

# SPEAK

~~Wednesday~~ - Sept. 8 10



National  
Association of  
Towns and Townships

Senator's convenience between 1:30-3:00 p.m.

June 30, 1993

Hyatt Regency - Capitol Hill

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OR Thurs - Sept 9 ~~1993~~

1:30 OR

Fri - Sept 10

Attendance: 1200-1500

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The Honorable Robert Dole  
United States Senate  
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Dole:

I would like to invite you to be a keynote speaker at the National Association of Towns and Townships' (NATaT) annual conference -- America's Town Meeting -- in Washington, D.C. The conference will be held at the Hyatt Regency on Capitol Hill September 8-10. I invite you to speak at the opening general session of our conference on the afternoon of Wednesday the 8th at a mutually convenient time between 1:30 and 3:00 p.m.

Our membership is composed of more than 13,000 mostly small, mostly rural towns, townships and small communities across the country. NATaT is the only local government association which exclusively advocates policies on behalf of the small communities which are the overwhelming majority of partners in our intergovernmental system. More than 1,000 local officials participate in our yearly conference, which is designed to involve them more directly in our national policy process.

America's small community leaders and residents feel increasingly disenfranchised by Washington. Small grassroots governments must wrestle with many of the same problems and mandates facing major urban areas, but with fewer resources--human, financial and technical. Their perception is often that there is no one looking out for the interests of small communities and their residents.

We very much hope that you can address the delegates to NATaT's 1993 America's Town Meeting. The small town leaders who attend often do so at their own expense because they are committed to bettering their communities. As was the case on the occasions in the past when you addressed our group, delegates would be heartened by an appearance which would highlight your personal attention to their issues.

Sincerely,

Jeffrey H. Schiff  
Executive Director

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**SENATOR BOB DOLE**  
**NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF**  
**TOWN AND TOWNSHIPS**  
**SEPTEMBER 10, 1993**  
**WASHINGTON, D.C.**

**\*THANK YOU. I WANTED TO**  
**COME BY THIS AFTERNOON TO**  
**EXTEND BOTH MY THANKS, AND**  
**MY SYMPATHIES.**

**\*MY THANKS ARE FOR YOUR  
INVOLVEMENT IN GOVERNMENT,  
AND YOUR WILLINGNESS TO  
MAKE A DIFFERENCE. HAVING  
GROWN UP IN A LITTLE TOWN  
CALLED RUSSELL, KANSAS, I  
KNOW THAT GOVERNMENT AT  
THE TOWN AND TOWNSHIP  
LEVEL IS VERY IMPORTANT TO  
OUR DEMOCRACY.**

**\*YOUR CONSTITUENTS KNOW  
WHERE YOU LIVE, AND THEY  
KNOW YOUR PHONE NUMBER,  
AND IF THEY SEE A PROBLEM,  
THEY THEY'LL CALL YOU UP AND  
LET YOU KNOW. AND THAT'S  
DEMOCRACY AT ITS BEST.**

**\*NO DOUBT ABOUT IT, YOU'VE  
GOT A TOUGH JOB. AND I  
BRING MY SYMPATHIES**

**BECAUSE THIS ADMINISTRATION  
AND THIS CONGRESS ARE  
MAKING YOUR JOBS A LOT  
TOUGHER.**

**\*WILL ROGERS ONCE SAID  
THAT "HE NEVER MET A MAN HE  
DIDN'T LIKE." WELL, PRESIDENT  
CLINTON AND THE DEMOCRAT  
CONGRESS HAVE REVISED THAT  
A BIT--THEY'VE NEVER MET A**

**MANDATE THEY DIDN'T LIKE.**

**\*AND WHENEVER I MEET WITH  
LOCAL GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS  
AND ASK ABOUT THEIR  
CONCERNS, THEIR ANSWERS  
ARE THE SAME--UNFUNDED  
MANDATES.**

**\*IT'S NO SECRET THAT THE  
FEDERAL GOVERNMENT IS  
BROKE. AND IT DIDN'T TAKE**

**LONG FOR CONGRESS TO  
FIGURE OUT THAT IF WE  
COULDN'T AFFORD NEW  
PROGRAMS, WE'D JUST  
MANDATE THAT STATE AND  
LOCAL GOVERNMENTS PAY FOR  
THEM....AND IN DOING SO, WE'VE  
HELPED A LOT OF STATES,  
COUNTIES, AND CITIES GO  
BROKE.**

**\*THE KANSAS ASSOCIATION  
OF COUNTIES RECENTLY  
CONDUCTED A STUDY. THEY  
ANALYZED 12 FEDERAL AND  
STATE MANDATES AS THEY  
AFFECTED 21 OF OUR  
COUNTIES. AND THEY  
DISCOVERED THAT THE TOTAL  
COST OF THOSE MANDATES  
WAS 200 MILLION DOLLARS--**



**NEARLY HALF OF THE TOTAL  
EXPENDITURES OF THOSE  
COUNTIES.**

**\*WHEN PRESIDENT CLINTON  
CAME INTO OFFICE HE SAID  
THAT, AS A FORMER GOVERNOR,  
HE KNEW ABOUT THE DANGERS  
OF MANDATES.**

**\*WELL, IF HE KNEW ABOUT  
THE DANGERS, HE'S**

**FORGOTTEN THEM. ALREADY  
WE'VE SEEN A MANDATE ON  
STATES CALLED THE "MOTOR  
VOTER" BILL. AND WE'VE SEEN  
A MANDATE ON EMPLOYERS  
CALLED THE "PARENTAL LEAVE  
LAW."**

**\*AND THERE'S MORE TO  
COME. THERE'S AN EDUCATION  
BILL OVER IN CONGRESS THAT**

**SEEKS TO REVERSE LOCAL  
CONTROL OF OUR SCHOOLS  
AND IMPOSE WHAT ARE CALLED  
"NATIONAL DELIVERY  
STANDARDS," WHICH WOULD BE  
OVERSEEN BY A "NATIONAL  
EDUCATION STANDARDS AND  
INVESTMENT COUNCIL."**

**\*THIS COUNCIL WOULDN'T  
CONCERN ITSELF WITH**

**SOMETHING AS UNIMPORTANT  
AS WHETHER OUR STUDENTS  
ARE ACTUALLY LEARNING.**

**INSTEAD, THEY COULD DICTATE  
CLASS SIZE, THE NUMBER OF  
COMPUTERS PER STUDENT,  
POSSIBLY EVEN THE  
TEXTBOOKS TO BE USED.**

**\*THE BILL EVENT PREVENTS  
FEDERAL MONEY FROM BEING**

**USED FOR NATIONAL TESTING  
TO DETERMINE IF THE NEW  
FEDERAL STANDARDS WERE  
DOING ANY GOOD.**

**\*AND JUST TWO DAYS AGO,  
THE SENATE APPROVED THE  
PRESIDENT'S NATIONAL SERVICE  
BILL. NOW, NOBODY IS  
OPPOSED TO NATIONAL  
SERVICE. BUT THE QUESTION I**

**RAISED IS WHAT BUSINESS  
GOVERNMENT HAS IN GOING IN  
TO CITIES AND TOWNS AND  
DESIGNATING CERTAIN  
CHARITIES AND PROGRAMS AS  
WORTHY OF GOVERNMENT  
SUPPORT. SO NOW, WE'VE GOT  
A \$1.5 BILLION PROGRAM ON  
THE BOOKS, AND WE'VE  
CREATED A NEW PROGRAM**

**WHERE GOVERNMENT WILL PAY  
PEOPLE TO VOLUNTEER.**

**\*ALL THIS FROM AN  
ADMINISTRATION WHICH SAID  
THIS WEEK THAT IT WANTS TO  
SHRINK THE SIZE AND SCOPE  
OF GOVERNMENT.**

**\*THERE IS SOME HOPE IN  
SIGHT FOR COMMUNITY  
LEADERS LIKE YOURSELF.**

**\*FOURTEEN STATES NOW  
HAVE CONSTITUTIONAL  
AMENDMENTS OR STATUTES  
REQUIRING THAT STATES  
REIMBURSE LOCAL  
GOVERNMENTS FOR THE COST  
OF MANDATES.**

**\*AND TWENTY STATES--  
INCLUDING KANSAS--ARE NOW  
CONSIDERING SIMILAR**



# **MANDATE REIMBURSEMENT LEGISLATION.**

**\*HERE IN WASHINGTON,  
SENATOR DIRK KEMPTHORNE  
OF IDAHO--A FORMER MAYOR OF  
BOISE--HAS INTRODUCED THE  
"COMMUNITY REGULATORY  
RELIEF ACT"--WHICH WOULD  
PROHIBIT FEDERAL  
GOVERNMENT FROM PLACING**

**UNFUNDED MANDATES ON  
STATES AND LOCAL  
GOVERNMENTS.**

**\*I WISH I COULD TELL YOU  
THAT THE PRESIDENT'S BUDGET  
BILL WAS GOOD NEWS FOR THE  
AMERICAN ECONOMY, AND  
GOOD NEWS FOR REDUCING  
THE DEFICIT, BUT I CAN'T.**

**\*THERE WERE A LOT OF  
CHARGES AND COUNTER  
CHARGES, AND A LOT OF  
ECONOMIC CHARTS FLYING  
AROUND DURING THAT DEBATE.  
BUT LAST WEEK, THE  
CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET  
OFFICE RELEASED IT'S MID-  
SESSION REVIEW OF THE  
BUDGET. AND THE CBO--WHICH**

**PRESIDENT CLINTON HAS  
CONSISTENTLY PRAISED--  
CONCLUDED THAT  
REPUBLICANS WERE RIGHT.**

**\*THE REVIEW SHOWED THAT  
THE CLINTON BUDGET PLAN  
WILL NOT REDUCE THE DEFICIT  
BY \$505 BILLION AS CLAIMED BY  
THE WHITE HOUSE, OR EVEN  
\$496 BILLION, AS CLAIMED BY**

**CONGRESSIONAL DEMOCRATS.  
ACCORDING TO CBO, TOTAL  
DEFICIT REDUCTION WILL BE  
CLOSER TO \$432 BILLION OVER  
5 YEARS. THOSE NUMBERS ARE  
VERY CLOSE TO THE ONES  
REPUBLICANS WERE CRITICIZED  
FOR DURING THE BUDGET  
DEBATE. AND IT'S IMPORTANT  
TO REMEMBER THAT AFTER THE**

**INITIAL DEFICIT REDUCTION  
CAUSED BY THE PRESIDENT'S  
MASSIVE TAX INCREASE, THE  
DEFICIT WILL SKYROCKET BACK  
UP.**

**\*BUT THE CBO DID AGREE  
WITH THE WHITE HOUSE ON ONE  
POINT--THE FACT THAT OVER  
THE NEXT FIVE YEARS,  
ECONOMIC GROWTH WILL**

**NEVER GROW AT A RATE**

**EXCEEDING 2.7%. REMEMBER**

**THAT DURING THE CAMPAIGN,**

**PRESIDENT BUSH WAS**

**DRAGGED THROUGH THE MUD**

**BECAUSE ECONOMIC GROWTH**

**IN 1992 WAS "ONLY" 3.9%**

**\*WHY THE ECONOMIC**

**SLOWDOWN? MY BELIEF IS**

**THAT THE PRESIDENT'S TAX AND**

**SPEND BUDGET PLAN AND THE  
THREAT OF MORE TAXES TO PAY  
FOR HEALTH CARE REFORM HAS  
BUSINESS--ESPECIALLY SMALL  
BUSINESS--WORRIED.**

**\*AND SMALL BUSINESS HAS  
BEEN THE ENGINE THAT  
SPURRED AMERICA'S GROWTH  
IN THE 1980'S--FIRMS WITH  
FEWER THAN 500 EMPLOYEES**



**ACCOUNTED FOR TEN MILLION  
OF THE DECADES 18.4 MILLION  
NEW JOBS.**

**\*SMALL BUSINESSMEN AND  
WOMEN ARE TELLING ME THAT  
THEY ARE REACTING TO TAX  
INCREASES THE ONLY WAY THEY  
COULD. BY CUTTING COSTS. BY  
NOT BUYING THAT PIECE OF  
EQUIPMENT. BY NOT HIRING**

**THAT NEW WORKER, OR  
OPENING THAT NEW OFFICE.**

**\*AND NOW THEY'RE READING  
REPORTS THAT THE  
PRESIDENT'S HEALTH CARE  
PLAN WILL INVOLVE A BIG  
INCREASE IN THEIR PAYROLL  
TAX. AND THAT WILL MEAN  
FURTHER CUTBACKS, FEWER**

**PURCHASES, AND FEWER NEW  
JOBS.**

**\*LET ME BE CLEAR IN SAYING  
THAT IF AMERICA IS TO  
CONTINUE ITS LEADERSHIP  
ROLE AS AN ECONOMIC  
POWERHOUSE, THEN WE MUST  
REFORM OUR HEALTH CARE  
SYSTEM.**

**\*MY REPUBLICAN  
COLLEAGUES AND I ARE READY  
TO WORK WITH PRESIDENT  
CLINTON TO ACHIEVE A PLAN  
THAT WILL HELP STRENGTHEN  
OUR ECONOMY AND MAKE  
AMERICA MORE COMPETITIVE.  
AND THAT MEANS A PLAN THAT  
REDUCES COSTS AND  
INCREASES ACCESS. WHAT IT**

**DOES NOT MEAN, HOWEVER, IS  
A PLAN THAT REDUCES  
INNOVATION AND CHOICE, AND  
WHICH INCREASES TAXES AND  
MANDATES ON SMALL  
BUSINESS.**

**\*IT HAS TAKEN THE  
PRESIDENT, MRS. CLINTON, AND  
OTHER ADMINISTRATION  
OFFICIALS EIGHT MONTHS TO**

**PUT THEIR PLAN TOGETHER.  
AND I SUSPECT THAT IT MIGHT  
TAKE CONGRESS THAT LONG TO  
ANALYZE THE PLAN, TALK TO  
THE AMERICAN PEOPLE, AND  
SUGGEST IMPROVEMENTS.**

**\*I BELIEVE THAT HEALTH  
CARE REFORM OFFERS A  
UNIQUE OPPORTUNITY FOR  
GOVERNMENT TO PROVE TO THE**

**AMERICAN PEOPLE THAT IT CAN  
WORK. LET'S NOT BLOW THAT  
OPPORTUNITY BY RUSHING  
THROUGH LEGISLATION THAT  
WILL PUT AMERICANS OUT OF  
WORK, OR BY DISMISSING  
THOSE WHO MIGHT OPPOSE THE  
CLINTON PLAN AS NOTHING  
MORE THAN A "SPECIAL  
INTEREST."**

## **NAFTA**

**\*WHILE ALL AMERICANS SEEM  
TO BE UNITED IN THEIR DESIRE  
FOR HEALTH CARE REFORM,  
THERE IS A SERIOUS  
DISAGREEMENT OVER THE  
NORTH AMERICAN FREE TRADE  
AGREEMENT.**

**\*I KNOW YOU'VE HEARD A  
LOT OF CONFUSING TALK**



**ABOUT NAFTA--ANY ISSUE THAT  
UNITES BILL CLINTON AND BOB  
DOLE ON ONE SIDE, AND JESSE  
JACKSON, JERRY BROWN,  
RALPH NADER, ROSS PEROT,  
AND PAT BUCHANAN ON THE  
OTHER SIDE HAS TO BE  
CONFUSING.**

**\*TO ME, NAFTA COMES DOWN  
TO A QUESTION OF LEADERSHIP.**

**GROWTH AND PROSPERITY  
THROUGHOUT OUR HEMISPHERE  
AND THE WORLD.**

**\*BUT WHAT DISTURBS ME  
MOST ABOUT SOME NAFTA  
OPPONENTS IS THE FACT THAT  
THEY HAVE NO FAITH IN THE  
AMERICAN PEOPLE. THEY THINK  
THAT IF ALL BARRIERS ARE  
LIFTED...IF THERE IS AN EVEN**

**AMERICA HAS A CHOICE. WE  
CAN CHOOSE TO CLOSE OUR  
DOORS AND TO TRADE ONLY  
WITH OURSELF. OR WE CAN  
CHOOSE TO PLAY THE ROLE  
THAT AMERICA HAS ALWAYS  
PLAYED--THAT OF WORLD  
LEADER. AND WE CAN CHOOSE  
TO PROMOTE FAIR AND OPEN  
TRADE, AND TO PROMOTE**

**PLAYING FIELD...THAT AMERICAN  
WORKERS AND AMERICAN  
BUSINESS CAN'T COMPETE.  
THAT WE'RE GOING TO GET OUR  
CLOCKS CLEANED.**

**\*I DISAGREE. I THINK  
AMERICAN WORKERS AND  
AMERICAN BUSINESSES ARE  
THE MOST PRODUCTIVE AND  
INNOVATIVE IN THE WORLD, AND**

**MORE MARKETS FOR AMERICA  
MEANS MORE JOBS FOR  
AMERICANS.**

**\*THE FACT IS THAT MEXICO  
HAS A TREMENDOUS APPETITE  
FOR AMERICAN GOODS AND  
SERVICES...FOR OUR HEAVY  
MACHINERY, OUR  
CONSTRUCTION HELP, OUR  
ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT, OUR**

**CHEMICALS. NOW OUR THIRD  
LARGEST TRADING PARTNER, 70  
CENTS OF EVERY DOLLAR  
MEXICO SPENDS ON IMPORTED  
PRODUCTS, IS SPENT ON  
AMERICAN GOODS. THIS TREND  
WILL ONLY CONTINUE UNDER  
NAFTA.**

**\*THE PROOF OF THIS IS IN  
THE EXPLOSIVE GROWTH IN U.S.**

**EXPORTS TO MEXICO SINCE THE  
MEXICAN MARKET  
LIBERALIZATION PROGRAM  
BEGAN IN THE MID 1980'S.  
SINCE 1986, U.S. EXPORT  
VOLUME TO MEXICO HAS  
TRIPLED, CREATING MORE THAN  
400,000 NEW JOBS HERE IN THE  
UNITED STATES. WE NOW  
ENJOY A TRADE SURPLUS WITH**

**MEXICO OF \$8.4 BILLION.**

**\*I BELIEVE NAFTA IS VERY  
IMPORTANT TO THE ECONOMY  
OF TOWNS, TOWNSHIPS, AND  
CITIES ACROSS AMERICA.**

**\*I'D BE HAPPY TO ANSWER  
ANY QUESTIONS.**



FINALLY, I WANT TO MENTION AN ISSUE THAT CONCERNS ALL AMERICANS--THE EPIDEMIC OF CRIME.

IN THE LONG-TERM, THE BEST DETERRENT TO CRIME IS NOT MORE POLICE AND PRISONS, BUT THE FAMILY...AND THE SET OF VALUES THAT WE HAVE TRADITIONALLY EXPECTED THE FAMILY TO TRANSMIT TO OUR CHILDREN.

MY OFFICE IS NOW WORKING ON A PROPOSAL THAT WOULD CREATE FAMILY DEVELOPMENT ZONES WITHIN HIGH-CRIME, LOW-INCOME AREAS OF THE INNER CITY. SINGLE-PARENT AND TWO-PARENT FAMILIES WHO WISH TO RESIDE WITHIN THESE ZONES WOULD VOLUNTARILY APPLY FOR ADMISSION. ONCE ADMITTED, THEY WOULD RECEIVE CERTAIN BENEFITS-- BETTER SECURITY, DECENT HOUSING, AND THE OPPORTUNITY TO SEND THEIR CHILDREN TO A SCHOOL OF THEIR CHOICE THROUGH A VOUCHER PROGRAM.

BUT TIED TO THESE BENEFITS WOULD ALSO BE CERTAIN RESPONSIBILITIES, CERTAIN RULES--NO DRUGS, NO GUNS, NO CHILDREN OUT-OF-WEDLOCK, NIGHTLY CURFEWS, AND COMMUNITY SERVICE OBLIGATIONS. THIS MAY SOUND TOUGH, BUT WE NEED TO GET BACK-TO-BASICS IF WE ARE TO WIN BACK OUR CITIES.

I WELCOME YOUR INPUT ON THIS IDEA, AND ON ANY NEW IDEAS YOU MAY HAVE TO STRENGTHEN OUR FAMILIES.