

REMARKS OF CONGRESSMAN BOB DOLE
REPUBLICAN LINCOLN DAY DINNER
BISMARCK, NORTH DAKOTA
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I AM CERTAINLY PLEASED TO BE BACK IN NORTH DAKOTA. LAST FEBRUARY 5 I WAS PRIVILEGED TO BE ON THE PROGRAM AT THE FIFTH ANNUAL FARGO FARM FORUM.

I AM IMPRESSED IN VISITING WITH SENATOR MILT YOUNG AND CONGRESSMAN MARK ANDREWS TO LEARN OF THE TREMENDOUS AMOUNT OF WORK THAT HAS BEEN DONE IN NORTH DAKOTA IN REORGANIZING AND STRENGTHENING THE REPUBLICAN PARTY. BOTH SENATOR YOUNG AND CONGRESSMAN ANDREWS HAVE HAD HIGH PRAISE FOR YOUR STATE CHAIRMAN, TOM SECREST, AND THE PROOF OF THE PUDDING WILL COME THIS NOVEMBER WHEN THIS DISTRICT WILL ELECT A REPUBLICAN TO REPRESENT THEM IN THE 90TH CONGRESS.

I NEED NOT TELL YOU OF THE TREMENDOUS RESPECT EVERYONE HAS FOR SENATOR MILT YOUNG. HIS LEADERSHIP IN THE FIELD OF AGRICULTURE IS UNQUESTIONED, AND I REGRET THAT HE CANNOT BE WITH US THIS EVENING. SENATOR YOUNG IS ALSO A LEADER IN THE SENATE IN THE FIGHT TO RETAIN 14 (b). A VICTORY IN THE SENATE ON THIS ISSUE NOT ONLY PROVED THE VALUE OF AGGRESSIVE ACTION BY THOSE WHO BELIEVE IN INDIVIDUAL FREEDOM, BUT IT WAS A MANIFESTATION OF STRONG PUBLIC OPINION AGAINST THE REPEAL OF SECTION 14 (b). THE FAILURE BY THE ADMINISTRATION TO INVOKE CLOTURE IS AN INDICATION THAT THE "CONSENSUS" WHICH THE PRESIDENT CONSTANTLY SEEKS WAS, IN FACT, STRONGLY IN FAVOR OF RETAINING 14 (b). EVERY SUBSTANTIAL POLL EVER TAKEN SHOWS THAT AMERICANS FAVOR THE PRINCIPLE OF VOLUNTARY UNION MEMBERSHIP AND ALMOST UNANIMOUSLY, ACCORDING TO A RECENT HARRIS POLL, AMERICANS PUT "LIVING IN A FREE COUNTRY" AT THE TOP OF THEIR LIST OF THE MOST PRECIOUS ASSETS OF BEING IN THE UNITED STATES. THE PRINCIPLE OF RIGHT-TO-WORK EMBODIES THE VERY ESSENCE OF OUR AMERICAN

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HERITAGE OF FREEDOM. AS MUCH AS SENATOR YOUNG HOPED TO BE HERE THIS EVENING, HIS FIRST OBLIGATION -- AS HE WELL KNOWS -- IS TO REMAIN EVER ALERT -- EVEN IF THIS MEANS STAYING IN WASHINGTON AND CANCELLING LONG-STANDING ENGAGEMENTS -- TO ANY AND ALL EFFORTS OF THIS LABOR-DOMINATED ADMINISTRATION TO REPEAL SECTION 14 (b) OF THE TAFT-HARTLEY ACT.

WE MISS DON SHORT IN THE 89TH CONGRESS AS A FRIEND AND AS ANOTHER OUTSTANDING SPOKESMAN FOR AGRICULTURE. I MISS DON SHORT AS A FRIEND AND FELLOW MEMBER OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND MIGHT ADD THAT WE COULD HAVE USED HIS VOTE WHEN REPEAL OF 14 (b) WAS CONSIDERED IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES. I KNOW DON SHORT WOULD HAVE UPHELD THE DECISION OF THE VOTERS OF NORTH DAKOTA AND WOULD HAVE VOTED AGAINST REPEAL. DON SHORT AND CONGRESSMAN MARK ANDREWS BELIEVED, AND STILL BELIEVE, THAT THERE IS A PLACE FOR RURAL AMERICA IN THE "GREAT SOCIETY". THEY OPPOSED, AND I AM CERTAIN STILL OPPOSE, THE EFFORTS OF SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE, ORVILLE FREEMAN, TO DEPRESS MARKET PRICES BY DUMPING COMMODITY CREDIT CORPORATION STOCKS OF WHEAT AND CORN ON THE MARKET TIME AFTER TIME AFTER TIME. IT SEEMS TO MANY OF US THAT IT IS NOT THE DUTY OF A SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE TO BEAT DOWN FARM PRICES IN ORDER TO DRIVE FARMERS INTO COMPLIANCE WITH GOVERNMENT PROGRAMS. MANY OF US BELIEVE THE SECRETARY'S PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITY IS TO HELP PROTECT OUR MARKETING SYSTEM SO THAT FARMERS CAN EARN A FAIR RETURN IN THE MARKET PLACE, RATHER THAN HAVING TO DEPEND UPON A GOVERNMENT CHECK. MOREOVER, I AM CERTAIN THAT MOST AMERICAN FARMERS WOULD PREFER TO HAVE IT THAT WAY. THEY KNOW THAT THE SAME GOVERNMENT WHICH CAN HAND THEM SOMETHING TODAY CAN TAKE IT BACK --- WITH INTEREST --- TOMORROW.

YES, THOSE OF US REPRESENTING RURAL AMERICA ARE CONCERNED, AND IF ANYONE STILL DOUBTS THAT THIS ADMINISTRATION HAS NEGLECTED RURAL AMERICA, YOU HAVE ONLY TO LOOK AT THE ADMINISTRATION'S DISCRIMINATION AGAINST AGRI-

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CULTURE BY CUTS IN THE BUDGET FOR REA PROGRAMS, SCHOOL LUNCHES, AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH, AND A HOST OF OTHERS.

SENATOR YOUNG WILL MAKE EVERY EFFORT AS A MEMBER OF THE SENATE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE TO HAVE THESE BUDGET CUTS RESTORED, AND HE WILL HAVE THE SUPPORT OF MARK ANDREWS IN THE HOUSE. BUT LET'S FACE IT --- WE ARE NOT ONLY OUTNUMBERED TWO TO ONE --- WE ARE DOMINATED BY AN URBAN-LABOR PARTY, KNOWN AS THE DEMOCRAT PARTY.

WE ALL KNOW OF THE FINE WORK OF MARK ANDREWS IN THE HOUSE IN THE LAST SESSION AND OF HIS PREDECESSOR, AND A PERSONAL FRIEND OF MINE, THE LATE HJALMAR NYGAARD, IN OBTAINING APPROVAL OF THE GARRISON DIVERSION DAM. THIS WILL MEAN A GREAT DEAL TO THE DEVELOPMENT NOT ONLY OF NORTH DAKOTA AGRICULTURE, BUT IT WILL PROVIDE NECESSARY WATER SUPPLY TO YOUR CITIES AND I WOULD REMIND YOU THAT IN A TWO TO ONE DEMOCRAT-CONTROLLED CONGRESS IT WAS A REPUBLICAN NAMED ANDREWS WHOSE NAME WAS ON THE BILL SIGNED BY THE PRESIDENT. NEEDLESS TO SAY, SENATOR YOUNG PROVIDED IMMEASURABLE ASSISTANCE IN THE SENATE.

WELL, WITH THESE PRELIMINARY REMARKS, LET ME VISIT WITH YOU AWHILE ABOUT OUR PARTY AND OUR CHALLENGE IN THE WEEKS AND MONTHS AHEAD.

MANY AMERICANS ARE OBSERVING ABRAHAM LINCOLN'S 157 TH BIRTHDAY ANNIVERSARY THIS WEEK. IF LINCOLN IS REMEMBERED FOR ANYTHING BY YOUNG AND OLD ALIKE, IT IS HIS HONESTY. I WANT TO DISCUSS LINCOLN'S HONESTY WITH YOU THIS EVENING BECAUSE, AS THE ADMINISTRATION BUDGET DEMONSTRATES, THE WORDS "HONESTY" AND "TRUTH" ARE NOT NEARLY SO HALLOWED AS THEY WERE IN LINCOLN'S DAY. THE MENTION OF LINCOLN AND LBJ'S BUDGET MANIPULATIONS REMINDS ME OF A STORY ATTRIBUTED TO LINCOLN:

"OF A MENDACIOUS VISITOR LINCOLN SAID, "HE REMINDS ME OF AN OLD FISHERMAN I USED TO KNOW WHO GOT SUCH A REPUTATION FOR STRETCHING THE TRUTH THAT HE BOUGHT A PAIR OF SCALES AND INSISTED ON WEIGHING EVERY FISH IN THE PRESENCE OF WITNESSES. ONE DAY A BABY WAS BORN NEXT DOOR AND