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## **STATE OF THE UNION**

### **REPUBLICAN CONGRESS MOVING FORWARD TO CARRY OUT MANDATE, KEEP PROMISES; SUCCESS DEPENDS ON ACTIONS, NOT WORDS**

Last night was a time for rhetoric. And no doubt about it, President Clinton knows how to give a good long speech.

And now that the President has delivered his speech, the Republican Congress will continue to deliver on the promises we made to the American people.

For we know that the success of this Congress--as well as the future of our country -- do not depend on our words. They depend on our actions.

#### **Democrats Blocking Bill They Support**

And now it's time to act. It's time to carry out the mandate the American people gave us on November 8th. And that means limited government, less spending, fewer regulations, lower taxes, and more freedom and opportunity for all Americans.

As Governor Whitman said last night in the Republican response, if President Clinton is ready to help us achieve those goals, then we welcome him aboard. But we won't wait long to see if he means what he says. The train is pulling out of the station. Republicans are getting on with the business of changing America.

If President Clinton is truly committed to change, I hope he has a talk with congressional Democrats--many of whom are devoting themselves to derailing Republican efforts to give government back to the people.

And while I don't begrudge anyone standing firm against legislation they oppose, some of my Democrat friends are doing their best to block legislation they support.

The American people are in a demanding mood--and rightfully so. They are watching us very closely. And they will know who is responding to the message they sent, and who is resorting to 100% pure partisan politics.

#### **Hope, Freedom, & Opportunity for All Americans**

The president spoke again last night about Americans he terms as "middle class" and those he terms as the "under class."

We have a basic fundamental disagreement in philosophy here. Republicans do not believe we should create factions of Americans competing against one another for the favors of government. Instead, we believe we should lead by taking actions that instill hope and restore freedom and opportunity for all Americans.

So, this Congress will carefully consider the President's so-called "Middle Class Bill of Rights,"--but our actions will flow from the real Bill of Rights--the one that contains the 10th amendment to the Constitution.

The President did not mention that amendment last night, so let me read it for the record:

"The powers not delegated to the United States by the Constitution, nor prohibited by it to the states, are reserved to the states, respectively, or to the people."

Let me close by saying how exciting it was for me to look up last night and see a Republican Speaker sitting behind the president. Up until last November, it was a sight I was beginning to lose hope of ever seeing.

#### **A Much Different Congress**

But now it's a fact. And the President well knows that this Congress is much, much different from those in the recent past. This is not a big taxing, big spending Congress. This is not a Congress that has a government-mandated solution to every problem. Rather, this is a Congress that has a very specific mandate from the American people. President Clinton said last night that despite his liberal policies of the past two years, he accepts and understands that mandate.

Republicans and all Americans who support our efforts to return government back to the people hope that is a reality, and not just rhetoric.

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