES INHERITED  
BY RELATIVES, SENATOR KENNEDY OPPOSED IT.



DOLE VS. KENNEDY - NO CLEARER CHOICE

I WANT TO END INFLATION, AND REDUCE THE POWER OF  
THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT TO DICTATE THE SMALLEST DETAILS  
OF OUR LIVES. I WANT TO PASS A CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT  
TO CAP BOTH FEDERAL SPENDING AND FEDERAL TAXATION.

BUT NOT SENATOR KENNEDY.

I WANT TO INDEX OUR TAX SYSTEM, SO THAT WHEN YOU GET A  
RAISE, YOU KEEP A RAISE, AND GOVERNMENT DOESN'T INFLATE  
THE ECONOMY SIMPLY TO RIP OFF MORE OF YOUR HARD-EARNED  
DOLLARS.

BUT NOT SENATOR KENNEDY.

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I WANT TO PASS NEW INCENTIVES FOR CAPITAL FORMATION,  
PLUS TAX INCENTIVES TO ENCOURAGE HIRING OF THE POOR  
AND THE DISADVANTAGED, AND GET OUR ECONOMY MOVING  
AGAIN TOWARD A LEVEL OF PRODUCTIVITY CONSISTENT WITH  
OUR STANDING AS A GREAT NATION.

BUT NOT SENATOR KENNEDY.

WHEN THE CZARS OF BIG LABOR, OUT OF TOUCH WITH THE ECONOMIC ASPIRATIONS OF THEIR OWN MEMBERS, INSISTED THAT THE CONGRESS RUBBER STAMP COMMON SITU PICKETING ON A SO-CALLED "LABOR LAW REFORM" PACKAGE THAT WOULD ACTUALLY GUT THE HEART OF THE COLLECTIVE BARGAINING PROCESS IN THIS COUNTRY, I STOOD UP AND SAID ENOUGH IS ENOUGH -- AND NO MORE.

BUT NOT SENATOR KENNEDY.

EVERYONE'S FOR ENERGY CONSERVATION -- BUT I WANT TO GO A STEP FURTHER -- TO PRODUCE THE NEW ENERGY SOURCES THAT WE NEED SO DESPERATELY. THAT MEANS GREATER RELIANCE ON COAL AND SHALE OIL, A STRINGENTLY SAFEGUARDED NUCLEAR INDUSTRY, AND EXPLORATION FOR MORE OIL AND GAS THROUGH THE PRIVATE, NOT THE PUBLIC SECTOR. I WANT TO PASS A WINDFALL PROFITS TAX THAT WILL ACTUALLY ENCOURAGE PRODUCTION, NOT SIMPLY PUNISH PRODUCERS.

BUT NOT SENATOR KENNEDY.

WHEN PEOPLE IN THIS STATE WERE CONFRONTED WITH A CHOICE BETWEEN EATING AND HEATING THEIR HOMES THIS WINTER, I WORKED TO PASS A PROGRAM OF LOW AND MIDDLE INCOME ASSISTANCE -- NOT A NEW FEDERAL BOONDOGGLE BUT TAX CREDITS AND DIRECT ASSISTANCE OUT OF FUNDS RAISED THROUGH THE WINDFALL PROFITS TAX. THAT MEANS UP TO \$430 IN INDIVIDUAL ASSISTANCE TO LOW-INCOME RESIDENTS OF MAINE THIS WINTER -- UP TO \$200 TO MIDDLE INCOME MAINERS. AND, WHEN ALL THIS WAS GOING ON, WHERE WAS SENATOR KENNEDY?



I WANT TO PASS A SYSTEM OF CATASTROPHIC HEALTH INSURANCE,  
SO MILLIONS OF MIDDLE CLASS AMERICANS WON'T HAVE TO  
WORRY ABOUT GOING BANKRUPT WHEN THEY GO INTO A HOSPITAL.  
I WANT TO STRUCTURE THAT SYSTEM SO THAT THE PRIVATE, NOT  
THE PUBLIC SECTOR, DELIVERS WHAT MOST AMERICANS REGARD AS  
THE FINEST HEALTH CARE IN THE WORLD.

BUT NOT SENATOR KENNEDY.

I CARE ABOUT PROMOTING A MILITARY STRENGTH SECOND TO NONE.  
I'VE SEEN THE HORROR OF WAR FIRSTHAND -- SO I YIELD TO  
NO MAN IN MY COMMITMENT TO PEACE -- PEACE THROUGH STRENGTH.

ALL OF THESE ARE IDEAS I'M PROMOTING AS SENIOR REPUBLICAN ON THE SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE. ALL OF THEM CAN BECOME NATIONAL POLICY IF WE HAVE A NEW PRESIDENT IN 1981, A MAN WHO COMBINES GRASSROOTS SYMPATHIES WITH KNOWLEDGE OF WHAT MAKES WASHINGTON WORK -- OR FAIL TO WORK.

TED KENNEDY WILL BE A FORMIDABLE FOE. BUT HE CAN BE DEFEATED -- NOT BY FOCUSING ON PERSONALITIES, BUT BY ASKING THE AMERICAN PEOPLE TO TAKE A LONG, HARD LOOK AT WHAT HIS RECORD SUGGESTS AND WHAT KIND OF POLICIES HE WOULD PROMOTE IN THE OVAL OFFICE.

AND WE HAVE TO PRESENT AN ALTERNATIVE OF OUR OWN. POSITIVELY, BOLDLY, WE HAVE TO TALK COMMON SENSE TO THE AMERICAN PEOPLE. WE HAVE TO CONVINCE THEM THAT A MARKETPLACE ECONOMY IS THE BEST WAY TO ANSWER THEIR NEEDS. WE HAVE TO DISPLAY COMPASSION AS WELL AS COMPETENCE.

WE HAVE TO REASSERT OUR BELIEF THAT IN AMERICA, THE INDIVIDUAL IS MORE IMPORTANT THAN THE GOVERNMENT, AND THE DREAM OF INDIVIDUAL SUCCESS IS STILL VALID.

JOIN WITH ME, FELLOW REPUBLICANS, AND GIVE NEW LIFE TO THAT OLD DREAM. THE AMERICAN PEOPLE ARE WAITING FOR SOMETHING BETTER THAN THE STATUS QUO -- SOMETHING EVEN BETTER THAN CAMELOT.

WE HAVE THE RESOURCES. WE HAVE THE GENIUS, THE TECHNOLOGY, THE RAW MATERIALS OF GREATNESS. WHAT AMERICA NEEDS IN THE 1980'S IS LEADERSHIP. DO NOT TURN YOUR BACKS ON THE HERITAGE OF FREEDOM -- DO NOT REJECT A FUTURE AS GLORIOUS AS OUR PAST. MAKE IT HAPPEN, MY FELLOW REPUBLICANS, GIVE AMERICA A DIRECTION. GIVE AMERICA BACK TO THE AMERICAN PEOPLE.