

REMARKS OF

CONGRESSMAN BOB DOLE
WABAUNSEE COUNTY REPUBLICAN DINNER
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ESKRIDGE, KANSAS

TONIGHT I STAND BEFORE YOU GRATEFUL AND OPTIMISTIC.

I AM GRATEFUL FOR THE OPPORTUNITY GIVEN ME TO BE OUR PARTY'S NOMINEE FOR THE U.S. SENATE SEAT BEING VACATED BY A GREAT KANSAN, SENATOR FRANK CARLSON.

I AM OPTIMISTIC BECAUSE THE REPUBLICAN PARTY OFFERS THE CANDIDATES AND THE SOLUTIONS WHICH CAN --AND WILL-- MAKE OUR PARTY, THE PARTY OF LEADERSHIP AFTER NOVEMBER 5.

TWICE BEFORE, REPUBLICANS GAVE THE PEOPLE OF AMERICA LEADERSHIP AT A TIME OF CRISIS -- LEADERSHIP WHICH WON PEACE INSTEAD OF WAR, UNITY IN PLACE OF DISCORD, COMPASSION INSTEAD OF BITTERNESS.

A CENTURY AGO, ABRAHAM LINCOLN GAVE THAT LEADERSHIP. FROM IT AROSE ONE NATION, CONSECRATED TO LIBERTY AND JUSTICE FOR ALL.

FIFTEEN YEARS AGO, KANSAS' OWN DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER GAVE THAT LEADERSHIP. FROM IT CAME THE END OF A WAR AND EIGHT YEARS OF PEACE AND INTERNATIONAL RESPECT, ORDERLY PROGRESS AT HOME AND THE CONFIDENCE IN OUR LEADERS AND IN THE GOALS OF OUR COUNTRY.

-TODAY'S TURMOIL-

TODAY, WE ARE ENMESHED IN TURMOIL ONCE AGAIN.

TODAY, TENS OF THOUSANDS OF YOUNG MEN ARE DEAD OR SERIOUSLY WOUNDED FROM A WAR IN VIETNAM STILL UNDECLARED, A WAR WHOSE PROSPECTS FOR PEACE ARE, AT BEST, DISTANT.

TODAY, TO THE WORLD AROUND, OUR PRESTIGE IS LOW, OUR ALLIANCES WEAKENED, OUR IMAGE IMPAIRED.

TODAY, INFLATION HAS ERODED THE CONFIDENCE IN THE DOLLAR ABROAD AND AT HOME, SEVERELY DIMINISHING THE INCOME OF ALL FAMILIES, THE FARMERS, THE RETIRED AND THOSE LIVING ON FIXED INCOMES AND PENSIONS.

NOT FOR A CENTURY HAS INTEREST -- THE PRICE OF MONEY -- BEEN SO HIGH IN THIS LAND, YET NEVER THE OFFICIAL DRIVE TO POUR OUT PUBLIC MONIES SO GREAT.

ALMOST NEVER HAVE OUR FARMERS, THE MOST EFFICIENT AND EFFECTIVE IN THE WORLD, SUFFERED SUCH LOW PROFITS.

NEVER HAVE CONSUMERS SEEN SUCH AN ABUNDANCE OF FOOD AND GOODS, BUT AT PRICES THEY CANNOT AFFORD.

OUR INNER CITIES ARE BECOMING CENTERS OF DESPAIR, WITH MILLIONS CAUGHT IN THE CYCLE OF POVERTY -- POOR EDUCATION, UNEMPLOYMENT OR UNDER-EMPLOYMENT AND THE INABILITY TO AFFORD ADEQUATE HOUSING AND NOURISHMENT.

NEVER HAVE OUR POOR BEEN SO KEEN IN THEIR RESENTMENT, SO VIOLENT IN THEIR PROTEST AND NEVER HAVE RELATIONS AMONG RACES BEEN SO GRAVELY IMPAIRED.

NEVER HAS OBEDIENCE TO THE LAW BEEN SO ABUSED, AND NEVER LAW ENFORCEMENT SO ENFEEBLED BY STRAINED COURT DECISIONS AND OFFICIAL RESTRAINT IN CURBING LAWLESSNESS.

- A SICK SOCIETY?? -

TO SOME, THIS MEANS AMERICA IS A SICK SOCIETY. AND FRANKLY, IT IS EASY TO UNDERSTAND THE ANXIETIES AMERICANS SHARE AS WE SEE OUR NATION FLOUNDERING AT HOME AND STUMBLING INTO CONFLICT THROUGHOUT THE WORLD.

BUT I RECALL THE WORDS OF SENATOR DIRKSEN AT THE MIAMI CONVENTION ON AUGUST 6. "NO, MY FRIENDS," HE SAID, "WE ARE NOT SICK. WE ARE NOT EVEN INDISPOSED. BUT WE ARE INDIGNANT... BECAUSE WE ARE MISMANAGED."

- COUNTRY'S MOOD: CHANGE -

AMERICANS -- NEAR AND FAR -- KNOW THIS. THE COUNTRY EARNESTLY WANTS A CHANGE. THE AMERICAN PEOPLE ARE SICK AND TIRED OF INEPT GOVERNMENT AND HESITANT LEADERSHIP. AMERICANS WANT PLEDGES THAT PRODUCE -- NOT THOSE OF THE DEMOCRATS, LONG ON PROMISE AND SHORT IN PERFORMANCE.

AMERICANS WANT HONEST, FORTHRIGHT AND WISE POLICY DECISIONS BASED ON WISDOM, MERIT AND FAIRNESS. THEY WANT AN ADMINISTRATION WHICH CAN BE BELIEVED AND TRUSTED, WHOSE DECISIONS ENHANCE FREEDOM OF THE INDIVIDUAL, NOT FORFEIT IT; WHICH UPHOLD DIGNITY, NOT DEMEAN IT; WHICH ENCOURAGE MORE LOCAL AND STATE DOMINION, NOT FEDERAL DOMINATION.

- 1965: CHANGE IN DIRECTION -

IN THE PAST SEVERAL YEARS, WE HAVE BEEN ABLE TO POINT TO THE ELECTION STATISTICS TO BEGIN TO SEE THAT AMERICANS HAVE INCREASINGLY REALIZED IT IS OUR PARTY WHICH CAN PROVIDE THE LEADERSHIP FOR THE NATION.

SINCE 1965, THE COUNTRY HAS ELECTED THREE ADDITIONAL
REPUBLICAN U.S. SENATORS AND 47 ADDITIONAL REPUBLICAN
CONGRESSMEN. THE NUMBER OF REPUBLICAN GOVERNORS HAS INCREASED
FROM 17 TO 26. WE SHOW A NET GAIN OF 603 REPUBLICANS IN THE
STATE LEGISLATURES. IN ADDITION, WE HAVE SCORED MORE THAN
50 REPUBLICAN MAYORS AND MORE THAN 800 REPUBLICAN COUNTY
OFFICIALS, MANY IN AREAS NEVER BEFORE ELECTING A REPUBLICAN.

IN MY JUDGEMENT, THESE IMPRESSIVE VICTORIES REPRESENT
A RECOGNITION, ON THE PART OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE, THAT OUR
COUNTRY NEEDS A CHANGE IN DIRECTION.

- 1968: CHANGE OF COMMAND -

AND IF I INTERPRET CORRECTLY, I SEE THAT 1965 CALL FOR
A CHANGE IN DIRECTION GROWING AND SWELLING INTO A MANDATE
FOR A CHANGE OF COMMAND IN 1968 -- REPUBLICAN LEADERSHIP IN
THE WHITE HOUSE, IN THE NATION'S CAPITOL AND IN THE STATE
HOUSES AND COUNTY AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTS ACROSS THE BOARD.

IF YOU AND I AND ALL OF THE OTHER PARTY WORKERS IN THIS STATE AND THE NATION MOBILIZE OURSELVES TO GET OUT THE VOTE FOR THE REPUBLICAN CANDIDATES, I THINK WE CAN REALLY MOVE NOT JUST THIS PARTY -- BUT THIS COUNTRY -- FORWARD, CLOSING THE DOOR ON THIS UGLY CHAPTER OF AMERICAN HISTORY WHEN OUR TREMENDOUS POWER AND RESOURCES WERE USED TO MISLEAD, CONFUSE, SHATTER AND DESTROY.

FOR AMERICA'S CRIPPLING PROBLEMS HAVE BEEN CAUSED, OR WORSENERD, BY THE LACK OF RESPONSIBLE LEADERSHIP OF THE DEMOCRATIC ADMINISTRATION SINCE 1960. AS LONG AS THE DEMOCRATS REMAIN IN POWER, WE MUST EXPECT EACH CRISIS TO DEEPEN, EACH PROBLEM TO GROW.

IF WE ARE TO RESTORE OUR POSITION AS LEADER OF THE FREE WORLD AND SET OUR DOMESTIC HOUSE IN ORDER, WE MUST BEGIN BY ELECTING REPUBLICAN LEADERSHIP THIS NOVEMBER.

- THE GOP PLATFORM -

I I SAY THIS BECAUSE, IN MY JUDGEMENT, THE PLATFORM ADOPTED BY THE REPUBLICAN DELEGATES TO THE MIAMI CONVENTION, DESERVES NOT JUST OUR PARTY'S SUPPORT -- BUT THAT OF ALL AMERICANS. COMMITTED TO PROVIDE THE DYNAMIC LEADERSHIP THE AMERICAN PEOPLE RIGHTLY EXPECT, IT REINFORCES THE PRINCIPLES AND IDEALS ON WHICH THIS COUNTRY WAS FOUNDED; REJUVENATES THE THEORY THAT PROGRESS IS MEASURED NOT ALONE BY THE POURING OUT OF PUBLIC MONEY, BUT BY THE POURING IN OF INDIVIDUAL EFFORT AND REALIZES THAT TO WIN THE WAR AND PEACE AT HOME AND ABROAD REQUIRES COURAGE AS WELL AS COMPASSION.

TONIGHT I WANT TO DISCUSS THE WAYS OUR PLATFORM DEALS WITH HUMAN NEEDS -- THOSE MATTERS INVOLVING LAW AND JUSTICE, HEALTH, HOUSING AND THE ELDERLY -- AND WITH HOW IT DEALS WITH THE FISCAL AND MONETARY MATTERS.

-LAW, ORDER, JUSTICE-

WE OFFER A BALANCED, RESPONSIBLE AND DETERMINED PROGRAM, COMBINING FIRMNESS IN DEALING WITH THOSE WHO BREAK THE LAW WITH PROGRAMS TO PREVENT CRIMES THROUGH A RELENTLESS ATTACK ON ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL INJUSTICE IN EVERY FORM.

THERE ARE 13 SPECIFIC RECOMMENDATIONS ON WHAT NEW LEADERSHIP -- REPUBLICAN LEADERSHIP -- CAN DO TO COMMIT THE FULL AUTHORITY OF THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT TO ASSIST THE STATES, LOCALITIES AND LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES AT EVERY LEVEL TO STEM THE RISING TIDE OF CRIME IN AMERICA.

ON CIVIL DISORDERS, THE REPUBLICAN PARTY STRONGLY ADVOCATES MEASURE TO ALLEVIATE THE FRUSTRATIONS THAT CONTRIBUTE TO RIOTS. SIMULTANEOUSLY, WE SUPPORT DECISIVE ACTION TO QUELL CIVIL DISORDER, RELYING PRIMARILY ON STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTS. WE RECOGNIZE AMERICA HAS ADEQUATE PEACEFUL AND LAWFUL MEANS FOR ACHIEVING EVEN FUNDAMENTAL SOCIAL CHANGE IF THE PEOPLE WISH IT, BUT THE PARTY ALSO RECOGNIZES THIS COUNTRY CANNOT -- AND IF REPUBLICANS ARE ELECTED THIS FALL, WILL NOT -- TOLERATE ANY VIOLENCE.

WE MUST RE-ESTABLISH THE PRINCIPLE THAT MEN ARE ACCOUNTABLE FOR WHAT THEY DO, THAT CRIMINALS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR THEIR CRIMES AND THAT WHILE THE YOUTH'S ENVIRONMENT MAY HELP TO EXPLAIN THE MAN'S CRIME, IT DOES NOT EXCUSE THAT CRIME.

-BETTER HOUSING-

IN HOUSING, WE PLEDGE RESPONSIBLE FISCAL AND MONETARY POLICIES TO BRING DOWN THE PROHIBITIVELY HIGH BUILDING COSTS AND INTEREST RATES. WE PAY SPECIAL ATTENTION TO LOWER-INCOME FAMILIES AND REINFORCE THE REPUBLICAN HOME OWNERSHIP AND RENT CERTIFICATE PROGRAMS. WE OPEN THE DOORS TO MORE INVESTMENT, BOTH OF PRIVATE CAPITAL AND "SWEAT EQUITY".

-THE POOR-

TO HELP THE POOR, WE WOULD DRASTICALLY REVISE WELFARE AND POVERTY PROGRAMS TO LIBERATE THE POOR FROM THE DEBILITATING DEPENDENCE WHICH ERODES SELF-RESPECT AND DISCOURAGES FAMILY UNITY AND RESPONSIBILITY. TAX CREDITS WOULD BE OFFERED TO EMPLOYERS TO UPGRADE JOB TRAINING AND RE-TRAINING. THE REPUBLICAN PLATFORM WOULD ESTABLISH DAY-CARE CENTERS TO HELP THOSE WHO WORK AND A UNIFIED FEDERAL FOOD DISTRIBUTION PROGRAM TO HELP ASSURE THE POOR HAVE A BALANCED DIET.

-CARE FOR THE SICK & DISABLED-

WE RECOGNIZE THE CRITICAL PROBLEMS OF RISING HOSPITAL COSTS, EXPANDING PRIVATE HEALTH INSURANCE PLANS, INCREASING THE NUMBER OF DOCTORS AND NURSES, MODERNIZING HOSPITALS AND INCREASING REGIONAL PLANNING TO AVOID DUPLICATION OF HEALTH FACILITIES. FOR THE MENTALLY ILL, PROGRAMS PROVIDING HEALTH INSURANCE BENEFITS, BETTER TREATMENT IN A COMMUNITY SETTING AND INCREASED RESEARCH ARE SUPPORTED.

KNOWING OLDER AMERICANS DESIRE AND DESERVE INDEPENDENCE, DIGNITY AND THE OPPORTUNITY FOR CONTINUED USEFUL PARTICIPATION, WE WOULD STRENGTHEN THE SOCIAL SECURITY SYSTEM, PROVIDE FOR COST - OF - LIVING INCREASES, AND THE RIGHT TO INCREASED OUTSIDE EARNINGS AND LOWER THE AGE FOR UNIVERSAL SOCIAL SECURITY COVERAGE.

-PHILOSOPHY: HUMAN INVESTMENT-

WHAT ALL THIS MEANS IS THE PHILOSOPHY OF THE REPUBLICAN RESPONSE TO BASIC HUMAN NEEDS IS THAT HUMAN IMPROVEMENT DEPENDS ON HUMAN INVOLVEMENT.

IF PEOPLE'S LIVES ARE TO BE BETTERED, THEY THEMSELVES MUST BE DIRECTLY ENGAGED IN THE PLANNING AND SHAPING OF THEIR LIVES. THE PHRASE, "A HAND-UP, NOT A HAND-OUT", MUST BE MORE THAN A SLOGAN; IT MUST BE THE GOVERNING MAXIM FOR PUBLIC ACTION.

WHEN AN ABLE-BODIED MAN IS RENDERED DEPENDENT UPON THE GOVERNMENT FOR HIS SUPPORT, HE LOSES SELF-RESPECT. BUT, WHEN HE IS GIVEN THE TRAINING AND OPPORTUNITY TO BE PRODUCTIVE AND SELF-SUPPORTING, HE RESPECTS HIMSELF AND HE RESPECTS THE RIGHTS AND PROPERTY OF OTHERS.

THIS IS THE ESSENCE OF THE REPUBLICAN PHILOSOPHY, AS
UNDERScoreD IN MIAMI. IT IS THE CAMPAIGN WE IN CONGRESS HAVE
BEEN WAGING TO SHIFT OUTMODED SOCIAL PROGRAMS AWAY FROM THE SELF-
DEFEATING HANDOUTS OF THE DEMOCRATS TO THE MORE CONSTRUCTIVE
CONCEPT OF HUMAN INVESTMENT, SEEKING TO NOURISH THE INCENTIVES
AND ABILITIES WHICH MAKE INDIVIDUALS PRODUCTIVE AND SELF-SUPPORTING.

-RETURN TO REASON: \$\$\$-

IN ECONOMIC AFFAIRS, THE REPUBLICAN PLATFORM IS INSPIRED
BY THE SAME CONCERN FOR THE SECURITY AND WELLBEING OF OUR PEOPLE.
BY BRINGING TO THE FOREFRONT A GREATER INVOLVEMENT OF INDIVIDUALS
AND PRIVATE INDUSTRY, WE NOT ONLY BETTER MEET AND ENHANCE HUMAN
NEEDS AND DESIRES, BUT WE ALSO MOVE IN TO HARNESS A FEDERAL
BUDGET GONE WILD IN THE LAST EIGHT YEARS.

WE REPUBLICANS RECOGNIZE THAT GOVERNMENT LEADERSHIP AND SUPPORT IS NECESSARY, BUT WE ALSO RECOGNIZE THAT THE DEMOCRATS' IDEA OF FEDERAL SOLUTIONS -- FEDERALLY ADMINISTERED AND FEDERALLY-FINANCED -- HAS NOT WORKED, EXCEPT TO FURTHER DRAIN THE PUBLIC TILL.

WE WILL ESTABLISH RESPONSIBLE SPENDING PRIORITIES, DELAYING SOME PROJECTS IN ORDER TO STRENGTHEN SOME OF OUR MORE URGENT PROGRAMS. WITH THE EXERCISE OF COMMON SENSE AND DISCIPLINE, WE CAN AT ONCE BETTER MEET OUR NEEDS IN THIS COUNTRY WITHOUT FURTHER CONTRIBUTING TO THE ECONOMIC CALAMITY CREATED BY EIGHT YEARS OF DEMOCRATIC CONTROL.

AFTER PROVIDING FOR NEEDS OF OUR RETURNING VETERANS AND RESTORATION OF NATIONAL DEFENSE, SAVINGS MADE AVAILABLE BY THE EVENTUAL ENDING OF THE WAR WILL BE APPLIED TO CRITICAL DOMESTIC
THE
NEEDS AND TO/REDUCTION OF TAXES.

TAX REFORM WILL HAVE OUR ATTENTION. WE WILL IMPROVE THE HANDLING OF THE OVERGROWN PUBLIC DEBT AND SO WILL CUT THE MAMMOTH INTEREST BURDEN. REASONABLE PRICE STABILITY WILL BE MADE AN EXPLICIT OBJECTIVE OF GOVERNMENT POLICY.

TO STRENGTHEN THE WORLD POSITION OF THE DOLLAR, WE WILL NOT IRRESPONSIBLY AND UNWISELY PROPOSE KEEPING AMERICAN CITIZENS FROM TRAVELING ABROAD OR BY STOPPING AMERICAN CORPORATIONS FROM INVESTING ABROAD. INSTEAD, FEDERAL SPENDING WILL BE CUT, AND SOUND MONETARY POLICIES WILL BE ESTABLISHED.

WE WILL TAKE A LONG, HARD LOOK AT OUR OVERSEAS COMMITMENTS. WE WILL STIMULATE EXPORTS. WE WILL ENCOURAGE OUR FOREIGN FRIENDS TO COME TO THE U.S. AS CONDITIONS REQUIRE, WE WILL ALSO: GIVE OUR OWN EXPORTS AND IMPORTS THE SAME KIND OF TAX TREATMENT THAT FOREIGNERS APPLY TO THEIRS, ATTACK OUR COMPETITION PROBLEM BY PROPOSING REALISTIC TAX WRITE-OFFS AND SO ON.

-TO IMPLEMENT: ELECT-

WHAT WE FACE NOW IS THE HEAVY TASK OF ELECTING REPUBLICANS ON NOVEMBER 5 SO THEY CAN LEAD OUR COUNTRY TO GREATNESS.

WITH YOUR HELP, 1968 CAN MARK THE BIRTH OF A NEW AMERICA. TOGETHER, WE CAN DEMONSTRATE THAT THE REPUBLICAN PARTY IS A FAITHFUL REFLECTION OF THE REAL AMERICA.

REPUBLICAN RICHARD NIXON IS THE ONLY PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE WHO CAN PROVIDE LEADERSHIP.

-NIXON'S THE ONE-

NIXON'S THE ONE WHO CAN BRING ABOUT WORLD PEACE AND RESTORE OUR PRESTIGE AS A LEADER OF THE FREE WORLD.

NIXON'S THE ONE WHO CAN END THE NATIONAL CRIME CRISIS, RESTORE MORAL LEADERSHIP AND PROMOTE JUSTICE.

NIXON'S THE ONE WHO CAN CLOSE THE CREDIBILITY GAP WHICH, UNDER THE CURRENT ADMINISTRATION, HAS MISLED AND MISGUIDED THE PEOPLE ABOUT OUR FOREIGN POLICY, DOMESTIC EFFORTS AND EVEN PRESIDENTIAL APPOINTMENTS AND PLANS.

NIXON'S THE ONE WHO CAN RESTORE PROSPERITY, CURB INFLATION
AND RETURN US TO THE SOUND FISCAL POLICIES OF THE EISENHOWER YEARS.

NIXON'S THE ONE WHO WILL STOP THE GROWTH OF BIG GOVERNMENT
AND SLOW THE EVER-GROWING DEPENDENCE ON BIG GOVERNMENT.

NIXON'S THE ONE WHO OFFERS HOPE FOR THE AMERICAN FARMER
WITH THE PROGRAMS AND POLICIES THAT WILL CAUSE PRICES TO RISE,
NOT FALL.

NIXON'S THE ONE WHO WILL OFFER TAX INCENTIVES AND TAX
CREDITS TO PROVIDE EMPLOYMENT AND EDUCATION.

IN SHORT, NIXON'S THE ONE, AND THE ONLY ONE, WHO CAN LEAD
ALL AMERICANS WITH A NEW GOVERNMENT AND A NEW PHILOSOPHY IN
THE YEARS AHEAD.

TOGETHER, OUR GOAL -- YOURS, MINE AND HIS -- IS PEACE
AND UNDERSTANDING AT HOME AND ABROAD. NO MORE PLATITUDES,
NO MORE UNKEPT PROMISES, NO MORE POLITICS AS USUAL.

HONESTY, REALISM, DECISION, AND ACTION.