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## THE ECONOMY AND KANSAS

It's evident from news reports and the volume of mail I have received from Kansans that the subject of the economy is foremost on the minds of all Americans.

I believe that overall the prospects for economic recovery nationwide are good. An excessive Federal deficit, however, could present one major obstacle to that recovery. As a member of the Budget Committee, I have been working carefully with my colleagues to propose to the Congress a budget that can be held within reasonable limits. If the deficit is allowed to go too high, it will surely be inflationary. Since inflation was a major cause of this recession, continued inflationary spending by the Federal government would in the long run only help to continue the recession.

At present, it appears that a budget deficit of \$60 to \$70 billion is unavoidable because of Federal programs and spending obligations that have already been made. In my view, it's essential, therefore, that the Congress determine not to add any unnecessary new spending programs. Because to do so would add to the deficit. That in turn would fuel inflation, which would probably lead, by sometime next year, to a deepening of the recession.

In Kansas specifically, I believe that one key to avoiding any deepening recession lies in taking meaningful steps to enhance and improve opportunities for business. Increasing business opportunities would help to insure sustained high levels of employment.

To this end, I have invited a number of Federal agencies and major private corporations which do business with the government to come to a conference to be held in Wichita on May 9. Congressman Garner Shriver is working with me to arrange this conference, and it is our hope that Kansas businessmen from all over the State will be able to attend. The conference is intended to make sure

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that Kansas business and labor get their fair share of the benefits of doing business with the Federal government. Kansas industry provides a wide variety of goods and services the Federal government needs and industry representatives are invited and encouraged to attend and explore these opportunities.

I hope interested businessmen who have not already done so will contact Congressman Shriver's office or my own if they are interested in attending this conference.

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THE ECONOMY AND KANSAS

It's evident from news reports and columns of mail I have received from Kansas that the subject of the economy is foremost on the minds of all Americans. The fact that the subject is so prominent in the minds of all Americans is a reflection of the economic recovery nationwide. An excessive Federal deficit, however, could present one major obstacle to that recovery. As a member of the Budget Committee, I have been working closely with my colleagues to propose to the Congress a budget that can be held within responsible limits. If the deficit is allowed to go too high, it will surely be inflationary. Inflation was a major cause of this recession; continued inflationary spending by the Federal government would in the long run only help to continue the recession. At present, it appears that a budget deficit of 200 to 250 billion is unavoidable because of Federal programs and spending obligations that have already been made. In my view, it's essential, therefore, that the Congress determine not to add any unnecessary new spending programs. Because to do so would add to the deficit. That in turn would fuel inflation, which would probably lead, by sometime next year, to a resumption of the recession. In Kansas specifically, I believe that one key to avoiding any reopening recession lies in taking meaningful steps to enhance and improve opportunities for business. Increased business opportunities would help to insure sustained high levels of employment. To this end, I have invited a number of Federal agencies and major private corporations which do business with the government to meet for a conference to be held in Wichita on May 9. Congressman Garnett Shriver is working with me to arrange this conference, and it is our hope that Kansas businessmen from all over the State will be able to attend. The conference is intended to make sure

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