

REMARKS OF CONGRESSMAN BOB DOLE
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IT IS ALWAYS A PLEASURE TO VISIT ELLIS COUNTY AND PARTICULARLY TO VISIT WITH ELLIS COUNTY REPUBLICAN WOMEN. THE 1964 ELECTIONS IN YOUR COUNTY PROVED THAT A TWO-PARTY SYSTEM CAN BE CREATED IN A ONE-PARTY ATMOSPHERE AND THIS IS WHAT REPUBLICANS NEED TO PROVE THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY THIS NOVEMBER.

JUST LAST WEEK I VISITED THE STATES OF MINNESOTA, UTAH, NORTH DAKOTA, AND OHIO, AND CAN REPORT THAT IN EVERY AREA THERE IS A REAL ENTHUSIASM AND VALID REASONS FOR BELIEVING REPUBLICANS WILL MAKE HEAVY GAINS THIS YEAR.

FRANKLY, WE ARE DOING VERY LITTLE IN CONGRESS AT THIS POINT, PRIMARILY BECAUSE THE ADMINISTRATION, IN AN EFFORT TO PLACATE LABOR LEADERS, WENT THROUGH THE MOTIONS OF TRYING TO REPEAL SECTION 14 (b) IN THE U. S. SENATE. THE OUTCOME WAS NEVER IN DOUBT; IN FACT, EVERY SUBSTANTIAL POLL EVER TAKEN SHOWS THAT MOST 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 HERITAGE OF FREEDOM.

SO MANY OF THE THINGS THAT CONGRESS SHOULD HAVE BEEN CONSIDERING WERE SET ASIDE ___ EVEN MATTERS RELATING DIRECTLY TO AMERICAN EFFORTS IN VIET NAM. FORTUNATELY, THE ARGUMENT OF SECTION 14 (b) HAS BEEN PUT TO REST FOR THIS SESSION AND NOW THE CONGRESS CAN GET ON WITH OTHER IMPORTANT BUSINESS.

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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 157TH 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 _____

Remainder of Speech like that of February 12, 1966.