

JUNE 21, 1988

TO: SENATOR

SUBJECT: DES MOINES CHAMBER OF COMMERCE LUNCHEON

THERE WILL BE ABOUT 50 MEN AND WOMEN FROM THE DES MOINES
BUSINESS COMMUNITY ATTENDING THIS LUNCHEON IN YOUR HONOR. THEY
WILL ACKNOWLEDGE "THE WORK YOU HAVE DONE ON BEHALF OF THE GREATER
DES MOINES METROPOLITAN AREA AND THE STATE OF IOWA.

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DES MOINES
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE FEDERATION

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June 9, 1988

The Honorable Robert Dole
United States Senator
141 Senate Hart Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

Attn: Betty Meyers

Dear Senator Dole:

Speak briefly
Senator want to do??
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12:00 Luncheon
12:30 SPEAK
1:00 Depart
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The Greater Des Moines Chamber of Commerce Federation will be hosting its Annual Washington, D.C. Trip, June 21-24, 1988. This year the Federation would like to include as part of the activities a special recognition luncheon to honor you for all the work you have done on behalf of the greater Des Moines metropolitan area and the State of Iowa. The luncheon is scheduled for Wednesday, June 22, 1988, NOON, the Hyatt Regency Hotel, 400 New Jersey Avenue, NW, Washington, D.C. There will be approximately 55 representatives from the greater Des Moines business community. This is a very special honor for the City of Des Moines and the greater Des Moines business community. The Federation hopes that your demanding schedule as the Republican Leader will permit you to attend. The Federation will make every effort to accommodate your needs.

Please contact me at 515-286-4963 with your response or any questions. The Federation looks forward to your response. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Ronald N. Langston
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Vice President
Governmental Affairs

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Party platforms illuminate differing outlooks, influences

By DAVID YERSEN

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Iowa Republicans and Democrats are offering Iowans vastly different views of where they will lead the state and nation, according to drafts of their 1988 party platforms.

While many voters say they don't believe there's much difference between the two parties, a look at the platforms being considered shows a big difference of opinion on many issues.

Political organizers agree that platforms don't mean much because candidates aren't forced to run on them, but the documents do provide a philosophical outline of what it means to vote for the parties or their candidates. The platforms also provide a look at some of the ideas that will be considered by politicians if they win office.

This year, Republicans will consider a platform that is far more detailed than the Democrats' platform. For example, the GOP calls for the United States to reclaim four islands in the Arctic Ocean that were taken by the Soviets in 1974.

Evangelical Imprint

And evangelical Christians, who have become active in Republican politics, have left an imprint on the 1988 GOP platform.

In the past, the Democrats had long, often controversial platforms, but this year their document was trimmed considerably and lacks the specifics of those before.

The platforms will be considered by the two state party conventions next weekend, and already the GOP proposal is sparking controversy. For example, the Republicans call for repealing the state lottery, a position Republican Gov. Terry Branstad rejected.

The conventions can alter the platform drafts, but par-

ty leaders say they don't expect much change.

In general, Republicans say they "believe government must be the people's servant, not their master. The powers of government must be strictly limited to protect individual liberty."

Uphold Traditional Family

Republicans also say they "uphold the traditional family and oppose anything that would undermine or erode it." They "strongly oppose" homosexual rights laws.

Democrats say they "support a government which actively enforces its civil rights laws," and they condemn "all forms of racism, anti-Semitism, homophobia, classism and sexism."

Republicans favor a human life amendment to the Constitution to prohibit abortion, except to save the life of the mother. Democrats "affirm the right of all persons to choose when and if they will become parents, have access to information on all options regarding unplanned pregnancies and have all services available." Democrats "oppose all efforts of government to restrict these rights."

On AIDS, the Republicans support mandatory testing of high-risk individuals such as prostitutes. They say AIDS "must be treated as a deadly communicable disease and a public epidemic, not merely a personal issue."

Democrats say there should be no discrimination against people with AIDS and call for civil rights legislation to protect them.

Differing Farm Views

The two parties take divergent views on what should be done about farm problems, with Republicans arguing for the free market and Democrats saying farmers need bluffer prices through lower supplies of farm products.

The Republicans say agricultural price supports "should be set at a level which will allow the laws of supply and demand to clear the market of burdensome surpluses." And they "strongly oppose any mandatory production control, acreage control or marketing quota" because that "could hurt farm exports and farmers' income."

But Democrats urge passage of the Borkin-Cephardt "Save the Family Farm Act," which allows farmer-voted mandatory production controls, because "higher market prices, effective supply controls and international agreements help eliminate world hunger and agricultural trade wars."

On education questions, Republicans say parents "have the right and responsibility to determine the education of their children," and they support home schooling and private school teaching by non-certified teachers. They also support tuition vouchers to enable parents to send their children to a school of their choice.

Democrats oppose tuition tax credits and say, "The maintenance of a sound public school system, including higher education and training programs, should be a funding priority of the highest order at all levels of government."

Social Security

On retirement issues, the Democrats say Social Security inequities "must be corrected," and they call for tax increases on those earning more than about \$45,000 a year to "maintain a healthy trust fund and insure full benefits for current and future recipients."

Republicans say they "regret that there is no realistic hope of making Social Security actually sound." They

call for allowing people "the option of choosing a private retirement plan with safeguards as an alternative to Social Security coverage."

Republicans say health insurance "should continue to be provided primarily by the private sector. We opposed socialized medicine and any new or expanded national health insurance plan." The Democrats want "a national health policy that ensures access to cost-effective quality health care services for all persons ..."

On other issues:

- Republicans favor a line-item veto to enable a president to strike individual items from appropriations bills. Democrats oppose it.

- Democrats want the minimum wage raised from \$3.35 an hour to \$5.05 an hour. Republicans oppose that.

- Democrats "oppose private ownership of fully-automatic weapons, 'stun guns,' detection-proof weapons, and armor-piercing ammunition. We advocate strict registration regulations for private ownership of handguns." Republicans "support the citizen right to keep and bear arms for lawful purposes. We oppose any further gun control legislation."

- Republicans support child care furnished "by the private sector. We oppose any attempt to establish federal or state funding of child care agencies." But Democrats "encourage governmental support of affordable, quality child care services."

- Republicans support "a strong national defense" and "the earliest possible deployment" of "Star Wars" programs. The Democrats support "significant reductions in military spending."

- Republicans favor reinstatement of the death penalty in Iowa, while Democrats oppose it.

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