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New Hampshire Back in No. 1 Spot<

LAWRENCE, Kan. (AP) The Most Livable State Award is back in the possession of New Hampshire.

Utah dropped to No. 2 on the most livable list. Kansas, Minnesota and Wisconsin filled out the top five states. Louisiana, which moved up one spot last year from its last-place finish in 1991, was No. 50 again this year.

New Hampshire, the winner when the award was originated in 1991, took the title back from last year's winner, Utah, in the analysis of 43 factors by the Morgan Quitno Corp.

`New Hampshire has seen its share of rough times, but year in and year out, much of the rest of the nation would love to have New Hampshire's problems,'' said Scott Morgan, president of Morgan Quitno, which publishes books on the annual state rankings.

`Our numbers do not just rank economics. They rank overall quality of life, and New Hampshire has what it takes.''

The rankings are based on 18 positive factors and 25 negative factors.

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Among the positive factors die deriver and duincome, high school graduation rate, job growth, normal temperature, percentage of sunny days, average earnings of manufacturing workers and education expenditures.

Among the negative factors are crime rate, poverty rate, unemployment, percentage of homes receiving food stamps, pupil-teacher ratio, infant mortality rate, suicide rate, AIDS rate, population per square mile and welfare spending.

The ranking of the states: 1. New Hampshire; 2. Utah; 3. Kansas; 4. Minnesota; 5. Wisconsin; 6. Iowa; 7. Nebraska; 8. Colorado; 9. Hawaii; 10. South Dakota; 11. Vermont; 12. Virginia; 13. Maine; 14. Montana; 15. Idaho; 16. North Dakota; 17. Connecticut; 18. Alaska; 19. Wyoming; 20. Massachusetts; 21. New Jersey; 22. Oregon; 23. Nevada; 24. Missouri; 25. Indiana; 26. Washington; 27. Maryland; 28. Arizona; 29. Ohio; 30. Oklahoma; 31. Illinois; 32. Texas; 33. Pennsylvania; 34. Delaware; 35. Arkansas; 36. California; 37. Rhode Island; 38. Michigan; 39. Georgia; 40. New Mexico; 41. Tennessee; 42. North Carolina; 43. South Carolina; 44. Kentucky; 45. Florida; 46. West Virginia; 47. Alabama; 48. Mississippi; 49. New York, and 50. Louisiana.

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### SENATOR BOB DOLE MANCHESTER CHAMBER OF COMMERCE APRIL 15, 1993

## THANK YOU. IT'S A PLEASURE TO BE IN MANCHESTER AGAIN. AND THE FIRST THING I WANT TO DO TODAY IS TO SAY "CONGRATULATIONS." AS YOU

## **PROBABLY KNOW, ACCORDING** TO A STUDY WHICH WAS **RELEASED ON TUESDAY, NEW** HAMPSHIRE IS THE "MOST LIVABLE STATE" IN THE UNION. **UTAH RANKED SECOND, AND KANSAS CAME IN THIRD.** I HAVE CONCLUDED THAT THE **ONLY REASON KANSAS WAS RANKED THIRD IS BECAUSE NEW**

## HAMPSHIRE AND UTAH HAVE **REPUBLICAN GOVERNORS, AND KANSAS HAS A DEMOCRAT** GOVERNOR. AND I DO THINK IT'S MORE THAN A COINCIDENCE THAT THE **TOP THREE STATES IN** LIVABILITY ARE ALL **REPRESENTED BY TWO REPUBLICAN SENATORS.**

## AND SPEAKING OF THAT, I WANT TO ALSO CONGRATULATE YOU FOR SENDING TWO **OUTSTANDING SENATORS TO** WASHINGTON. **BOB SMITH HAS QUICKLY DEVELOPED A REPUTATION FOR TELLING IT LIKE IT IS, AND FOR TACKLING SOME TOUGH ISSUES** THAT OTHERS DON'T WANT TO

## TOUCH. HE DID AN **OUTSTANDING JOB LAST YEAR** ON THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON POW'S AND MIA'S, AND HE WILL SERVE WITH DISTINCTION ON THE SENATE ETHICS **COMMITTEE--WHICH IS A VERY TOUGH ASSIGNMENT.** AND IT SHOULD COME AS NO SURPRISE THAT JUDD GREGG

## HAS HIT THE GROUND RUNNING. AND JUST FOUR MONTHS INTO **HIS TERM, HE IS ALREADY** MAKING A BIG DIFFERENCE AS A **KEY MEMBER OF THE BUDGET** COMMITTEE. NO DOUBT ABOUT IT. JUDD AND BOB MAKE A GREAT TEAM FOR NEW HAMPSHIRE.

I'VE BEEN IN KANSAS AND

**QUITE A FEW OTHER STATES IN** THE PAST WEEK, LISTENING AND **TALKING TO FARMERS, SMALL BUSINESSMEN AND WOMEN, TRUCK DRIVERS, DOCTORS, HOMEMAKERS, AND ANYONE ELSE WHO HAD SOMETHING ON** THEIR MIND.

AND IN A FEW MINUTES, I HOPE TO HEAR WHAT'S ON

## YOUR MIND, WHEN I TAKE YOUR **QUESTIONS. BUT FIRST, I WANT** TO TALK BRIEFLY ABOUT A FEW **ISSUES WHICH SEEM TO BE** DOMINATING THE HEADLINES. AND THE FIRST ISSUE IS THE **CURRENT DISAGREEMENT BETWEEN PRESIDENT CLINTON** AND THE SENATE REPUBLICANS.

## LET ME BE CLEAR IN SAYING THAT LIKE ALL AMERICANS, I WANT PRESIDENT CLINTON TO DO WELL. BUT WHEN KANSANS SENT ME TO THE SENATE, THEY ALSO EXPECTED ME TO STAND **UP FOR MY BELIEFS, AND TO** STAND UP FOR THEM. AND SOMETIMES THAT MEANS STANDING UP TO THE

## PRESIDENT. AND I KNOW YOU EXPECT THE SAME THING OUT OF BOB SMITH AND JUDD GREGG. SOME IN THE MEDIA SEEM TO **BE SUGGESTING THAT THE CONGRESS SHOULD JUST GO** ALONG WITH ANYTHING THE PRESIDENT PROPOSES. WELL, I AGREE WITH WHAT TEDDY

**ROOSEVELT SAID AFTER THE ELECTION OF WOODROW** WILSON. ROOSEVELT SAID "OUR LOYALTY IS DUE ENTIRELY TO THE UNITED STATES...IT IS OUR **DUTY TO SUPPORT THE PRESIDENT WHEN HE SERVES** THE UNITED STATES WELL. AND IT IS OUR DUTY TO OPPOSE HIM WHEN HE SERVES IT BADLY."

## AND I AM ABSOLUTELY **CONVINCED THAT MANY OF THE PRESIDENT'S ECONOMIC PROPOSALS ARE BAD POLICY. DURING THE CAMPAIGN,** PRESIDENT CLINTON TALKED **ABOUT MAKING THE DEFICIT** PUBLIC ENEMY #1. AND IF HE HAD DONE SO IN THE RIGHT WAY, HE WOULD HAVE FOUND

#### NO GREATER ALLY THAN BOB

DOLE.

# **BECAUSE WHETHER WE'RE DEMOCRATS, REPUBLICANS, OR** WHETHER WE VOTED FOR ROSS **PEROT...I THINK WE CAN ALL** AGREE THAT WE'VE GOT TO **FIND SOME WAY TO ADDRESS** THE DEFICIT.

#### AND WHILE IT'S ONE THING

## TO TALK TOUGH ABOUT THE **DEFICIT, IT'S ANOTHER THING** TO MAKE THE TOUGH DECISIONS AND THE TOUGH CUTS. AND PRESIDENT **CLINTON'S ECONOMIC PLAN** STEERS CLEAR OF THE TOUGH **DECISIONS AND THE TOUGH** CUTS. **PRESIDENT CLINTON TAKES**

## THE EASY WAY OUT. TIME AND AGAIN, INSTEAD OF TELLING THE **BUREAUCRACY THAT IT WILL** HAVE TO DO MORE WITH LESS, HE IS TELLING THE AMERICAN **PEOPLE THEY WILL HAVE TO** GET BY WITH LESS MONEY. I KNOW THAT TODAY IS APRIL 15. AND I SUSPECT THAT SOME **OF YOU MIGHT BE VISITING THE**

**POST OFFICE TONIGHT....AND I** CAN GUARANTEE YOU THAT UNDER THE PRESIDENT'S PLAN, WHATEVER YOU'RE PAYING IN TAXES THIS YEAR, YOU'RE **GOING TO BE PAYING MORE** NEXT YEAR. AND, AS NEW HAMPSHIRE'S FARMERS NOW, THE LETTERS B.T.U. REALLY STAND FOR BIG TIME

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**UNEMPLOYMENT.** AND, UNFORTUNATELY, UNDER THE PRESIDENT'S PLAN, I CAN'T GUARANTEE YOU, HOWEVER, THAT GOVERNMENT **NON-MILITARY SPENDING WILL BE CUT...NOR CAN I GUARANTEE** YOU THAT YOUR INCREASED TAX **DOLLARS WILL GO TO REDUCE** THE DEFICIT.

## IN FACT, AS RESPECTED WASHINGTON JOURNALIST **DAVID BRODER WROTE THIS** WEEK, "CLINTON'S BEST ESTIMATE IS THAT, IF **CONGRESS ACCEPTS ALL HIS PROPOSALS AND THE ECONOMY GROWS FOR FOUR STRAIGHT** YEARS, AS HE HOPES, THE NEXT FOUR ANNUAL DEFICITS WILL BE

\$264 BILLION, \$247 BILLION, \$212 **BILLION, AND \$214 BILLION.** ADD THEM UP AND YOU GET **\$937 BILLION OF NEW PUBLIC DEBT PASSED ON TO OUR** CHILDREN AND **GRANDCHILDREN.**" AT IT'S HEART, THE DISAGREEMENT BETWEEN **PRESIDENT CLINTON AND THE** 

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**USUAL....RATHER IT'S AN** 

EXAMPLE OF TWO

FUNDAMENTALLY DIFFERENT

PHILOSOPHIES.

## ONE PHILOSOPHY WANTS TO INCREASE SPENDING. THE OTHER WANTS TO REDUCE SPENDING.

**ONE PHILOSOPHY IS HAPPY** JUST TACKING THE COST OF **NEW PROGRAMS ON TO THE** DEFICIT. THE OTHER BELIEVES THAT ANY NEW PROGRAMS MUST BE PAID FOR NOW BY **CUTTING OTHER PROGRAMS. ONE PHILOSOPHY THINKS** THAT THE BEST JOBS ARE THOSE PROVIDED BY THE

## **GOVERNMENT. THE OTHER** BELIEVES THAT THE BEST JOBS ARE THOSE PROVIDED BY PRIVATE ENTERPRISE. THAT'S THE DEBATE THAT WILL CONTINUE WHEN **CONGRESS RETURNS TO** SESSION NEXT WEEK. AND THERE'S NO DOUBT THAT THE DEMOCRATS HAVE THE

**UPPER HAND IN WASHINGTON.** THEY CONTROL THE WHITE HOUSE. THEY CONTROL THE SENATE. AND THEY CONTROL THE HOUSE. BUT I BELIEVE THE **REPUBLICANS ARE GOING TO** WIN A FEW VICTORIES. **BECAUSE OUR PHILOSOPHY IS RIGHT...AND BECAUSE THE** MORE THE AMERICAN PEOPLE

### LEARN ABOUT THE PRESIDENT'S PLAN, THE MORE THEY ARE IN OUR CORNER.

#### **HEALTH CARE**

## JUST AS I TOLD THE PRESIDENT I WANTED TO WORK WITH HIM FOR MEANINGFUL DEFICIT REDUCTION, I TOLD HE AND MRS. CLINTON THAT

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## **REPUBLICANS WANTED TO** WORK WITH THEM ON HEALTH CARE REFORM. UNFORTUNATELY, **REPUBLICANS HAVE BEEN COMPLETELY SHUT OUT FROM** WRITING THE PLAN...AND SO HAVE DOCTORS, BUSINESSES, **INSURANCE COMPANIES, OR ANY OTHER GROUPS THAT THE**

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## **ADMINISTRATION HAVE** LABELLED AS "SPECIAL INTERESTS." AND THAT'S TOO BAD. **BECAUSE THE HEALTH CARE CHALLENGE IS BIGGER THAN ANY ONE GROUP--IT'S BIGGER** THAN THE WHITE HOUSE--AND THE SOONER WE ALL GET INVOLVED THE BETTER.

## THE AMERICAN PEOPLE ARE **TELLING US THAT THEY WANT MORE HEALTH CARE, MORE** QUALITY, MORE ACCESS, AND LOWER COSTS. AND THAT'S A **TOUGH FORMULA TO ACHIEVE.** AND LET ME BE CLEAR IN SAYING THAT WE ARE NOT CANADA OR SWEDEN. WE NEED A SYSTEM THAT RESPONDS TO

## AMERICAN PROBLEMS AND AMERICAN NEEDS. WE NEED A SYSTEM THAT **PROTECTS THE HIGH QUALITY** OF OUR HEALTH CARE. AMERICA IS RECOGNIZED **AROUND THE WORLD AS THE** HOME OF MEDICAL MIRACLES. WE NEED A SYSTEM THAT LETS CONSUMERS--AND NOT

## **GOVERNMENT--MAKE THE** CHOICE ABOUT WHERE THEY GET THEIR CARE AND FROM WHOM. WE NEED A SYSTEM THAT **PRESERVES JOBS BY NOT MANDATING AND TAXING SMALL** BUSINESS OUT OF EXISTENCE. THE WHITE HOUSE WILL **PROBABLY RELEASE THEIR**

## HEALTH CARE PLAN IN MAY, BUT I SUSPECT THAT SINCE SO MANY PEOPLE HAVE BEEN SHUT OUT OF THE PROCESS, THE DEBATE IS LIKELY TO CONTINUE INTO NEXT YEAR.

#### RUSSIA

### LET ME END BY BRIEFLY DISCUSSING AN ISSUE WHERE

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**PRESIDENT CLINTON AND I ARE** VERY MUCH IN AGREEMENT. AND THAT'S WHETHER OR NOT AMERICA SHOULD DO ALL WE **CAN TO ASSIST BORIS YELTSIN** AND RUSSIA IN THEIR TRANSITION TO DEMOCRACY. NOW, IF I TOOK A POLL HERE, I BET THAT MOST OF YOU WOULD PROBABLY OPPOSE

## AIDE TO RUSSIA. AND IT'S NATURAL TO SAY THAT AMERICAN MONEY SHOULD BE SPENT ON AMERICAN PROBLEMS. **BUT I AM COMPLETELY CONVINCED THAT A PRACTICAL PROGRAM OF AIDE TO RUSSIA IS** IN OUR BEST INTERESTS AND WILL PAY OFF MANY TIMES

## **OVER IN BENEFITS FOR** AMERICA. **BENEFITS IN NEW OPPORTUNITIES FOR TRADE. BENEFITS IN REDUCED MILITARY** SPENDING. BENEFITS IN NOT HAVING TO WORRY ABOUT **ARMED CONFLICTS ON THE** HORIZON. BENEFITS IN HAVING **RUSSIA SERVE AS AN EXAMPLE**

TO ALL NATIONS THAT FREE ENTERPRISE WORKS AND THAT **DEMOCRACY IS THE WAY TO GO.** BORIS YELTSIN AND THE **RUSSIAN PEOPLE HAVE TAKEN A BIG RISK. AND IF THE RISK** FAILS, THEN THE WORLD IS **GOING TO BE A MUCH MORE** DANGEROUS AND MUCH MORE **UNSTABLE PLACE.** 

## LET ME CONCLUDE BY SAYING AGAIN THAT THERE IS **ONE THING THAT PRESIDENT CLINTON AND BOB DOLE SHARE** IN COMMON...BOTH OF US LOST THE NEW HAMPSHIRE PRIMARY. **DESPITE THAT, IT IS A** PLEASURE TO RETURN TO NEW HAMPSHIRE, AND I HOPE TO COME BACK AGAIN SOON.

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**Missing Numbers** 

There are thousands of numbers in the 1,478-page budget President Clinton presented last week—big and little numbers detailing his plans for taxing and spending and borrowing. But two numbers are missing, numbers which would have helped people understand how big a mess we're in when it comes to paying—or not paying—our bills as a nation.

The first number is \$937 billion, a staggering sum. That is the amount Clinton proposes adding to the public debt in the first of what he hopes will be two terms as president. It does not count the additional hundreds of billions he plans to borrow from the Social Security trust fund, just as his predecessors did.

Even excluding those internal borrowings, Clinton's best estimate is that, if Congress accepts all his proposals and the economy grows for four straight years, as he hopes, the next four annual deficits will be \$264 billion, \$247 billion, \$212 billion and \$214 billion. Add them up and you get \$937 billion of new public debt passed on to our children and grandchildren. You may recall candidate Clinton

talking about the profligate ways of Presidents Reagan and Bush, who took a national debt that after more than two centuries had reached "only" \$1 trillion and in 12 years' time ran it up to roughly \$4 trillion. Every four years these wastrel "borrow-and-spend" Republicans were in office, the Democrats complained, they added a trillion dollars to the debt.

So here comes this "new Democrat" Clinton, and in his first budget he suggests that—if everything goes right he will add nearly \$1 trillion to the

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staggering mass of debt being passed on to the next generation.

If numbers of that scale give you a headache, let me give you a simpler sum—57 cents—which also doesn't appear in the Clinton budget.

Fifty-seven cents is the portion of every dollar of personal income tax you and I and all our fellow citizens will pay this year that will be siphoned off to pay interest on the runaway public debt.

How do I know? Because on Page 11 of the Clinton budget, individual income tax receipts for fiscal 1993 are estimated at \$515 billion. And at a safe distance away, on Page 921 of the appendix, you learn that interest payments on the public debt are budgeted at almost \$295 billion this year.

The government obviously doesn't want you to compare the two numbers, but if you divide the larger number into the smaller, you find that 57 cents of every personal income tax dollar this year will not buy a single military uniform, or finance a single day of Head Start or even help pay for printing the massive budget.

Those 57 cents go to the bondholders, and as long as we go on piling up debt at the rate of another \$1 trillion every presidential term, the inexorable laws of compound interest will guarantee that the interest costs will rise exponentially from year to year. Clinton estimates the interest bill will be \$15 billion higher next year—just about the size of the whole "stimulus package" he's battling to get through Congress.

If it's worth a big fight to get \$16 billion of borrowed money injected into the economy this year, wouldn't you think that it might at least merit one word of comment from the president or someone in his administration that next year an equivalent sum will be subtracted from the available spending or investment pool by our wretched profligacy? But no.

I asked Treasury Secretary Lloyd M. Bentsen on "Meet the Press" last Sunday if another near-trillion dollars of deficit spending was the best the Clinton administration could do in the next four years. His reply was, in effect, that we ought to be applauding because it isn't worse.

Somehow, I don't feel like cheering a budget that is that far out of balance, even before the unknown added costs of the promised national health care plan are factored into the equation. I don't feel like cheering when Vice President Gore tells a White House budget briefing that the deficit will be cut by "more than \$500 billion in the next five years," and the next day, the nonpartisan Committee for a Responsible Federal Budget says that over that five-year period, "the budget achieves \$356 billion in deficit reduction," which is not only \$144 billion less than Gore said, but \$97 billion less than Congress already has mandated.

Two months ago, when Clinton offered his budget outline, I complained about the "trust deficit" he was creating by his misleading presentation. I said then, and I repeat, that Clinton did not cause this debt and deficit problem, but if he is to start solving it, he has to be a lot more candid in talking about his spending and taxing plans than he and his associates have been so far.

The American voters don't shrink from tough decisions when they are given the information they need. But when essential aggs are buried, or distorted, leaders are failing their people.