

NATION

Republicans Meet to to Select New Party Chief

GOP: All five candidates talk of party renewal at the grass-roots level. But their differences mirror the divisions in the political organization.

by STEPHEN BRAUN
TIMES STAFF WRITER

ST. LOUIS—Still smarting from their election loss and scornful of their departing leaders, ranking Republicans met Thursday to select a new party chairman, eyeing five candidates who stress unity but whose links to opposing factions and presidential hopefuls mirror the party's deep clefs.

On the surface, the three-day meeting of the 165-member Republican National Committee to pick a new leader opened Thursday with a collegial sense of purpose: All five men seeking the post are conservatives who talk of renewing the party at the grass-roots level and loosening ties to the Washington Establishment that called the shots for 12 years. But the mounting heat produced by this campaign has burnished the differences between the candidates and exposed hints of their ties to the forces buffeting the party—presidential aspirants, religious and anti-abortion elements, even the tattered remains of George Bush's reelection apparatus.

Party veterans say none of the five—retiring Missouri Gov. John Ashcroft, Mississippi lawyer and political consultant Haley Barbour, Republican Congressional Committee Co-Chairman L. Spencer Abraham, former Army Secretary Howard H. (Bo) Calloway and Oregon party Chairman Craig L. Berkman—appear to have enough support to muster a first-ballot victory this afternoon.

Party regulars described Barbour and Abraham as the perceived front-runners, with Ashcroft, who gained national exposure last fall as a Bush campaign speaker, not far behind. But arriving committee members said up to 40% of the voting members appeared uncommitted as they met behind closed doors with the candidates and their staffs.

Committed or not, some of the arriving committee members projected a prickly impatience with the soothing promises made by consultants and cellular phone-wielding floor whips. After 12 years of taking orders from Administration officials, some party officials gleefully flexed their independence.

"We're not coming here with huge agendas," said Virginia national committeeman Morton Blackwell. "But we'll object to anyone telling us what to do."

Outside one reception, a Midwestern committeeman poked a startled staffer in the chest and huffed: "You're beginning to sound exactly like the dolts we had to endure for the last four years."

Karen Hughes, the executive director of the Texas Republican Party, said a "strong anti-Washington Establishment" mood pervades the gathering. "I think the deciding factor in the vote is who the members believe will allow them to be part of the process," she said. "You don't mind being a rubber-stamp body when you win. But when you lose . . ."

As they lobbied near well-stocked buffet tables in Hyatt Regency hotel hospitality suites and in secluded speeches in spare meeting rooms, the five contestants tried to capitalize on that sense of frustration. They echoed a growing cadre of party regulars who think that Bush's presidential campaign was fatally flawed by the party's failure to project a "big tent" image to a diverse nation.

"The sense that the party needs to be inclusionary is playing pretty well here," said Eddie Mahe, a Republican

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political consultant who flew in from Washington to lobby for Calloway.

That yearning for a broader, more tolerant Republican Party masks a fear among many stalwarts that they are in danger of a grass-roots takeover by the religious right.

The candidates' insistence that they can fine-tune the party's atrophied local organizations is interpreted by some observers as code for keeping in line large numbers of fundamentalist-right party recruits.

Mary Alice Lair, a national committeewoman from the small southeast Kansas town of Piqua, worries about the "new people," her hushed description of Christian right volunteers who have swelled party membership rolls in her Republican precinct.

"We need to find ways to show the new people that we're OK and to teach them how to operate as one group," Lair said. "We need a chairman who can show the precincts how to organize properly."

But even as candidates talked earnestly about tinkering with the grass roots, listening to regulars outside the Washington Beltway and turning a deaf ear to well-heeled consultants, they were relying on time-tested Capitol contacts and imported consultants to sway uncommitted members. And, as they promised a turn in the party's

fortunes by welcoming all of its embittered factions, the five candidates were busy attacking each other for their links to future presidential contenders as varied as former Vice President Dan Quayle and Texas Sen. Phil Gramm, to Christian fundamentalist leaders like Pat Robertson and even to CBS News.

Abraham, a Michigan Republican leader, is selling himself as a leading candidate for change based on his roles in revitalizing his state's party, in paring consultants' costs and, as chairman of the congressional campaign committee, in funneling more money last year to Republican House candidates. But his opponents have attacked him for being openly supported by Quayle, who employed him as an aide.

Barbour, one of the earliest to announce his candidacy, has been criticized for his close ties to Gramm—thought to be a presidential possibility—and for representing CBS News against the Bush Administration in a battle over a cable TV bill last year.

Ashcroft has emphasized his recent role as a party spokesman in his bid to do similar work as party chairman. But it is Ashcroft's very influence that may have prevented him from gaining an edge. His prominence in drafting the party's platform last year has hurt him, some moderates say. And, like Abraham, he is burdened by his links to some of the powerful influences aiding him. Current RNC Chairman Richard N. Bond is said to favor him, as are a number of influential Christian right figures impressed with his strong anti-abortion stance. That kind of backing hurts the former governor as much as it aids him, party regulars said.

Calloway, who runs a political action committee founded by Rep. Newt Gingrich (R-Ga.), is beloved by many committee members. But he is believed to be a long shot because, at 67, "he's just too old," one Abraham backer said.

Berkman, an Oregon moderate who prefers that the party move away from its anti-abortion and anti-gay-rights planks, is said to be limited by his regional support.

In recent weeks, rumors of deals between some of the candidates have been floated, only to be quickly denied. The most persistent is some sort of alliance between Ashcroft and Abraham in which the former governor would become general chairman and Abraham would handle the detail work—an arrangement scoffed at Thursday by representatives for both candidates.

By Thursday morning, the politicking was incessant. A giant Abraham billboard on Interstate 70 greeted committee members heading downtown from the airport. Videotaped messages from the candidates were distributed in abundance, including one set of 165 "personalized" tapes from Berkman, a medical-equipment businessman.

"Hello," Berkman said in 165 separate introductions to each voting RNC member, "Let me tell you why I'm running for chairman. . . ."

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SENATOR DOLE SCHEDULE -- JANUARY 29-30, 1993

(TORCHMARK PORTION ONLY)

Friday, January 29

10:10 AM Lv. Capitol
10:25 AM Ar. Washington National Airport
Signature Aviation
703/549-8340
10:30 AM Lv. Washington

AIRCRAFT: Torchmark Hawker
TAIL NO.: N 6 TM
SEATS: 6

PILOT: Todd Drew
CO-PILOT: Kitty Dietzel

MANIFEST: Senator Dole

FLIGHT TIME: 2 hours
TIME CHANGE: -1 hour

CONTACT: Barbara Nabors
205/325-4205 (O)
205/870-0325 (H)
205/325-4198 or 4231 (FAX)
Chick Preston
205/325-2643 (Hangar)
205/871-3101 (H)
205/325-2771 (FAX)

Sky Pager: 1-800-759-7243, PIN 54016

11:30 AM Ar. St. Louis, Missouri
Lambert International Field
MidCoast Aviation
314/731-7111

MET BY: Judy Biviano
Kim Wells

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11:50 AM Ar. Hyatt Regency Union Station
314/231-1234

Proceed to Grand Ballroom

You will be seated with Chairman Rich Bond and round-table of Regional Vice Chairs:

Midwest: Martha Moore, Ohio
Duane Acklie, Nebraska

Southern: Martha Edens, South Carolina
Ernest Angelo, Jr., Texas

Northeastern: Basil Battaglia, Delaware
Augusta Hornblower, Massachusetts

Western: Jim Nicholson, Colorado
Jan Larimer, Wyoming

12:00 PM- ATTEND/SPEAK - WINTER MEETING LUNCHEON
1:30 PM REPUBLICAN NATIONAL COMMITTEE

PRESS: OPEN

12:40 PM INTRODUCTION OF SENATOR DOLE - CHAIRMAN RICH BOND

12:45 PM REMARKS - SENATOR DOLE

(Agenda for RNC Meeting Attached)

(Election of new Chairman to follow luncheon)

CONTACT: Judy Biviano
314/241-7006 (RNC Staff Office)
314/241-7704 (FAX)

2:00 PM Lv. Hyatt Regency

2:20 PM Ar. Lambert Field - MidCoast Aviation
314/731-7111

2:30 PM Lv. St. Louis

FLIGHT TIME: 1 hour

~~3:30 PM~~ Ar. Wichita, Kansas
~~Mid-Continent Airport~~
~~Ryan Aviation~~
~~316/942-0141~~

LATEST NUMBERS
AVAILABLE

CRIME IN KANSAS
SUMMARY
1991

- Crime Index Offenses increased 5.4% (129,440 in 1990 to 136,433 in 1991).
- Violent Crime increased 10.9% (11,129 in 1990 to 12,338 in 1991).
- **Murder and Non - Negligent Manslaughter increased 41.9%** (105 in 1990 to 150 in 1991).
- **Rape increased 11.8%** (1,002 in 1990 to 1,121 in 1991).
- **Robbery increased 17.5%** (2,926 in 1990 to 3,438 in 1991).
- **Aggravated Assault/Battery increased 7.6%** (7,096 in 1990 to 7,632 in 1991).
- **Simple Assault/Battery increased 6.1%** (31,457 in 1990 to 33,364 in 1991).
- Property Crimes increased 4.9% (118,311 in 1990 to 124,093 in 1991).
- **Burglary increased 10.2%** (40,323 in 1990 to 44,437 in 1991).
- **Theft increased 1.9%** (69,688 in 1990 to 71,009 in 1991).
- **Motor Vehicle Theft increased 4.2%** (8,300 in 1990 to 8,647 in 1991).
- **Criminal Damage to Property**, reported through the Incident Based Reporting System, totalled \$6,540,728 in 1991; damage done to vehicles accounted for 39.6% of the total.
- Statistics for 1991 indicate Violent Crime affected 4.9 persons per thousand population while Property Crimes affected 49.7 persons per thousand.
- The State Fire Marshal's Office reported **Incendiary/Suspicious Fires increased 27.4%** (2,193 in 1990 to 2,793 in 1991).
- The reported value of **Property Stolen increased 7.3%** (from \$86,041,937 in 1990 to \$92,318,375 in 1991) with **Motor Vehicle Theft** accounting for 34.2% of the total.
- The Kansas Incident Based Reporting System received reports on 198,050 incidents that involved violations of state statutes.
- **Total arrests increased 8.2%** (124,572 in 1990 to 134,783 in 1991). Juveniles were arrested most frequently for theft; Adults for DUI.
- **Assaults on Law Enforcement Officers decreased 0.7%** (1076 in 1990 to 1,068 in 1991).

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE LEADER

FROM: JUDY BIVIANO

SUBJECT: RNC LUNCHEON, FRIDAY, JANUARY 29

As you know, you are the keynote speaker for the luncheon. You will be seated at a round table with Chairman Bond and the Regional Vice Chairs of the Republican Party. Those Regional Vice Chairs include:

Midwest: Martha Moore, Ohio
Duane Acklie, Nebraska

Southern: Martha Edens, South Carolina
Ernest Angclo, Jr., Texas

Northeastern: Basil Battaglia, Delaware
Augusta Hornblower, Massachusetts

Western: Jim Nicholson, Colorado
Jan Larimer, Wyoming

Attached is a current agenda of the Meeting. I am at your service for anything you need during your time at the meeting, and may be reached at the Hyatt Union Station in St. Louis. The RNC working office telephone number is (314) 241-7006 and the fax number is (314) 241-7706. I look forward to seeing you!

As of 1/22/93

REPUBLICAN NATIONAL COMMITTEE
WINTER MEETING
HYATT UNION STATION
ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI
JANUARY 28-30, 1993

THURSDAY, JANUARY 28, 1993

8:00 am - 8:00 pm REGISTRATION

12:00 pm - 1:30 pm RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE LUNCHEON
(Suite 1063)
Closed Press

2:00 pm - 6:00 pm REGIONAL MEETINGS W/ CANDIDATES FOR
CHAIRMAN
MEMBERS ONLY (at option of Regional Vice Chairmen)

6:00 pm - 7:00 pm GENERAL DISCUSSION WITH CANDIDATES FOR
CHAIRMAN
(Regency Ballroom)
MEMBERS ONLY
Closed Press

8:00 pm - ????? HOSPITALITY SUITES
(Hosted by Candidates for Chairman)

 DINNER ON YOUR OWN

FRIDAY, JANUARY 29, 1993

7:30 am - 7:30 pm REGISTRATION
(Ballroom Foyer)

8:00 am - 9:15 am REGIONAL BREAKFASTS
(Southern Region - Missouri Pacific)
(Western Region - Illinois Central)
(Northeastern Region - New York Special)
(Midwestern Region - Jeffersonian/Knickerbocker)
Closed Press

9:30 am - 11:45 am GENERAL SESSION
Nomination of Chairman Candidates
(Regency Ballroom)
Open Press

As of 1/22/93

FRIDAY, JANUARY 29, 1993 (cont.)

12:00 pm - 1:30 pm

LUNCH

Speaker: The Honorable Robert J. Dole

U.S. Senate Minority Leader

(Grand Ballroom)

Open Press

1:45 pm - 5:00 pm

GENERAL SESSION RESUMES

Election of New RNC Chairman

(Regency Ballroom)

Following Conclusion of Session

RECEPTION IN HONOR OF NEW CHAIRMAN

(Grand Ballroom)

SATURDAY, JANUARY 30, 1993

7:30 am - 9:00 am

CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST/

1993-1994 ELECTIONS PANEL-NRSC

Speakers: Senator Phil Gramm

(Station Grille)

Closed Press

9:15 am - 11:30 am

GENERAL SESSION RESUMES

(Regency Ballroom)

Open Press

11:30 am - 12:30 pm

STATE CHAIRMEN'S MEETING

(Friso/Burlington)

Closed Press

**SENATOR BOB DOLE
MEETING OF REPUBLICAN
NATIONAL COMMITTEE
JANUARY 29, 1993**

**THANK YOU VERY MUCH.
THIS WEEK'S RNC MEETING IS
VERY DIFFERENT FROM THE
ONES WE'VE BECOME
ACCUSTOMED TO.**

FOR TWENTY OF THE PAST
TWENTY-FOUR YEARS, WE'VE
HAD THE GOOD FORTUNE OF
HAVING THE LEADER OF THE
REPUBLICAN PARTY AND THE
LEADER OF THE FREE WORLD
BE THE SAME PERSON. AND
WHEN IT CAME TO DECISIONS
REGARDING PARTY MACHINERY
AND PLATFORMS, WE PROUDLY

**TOOK OUR CUES FROM OUR
PRESIDENT.**

**AND I KNOW EVERYONE HERE
IN THIS ROOM WAS HOPING
THAT THIS MEETING WOULD BE
NO EXCEPTION...THAT WE
WOULD SOUND THE TRUMPET
FOR FOUR MORE YEARS OF
SERVING AND SUPPORTING
PRESIDENT GEORGE BUSH.**

**OF COURSE, THAT'S NOT HOW
THINGS WORKED OUT. SO,
INSTEAD OF SOUNDING
TRUMPETS, WE FIND OURSELVES
PREPARING FOR FOUR YEARS
OF LISTENING TO THE
SAXOPHONE--WHICH IS, SO FAR,
BADLY OUT OF TUNE.**

**NO DOUBT ABOUT IT. THIS IS
THE MOST CLOSELY-WATCHED**

**RNC MEETING OF THE LAST
QUARTER-CENTURY. THE MEDIA
ARE HERE IN LARGE NUMBERS--
SOME DESPERATELY WANTING
TO FILE STORIES ABOUT A
“PARTY IN SHAMBLES,” OR A
“PARTY SPLITTING APART.” IF
PAST HISTORY IS ANY
INDICATION, THEY’LL BE SORELY
DISAPPOINTED.**

**I'VE BEEN AROUND LONG
ENOUGH TO REMEMBER 1965,
WHEN THERE WEREN'T MANY
REPUBLICANS LEFT STANDING
AFTER THE LBJ LANDSLIDE. WE
ELECTED A BRILLIANT
REPUBLICAN NAMED RAY BLISS
AS OUR CHAIRMAN, AND THE
NEXT YEAR WE SWEEPED THE MID-
TERM ELECTIONS, AND TWO**

**YEARS AFTER THAT WE WON
THE WHITE HOUSE.**

**AND THEN THERE WAS 1977.
ONCE AGAIN, THE DEMOCRATS
CONTROLLED ALL THE LEVERS
OF GOVERNMENT. AND WE
TURNED THE REINS OF THE
PARTY OVER TO BILL BROCK.
ONE YEAR LATER, WE MADE
IMPORTANT GAINS, AND TWO**

**YEARS AFTER THAT, WE WERE
BACK IN THE WHITE HOUSE.**

**AND THIS WEEK, WE WILL
BEGIN TO PROVE THAT
LIGHTNING CAN STRIKE THREE
TIMES.**

**I AM A FRIEND OF ALL THOSE
WHO SEEK TO BE CHAIRMAN
AND CO-CHAIRMAN. ANY OF
THEM WILL DO AN**

OUTSTANDING JOB.

**I SUSPECT THAT ALL OF THE
CANDIDATES...AND ALL OF
YOU...HAVE JOINED ME IN DOING
A LOT OF LISTENING THESE
PAST MONTHS. IN COUNTLESS
LETTERS, PHONE CALLS, AND
MEETINGS, I'VE HEARD FROM
THE HEART AND SOUL OF OUR
PARTY--THE MEN AND WOMEN**

**WHO WALK THE PRECINCTS,
AND WRITE THE CHECKS.**

**EVERY ONE OF THEM WAS
SADDENED BY THE LOSS OF THE
WHITE HOUSE. AND THERE
WERE MANY EXPRESSIONS OF
UNDERSTANDABLE
FRUSTRATION AND SOME
MONDAY MORNING
QUARTERBACKING. BUT OUR**

FOCUS HAS NOW CHANGED.

WE'RE NOT LOOKING BACK.

WE'RE LOOKING AHEAD--

LOOKING TO THE FUTURE--

READY TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE-

-FOR OUR PARTY, AND FOR

AMERICA.

AND THE FUTURE IS JUST

WHERE WE HAVE TO LOOK, FOR

NEW RACES ARE ALREADY

BEGINNING. I DON'T MEAN 1996.

I MEAN 1993 WITH

GUBERNATORIAL ELECTIONS IN

VIRGINIA AND NEW JERSEY.

I MEAN 1994 WITH MID-TERM

ELECTIONS, INCLUDING 34

SEATS IN THE SENATE--22 OF

THEM HELD BY DEMOCRATS.

I MEAN THE U.S. HOUSE OF

REPRESENTATIVES, WHERE

**DEMOCRATS WON DOZENS OF
SEATS BY SMALL
PERCENTAGES.**

**I MEAN STATE LEGISLATURES
AND COUNTY COMMISSIONS
ACROSS THE COUNTRY. THESE
ARE THE DATES, THE RACES,
AND THE OPPORTUNITIES THAT
WILL JUMPSTART OUR
COMEBACK.**

**DESPITE LOSING THE WHITE
HOUSE, REPUBLICANS HAD
SOME SUCCESSES, AS WELL.
ALTHOUGH DEMOCRATS WERE
LICKING THEIR CHOPS AT THE
THOUGHT OF A WIPE-OUT ON
CAPITOL HILL, WE HELD OUR
OWN IN THE SENATE; WE
PICKED UP 10 SEATS IN THE
HOUSE; AND WE MADE SOME**

**IMPORTANT GAINS AT THE
STATE LEVEL--INCLUDING, I'M
PROUD TO SAY, TAKING BACK
THE KANSAS HOUSE OF
REPRESENTATIVES, AND
STRENGTHENING OUR MAJORITY
IN THE STATE SENATE TO A 27-
13 MARGIN. I WOULD ADD THAT
11 OF THOSE 27 REPUBLICAN
SENATORS ARE WOMEN.**

**THERE ARE 43 REPUBLICANS
IN THE U.S. SENATE--AFTER THE
TEXAS ELECTION IN MAY, I HOPE
TO MAKE THAT 44. THERE'S A
LOT YOU CAN DO WITH 43 OR 44.**

**SO, WHAT DO WE DO? WELL,
ONE ROAD WE CAN TAKE IS TO
SIT IN THE CORNER AND THROW
ROCKS AT PRESIDENT CLINTON
AND THE DEMOCRAT MAJORITY.**

**BUT THAT ROAD WOULD LEAD
US NOWHERE.**

**THE RIGHT ROAD IS TO
PROVIDE ANSWERS TO
AMERICA'S
PROBLEMS...ANSWERS TRUE TO
OUR MAINSTREAM PRINCIPLES--
LESS SPENDING...LOWER
DEFICITS...LOWER TAXES...LESS
REGULATION ...FEWER**

**MANDATES...MORE DECISIONS
MADE BY ORDINARY CITIZENS
AND NOT BUREAUCRATS... AND
MAKING OUR STREETS AND
NEIGHBORHOODS SAFE FROM
CRIMINALS AT HOME AND FROM
TYRANTS ABROAD.**

**WE WISH PRESIDENT CLINTON
WELL, AND HOPE TO BE
HELPFUL AS HE DEALS WITH**

**THE CHALLENGES FACING
AMERICA.**

**BUT MAKE NO MISTAKE
ABOUT IT. WHEN WE THINK HE'S
GOING IN THE WRONG
DIRECTION, WE'RE GOING TO
STAND UP FOR AMERICA'S BEST
INTERESTS.**

**AND GIVEN SOME OF HIS
CAMPAIGN PROMISES, I EXPECT**

**WE'LL BE STANDING UP QUITE
FREQUENTLY.**

**YES, SOME OF HIS PROMISES,
IF FULFILLED, WOULD MOVE
AMERICA IN THE RIGHT
DIRECTION--SUCH AS CUTTING
THE DEFICIT IN HALF IN FOUR
YEARS. UNFORTUNATELY, HE'S
ALREADY BACKPEDALED ON
THAT ONE.**

**THE VAST MAJORITY OF THE
OTHER PROMISES INVOLVE
MORE SPENDING, MORE
MANDATES, MORE TAXES, OR A
COMBINATION OF ALL THREE.
AND THAT'S NOT THE KIND OF
"CHANGE" AMERICANS THOUGHT
THEY WERE VOTING FOR.**

**I'M ALL FOR CHANGE--IF IT'S
CHANGE FOR THE BETTER. I'M**

**NOT FOR--AND THE AMERICAN
PEOPLE ARE NOT FOR--CHANGE
BACK TO THE FAILED POLICIES
OF THE PAST--POLICIES THAT
MADE TAXES HIGHER, OUR
WALLETS THINNER, OUR
BUREAUCRACY BIGGER, AND
OUR NATIONAL SECURITY
WEAKER.**

**THE AMERICAN PEOPLE WANT
CHANGE FOR THE BETTER..AND
WE ALL KNOW THE REPUBLICAN
PARTY IS THE PARTY OF
CHANGE FOR THE BETTER.**

**JUST LOOK AT ALL WE
CHANGED AND ALL WE
ACCOMPLISHED UNDER
PRESIDENT RONALD REAGAN
AND PRESIDENT GEORGE BUSH.**

**WHEN THE REAGAN-BUSH
ERA BEGAN IN JANUARY 1981,
AMERICA WAS IN DANGER AND
DECLINE. OUR ECONOMY WAS
IN SHAMBLES. LONG GAS LINES
AND LONGER UNEMPLOYMENT
LINES. INTEREST RATES AND
INFLATION THROUGH THE ROOF.
ABROAD, AMERICANS WERE
HELD HOSTAGE, AND THE**

**SOVIET EMPIRE WAS BRISTLING
WITH NUCLEAR ARMS AND
HOSTILE INTENTIONS.**

**WHAT A DIFFERENCE TWELVE
YEARS HAVE MADE. THANKS TO
RONALD REAGAN AND GEORGE
BUSH, AMERICA MADE A
REMARKABLE COMEBACK--A
COMEBACK WHICH INCLUDED
THE BIGGEST AND LONGEST**

**ECONOMIC EXPANSION IN U.S.
HISTORY. INTEREST RATES
HAVE BEEN CUT IN HALF AND
THEN SOME, INFLATION
PRACTICALLY NON-EXISTENT.
AND THE COLD WAR WAS
FINALLY BROUGHT TO AN END,
AS COMMUNISM COLLAPSED
UNDER THE WEIGHT OF ITS OWN
INCOMPETENCE AND THE**

**STEELY RESOLVE OF RONALD
REAGAN, GEORGE BUSH, AND
THE AMERICAN PEOPLE.**

**OUR ALLIES AGREE THAT
AMERICA IS THE ONLY
REMAINING UNDISPUTED
MILITARY AND MORAL SUPER
POWER ON THE FACE OF THE
EARTH. AND OUR ADVERSARIES
HAVE NO DOUBT THAT AMERICA**

**WILL STAND UP FOR FREEDOM
ACROSS THE GLOBE. AND
THANKS TO PRESIDENT BUSH'S
VISION, HISTORIC TREATIES
HAVE BEEN SIGNED WHICH
HAVE PERMANENTLY MOVED
BACK THE HANDS ON THE
NUCLEAR DOOMSDAY CLOCK.**

**THESE ARE FACTS, AND WILL
BE REMEMBERED IN HISTORY--**

**NO MATTER HOW HARD BITTER
PARTISANS TRY TO RE-WRITE IT.**

**IT'S AN OUTSTANDING
RECORD, BUT WE CAN DO EVEN
MORE. AND WE MUST DO EVEN
MORE.**

**FAR TOO MANY AMERICANS
ARE JOBLESS, AND HAVE NOT
YET FELT THE EFFECTS OF THE
ECONOMIC RECOVERY. A**

STAGGERING DEFICIT

**THREATENS THE ECONOMIC
HEALTH OF THIS GENERATION,
AND THAT OF OUR CHILDREN
AND GRANDCHILDREN.**

**COUNTLESS AMERICANS CAN
NOT AFFORD EVEN BASIC
HEALTH CARE FOR THEIR
FAMILIES. AND DESPITE THE
END OF THE COLD WAR, THE**

**WORLD IS STILL A VERY
DANGEROUS PLACE, FULL OF
DICTATORS AND TYRANTS WHO
PREY ON THEIR OWN CITIZENS,
AS WELL AS OTHER NATIONS.**

**AND LET ME ADD HERE THAT
FOR FOUR YEARS, PRESIDENT
BUSH AND SENATE
REPUBLICANS FOUGHT TO PASS
TOUGH ANTI-CRIME**

**LEGISLATION--LEGISLATION
THAT CREATED AN
ENFORCEABLE FEDERAL DEATH
PENALTY...THAT IMPOSED STIFF
MANDATORY SENTENCES FOR
CRIMES WITH GUNS...THAT PUT
A LIMIT TO THE SEEMINGLY
ENDLESS APPEALS BY
CONVICTED DEATH ROW
MURDERERS...AND THAT SAYS**

**AN HONEST MISTAKE BY A COP
ISN'T REASON ENOUGH TO LET
AN OBVIOUSLY GUILTY CRIMINAL
BACK ON THE STREET.**

**THE DEMOCRAT MAJORITIES
IN THE HOUSE AND SENATE
REFUSED TO PASS THE
PRESIDENT'S LEGISLATION.
THEY IGNORED THE PEOPLE
AND LISTENED TO THE LIBERAL**

**SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS
WHO SEEM TO BE MORE
INTERESTED IN THE RIGHTS OF
THE CRIMINAL THAN THE PLIGHT
OF VICTIMS.**

**MEANWHILE, THE "AMERICAN
CRIME CLOCK"** KEEPS TICKING.

**ONE MURDER EVERY 21
MINUTES. ONE RAPE EVERY 5
MINUTES. ONE ROBBERY EVERY**

**46 SECONDS. ONE MOTOR
VEHICLE THEFT EVERY 19
SECONDS. ONE BURGLARY
EVERY 10 SECONDS.**

**AND, AS KANSANS, KNOW
CRIME IS NOT JUST A URBAN
PROBLEM--IT'S A SUBURBAN
PROBLEM AND A RURAL
PROBLEM. THE LATEST CRIME
STATISTICS FOR KANSAS SHOW**

**A DRAMATIC INCREASE IN
MURDER, RAPE, ROBBERY, AND
OTHER VIOLENT CRIMES.**

**THE REPUBLICAN MESSAGE IS
SIMPLE: WHEN IT COMES TO
CRIME, THE TIME HAS LONG
SINCE PASSED FOR TOUGH
TALK. IT'S TIME FOR TOUGH
MEDICINE. AND TWO OF THE
FIRST FIVE BILLS I INTRODUCED**

**AS REPUBLICAN LEADER--A
COMPREHENSIVE ANTI-CRIME
BILL AUTHORED BY SENATOR
HATCH, AND THE SEXUAL
ASSAULT PREVENTION ACT--
WHICH I HAVE INTRODUCED
TWICE BEFORE--ARE TOUGH
MEDICINE FOR THOSE WHO
REFUSE TO OBEY THE RULES OF
A CIVILIZED SOCIETY.**

**LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, WE
ALL KNOW THE DEMOCRAT
FORMULA TO SOLVING
AMERICA'S PROBLEMS. MORE
SPENDING. MORE GOVERNMENT
PROGRAMS. MORE MANDATES.
MORE POWER TO THOSE WHO
LIVE ON THE BANKS OF THE
POTOMAC, AND LESS POWER TO
THOSE WHO LIVE ON THE BANKS**

**OF THE MISSOURI, THE
MISSISSIPPI, THE HUDSON, AND
THE COLUMBIA.**

**THAT'S NOT THE MEDICINE
AMERICA NEEDS. THOSE ARE
NOT THE SOLUTIONS
AMERICANS WANT.**

**WHAT DO REPUBLICANS
OFFER AS AN ALTERNATIVE?**

WE OFFER CHANGE FOR THE BETTER.

**WE OFFER A BALANCED
BUDGET AMENDMENT, A LINE
ITEM VETO, AND A MESSAGE TO
THE BIG SPENDERS ON CAPITOL
HILL THAT THE JOYRIDE IS
OVER.**

**WE OFFER A GROWING
ECONOMY, WHERE EMPLOYERS
AND EMPLOYEES ARE TREATED
WITH RESPECT, AND WHERE THE**

**FREE MARKET SYSTEM IS
ALLOWED TO OPERATE WITH
MINIMAL GOVERNMENT
INTERVENTION.**

**WE OFFER MEN AND WOMEN
THE POWER TO MAKE THE
DECISIONS THAT AFFECT THEIR
JOB, THEIR HEALTH CARE, AND
THEIR CHILD'S EDUCATION.**

**WE OFFER A CLEAR-EYED
AND REALISTIC VIEW OF THE
WORLD AND OF THE DANGERS
THAT STILL EXIST, AND A
COMMITMENT TO NEVER LET
DOWN OUR GUARD.**

**AND, MAKE NO MISTAKE
ABOUT IT--WE OFFER A HELPING
HAND TO THE VICTIMS OF
CRIME, AND SWIFT AND SURE**

**PUNISHMENT TO THOSE WHO
PREY ON LAW-ABIDING
CITIZENS, AND WHO SEEK TO
ENSLAVE OUR CHILDREN WITH
DRUGS.**

**LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,
INSTEAD OF OFFERING
PROMISES, THE REPUBLICAN
PARTY OFFERS PROMISE. THE
PROMISE OF THE AMERICAN**

**DREAM. THE PROMISE OF THE
FREE ENTERPRISE SYSTEM. THE
PROMISE OF WHAT INDIVIDUAL
AMERICANS CAN DO IF
GOVERNMENT GETS OUT OF THE
WAY.**

**THAT'S WHAT REPUBLICANS
OFFER. THOSE ARE THE
POLICIES THAT CAN CHANGE
AMERICA FOR THE BETTER.**

**LAST WEEK, FOR WHAT IT'S
WORTH, A CAPITOL HILL
NEWSPAPER RATED ALL THE
SENATORS FROM 1-100, WITH
ONE BEING THE MOST LIBERAL,
AND 100 BEING THE MOST
CONSERVATIVE. THE MOST
LIBERAL REPUBLICAN SENATOR
WAS MARK HATFIELD AT 33.
THE MOST CONSERVATIVE WAS**

**JESSE HELMS AT 100. THE REST
OF US WERE SOMEWHERE IN
BETWEEN. I WAS 86.**

**THE POINT I'M MAKING IS
THAT WE WANT A CHANGE FOR
THE BETTER IN 1995. WE WANT
NANCY KASSEBAUM--AND NOT
TED KENNEDY--TO BE CHAIR OF
THE LABOR COMMITTEE...ORRIN
HATCH--AND NOT JOE BIDEN--**

**CHAIRING THE JUDICIARY
COMMITTEE. AND THAT'S NOT
LIKELY TO HAPPEN IF THERE'S
NO PLACE IN THE SENATE FOR
REPUBLICANS WHO MAY BE
MORE LIBERAL OR MORE
CONSERVATIVE THAN ME.**

**THAT SAME LOGIC APPLIES
TO THE REPUBLICAN PARTY.**

**AS RONALD REAGAN SAID
NEARLY 28 YEARS AGO:
"WE CAN'T MEET THE
PROBLEMS OF A DIVIDED
WORLD AND A DIVIDED NATION
WITH A SPLINTER PARTY. FOR
TOO LONG, YOU AND I HAVE
BEEN REPUBLICANS COMPLETE
WITH DESCRIPTIVE ADJECTIVES
AND HYPHENS. WE'VE BEEN**

**MODERATE REPUBLICANS,
LIBERAL REPUBLICANS,
CONSERVATIVE REPUBLICANS,
AND MAIN STREET
REPUBLICANS. THE TRUTH OF
THE MATTER IS WE'VE BEEN
SUCKER REPUBLICANS. OUR
OPPONENTS GAVE US THOSE
ADJECTIVES AND THOSE
LABELS, AND ITS HIGH TIME WE**

**BUNDLED THEM UP AND GAVE
THEM BACK."**

RONALD REAGAN WAS RIGHT.
**IT'S TIME TO ELIMINATE THE
HYPHENS AND THE ADJECTIVES.
IT'S TIME WE TOOK PRIDE IN
CALLING OURSELVES
"REPUBLICANS"--NOTHING LESS,
NOTHING MORE. JUST PLAIN
"REPUBLICANS."**

**LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, BY
TALKING SENSE TO THE
AMERICAN PEOPLE...BY
FIGHTING FOR CHANGE FOR THE
BETTER...BY FOCUSING ON
WHAT UNITES US AS A PARTY...I
BELIEVE THAT THE BEST DAYS
OF "JUST PLAIN REPUBLICANS"--
AND THE BEST DAYS OF
AMERICA--ARE YET TO COME.**