April 22, 1994

MEMORANDUM TO SENATOR DOLE

FROM: SUZANNE HELLMANN

RE: VIRGINIA POLITICAL BRIEFING

ISSUES OF CONCERN IN VIRGINIA

1. Abortion -- the State legislature just rejected Governor Allen's bill to require doctors to notify a parent before performing abortions on minors. Allen will veto.

2. Walt Disney Co. Theme Park -- avoid this issue.

3. Five-year dispute with federal retirees over back taxes - hearings are being held around the State and action will be taken in the Assembly on May 11. (see enclosed article)

4. Governor Allen has a bill in that would bar public education for illegal immigrants 18 and older.

5. Health care is expected to cost VA more than 40,000 jobs and more than $1 billion in additional expenses according to Gov. Allen's assessment.

U.S. SENATE RACE

- The circus continues with former Gov. Wilder making moves to enter the race as an Independent. However, the Democrats are urging him to stay out fearing that his involvement would result in a sure win for Oliver North (should he beat Miller).

- Former Gov. Wilder may have to pay back more than $45,000 in excessive federal matching funds. (See enclosed article).

- Senator Warner has supposedly urged former governor nominee Marshall Coleman (R) to run as an Independent. The State GOP would prefer that he run as a Republican and have a petition to that effect.

- Mr. Farris, '93 LG nominee, has not endorsed any candidate but has said "Ollie may give courage to other good Republicans and Democrats to stand up and say the same things and make the Senate more relevant to what really matters in America."

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BY ANNALISA KRAFT FOR THE WASHINGTON POST

Retirees applaud speaker at public hearing at Northern Virginia Community College in Annandale.

Retirees Say Allen Plan Is Taxing Their Patience

By Peter Baker
Washington Post Staff Writer

They've been waiting five years for their money. Waiting through three administrations in Richmond. Waiting through countless court hearings and briefs and rulings and appeals. Waiting for what they see as simple justice.

This wasn't what they had in mind. Not by a long shot.

To many of the 186,000 federal retirees whose pensions were taxed illegally by Virginia in the 1980s, the 50-cents-on-the-dollar settlement proposed by Gov. George Allen is an insult at best—and a betrayal at worst.

"There's more involved here, as far as I'm concerned, than a dollar sign," said Edward Maksimoski, 77, of Vienna, one of 250 retirees who packed a public hearing in Annandale yesterday. "It is the treatment of people. . . . I personally feel as if I have been rejected, I have been discriminated against as an individual."

And at their age, the retirees say, time is hardly on their side. "We all hear about death and taxes," said Robert Moore, 73, a re-

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Retirees Assail Allen's Tax Refund Plan During Public Meeting in Annandale

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tired Air Force officer from Springfield still waiting for his $5,000 in overpaid taxes. "I'm afraid death will arrive before many of us ever receive our tax refunds."

The intensity of anger over Allen's plan has stunned Virginia's political establishment and effectively rendered his proposal dead on arrival. Legislative leaders who first were receptive to the governor staged a full-scale retreat this week, postponing a vote until May 11 and starting work on their own alternatives.

"The governor's proposal, I don't think, has any viability at this point," said Sen. Robert L. Calhoun (R-Alexandria). "He may have miscalculated the reaction to it. That's always the danger when you try to do things too fast."

The stakes involved are tremendous for both sides.

The retirees are owed an average of $2,530 in extra taxes, plus $1,294 in interest, from 1985 through 1988. And as of Dec. 31, the state calculated that full refunds plus interest would cost $707.5 million—roughly equivalent to the amount needed to build enough new prisons to abolish parole, as Allen has promised. Every day that goes by, another $77,000 in interest piles up.

Under the governor's plan, developed by Attorney General James S. Gilmore III, a fellow Republican, retirees would have until Sept. 15 to agree to getting back half of their taxes with no interest. Those who don't take the money—paid in four annual sums—must file a new lawsuit in Richmond by that date or forever surrender their rights to any refund.

The reaction has been downright hostile, particularly in Northern Virginia, where a third of the retirees live.

State Sen. Charles L. Waddell (D-Loudoun) said he has gotten almost as many angry telephone calls as he did during the dispute over subsidizing the new Walt Disney Co. theme park. Del. Richard L. Fisher (R-Vienna) said he received so many messages that his voice mail finally stopped accepting new calls. Earlier this week, Senate Majority Leader Hunter B. Andrews (D-Hampton) was shouted down by a livid retiree who ordered the veteran lawmaker to "just shut up!"

The retirees who crowded yesterday's hearing at the Northern Virginia Community College—one of four held around the state—were more polite, but they reinforced that sense of resentment during hours of testimony.

The equation, as they see it, is simple: The money is theirs and they shouldn't have to accept one penny less.

"What's sauce for the goose is sauce for the gander," said Richard E. Ely, 78, a retired government lawyer from Annandale who figures he's due $9,000, including interest. "Everyone knows if the taxpayer came in here and said, 'I'm having financial problems, I can't pay my taxes, let me pay half and take four years to do it,' the tax collector would laugh in his face and take him for all he's worth."

The take-it-or-leave-it proposal was all the more stinging to some retirees because Allen and Gilmore both promised during last year's campaign to settle the case. Allen told audiences of pensioners that the state had a "moral obligation" to give them their money back, although the retirees now ruefully admit that they never pinned him down to a dollar figure.

"I can only come to one conclusion," said Andrew Prokop, 75, a retired flight inspector who voted for Allen solely because of that pledge. "They were only saying that to buy our votes."

Allen, though, is only the latest Virginia leader to stumble into this political briar patch.

When the Supreme Court first ruled in 1989 that the state could not tax federal retirees without taxing pensions of state workers, then-Gov. Gerald L. Baliles proposed tax code changes that were rejected immediately. Former attorney general Mary Sue Terry adamantly resisted any settlement, a position that cost her votes last year against Allen.

For the retirees at yesterday's hearing, there was some gratitude that Allen, at least, was offering something. But that doesn't diminish Donald R. Wiesnet's disappointment.

"Today, I'm ashamed of Virginia," the 67-year-old Vienna resident told the 20 or so lawmakers assembled.

Wiesnet then presented the panel with a gift for Allen. It was half a loaf of bread. Inside was a note. "Thank you," it said, "but no thank you."

Allen kills 'weak' notification bill

By ANGELA RUCKER
Journal staff writer

RICHMOND — Gov. George F. Allen killed a bill yesterday that would have required parental notification for a minor seeking an abortion rather than approve a weakened version the legislation.

Allen's veto came after the Senate narrowly defeated all but two of his amendments that would have created a parental notification bill for unmarried teenage girls seeking abortions. The bill was hailed by anti-abortion activists.

The governor vetoed a Senate version of the bill that would have required girls 18 and under to notify any one of several adult family members or a judge before having an abortion. Allen wanted to change the bill to force girls to notify parents or legal guardians.

The veto forced both the Senate and House to meet in an effort to override the governor's veto.

As of yesterday evening, many members of the General Assembly said they did not expect to override Allen's veto, since many representatives oppose the bill. Both abortion rights supporters and opponents wanted Allen to veto the measure.

Karen Raschke, a lobbyist for

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Planned Parenthood, was pleased with the veto but criticized Allen's reasoning.

"Pro-family has got nothing to do with his sentiments on this bill," she said.

Fiona Givens, lobbyist for the Virginia Society for Human Life, called the Senate bill weak.

"Virginia wants parental notice not family notice," she said.

By vetoing a bill he introduced, Allen may have put an end to the issue of parental notification for a while said Sen. Warren E. Barry, R-Fairfax. While most observers agreed a notification bill is likely to be introduced again in the next legislative session, Barry said he doubts it will get out of committee.

"I think it was a dramatic mistake on his part to veto it," Barry said. "Allen appealed to a very small hard-core segment of the community. I think a lot of people are disappointed in what he's doing."

Allen tried to amend the bill requiring teen-age girls to seek notification before having an abortion passed by the General Assembly last month. The Senate agreed to Allen's

Planners delay vote on Disney road bonds

WASHINGTON (AP) — Area transportation planners postponed until May 18 a vote on whether $131.5 million in Virginia-approved Disney highway bonds will be included in a regional transportation plan.

The Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments' Transportation Policy Committee instead agreed yesterday to hold public hearings on the matter. The hearings will decide whether the Disney-related road proposals will even be included in studies of the regional long-range plans.

Disney spokeswoman Mary Anne Reynolds says such a delay would be fine with the company because it would give Disney more time to make its case for the roadway improvements.

Walt Disney Co. wants to build a 3,000-acre theme park near Haymarket.

Opponents of "Disney's America" want planners to conduct an exhaustive analysis before voting on the improvements sought by Disney.

That study would examine transportation needs and mass transit alternatives far beyond the Disney site, and could take a year or more.

The opponents also say Disney's park would worsen Northern Virginia's already bad traffic and air pollution.

Allen pulls retiree plans

Turns to Assembly

By AMY B. RESNICK
Journal staff writer

Gov. George F. Allen withdrew his plans to finance a proposed settlement with illegally taxed federal retirees by cutting funds from community colleges, public television and other programs.

Allen yesterday said he wants the General Assembly to find new sources for the $58.9 million needed for the first year of a settlement with about 186,000 civilian and military retirees proposed by Attorney General James S. Gilmore III.

He withdrew budget amendments that cut other programs to fund the payout.

Some of the budget cuts Allen proposed to raise money for the retirees were unpopular, however, and the legislature's money committees assured him they could find the funds elsewhere.

The legislature is scheduled to consider Gilmore's proposal in a special session beginning May 11.

The Senate Finance Committee held public hearings on the issue this week. The House Appropriations Committee has scheduled hearings across the state today.

The Northern Virginia hearing will be at Northern Virginia Community College's Annandale Campus, at 1 p.m., in the Cultural Center.

"There are very clear advantages to having the General Assembly take up the funding mechanism for the federal retiree settlement at the same time it considers the remedial

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Allen withdraws retiree settlement plan

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plan itself," Allen wrote in a letter to House Speaker Thomas W. Moss Jr., D-Norfolk.

Gilmore said he is confident that the legislature will find a way to fund the settlement.

"It is too soon to tell the way the funding debate will proceed from this point on," said Gilmore. "But I am confident that the General Assembly sees the importance of funding any settlement that is passed."

Gilmore's proposal calls for paying federal retirees 50 cents for every dollar of illegal taxes they paid between 1985 and 1988. It does not include the roughly $250 million in interest on taxes paid in that period.

The payments would be made over four years, for a total of $234 million.

Retirees have called the offer unfair, criticizing it for offering them too little money.

"The state was negligent in observing federal law," said J. Donald Edwards of Alexandria, who retired from the Air Force in 1971. "If it were the other way around, the state would be going after all federal retirees since the 1940s for interest and payment of their taxes."

Edwards called Gilmore's proposal the "worst case negotiating position" for a settlement.

More than 400 retirees, led by Henry Harper of Arlington, sued the state in 1985 challenging the policy of taxing federal retirees pensions while exempting their state and local counterparts. The Supreme Court found Virginia's policy unconstitutional.

But the high court left to Virginia courts the decision of what refund, if any, the federal pensioners are owed. An Alexandria judge earlier this year denied them any refund, and the pensioners have appealed to the Virginia Supreme Court.

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Allen Says Clinton's Health Plan Would Cost Virginia a Billion a Year

By Peter Baker
Washington Post Staff Writer

NORFOLK, April 18—President Clinton's plan to change the nation's health care system would be disastrous for Virginia, costing the state more than 40,000 jobs and more than $1 billion a year in additional expenses, Gov. George Allen said today.

Venturing into the nation's hottest public policy debate for the first time since taking office, Virginia's new Republican governor blasted the Democratic president's proposal as "the worst of all plans." Though Allen agreed that the national system needs some repairs, he said the federal government should not guarantee health insurance for every citizen, as Clinton has said.

"This is no time to scuttle our system and replace it with a massive federal bureaucracy," Allen told an audience of doctors, insurance executives and business owners. "There are a lot of plans being kicked around, most of which should just be kicked out. The worst of them all is the president's plan."

Instead of requiring all employers to offer insurance to their workers, as Clinton wants to do, Allen suggested a series of free-market-based proposals intended to encourage more coverage without mandates.

The philosophical framework outlined at a health care forum here today is in keeping with Allen's less-government-is-better ideology. But it also reflects Virginia's traditional resistance to heavy regulation of its health care industry, a stance that means the state has more at stake in the current national debate than states such as Maryland, where government intervention already is the custom.

Unlike in Maryland or the District, the debate on health care is late in developing in Virginia. Past efforts by the General Assembly to enact changes have been modest in scope. Two years ago, lawmakers rejected an effort by Allen's Democratic predecessor, L. Douglas Wilder, to levy a new tax on health care providers to pay for soaring Medicaid costs.

The topic of health care, in fact, was rarely raised by either Allen or his Democratic opponent, Mary Sue Terry, in last year's gubernatorial campaign.

But today, Allen cited a recent study by a private-enterprise-oriented organization concluding that Clinton's plan would cost Virginia 26,700 jobs because of the health care provisions and another 15,400 jobs because of the associated cigarette tax increase.

The same study predicted a net loss of $284.6 million to the state treasury by 1998. In addition, Allen said a state agency study predicted that Medicaid expenses could increase by as much as $1 billion a year by 2000.

Clinton supporters have disputed such estimates, saying that states ultimately will save money. But analysts of all political stripes acknowledge that the ripple effects of Clinton's health care proposal cannot be forecast with precision.

The most objectionable element of the plan, from Allen's point of view, is the requirement that employers provide insurance.

"Employer mandates are a bad idea for Virginia," he said. "If the state of Hawaii wants to do it, fine. Let 'em. We don't want it in Virginia, nor do we want the federales [the federal government] forcing it down our throat."

Allen advocated using a single claim form to streamline administrative costs, allowing people to carry their insurance from job to job, exempting hospitals from antitrust laws so they can join together to reduce costs, and permitting small businesses in different states to form alliances to increase their leverage in buying health coverage.

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Allen Rebuffed On Abortion Bill

Va. Senate Rejects Parental Notification

By Peter Baker and Donald P. Baker
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RICHMOND, April 20—Defiant Virginia lawmakers handed Gov. George Allen his first major defeat today by refusing to tighten proposed abortion restrictions on teenagers, prompting Allen to announce he will veto the legislation rather than sign a weakened version.

In a tense showdown between the new Republican governor and the Democratic legislature, the Senate voted 21 to 19 to reject Allen's attempt to require doctors to notify a parent before performing abortions on minors. Senate Democrats insisted on allowing doctors the option of consulting with a grandparent, stepparent or adult sibling instead.

Such a loophole, Allen quickly responded, was unacceptable. "Virginians want and deserve truth and honesty in legislating," he said. "To sign this bill would perpetrate a fraud on the parents of Virginia."

The day's turn of events left Allen in the odd position of satisfying the two extremes in the abortion debate. Leaders of both abortion-rights and antiabortion groups lobbied furiously for a veto—one side because it considered the measure an unfair restriction and the other side because it believed the measure wasn't restrictive enough.

Either way, the end result may mark the end of whatever honeymoon Allen has enjoyed since taking office in January. Until today, Democratic lawmakers, intimidated by Allen's landslide victory last fall, succumbed to his will on every front, from anti-crime measures to his $163.2 million incentive package for a Walt Disney Co. theme park.

Another sign of lawmakers' sudden intransigence was their decision to postpone consideration of Allen's $234 million proposal to settle a five-year dispute with federal retir-

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Va. Senate Rejects Parental Notification on Abortion

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ees over back taxes. Instead of taking a final vote Monday, General Assembly leaders will recess after public hearings around the state this week and delay action until May 11. Although they initially welcomed Allen's plan, political opposition is mounting with a flood of letters, faxes and telephone calls from retirees complaining that the proposed refund—50 cents on the dollar—is too stingy.

"The legislators are just about as split as the people right now," said Del. Alan A. Diamonstein (D-Newport News), chairman of the House Democratic Caucus.

Allen also was rebuffed when the House of Delegates rejected his amendment to an education bill. The original measure would require local school districts to lower class sizes in kindergarten through third grade beginning in the 1996-97 school year, but Allen stripped that provision because it would have required local governments to come up with some of the money to pay for more teachers.

The House voted 62 to 36 to restore the requirement but fell five votes short of the two-thirds supermajority required to enact it without Allen's signature. The governor said he will veto it.

Despite his defeats, Allen prevailed on most of the legislation he returned to the legislature at today's annual veto session.

While Democrats retain control of both houses, their margins are slim and the legislature did not override any of Allen's 20 vetoes. The few times anyone tried, his opponents failed to muster even a majority vote, let alone the required supermajority.

One of the most politically charged victories for Allen came on a proposal to bar public education for illegal immigrants 18 and older.

The original bill was intended to help those who arrive in the United States late in childhood to eventually get high school degrees. Allen, however, tacked on an amendment requiring them to present proof of citizenship or legal residency before registering for classes, which outraged immigrant advocates and school officials.

Both the House and Senate accepted the change. "The governor's amendment is not opposed to immigration or illegal aliens," said Del. James K. O'Brien Jr. (R-Clifton). "Rather it's a vote for fiscal responsibility."

But Northern Virginia critics predicted the new law will frighten even legal students away from schools and lead to discrimination.

"This is just a nightmare for all the immigrant communities," said Juan Milanes, legal counsel for the Latino Civil Rights Task Force. "If you want an immigrant community to assimilate, you help them assimilate by helping them to learn the language, not by cutting them off."

The most closely watched debate of the day centered on the abortion legislation. For years, antiabortion advocates have been stymied in their attempts to get parental notice bills out of the legislature; the only previous time they succeeded, it was vetoed by Allen's Democratic predecessor, L. Douglas Wilder.

This year, when a Senate committee bottled it up again, Allen took the extraordinary action of sending down special legislation and lobbied for it frenetically in the waning hours of the regular session.

The version that finally passed exempted 17-year-olds and allowed notice to a variety of adult relatives.

The Senate today assented to Allen's demand that 17-year-olds be covered, but he could not swing enough legislators to change the definition of family members. Three Northern Virginia Republicans—Jane H. Woods and Warren E. Barry of Fairfax and Robert L. Calhoun of Alexandria—abandoned the governor to join with 18 Democrats.

Barry said he supports Allen's position but would not switch because he committed to the weaker provisions as part of a deal with Democrats to release it from committee last month. "I believe like he [Allen] does," he said, "but when you give your word, it has to hold."

Woods, on the other hand, condemned the governor's proposals, contending they would force pregnant girls to drive to the District to get abortions.

Staff writer Robert O'Harrow Jr. contributed to this report.

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Virginia '94: The Senate Scramble

VIRGINIA'S U.S. Senate election this year is turning into something just a little bit different from your basic two-party elimination contest. If you accept the common finding of almost every pollster that voters are less than unanimously thrilled at the prospect of choosing between incumbent Democrat Charles Robb and so-far-leading Republican candidate Oliver North, then you may understand the basis of the great search for Someone Else. It is all the talk of disenchantment with the regulars that is leading several other familiar figures in Virginia politics to start making noises about becoming independent candidates. So how bad is that, anyway? What's wrong with a crowded field?

We're not about to endorse anyone at this early point, but neither are we prepared to write an epitaph for the two-party system in the Old Dominion. This certainly isn't the first break with partisan traditions that Virginia has seen in recent years. Go back to the Byrd machine for a solid example of one-party dominance. When that tradition began to crack, the challengers weren't all Republicans, as it happened: In fact, Virginia wound up with an independent U.S. senator for many years: Harry Byrd Jr. The state also once elected a Republican governor who before that had been a Democratic governor: Mills Godwin.

So it is neither surprising nor calamitous that at least two men who have run successfully as partisan candidates for statewide office—former Democratic governor Douglas Wilder and former Republican attorney general Marshall Coleman—are considering running as independents for the Senate seat. There is nothing all that new, either, about intraparty warfare. Whether it's Mr. Wilder taking on the Democrats' nominee or Virginia's other senator, John Warner, a Republican, denouncing Mr. North, Virginians will sort it out. That's what they just did last November, when the voters awarded both parties with statewide victories: a Republican governor, a Democratic lieutenant governor and a Republican attorney general.

There may be no single, sure-fire winner on this year's growing list of candidates, announced and prospective. But the new names may well change the dynamic of the quest for the Senate seat and give voters an opportunity for some expanded comparative shopping on their way to a decision in November.

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*9 VIRGINIA: DEM CHAIR URGES WILDER NOT TO RUN

VA Dem Chair Mark Warner, a "longtime ally" of ex-Gov. Doug Wilder (D), "put pressure on Wilder ... not to run as an independent." Warner: "I don't believe in the final analysis he would do something that would aid in the election" of ret. Lt. Col. Ollie North (R). Wilder last week authorized a signature drive to place his name on the fall ballot as an independent. When "asked about Warner's comments, Wilder blamed the party, saying its leaders a year ago should have known" that Sen. Charles Robb (D) "would have a tough re-election fight": "I want to be certain that Democrats can still be elected." Many analysts "think an independent candidacy by Wilder would siphon black votes" from the Dem nominee and "almost assure" North's election, "assuming" North beats ex-OMB Dir. Jim Miller (R) at the 6/3-4 convention. On the GOP side, "pressure also was being put on" ex-AG J. Marshall Coleman (R) "not to run as an independent." State House Min. Leader Vance Walkins (R) "was circulating a petition" among the 65 Leg. GOPers "reminding Coleman of all the things the Republican Party had done for him during his long political career. The petition urges him to seek the nomination as a Republican if he wants to run. Sixty-two signed the petition" (Whitley, RICHMOND TIMES-DISPATCH, 4/21).

AT THE SHAD PLANKING: Speaking at the annual Shad Planking in Wakefield, Sen. John Warner (R) "remained hawkish" about North. Warner, "who thinks North's admission that he lied to Congress disqualifies him to serve" in the Senate, cited a VA-born president, John Tyler, "who resigned the Senate rather than condone the alteration of the official Senate record in favor of President Andrew Jackson." Warner stood on a flat-bed truck that served as the podium for the shad planking and quoted Tyler: "By the surrender of this high station, I shall set an example to my children, which shall teach them to regard as nothing any position of office which must be attained or held at the sacrifice of honor." Many of the more than 4,000 people attending the event "appeared more interested in North's beer than in Warner's speech." North dispensed Coors beer, and Miller dispensed Miller Light. "Also working the crowd": Robb, atty Sylvia Clute (D), Larouchie Nancy Spannaus (D) and Wilder, who "drew a good deal of attention" (Whitley, TIMES-DISPATCH, 4/21). W. POST's Jenkins notes North "shrugged off" Warner's remarks, "and the other candidates spent their time smiling and avoiding questions about whether they had actually eaten any of the shad." Robb: "By the time you shake enough hands, you can lick your fingers and tell what everybody else has eaten" (4/21).

REGAN SPEAKS OUT: Reagan WH CoS Donald Regan said North acted without Ronald Reagan's knowledge during the Iran-Contra": "Had Ronald Regan known what North was doing, he would have stopped it. North caused a lot of heartburn and headaches for Ronald Reagan and his administration." Regan is backing Miller (Goldstein, Newport News DAILY PRESS, 4/21)

EVANS + NOVAK POL. REPORT
4/18/94

Virginia: The soap opera continues, with Sen. Charles Robb (D) getting a last-minute serious Democratic primary opponent in moderate State Sen. Virgil Goode (D), a close ally of former Gov. Douglas Wilder (D). But Wilder himself has shown a newfound interest in getting into the race as an Independent. That would happen if Robb bests Goode and attorney Silvia Clute (D) for the Democratic nod. On the Republican side that likelihood that the June 3 GOP convention will deep-six former OMB chief Jim Miller's (R) bid to stop former NSC aide Oliver North (R) has caused Sen. John Warner (R) to switch to plan B. Warner has sought out former GOP governor nominee Marshall Coleman (R) to run as an Independent. Should both Robb and North survive the June 14 primaries the prospect of a four-way race is real. Leaning Republican Takeover.

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*15 VIRGINIA: COULD THIS TURN INTO A 4-WAY IN NOVEMBER? MORE?
"Embattled" Sen. Charles Robb (D) "narrowly surpassed a little-known opponent in the signature sweepstakes" for a spot on the Dem primary, "but badly trailed a last-minute entry," state Sen. Virgil Goode (D). Robb, "despite a $1.1 million war chest, submitted" petitions with 20,620 names, "only" 350 more than the 20,270 atty Sylvia Clute (D) turned in. Goode filed petitions on 3/12 with 30,256 names collected over 20 days, and then on the 4/15 filing deadline, turned over another 7,847 names, "pushing his total to 38,093." The Goode camp "hopes the petition drive" will give Goode "a bump in fundraising and help shed his image as a regional candidate." To qualify for the 6/14 primary, candidates had to submit petitions with 15,000 signatures of registered voters, with a minimum of 200 signatures in each of VA's 11 CDs (Schapiro, RICHMOND TIMES-DISPATCH, 4/16).
THE WILDER SIDE: Ex-Gov. Doug Wilder's (D) "dalliance" with the race is "on again," with Wilder "taking the first tentative steps toward an independent candidacy." Wilder "authorized supporters to collect signatures for a place on the November ballot." To qualify for the general election ballot, a candidate must gather 15,000 signatures by 6/14 (Schapiro, TIMES-DISPATCH, 4/16). Sources said Wilder "was preparing for the possibility" that Goode, his "friend ... would fail to win the party's nomination." Miller spokesperson Keith Appell on Wilder's impact: "That's great news for our campaign. All Jim Miller has to do is get nominated and he wins the Senate seat." Ex-VA Dem chair/Wilder consultant Paul Goldman: "There is room for an independent candidate." But Goldman noted he would support Goode in the primary regardless of Wilder's petition drive (Kellman/Koklanaris, W. TIMES, 4/16). W. POST's Baker & Jenkins report that besides Wilder, two-time GOP gov. nominee Marshall Coleman (R) also is contemplating an independent run. Businessman Dan Clemente said he has raised several thousand dollars and hired a "canvassing firm to gather signatures" on a Coleman-for-Senate petition. Clemente said Coleman is aware of Clemente's activity. Clemente: "Marshall is supporting Jim Miller and is committed to him. But I personally don't believe Jim Miller is going to get the nomination. And we need a contingency plan." In a four-way race, the winner could receive less than 30% of the vote. One GOP strategist: "A Wilder candidacy strips away urban and black votes from Robb. A Coleman candidacy strips away country-clubbers from North. And then it becomes a battle of which candidate has the most hard-core voters who will show up come hell or high water" (4/16). A header of a letter to the editor: "Let [Baseball player Steve] Sax move here and run for Senate" (TIMES-DISPATCH, 4/17).

FEC CHECK: In FEC reports due 4/15, Oliver North (R) led all candidates with $4.5 million collected as of 3/31, but had only $820,000 cash-on-hand. Robb raised $1.7 million with $1.1 million on hand. Reagan OMB Dir. Jim Miller (R) raised $547,000 with $102,000 on hand, Clute raised $91,000 and has $1,350 on hand. Goode did not have to file because he only entered the race last month (TIMES-DISPATCH, 4/16). The TIMES-DISPATCH included a Q&A on the issues with North and Miller (4/17).

RONALD REAGAN

March 16, 1994

Dear Paul,

Thank you for your letter of March 14, 1994. It was great to see you in Washington last month for the 83rd birthday party. It was a wonderful evening and kind of makes me look forward to the 93rd!

I appreciate your writing about the Republican Primary in Virginia and the false statements that one candidate continues to make.

As you know, throughout my political career I have refrained from endorsing any candidate involved in a contested Republican primary. And, considering some of the great Americans the people of Virginia have sent to Washington in the past, I am sure they will do just fine without any help from me.

But, I do have to admit that I am getting pretty steamed about the statements coming from Oliver North. I never instructed him or anyone in my Administration to mislead Congress on Iran-Contra matters or anything else. And, I certainly did not know anything about the Iran-Contra diversion. In fact, as you know, the minute we found out about it, we told the American people and called for investigations. And, the private meetings he said he had with me just didn't happen.

I suppose it's easy to get carried away during the heat of a campaign, but I am glad that you and other loyal friends have been vigilant to see that the facts are presented correctly to the voters of Virginia.

Nancy and I send our warm regards to you and Carol.

Sincerely, Ron

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Dear Mr. President:

It was wonderful to see you and Nancy in Washington last month. Your visit brought back many warm memories.

I am writing in regard to a matter of great importance and something that I feel requires your immediate attention.

As you know, one of the most interesting races in this year's election is the U.S. Senate contest in Virginia, my adopted state. Two "alums" of the Reagan Administration are competing in the Republican primary: Jim Miller and Oliver North. The winner will take on Sen. Charles Robb in the general election.

I am working actively in support of Jim Miller's candidacy. As I'm sure you'll agree, Jim was one of your most loyal, capable and honorable Presidential aides.

Since the time I've become involved in this campaign, several people have asked me why you are not responding to Oliver North's continuing distortions about your role in Iran Contra.

As I am sure you know, North stated flatly in his book, "Under Fire", that you "knew everything" with respect to the scandal (see attachment). More recently, on CBS' "Face the Nation", North said that you directed him to lie to the Congress (see attachment).

Of course, when loyal Republicans ask me about these outrageous statements, I tell them that they are patently false. But I must tell you, my friend, that I sense that North's irresponsible conduct has hurt you somewhat, primarily because you have not refuted his statements.

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President Ronald W. Reagan
March 14, 1994
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I know that you have strong principles about not intervening in Republican primary races and I respect you for it. Here, however, statements are being made about you and your Presidency that I know are untrue. I think that you owe it to the American people, as well as to yourself, to correct the record.

Please understand that I intend, with your permission, to communicate your response to the voters of Virginia in order to correct any misimpressions that North has created. As a "Reagan loyalist," I feel an obligation to do so.

I appreciate your consideration. Please give my love to Nancy.

Sincerely,

PAUL LAXALT

Attachments

WASH TIMES 3/29/94

The wary prefer Miller; North tugs at the heart

By Ralph Z. Hallow
THE WASHINGTON TIMES

The U.S. Senate campaign in Virginia is forcing some leading Republicans to search their souls (or at least inspect their instincts).

While publicly endorsing the "safe" Jim Miller, in their hearts they think Oliver North is right.

Mr. North's biggest enemy continues to be the Republican establishment, but some prominent nonestablishment conservatives, while not quite joining the anti-North posse, endorse Mr. Miller, the former Reagan budget director.

Yet many of these same conservatives say the nation is in a state of cultural emergency and that Mr. North would attack that emergency more forcefully than Mr. Miller in the Senate.

Michael Farris, a constitutional lawyer and 1993 Republican lieutenant gubernatorial candidate, until recently tilted toward Mr. Miller, whispering to fellow Christian conservatives that Mr. Miller has a better anti-abortion position than Mr. North.

But after a 1½-hour private meeting with the former Reagan White House national security aide on Friday, Mr. Farris told The Washington Times that Mr. North convinced him he would go all out in the Senate to fight the "moral emergency" in America.

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"By so doing, Ollie may give courage to other good Republicans and Democrats to stand up and say the same things and make the Senate more relevant to what really matters in America," Mr. Farris says.

However, Mr. Farris, who is believed to have considerable influence over thousands of religious conservative delegates attending the June 4 Republican nominating convention in Richmond, stopped short of endorsing Mr. North.

Free Congress Foundation President Paul M. Weyrich, long a critic of the Republican establishment, is another prominent social conservative who nonetheless has lined up with Mr. Miller. But Mr. Weyrich tends to sound like Mr. North on the issues.

"This country is in a state of emergency," says Mr. Weyrich, adding that besides Mr. North, "there's no Republican addressing the cultural issues other than [William] Bennett."

Unlike many of Mr. North's supporters who see him as the quintessential nonpolitician, Mr. Weyrich sees him as a consummate politican who simply is playing the outsider's role.

"If he got to the Senate — which I very much doubt — he would find a very hostile climate for his family values point of view," Mr. Weyrich says. "Whether or not he would adjust to that hostile climate or resist it the way [Sen. Jesse] Helms has is debatable."

Still, what is it that makes so many conservatives opt publicly for Mr. Miller over Mr. North and still feel uncomfortable with their decision?

"There is a feeling among some Republicans that with Oliver North the truth is just another option," says Republican consultant Craig Shirley, who is going to the Richmond convention as a Miller delegate.

"The issue with North is not what he says," says Mr. Shirley. "He makes a passionate case for the American way of life, traditional values, respect for the authority and law and order, decency and hard work. The problems so many of us have is not with his message but with him as messenger."

Oliver North

Mr. Shirley also acknowledges Mr. Miller's discovery of the political potency of the "values" is recent. "That Jim Miller is talking about social issues and traditional values is thanks largely to [President] Clinton, the great unifier of the GOP."

"In polite company, you can talk about family values now because of Clinton, because of his behavior," he says.

Another prominent conservative publicly backing Mr. Miller but privately agonizing over his choice reluctantly consented to an interview but requested anonymity, pleading that his think tank depends on a variety of donors.

"Ask me who I would rather have for senator, and I'll tell you I have co-sponsored Miller fundraisers and lent him my support," he says. "Jim Miller is a classy, absolutely principled guy who understands what's going on with the economy and would bring a new level of understanding to those kinds of issues, and instantly become a respected member of the party establishment.

"Ollie, on the other hand, because of the rotten way the Republican establishment has been treating him, would be absolutely committed to the people who elected him and unique in his total commitment to things I believe constitute this nation's real emergency," the conservative think-tank official says.

That forcefulness is what attracts many supporters to Mr. North.

"Virginia voters understand on an intuitive level what is needed during the Clinton era is not another senator but someone who will go the Senate and dramatically change the dynamics of that chamber . . . and of the national debate," says Ralph Reed, executive dirctor of Pat Robertson's Virginia Beach-based Christian Coalition, which is backing Mr. North.

Opposition to Mr. North reads like a Republican "Who's Who." Mr. Dole, former President Reagan, former Sen. Paul Laxalt of Nevada, and Sen. John Warner and Rep. Tom Bliley of Virginia have, to varying degrees, criticized Mr. North or endorsed Mr. Miller.

"North has two kinds of critics," Mr. Weyrich says. "One is the members of the Republican establishment who fear that he would face them down the way he faced Congress down in the Iran-Contra hearings, and they don't want to permit somebody like that in their midst if they can avoid him.

"The other North critics are people who have dealt with him in one way or another and have concerns about his veracity. You can't say [retired Army Maj. Gen. John K.] Singlaub is part of the Republican establishment," he says. Gen. Singlaub once helped White House aide North arm the Nicaraguan contras.

Another reason Mr. North makes so many people nervous may be that he evidences a certain bluntness on social issues that more polished Republican politicians find naive or unnerving or both.

"The moral state of American culture is an absolute catastrophe," Mr. North told The Times.

But the Republican Senate establishment, he says, "wants somebody who is going to crawl up Capitol Hill and kiss the ring of someone who will anoint him to serve in their club."

Mr. Miller's observations tend to be more cautious. Asked if this country could be described as in a state of emergency when it comes to crime, respect for authority, morality, personal responsiblity and illegitimacy, he says, "I don't want to put labels on it."

"We have to reform many of our social institutions, including government, to deal with these problems that are far more serious than most people realize," Mr. Miller says.

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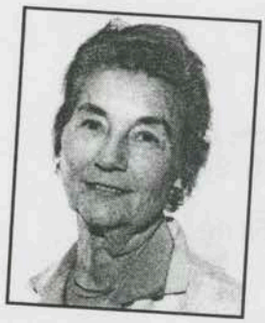

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Present
National Committeewoman, Virginia, elected - August 22, 1984
Member, Executive Committee, Virginia GOP
Member, Executive Committee, Virginia Federation of Republican Women
Board, Court St. United Methodist Church
Regent, Daughters of the Colonists
Member, White House Commission on Presidential Scholars, 1991 -
Founding Board, Virginia School of Arts

Previous
Candidate, House of Delegates, 1977
Member, Virginia Steering Committee for President Reagan
Member, Rules Committee, Virginia State Convention, 1983
Candidate, U.S. Congress, 1986
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RNC Activity
Delegate, Republican National Convention, 1976, 1984, 1988
Member, Committee on Call, Republican National Convention, 1988
Member, Committee on Contests, Republican National Convention, 1992
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Treasurer, Reagan Alumni Association, 1987 -
President, Leadership Institute

Previous
Reagan Youth Campaign Advisor, 1980
Special Assistant, Office of Public Liaison, The White House, 1981 - 1984
Delegate, Virginia State Convention, 1984
Eastern Vice Chairman, Virginia Republican Party, 1987 - 1988
Member, Louisiana Republican State Central Committee, 1963 - 1972

RNC Activity
Delegate, Republican National Convention, 1964, 1980, 1992
Alternate Delegate, Republican National Convention, 1968, 1976, 1988
Member, RNC Rules Committee, 1989 -
Aide to U.S. Representative Les Arends, Republican National Convention, 1972

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Member, Virginia Bar Association
Member, American Bar Association

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Assistant General Counsel, Virginia Governor's Management Study, 1970 - 1971
Attorney Advisor, U.S. Department of Justice, 1971 - 1972
Deputy Director, Executive Office of the U.S. Attorneys, U.S. Department of Justice, 1972 - 1973
Deputy Assistant Attorney General, U.S. Department of Justice, 1973
Acting Assistant Attorney General, U.S. Department of Justice, 1973
Executive Director, Commission on State Governmental Management, 1973 - 1977
Member, Richmond Regional Planning District Commission, 1977 - 1983
Chairman, Richmond Regional Planning District Commission, 1980 - 1981
Vice President, Virginia Association of Planning and District Commission, 1980 - 1982
Chairman, Virginia Bar Association Committee on Administrative Law

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5. Lewis F. Payne Jr. (D)
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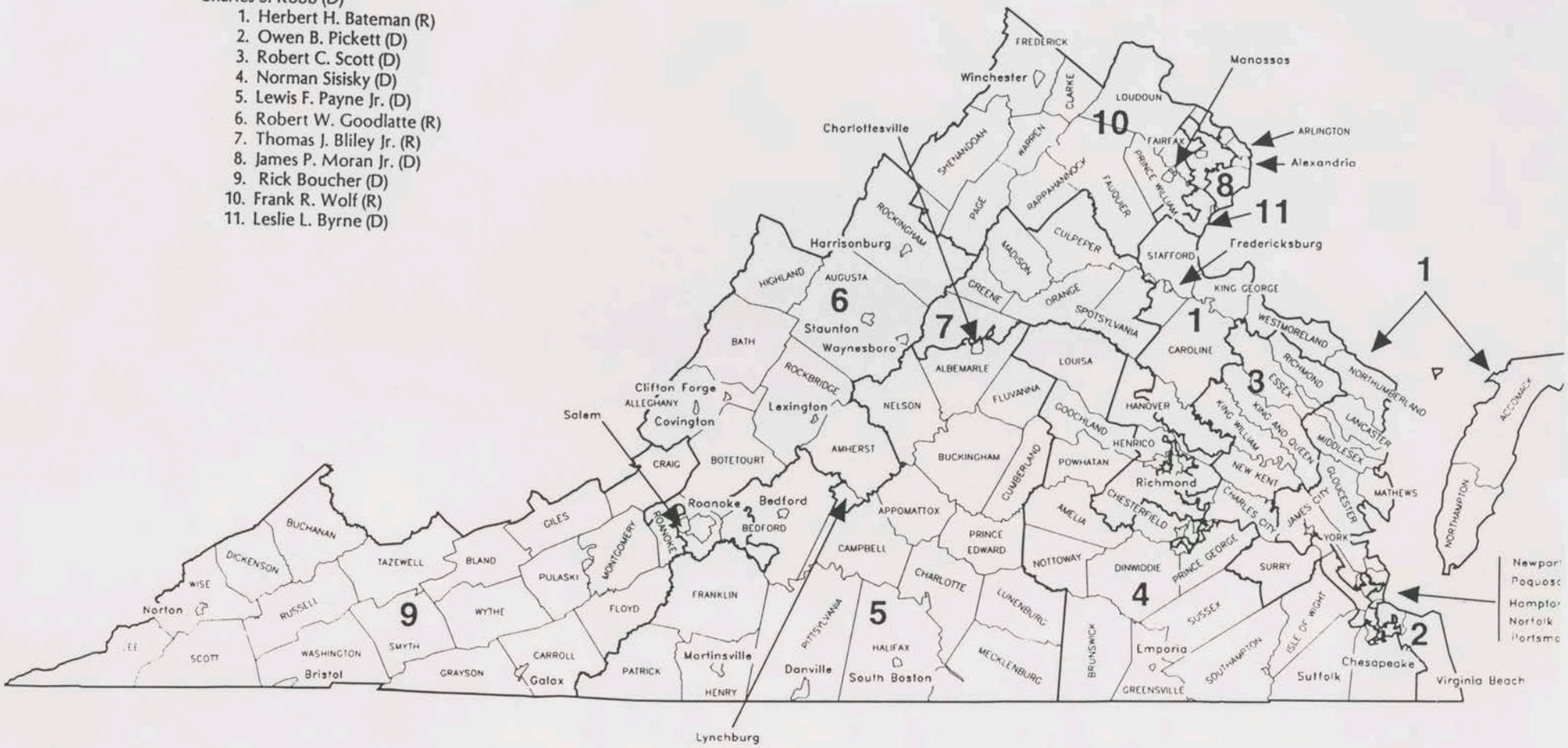

NIXON ADDITION FOR VIRGINIA

I CAN'T [redacted] BEGIN THIS MORNING WITHOUT SAYING A WORD OR TWO ABOUT RICHARD NIXON.

I'LL ALWAYS REMEMBER THE FIRST TIME I MET RICHARD NIXON. IT WAS IN 1964, AND HE CAME TO PRATT, KANSAS TO

HELP ME IN A TOUGH RE-ELECTION BATTLE. HE STOOD ON A BALE OF HAY AND DELIVERED ONE OF THE BEST SPEECHES I EVER HEARD--WITHOUT A NOTE IN HIS HAND.

AND I'LL ALSO ALWAYS REMEMBER THE LAST TIME I SAW RICHARD NIXON. IT WAS A LITTLE OVER TWO MONTHS AGO, WHEN

I HOSTED A LUNCH IN THE CAPITOL, MARKING THE 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF HIS INAUGURATION AS PRESIDENT.

AT THE END OF THE LUNCH, HE DID WHAT HE HAD DONE THIRTY YEARS EARLIER--HE STOOD UP, AND DELIVERED ONE OF THE BEST SPEECHES I EVER HEARD--WITHOUT A NOTE IN HIS

HAND. JOHN WARNER WAS THERE, AND I'M SURE HE REMEMBERS THAT SPEECH, AS WELL.

AFTER THE SPEECH, THE PRESIDENT CAME BACK TO MY OFFICE TO REST FOR A MINUTE--ONLY HE DIDN'T GET MUCH REST. FOR MY OFFICE WAS SURROUNDED BY YOUNG

CAPITOL HILL STAFFERS WHO WANTED TO SHAKE HIS HAND, AND TO TELL HIM HOW MUCH THEY ADMIRED HIM.

THEY--AND COUNTLESS OTHER AMERICANS--DIDN'T ADMIRE HIM BECAUSE HE WAS PERFECT--FOR HE WASN'T. BUT THEY ADMIRED HIM FOR HIS INTELLECT, FOR HIS COURAGE,

FOR HIS PERSEVERANCE, FOR HIS COMMITMENT TO AMERICAN LEADERSHIP, AND FOR HIS DEDICATION TO PEACE.

IN HIS FIRST INAUGURAL ADDRESS, RICHARD NIXON SAID "THE GREATEST HONOR HISTORY CAN BESTOW IS THE TITLE OF PEACEMAKER."

WHEN ALL IS SAID AND DONE, I THINK RICHARD NIXON WILL GO DOWN IN HISTORY AS ONE OF THIS CENTURY'S GREATEST PEACEMAKERS.

RICHARD NIXON ALSO LOVED THE REPUBLICAN PARTY AND HE LOVED POLITICS...SO I THINK IT'S FITTING THAT WE TALK A LITTLE REPUBLICAN POLITICS TODAY.

SENATOR BOB DOLE

TALKING POINTS

VIRGINIA FEDERATION OF REPUBLICAN WOMEN

APRIL 23, 1994

MY FIRST ORDER OF BUSINESS THIS MORNING IS TO SAY "THANK YOU" TO VIRGINIA REPUBLICANS.

THANK YOU FOR SENDING JOHN WARNER TO THE SENATE.

THANK YOU FOR SENDING HERB BATEMAN, BOB GOODLATTE, TOM BLILEY, AND FRANK WOLF TO THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

AND THANK YOU FOR SENDING GEORGE ALLEN TO THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE--1993 WAS A

BIG, BIG, YEAR FOR THE REPUBLICAN PARTY, AND GEORGE'S OVERWHELMING VICTORY SENT A MESSAGE HERE IN VIRGINIA, AND ACROSS THE NATION.

THE MESSAGE IS THAT ONE PARTY CONTROL IS ON IT'S WAY OUT.

HERE IN VIRGINIA, THE DEMOCRATS CONTROLLED THE GOVERNOR'S MANSION FOR THE LAST TWELVE YEARS.

THAT'S NOT BAD COMPARED TO THE 40 CONSECUTIVE YEARS THE DEMOCRATS HAVE CONTROLLED THE U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES...AND THE 32 OF 40 YEARS THE DEMOCRATS

HAVE CONTROLLED THE U.S. SENATE.

GEORGE ALLEN WON BECAUSE HE CONVINCED THE VOTERS OF VIRGINIA THAT IT MADE A DIFFERENCE WHICH PARTY CONTROLLED THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE.

AND THAT'S OUR CHALLENGE FOR THIS NOVEMBER.

OUR MESSAGE MUST BE THAT IT DOES MATTER WHICH PARTY HAS THE MAJORITY IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES...IT DOES MATTER WHICH PARTY HAS THE MAJORITY IN THE SENATE.

IT MATTERS TO YOUR WALLET. LAST WEEK WAS APRIL 15--AND YOU SAW WHAT PRESIDENT CLINTON AND THE

DEMOCRAT CONGRESS GAVE YOU--THE LARGEST TAX INCREASE IN HISTORY--A TAX INCREASE WHICH EVERY REPUBLICAN IN THE HOUSE AND SENATE VOTED AGAINST.

ALONG WITH A $260 BILLION INCREASE IN TAXES AND FEES ON MILLIONS OF AMERICAN FAMILIES AND SMALL BUSINESSMEN AND

WOMEN, THE PRESIDENT'S BUDGET ALSO CALLED FOR MORE THAN $300 BILLION IN INCREASED DOMESTIC FEDERAL SPENDING, AND, EVENTUALLY, BIGGER AND BIGGER DEFICITS.

IF REPUBLICANS CONTROLLED THE AGENDA IN THE HOUSE AND SENATE, THINGS WOULD BE DIFFERENT.

INSTEAD OF A TAX INCREASE AS A TOP PRIORITY, THERE WOULD BE A CUT IN THE CAPITAL GAINS TAX RATE.

INSTEAD OF A BUDGET INCREASE, THERE WOULD BE A BALANCED BUDGET AMENDMENT, A LINE ITEM VETO, AND A PACKAGE OF SPENDING REDUCTIONS.

CHANGING THE PARTY THAT CONTROLS CONGRESS ALSO MATTERS TO YOUR HEALTH CARE.

I BELIEVE THERE STILL IS A GOOD CHANCE WE CAN REACH A BI-PARTISAN PLAN. BUT THE STARTING POINT FOR THE DEBATE WAS THE PRESIDENT'S HEALTH CARE PLAN--A PLAN THAT TURNED ONE-SEVENTH OF

OUR ECONOMY OVER TO THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT.

INSTEAD OF STARTING FROM TURNING OUR PRESENT SYSTEM INSIDE OUT, REPUBLICANS WOULD START FROM THE PROPOSITION THAT WHILE THERE ARE PROBLEMS WITH OUR SYSTEM, IT IS THE BEST IN THE WORLD.

AND INSTEAD OF CHANGING 100% OF OUR HEALTH CARE SYSTEM TO DEAL WITH THE 15% WHO MAY HAVE PROBLEMS GETTING INSURANCE, WE WOULD KEEP WHAT WORKS, AND HELP THOSE WHO ARE IN REAL NEED.

CHANGING THE PARTY THAT CONTROLS CONGRESS ALSO MATTERS TO THE SAFETY OF OUR

STREETS.

WHENEVER CONGRESS APPEARS ON THE VERGE OF PASSING A TRULY TOUGH ANTI-CRIME BILL, THE DEMOCRATS GET NERVOUS, AND WATER IT DOWN. MANY OF THEM STILL CAN'T GET PAST THEIR BELIEF THAT CRIMINALS ARE THE VICTIMS OF SOCIETY.

REPUBLICANS KNOW THAT THEY HAVE IT BACKWARDS. IT'S SOCIETY THAT IS THE VICTIM OF CRIMINALS. AND IF ORRIN HATCH REPLACED JOE BIDEN AS CHAIRMAN OF THE SENATE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE, I GUARANTEE YOU THAT WE WOULD PASS THE TOUGHEST ANTI-CRIME BILL EVER IN

RECORD TIME.

CHANGING THE PARTY THAT CONTROLS CONGRESS ALSO MATTERS TO OUR NATIONAL SECURITY.

IN A FEW WEEKS, I'LL BE JOINING MY COLLEAGUES AT NORMANDY FOR THE CELEBRATION MARKING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF D-DAY.

D-DAY OCCURRED AND WORLD WAR II WAS WON ONLY BECAUSE OF AMERICAN LEADERSHIP. AND EVER SINCE THEN, IT HAS BEEN AMERICAN LEADERSHIP THAT WON THE COLD WAR, AND AMERICAN LEADERSHIP THAT KEPT THE PEACE AND BROUGHT FREEDOM AND DEMOCRACY TO COUNTRIES

IN EVERY CORNER OF THE GLOBE.

DID WE PAY A PRICE FOR THAT LEADERSHIP? YOU BET WE DID--A PRICE IN LIVES LOST AND IN BILLIONS OF DOLLARS SPENT.

BUT WAS IT WORTH THE PRICE? YOU BET IT WAS. THE WORLD IS A SAFER PLACE, A FREER PLACE, A BETTER PLACE,

BECAUSE OF AMERICAN LEADERSHIP.

I AM AFRAID, HOWEVER, THAT THE CLINTON ADMINISTRATION BELIEVES THAT AMERICAN LEADERSHIP IS A THING OF THE PAST. THEY SEEM TO BELIEVE THAT THE INTERESTS AND LEADERSHIP OF THE UNITED STATES IS LESS IMPORTANT THAN

THE INTERESTS AND LEADERSHIP OF THE UNITED NATIONS.

NOW, BOUTROS BOUTROS GHALI MAY BE A NICE MAN, BUT THE LAST TIME I CHECKED, NO ONE IN THE UNITED STATES ELECTED HIM TO RUN OUR FOREIGN POLICY.

IN BOSNIA, KOREA, AND MANY PLACES ACROSS THE

GLOBE, IT'S TIME FOR THE CLINTON ADMINISTRATION TO UNDERSTAND THAT THERE IS A DESPERATE NEED FOR AMERICAN LEADERSHIP. WE ARE NOT JUST ANOTHER CO-EQUAL MEMBER OF NATO--WE ARE THE WORLD'S ONLY REMAINING SUPERPOWER.

AND PUT STROM THURMOND AND JOHN WARNER BACK IN

CHARGE OF THE ARMED SERVICES COMMITTEE, AND I CAN GUARANTEE YOU THAT THE PRESIDENT'S GUTTING OF OUR NATIONAL SECURITY BUDGET WILL COME TO A QUICK END.

DON'T GET ME WRONG. I'VE NEVER CLAIMED THAT REPUBLICANS ARE PERFECT. WE'VE MADE SOME MISTAKES IN

THE PAST. AND WE NEED TO DO A BETTER JOB AT OPENING OUR PARTY'S DOORS TO ALL AMERICANS.

BUT I DO BELIEVE WE ARE THE PARTY OF IDEAS. WE ARE THE PARTY OF LESS TAXES, LESS SPENDING, LESS GOVERNMENT, AND A STRONG AMERICA.

PRESIDENT CLINTON ACCUSED US OF BEING THE PARTY OF "NO." I BELIEVE, HOWEVER, WE ARE THE PARTY OF YES---YES TO LOWER TAXES; YES TO LOWER SPENDING; YES TO SMALLER GOVERNMENT; YES TO A STRONG AMERICA.

AND THAT'S WHY IT'S SO IMPORTANT THAT VOTERS SAY

"YES" TO REPUBLICAN CANDIDATES THIS NOVEMBER.

JOHN WARNER AND I ARE TIRED OF BEING IN THE MINORITY. WE'D LIKE TO BE IN THE MAJORITY. THAT'S WHY IT'S IMPORTANT THAT WHEN ALL THE SMOKE IS CLEARED, VIRGINIA HAS ANOTHER REPUBLICAN SENATOR.

AND THAT'S WHY IT'S IMPORTANT THAT YOU TURN AROUND YOUR HOUSE DELEGATION...INSTEAD OF SEVEN DEMOCRATS AND FOUR REPUBLICANS, WHY DON'T WE MAKE IT SEVEN REPUBLICANS AND FOUR DEMOCRATS?

I'LL STOP HERE, AS I HAVE TO CATCH A PLANE TO

OKLAHOMA--THERE'S A CONGRESSIONAL ELECTION DOWN THERE ON MAY 10, AND A REPUBLICAN VICTORY WILL CONTINUE THE MESSAGE THAT WAS STARTED HERE IN VIRGINIA--A MESSAGE THAT IF PEOPLE WANT REAL CHANGE, THEN THEY CAN SIMPLY CHANGE THE PARTY THAT CONTROLS CONGRESS.