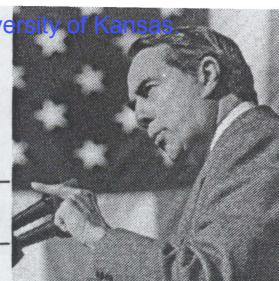


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## CAMPAIGN FINANCE VETO

SUSTAIN VETO OF STATUS QUO PROTECTION BILL: DEMOCRATS' BILL FAILS  
TRUTH IN ADVERTISING TEST; GOP READY FOR REAL REFORM

TWO WEEKS AGO, AS WE DEBATED THIS BILL ON THE SENATE FLOOR, I SAID THREE THINGS WERE ABOUT TO HAPPEN:

FIRST, THE DEMOCRATS HAD THE VOTES TO PASS THIS VERY FLAWED BILL -- A BILL THAT PROTECTS THE STATUS QUO BY PROTECTING INCUMBENTS, AND BY REFUSING TO MAKE THE TRUE REFORMS RECOMMENDED BY THE PRESIDENT, BY SENATE REPUBLICANS AND BY NON-PARTISAN CAMPAIGN FINANCE REFORM EXPERTS.

SECOND, I SAID THAT PRESIDENT BUSH SHOULD AND WOULD VETO THE BILL.

AND THIRD, I SAID THE SENATE WOULD SUSTAIN THAT VETO.

THO-THIRDS OF WHAT I PREDICTED WOULD HAPPEN HAS HAPPENED. AND THE THIRD WILL HAPPEN IN JUST A FEW MINUTES.

I'M NO PSYCHIC, MR. PRESIDENT. I DON'T CLAIM THAT I WAS THE ONLY ONE WHO COULD FORESEE WHAT WOULD HAPPEN. EVERY MEMBER OF THE SENATE KNEW PRECISELY WHAT WOULD HAPPEN.

### GOP FOR INCREASED COMPETITION, NOT STATUS QUO

AND I SUSPECT THAT'S WHY THE DEMOCRATS IN THE HOUSE AND SENATE PUT THIS BILL TOGETHER WITHOUT ANY SENSE OF BIPARTISANSHIP, AND WITHOUT ANY CONSULTATION WITH REPUBLICANS OR THE PRESIDENT.

THEY DIDN'T WANT OUR HELP BECAUSE THEY KNEW THAT WE ARE FOR TRUE REFORM. THEY DIDN'T WANT OUR HELP BECAUSE THEY KNEW THAT REPUBLICANS AGREE WITH MAINSTREAM AMERICA -- WE WANT TO CHANGE THE STATUS QUO -- WE WANT A CAMPAIGN FINANCE SYSTEM THAT WILL PROMOTE COMPETITION IN POLITICS, NOT PROTECT INCUMBENTS.

THEY DIDN'T WANT THE PRESIDENT'S HELP BECAUSE THEY KNEW HE HAD PROPOSED THE TOTAL ELIMINATION OF POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEES.

### THE BIG DEMOCRAT PAC ADVANTAGE

AND AS I HAVE SAID BEFORE, WHEN IT COMES TO BIG PAC DOLLARS FROM BIG SPECIAL INTERESTS AND BIG LABOR, IT'S THE DEMOCRAT PARTY THAT HAS THE BIG, BIG, BIG, ADVANTAGE.

HOW BIG IS THE ADVANTAGE? LET ME SHARE JUST A FEW NUMBERS WITH YOU.

IN THE ONGOING 1991-92 ELECTION CYCLE, LABOR UNION POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEES HAVE GIVEN \$13,887,561 DOLLARS TO HOUSE AND SENATE CANDIDATES. JUST SHORT OF 94% OF THAT MONEY -- NEARLY 13 MILLION DOLLARS -- HAS BEEN GIVEN TO DEMOCRAT CANDIDATES.

THESE NUMBERS ARE COMPARABLE TO THE 1989-90 ELECTION WHEN LABOR UNIONS CONTRIBUTED NEARLY 35 MILLION DOLLARS TO CONGRESSIONAL CANDIDATES -- WITH OVER 93% OF THAT MONEY FINDING ITS WAY INTO DEMOCRAT CAMPAIGNS.

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IT'S OBVIOUS THAT THE DEMOCRATS DON'T WANT TRUE REFORM. IT'S OBVIOUS WHY THEY SLAPPED TOGETHER A "POLITICAL COVER" BILL THEY KNEW WOULDN'T BECOME LAW -- A BILL SO BAD THAT EVEN ONE OF THEIR USUAL ALLIES, THE A.C.L.U., COULDN'T EVEN SUPPORT IT.

**PUBLIC FINANCING: TAX DOLLARS TO HELP INCUMBENTS**

ONCE AGAIN, DEMOCRATS HAVE DEMONSTRATED THAT THEIR ANSWER TO EVERY PROBLEM IS GETTING THEIR HANDS ON THE TAXPAYER'S WALLET. CAN YOU IMAGINE ASKING THE TAXPAYERS FOR MORE OF THEIR HARD-EARNED DOLLARS SO POLITICIANS CAN PAY FOR TV ADS, BUMPER STICKERS AND HIGHLY PAID CONSULTANTS SO THEY CAN STAY IN OFFICE? NO. PUBLIC FINANCING IS A LOSER.

AND SO ARE THIS BILL'S SPENDING LIMITS. THE PROPOSED LIMITS ARE DESIGNED TO LIMIT A LOT OF THINGS, NAMELY POLITICAL CHANGE AND THE ABILITY OF CHALLENGERS TO COMPETE. BUT THE DEMOCRATS DO NOTHING TO LIMIT THE SOURCES OF CAMPAIGN MONEY, AS REPUBLICANS HAVE PROPOSED, SOURCES SUCH AS THE TOTAL OF BIG OUT-OF-STATE CONTRIBUTIONS, AND CASH FROM THE SPECIAL INTERESTS. IN OTHER WORDS, RAISE ALL THE MONEY YOU WANT AS LONG AS YOU HIT THE LIMIT, WHETHER ALL THE MONEY IS COMING FROM PACS, FAT CATS, LABOR UNIONS AND SPECIAL INTERESTS IN SOME OTHER STATE -- JUST HIT THE LIMIT, CLAIM REFORM AND THEN CLAIM VICTORY AT THE POLLS.

**FAILING THE TRUTH IN ADVERTISING TEST**

LET'S FACE IT, THIS BILL FAILS THE TRUTH IN ADVERTISING TEST. JUST SLAPPING THE WORD "REFORM" ON THE LABEL DOESN'T MAKE IT SO.

YESTERDAY, THE DISTINGUISHED MAJORITY LEADER AND THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE SAID SOME NICE WORDS OUTSIDE THE WHITE HOUSE. THEY SPOKE OF BIPARTISANSHIP, AND COOPERATION, AND OF DOING WHAT THE AMERICAN PEOPLE SENT US HERE TO DO.

THOSE WORDS CAN ALSO APPLY TO THIS ISSUE. PRESIDENT BUSH AND THE REPUBLICANS STAND READY TO ADOPT TRUE CAMPAIGN FINANCE REFORM.

AND THE AMERICAN PEOPLE ARE NOW WATCHING TO SEE IF THE "RULING CLASS" -- THE DEMOCRAT INCUMBENTS WHO CONTROL CONGRESS -- WILL STAND WITH US, OR WHETHER THEY JUST WANT TO STAND FOR MORE OF THE SAME OLD STATUS QUO.

I URGE MY COLLEAGUES TO SUSTAIN THE PRESIDENT'S VETO.

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