

REMARKS OF HONORABLE BOB DOLE
CONNECTICUT STATE REPUBLICAN CONVENTION
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REPUBLICAN REALITIES

THE BUSINESS AT HAND TODAY IS THE ELECTION OF REPUBLICANS.
THIS IS URGENT BUSINESS. IT IS IMPORTANT -- NOT MERELY BECAUSE IT IS
REPUBLICAN BUSINESS -- BUT BECAUSE IT IS AMERICA'S BUSINESS.

TWO YEARS AGO THE PEOPLE OF THIS COUNTRY VOTED FOR CHANGE.
THEY WERE TIRED OF DEMOCRAT PROMISES WITHOUT RESULTS ---- TIRED OF
DEMOCRAT PROGRAMS WITHOUT PLANNING ---- TIRED OF WAR WITHOUT A PLAN
FOR PEACE.

SO THE AMERICAN PEOPLE ELECTED RICHARD NIXON PRESIDENT.

HE HAD A PLAN FOR PEACE; HE CHAMPIONED THE RULE OF LAW; AND
HE PROMISED TO BRING A NEW, FEDERAL PHILOSOPHY OF GOVERNMENT TO THE
WHITE HOUSE.

PRESIDENT NIXON HAS BEEN IN OFFICE NOW FOR 17 MONTHS, AND
HE HAS ESTABLISHED A REMARKABLE RECORD. THERE HAVE BEEN CRISES BOTH
AT HOME AND ABROAD WHICH HAVE TESTED HIS WISDOM, HIS COURAGE AND HIS
DETERMINATION. BUT, HE HAS EMERGED FROM EACH TRIAL WITH INCREASED

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STATURE IN THE EYES OF THE AMERICAN PUBLIC AND THE WORLD. IF YOU LISTENED ONLY TO NETWORK NEWSCASTS OR READ ONLY THE NEW YORK TIMES AND THE WASHINGTON POST, THE PRESIDENT'S STRENGTH WOULD NOT BE APPARENT. BUT FROM VISITING RECENTLY WITH PEOPLE IN KANSAS AND OTHER PARTS OF THE COUNTRY -- I AM CONFIDENT THE GREAT MAJORITY SUPPORT PRESIDENT NIXON, AND I KNOW THE PEOPLE OF CONNECTICUT DO TOO.

THE LATEST GALLUP POLL INDICATES THAT 59 PERCENT OF THE AMERICAN PUBLIC DOES APPROVE OF HOW HE IS HANDLING HIS JOB ---- AN INCREASE OF TWO FULL POINTS SINCE THE FIRST WEEK IN MAY ---- AND SIX POINTS SINCE THE END OF MARCH.

I BELIEVE A BASIC REASON FOR THIS APPROVAL IS RECOGNITION THAT PRESIDENT NIXON IS PREPARED TO DO WHAT **IS RIGHT** -- NOT NECESSARILY POPULAR OR EASY -- BUT WHAT IS RIGHT FOR AMERICA AND ITS PEOPLE, RATHER THAN WHAT MAY BE GOOD FOR RICHARD NIXON.

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THE ADMINISTRATION AND THE ECONOMY

THERE IS NO AREA OF THE NATION'S DOMESTIC LIFE WHERE THE PRESIDENT'S RESOLVE AND FIRMNESS HAVE BEEN TESTED MORE STRONGLY THAN THE ECONOMY. HE HAS PLEDGED HIS ADMINISTRATION TO ECONOMIC RESPONSIBILITY, HE HAS TAKEN BOLD STEPS TO FULFILL THAT COMMITMENT. HE HAS REPLACED THE OUTMODED BUREAU OF THE BUDGET WITH A NEW ORGANIZATION KNOWN AS THE OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET. THIS ORGANIZATION WILL HAVE RESPONSIBILITY -- NOT ONLY FOR PREPARATION OF THE FEDERAL BUDGET -- BUT FOR COORDINATING AND EVALUATING OPERATIONS OF THE FEDERAL BUREAUCRACY. TWO OF THE MOST ABLE ADMINISTRATORS IN GOVERNMENT WILL HEAD THE NEW AGENCY; THEY ARE GEORGE SCHULTZ, NOW SECRETARY OF LABOR, AND CASPAR WEINBERGER, CHAIRMAN OF THE FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION.

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THE OFFICE OF BUDGET AND MANAGEMENT REPRESENTS THE FIRST ATTEMPT TO COORDINATE AND CONTROL THE EXPENDITURES OF THE FEDERAL BUREAUCRATIC STRUCTURE. AND IT MARKS A MAJOR STEP IN PRESIDENT NIXON'S CAMPAIGN TO FULFILL HIS PROMISE OF FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY IN GOVERNMENT.

DEMOCRAT ECONOMIC MYTHS

THE PRESIDENT'S EFFORTS TO BRING ECONOMY TO GOVERNMENT AND TO ASSURE A SOUND NATIONAL FINANCIAL CLIMATE HAVE BEEN OVERSHADOWED LATELY BY A BROADSIDE OF DEMOCRAT PROPAGANDA, HALF-TRUTHS AND DISTORTIONS.

EVERY DAY SOME DEMOCRAT IS SAYING THE NIXON ADMINISTRATION IS BRINGING ON A RECESSION, A DEPRESSION OR WORSE. DAILY, DEMOCRATS TAKE THE FLOOR OF THE HOUSE OR SENATE TO PREDICT THE COLLAPSE OF OUR ECONOMY BECAUSE OF NIXON POLICIES.

WELL, IT IS HIGH TIME REPUBLICANS STARTED TELLING THE AMERICAN PEOPLE THE ECONOMIC REALITIES OF 1970.

OF COURSE WE HAVE INFLATION, BUT THIS INFLATION IS NOT DUE TO 17 MONTHS OF REPUBLICAN RESTRICTIONS ON EXPENDITURES AND REDUCTION OF THE BUDGET. IT IS DUE TO EIGHT YEARS OF DEMOCRAT SPENDING, SPENDING AND MORE SPENDING.

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BETWEEN MID-1965 AND MID-1968, DEMOCRAT-DIRECTED FEDERAL SPENDING INCREASED \$53 BILLION. MORE THAN HALF THIS AMOUNT WAS ATTRIBUTABLE TO OTHER THAN THE VIETNAM WAR. AND, SPEAKING OF THE WAR, IN 1966 THE DEMOCRAT ADMINISTRATION UNDERESTIMATED THE COST OF THAT WAR FOR FISCAL YEAR 1967 BY \$10 BILLION ---- OR 100 PERCENT. THIS GROSS MISCALCULATION, COMBINED WITH POORLY PLANNED, EXPENSIVE "WARS ON THIS" AND "WARS ON THAT", **HAVE** PRODUCED SUCH SERIOUS INFLATION TODAY.

IN TODAY'S UNEMPLOYMENT AND COST-OF-LIVING STATISTICS, WE ARE NOT SEEING THE SHORT-TERM RESULTS OF REPUBLICAN BELT-TIGHTENING. WE ARE SEEING THE LONG-TERM EFFECTS OF RUNAWAY DEMOCRAT SPENDING.

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NOT ONLY DID DEMOCRAT ADMINISTRATIONS SPEND AS THOUGH THERE WERE NO TOMORROW, BUT THEY REFUSED TO TAKE THE MOST BASIC STEPS TO COUNTERACT THE EFFECTS OF THEIR GIVEAWAY SPENDING.

EVEN IN THE FACE OF SKYROCKETING SPENDING AND UNDERESTIMATED VIETNAM COSTS, THE DEMOCRAT ADMINISTRATION DID NOT SEEK ANY TAX INCREASES UNTIL JANUARY OF 1967 -- AND BY THEN THE INCOME TAX SURCHARGE WAS TOO LITTLE AND TOO LATE.

REPUBLICAN INITIATIVES

WHEN PRESIDENT NIXON TOOK OFFICE, HE RECOGNIZED THE GRAVITY OF THE SITUATION. HE ALSO KNEW THAT THE JOB OF REPAIRING HIS INHERITANCE OF DEMOCRAT IRRESPONSIBILITY WOULD NOT BE A POPULAR UNDERTAKING.

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ALTHOUGH THE AMERICAN ECONOMY DID NOT HAVE A DEMOCRAT ADMINIS-
TRATION TO CONTINUE ITS SPENDING BINGE, RESPONSIBLE RECOVERY WAS STILL
NOT ASSURED, BECAUSE THE DEMOCRAT CONGRESS WAS STILL INTENT ON PURSUING
THE SAME OLD LINE OF POPULAR, EASY AND DANGEROUS SPENDING.

AT A TIME WHEN THE NIXON ADMINISTRATION HAD CLEARLY DEFINED
THE NEED FOR A FEDERAL BUDGET SURPLUS, THE DEMOCRAT CONGRESS TURNED
THE TAX REFORM BILL INTO A TAX-REDUCTION ACT. THE IMPACT OF REDUCED
REVENUES ON FEDERAL PROGRAMS OVER THE NEXT THREE YEARS WILL BE SUB-
STANTIAL. THERE WILL BE FAR TOO LITTLE MONEY TO FINANCE EVEN THE
MOST WORTHWHILE AND VITAL PROGRAMS, AND NO ONE WILL CRY LOUDER THAN
THE DEMOCRATS WHOSE VOTES ON THE TAX BILL DENIED THE MONEY IN THE
FIRST PLACE.

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OTHER EXAMPLES OF THE DEMOCRATS' ECONOMIC IRRESPONSIBILITY AND FISCAL DUPLICITY ARE TO BE FOUND THROUGHOUT THE RECORD OF THE 91ST CONGRESS:

---THE LABOR-HEALTH, EDUCATION AND WELFARE BILL, H.R. 13111, WAS BALLOONED BY DEMOCRAT SPENDERS TO SUCH PROPORTIONS THAT THE PRESIDENT WAS FORCED TO VETO IT.

---THE POSTAL REFORM BILL HAS BEEN LANGUISHING AT THE HANDS OF DEMOCRAT COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN IN SPITE OF THE \$8 BILLION DEFICIT OF THE POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT IN THE LAST 10 YEARS.

---IN ADDITION, THE DEMOCRAT CONGRESS HAS STALLED ACTION ON MAJOR ADMINISTRATION LEGISLATION TO COMBAT CRIME, TO ALLEVIATE THE HOUSING SHORTAGE AND TO MEET SPECIFIC PROBLEMS OF SOCIAL SECURITY, SMALL BUSINESSES, UNEMPLOYMENT AND JOB TRAINING.

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LET THERE BE NO MISTAKE. OUR ECONOMIC DIFFICULTIES TODAY ARE THE DIRECT RESULT OF EIGHT YEARS OF DEMOCRAT ADMINISTRATIONS IN WASHINGTON, AND AN IRRESPONSIBLE, UNRESPONSIVE DEMOCRAT-CONTROLLED CONGRESS IS BLOCKING THIS ADMINISTRATION'S EFFORTS TO STRENGTHEN THE ECONOMY AND DEAL WITH OTHER PRESSING NATIONAL PROBLEMS. IN THIS YEAR'S CAMPAIGNS WE WILL UNDOUBTEDLY HAVE MORE THAN ENOUGH DEMOCRAT CROCODILE TEARS AND HAND WRINGING OVER THE ECONOMY AND ADMINISTRATION ACTIONS, SO WE MUST BE PREPARED TO REBUT THEM WITH THE FACTS.

WE SHOULD STAND PROUDLY ON THE REPUBLICAN RECORD -- BOTH DOMESTIC AND FOREIGN.

AND WE SHOULD THROW THE DEMOCRATS' RECORD BACK AT THEM AT EVERY OPPORTUNITY.

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REPUBLICANS HAVE INITIATED A PROGRAM TO ACHIEVE ECONOMIC STABILITY WITHOUT SEVERELY DISRUPTIVE READJUSTMENTS. THE DEMOCRATS' ONLY ECONOMIC POLICY HAS BEEN LIMITLESS FEDERAL SPENDING AND RUINOUS INFLATION.

REPUBLICANS HAVE PROPOSED SPECIFIC, REASONABLE LEGISLATIVE SOLUTIONS TO NATIONAL PROBLEMS. THE DEMOCRATS HAVE ONLY BLOCKED, STALLED AND DISTORTED THESE PROPOSALS.

THE NIXON ADMINISTRATION IS ENGINEERING THE TRANSITION OF OUR ECONOMY FROM A WARTIME-INFLATIONARY BASE TO ONE BASED ON PEACE AND STABILITY. IT IS DIRECTING THIS TRANSITION AS GENTLY AND EVENLY AS POSSIBLE. OF COURSE SOME SHORT-TERM DISLOCATIONS AND DIFFICULTIES ARE BEING FELT. UNFORTUNATELY THIS IS UNAVOIDABLE. BUT THE ADMINISTRATION'S POLICY IS AVOIDING MAJOR DISRUPTIONS IN THE ECONOMY -- SUCH AS MASSIVE UNEMPLOYMENT AND WAGE-PRICE CONTROLS. AND IT IS AVOIDING FURTHER CRIPPLING INFLATION WITH ITS DESTRUCTION OF SAVINGS AND FIXED INCOMES AND AN EVER-SPIRALING COST OF LIVING. THE RESULT WILL BE A STRONG AND HEALTHY U.S. ECONOMY BENEFITTING ALL AMERICANS AND THE MONETARY AND ECONOMIC CLIMATE OF THE ENTIRE FREE WORLD.

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SOUTHEAST ASIA

PRESIDENT NIXON HAS A WORKING PLAN FOR PEACE IN SOUTHEAST ASIA. HE HAS BROUGHT 115,500 AMERICAN SERVICEMEN HOME. PAST DEMOCRAT PRESIDENTS FOLLOWED A POLICY OF ESCALATION WHICH SENT MORE THAN HALF A MILLION YOUNG AMERICANS INTO AN INDECISIVE AND DIVISIVE WAR. THIS WAR -- AND ALL ITS' AGONIES WERE ON NIXON'S DOORSTEP ON JANUARY 20,1969.

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GREAT DEBATE

WHILE THE PRESIDENT IS DISENGAGING EFFECTIVELY, CONSIDERABLE DISCUSSION HAS BEEN GENERATED IN THE PAST MONTH OVER ACTION TAKEN IN CAMBODIA.

WHEN THE ANNOUNCEMENT WAS MADE THAT AMERICAN GROUND TROOPS HAD ENTERED THE CAMBODIAN SANCTUARY AREAS OF THE VIET CONG AND NORTH VIETNAMESE, MANY WERE HIGHLY CONCERNED THAT THIS FORESHADOWED AN EXPANDED WAR, INCREASED U.S. CASUALTIES AND DIMINISHED HOPES FOR ENDING THE VIETNAM WAR.

MANY MEMBERS OF THE SENATE, MYSELF INCLUDED, EXPRESSED DOUBTS OVER THE NECESSITY OF INSTITUTING SUCH ACTION. THE RISKS WERE CONSIDERABLE, AND OUR PAST EXPERIENCE WITH McNAMARA "MASTER STROKES" AND L.B.J.'S "LIGHTS AT THE END OF THE TUNNEL", HAD LEFT A LINGERING SKEPTICISM WITH MANY OF US.

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A DIFFERENT SITUATION

HOWEVER, SEVERAL FACTS STOOD OUT IN THE ANALYSIS OF THE SITUATION. THIS WAS A DIFFERENT TIME, A DIFFERENT PLACE AND A DIFFERENT PRESIDENT. THIS WAS AFTER FIFTEEN MONTHS OF A WORKING PROGRAM OF DISENGAGEMENT FROM VIETNAM.

THIS WAS IN AN AREA WHICH HAD BEEN UNDER THE DOMINATION OF ENEMY FORCES JUST AS SURELY AS IF IT HAD BEEN IN NORTH VIETNAM PROPER.

AND THIS WAS A PRESIDENT WHO HAD MADE REASONABLE PROMISES AND COMMITMENTS REGARDING VIETNAM. AND, MOST IMPORTANT, THIS WAS A PRESIDENT WHO HAD KEPT EVERY ONE OF HIS PROMISES AND MET EVERY ONE OF HIS COMMITMENTS.

SO, MY PERSONAL DOUBTS ASIDE, I PUT MY VOICE AND MY SUPPORT WHERE MY FAITH AND CONFIDENCE WERE ---- WITH THE PRESIDENT.

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THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF

WE SHOULD KEEP IN MIND THAT THE PRESIDENT, AND ONLY THE PRESIDENT, IS COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF OF OUR ARMED FORCES. IN ADDITION, TO HIS DUTY TO DEPLOY AND COMMIT OUR FORCES IN DEFENSE OF OUR NATIONAL SECURITY, HE HAS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF ASSURING THE SAFETY OF THE MEN HE COMMANDS ---TO THE MAXIMUM POSSIBLE EXTENT CONSISTENT WITH THE FULFILLMENT OF THEIR MISSIONS.

ONE OF THE PRESIDENT'S TWO STATED OBJECTIVES IN LAUNCHING THE CAMBODIAN OPERATIONS WAS THE PROTECTION OF OUR FIGHTING MEN. THE PRESIDENT HAD NO ALTERNATIVE IN EXERCISING HIS RESPONSIBILITY TO HIS TROOPS THAN TO MOVE QUICKLY AND FORCEFULLY TO PROTECT THEM. AND TO HIS LASTING CREDIT, HE DID WHAT HE SAW WAS NECESSARY.

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A LIMITED OPERATION

THE PRESIDENT MADE IT CLEAR IN ANNOUNCING HIS ACTION THAT THIS WAS NOT AN ESCALATION OR A WIDENING OF THE WAR. IT WAS, AS HE SAID, A "DECISIVE" MOVE AND ONE WHICH WAS SPECIFICALLY DEFINED IN EXTENT AND DURATION. HE SAID U.S. FORCES WOULD NOT PROCEED INTO CAMBODIA BEYOND TWENTY KILOMETERS, AND HE SAID THEY WOULD NOT REMAIN BEYOND JUNE 30.

THOSE WERE THE PRESIDENT'S REASONS, AND THOSE WERE THE PRESIDENT'S PROMISES.

I BELIEVED HIM THEN, I BELIEVE HIM NOW, AND I FEEL A MAJORITY OF AMERICANS BELIEVE HIM.

THERE WERE SOME WHO DID NOT. THEY SAID, "IT IS ESCALATION".
"IT IS MORE WAR."

THEY MARCHED AND THEY PROTESTED AND THEY OPPOSED -- WHICH THEY HAVE EVERY RIGHT TO DO, SO LONG AS THE DISSENT IS PEACEFUL.

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DOUBTING THE PRESIDENT

SOME WHO DOUBTED THEIR PRESIDENT'S REASONS AND PROMISES ARE IN THE UNITED STATES SENATE. THEIR RESPONSE TO THE PRESIDENT'S ACTIONS AND HIS STATEMENTS WAS TO INTRODUCE LEGISLATION TO STOP THE PRESIDENT FROM CONDUCTING THE OPERATIONS IN CAMBODIA.

THE LEGISLATION THEY PROPOSED WOULD HALT THE CAMBODIAN OPERATIONS. IT WOULD ALSO DO SEVERAL OTHER THINGS.

IT WOULD PROHIBIT THE UNITED STATES FROM FURNISHING MILITARY INSTRUCTORS, INSTRUCTION OR SUPPORT TO CAMBODIAN FORCES OR HELPING ANY OTHER COUNTRY PROVIDE MILITARY ASSISTANCE TO CAMBODIA.

IN OTHER WORDS, IT WOULD GUT THE NIXON DOCTRINE OF HELPING ASIAN COUNTRIES TO ASSUME THE BURDENS OF SELF-DEFENSE.

IT WOULD SAY, "WE DO NOT BELIEVE YOU CAN OR WILL KEEP YOUR PROMISE TO HAVE OUR MEN OUT OF CAMBODIA BY THE END OF JUNE."

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IT WOULD SAY, "MR. PRESIDENT, WE DO NOT WANT YOU TO SEND U.S. FORCES INTO CAMBODIA ---- EVEN TO PROTECT OUR MEN IN VIETNAM."

IT WOULD SAY, "MR. PRESIDENT, WE DO NOT WANT YOU TO SEND U.S. FORCES INTO CAMBODIA ---- EVEN TO RESCUE AMERICAN PRISONERS OF THE NORTH VIETNAMESE AND VIET CONG."

IT WOULD SAY, "MR. PRESIDENT, THE SENATE CAN DO A BETTER JOB AS COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF THAN YOU."

I DOUBT 100 SENATORS WOULD BE BETTER COMMANDERS-IN-CHIEF, BUT IF I WERE A SOLDIER ON THE CAMBODIAN BORDER OR IN SOUTH VIETNAM, OR A PRISONER OF THE VIET CONG IN THE CAMBODIAN JUNGLE ---- I WOULD RATHER HAVE THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES MAKING THE DECISION AFFECTING MY SAFETY OR POSSIBLE RESCUE THAN 100 SENATORS, 435 MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES -- OR THE SENATE FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE.

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END THE WAR LEGISLATION

I DID NOT SUPPORT THIS LEGISLATION. MANY OTHERS IN THE SENATE DID NOT SUPPORT IT. AND WE HAVE ENGAGED IN AN EXTENDED DEBATE TO EXPLORE THE FULL DIMENSIONS OF THESE PROPOSALS. WE HAVE ALSO PROPOSED SEVERAL AMENDMENTS TO ELIMINATE THE FEATURES WHICH WOULD BROADCAST A DISCOURAGING AND UNTIMELY MESSAGE TO THE PRESIDENT, TO THE MEN IN OUR ARMED SERVICES AND TO THE ENEMY IN HANOI WHO IS COUNTING ON AMERICAN DIVISION TO WIN THE WAR FOR HIM.

COOPER-CHURCH AMENDMENT

IT IS INTERESTING TO NOTE THE DRAMATIC CHANGE IN ATTITUDES OF SPONSORS AND OTHER SUPPORTERS TOWARD AMENDMENTS OFFERED TO THE COOPER-CHURCH AMENDMENT. IN THE BEGINNING THOSE SUPPORTING COOPER-CHURCH WERE OPPOSED TO ANY CHANGES IN THEIR ORIGINAL AMENDMENT. THEY SAID

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CHANGES WOULD RENDER THE AMENDMENT MEANINGLESS --- BUT THEN THE AMERICAN PEOPLE, YOUNG AND OLD -- RICH AND POOR -- IN AND OUT OF UNIFORM -- MOTHERS, WIVES AND FAMILIES OF SERVICEMEN -- RAISED QUESTIONS ABOUT SENATE EFFORTS TO LIMIT A PRESIDENT'S POWERS TO PROTECT AMERICAN FORCES.

THE FIRST SIGN OF CHANGING ATTITUDES CAME WHEN A PERFECTING AMENDMENT WAS ADOPTED TO THE PREAMBLE OF COOPER-CHURCH. THE PREAMBLE THEN SPOKE OF "ACTING IN CONCERT WITH THE DECLARED OBJECTIVES OF THE PRESIDENT." IT WAS ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY.

THE FIRST MAJOR AMENDMENT PROPOSED, MY AMENDMENT, WAS DEFEATED BY A MARGIN OF 18 VOTES. BUT AS DEBATE CONTINUED, THE AMERICAN PEOPLE MORE FULLY UNDERSTOOD THE IMPLICATIONS OF COOPER-CHURCH, AND VOTES STARTED TO CHANGE.

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THE SECOND MAJOR VOTE, ON THE SO-CALLED "PROTECTION OF FORCES" OR BYRD AMENDMENT, FAILED. THE COUNT, HOWEVER, WAS 47-52 -- A MARGIN OF ONLY FIVE VOTES. THEN THE MANSFIELD-DOLE AMENDMENT WAS ADOPTED 91-0. IT SAID IN EFFECT THAT THE PRESIDENT IS COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF AND THAT HE COULD ACT AS SUCH WITHOUT CONSENT OF CONGRESS.

NOW A SECOND BYRD AMENDMENT HAS BEEN PROPOSED. THIS AMENDMENT IS BROADER IN SCOPE THAN THE ONE ORIGINALLY PROPOSED BY THE SENATOR FROM WEST VIRGINIA. IT WOULD APPLY THROUGHOUT THE WORLD, RATHER THAN ONLY SOUTHEAST ASIA. IT CLEARLY AFFIRMS THE PRESIDENT'S CONSTITUTIONAL POWER TO PROTECT THE MEN UNDER HIS COMMAND. THIS IS THE POINT MANY OF US HAVE BEEN STRESSING IN DEBATE SINCE MID-MAY: THE PRESIDENT HAS THIS POWER, AND NO ACTION BY THE CONGRESS SHOULD CLOUD IT.

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MANY WHO OPPOSED THE FIRST BYRD AMENDMENT NOW RECOGNIZE THAT THE AMERICAN PUBLIC SUPPORTS THE PRESIDENT. I PREDICT A SOLID MAJORITY OF THE SENATE WILL SUPPORT THIS AMENDMENT, AND ITS ADOPTION ON MONDAY WILL BRING FINAL AGREEMENT ONE STEP CLOSER.

THE POINT IS, THE CRITICS AND THOSE WHO WOULD LIMIT THE PRESIDENT HAVE CAPITULATED---AND PROPERLY SO. YES, WE HAVE POWERS AND RESPONSIBILITIES IN CONGRESS--TO DECLARE WAR--AND TO APPROPRIATE MONEY TO SUPPORT THE ARMED FORCES--BUT IT HAS NEVER BEEN ^{SENSIBLY} ADVOCATED THAT WE SHOULD DETERMINE MILITARY TACTICS--OR LIMIT THE PRESIDENT'S POWER AS COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF TO PROTECT AMERICAN FORCES.

THAT'S WHAT THE DEBATE HAS BEEN ALL ABOUT, AND THE PRESIDENT -- WILL BE SUSTAINED -- AND HE WILL -- AS PROMISED -- CONTINUE TO DISENGAGE IN SOUTHEAST ASIA, FROM THE WAR HE INHERITED.

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A REPUBLICAN CONGRESS

TWO YEARS AGO AMERICANS VOTED FOR A CHANGE. WE HAVE A REPUBLICAN PRESIDENT. BUT CHANGE IS NOT YET COMPLETE AND THE PRESIDENT CANNOT SOLVE THE NATION'S PROBLEMS ALONE.

THE PRESIDENT NEEDS THE STRENGTH OF A UNITED REVITALIZED REPUBLICAN PARTY. THE PRESIDENT NEEDS OUR PARTY IN THE MAJORITY.

MY FELLOW REPUBLICANS, OUR TIME IS NOW!

IT IS OUR DUTY RIGHT NOW TO FORGE A NEW STRUCTURE OF REPUBLICAN LEADERSHIP AT ALL LEVELS. IT IS OUR DUTY TO DISCIPLINE OURSELVES TO USE OUR POWER WISELY AND FOR THE BENEFIT OF ALL AMERICANS.

I AM CONVINCED THAT THE REPUBLICAN PARTY HAS A UNIQUE OPPORTUNITY -- AND A UNIQUE RESPONSIBILITY -- TO BECOME THE DOMINANT LEADERSHIP FORCE IN AMERICAN POLITICS IN THE 1970's.

TOGETHER WE CAN ACCOMPLISH THIS MISSION.

TOGETHER WE CAN FIND SOLUTIONS TO THE GREAT PROBLEMS OF OUR TIME....WE CAN MOVE THE REPUBLICAN PARTY FORWARD ON ALL LEVELS OF GOVERNMENT....WE CAN GAIN CONTROL OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AND THE UNITED STATES SENATE...WE CAN PROVIDE THE PRESIDENT WITH THE KIND OF SUPPORT HE NEEDS TO GOVERN EFFECTIVELY....AND WE CAN MAKE CERTAIN HE HAS THE OPPORTUNITY OF CONTINUING HIS PROGRAMS THROUGH A SECOND TERM IN THE WHITE HOUSE.

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WE CAN DO ALL OF THIS -- IF WE COMMIT OURSELVES TO THE IDEA FOR WHICH OUR NATION STANDS.

MANY OF US SOMETIMES FORGET THAT AMERICAN BEGAN AS AN IDEA -- A FARFETCHED DREAM HELD IN COMMON BY A HANDFULL OF MEN WHOSE COURAGE EQUALLED THEIR CONVICTIONS.

THEIR DEDICATION TO THE PRINCIPLES OF LIBERTY AND JUSTICE BROUGHT ON A NEW ERA OF PROGRESS FOR ALL MEN.

BUT, THAT NEW ERA DIDN'T JUST HAPPEN BECAUSE THEY WANTED IT TO. IT HAPPENED BECAUSE THEY WERE WILLING ~~TO~~ FACE OVERWHELMING ODDS AND MAKE IT HAPPEN.

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REPUBLICAN OPPORTUNITY IN CONNECTICUT

IN CONNECTICUT THE REPUBLICAN PARTY HAS GREAT OPPORTUNITY FOR GAINS AND CONTRIBUTIONS TO NATIONAL LEADERSHIP. WORKING HARD AND TOGETHER YOU CAN CAPITALIZE ON THESE OPPORTUNITIES THIS YEAR.

THE VOTERS OF CONNECTICUT KNOW THE EFFECTS OF DEMOCRAT CONTROL ON STATE GOVERNMENT AND STATE FINANCES. THEY KNOW WHAT DEMOCRAT CONTROL IN WASHINGTON CAN MEAN.

CONNECTICUT VOTERS LOOK TO CONNECTICUT REPUBLICANS AND THE NIXON ADMINISTRATION FOR THE RESPONSIBLE LEADERSHIP SO DESPERATELY NEEDED.

THE COUNTRY LOOKS TO CONNECTICUT TO LEAD THE 1970 PARADE OF REPUBLICAN VICTORIES IN THE NORTHEAST.

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FEW STATE PARTIES EVER HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY IN ONE ELECTION
TO GAIN:

- A GOVERNOR,
- A U.S. SENATOR,
- TWO ADDITIONAL CONGRESSIONAL SEATS,
- AND CONTROL OF THE STATE LEGISLATURE.

BUT THIS YEAR IN CONNECTICUT YOU HAVE THESE OPPORTUNITIES.
ALL THIS IS POSSIBLE, AND UNITED, DEDICATED REPUBLICANS CAN ACHIEVE IT.

CONCLUSION

THE REPUBLICAN RESPONSE TO THE ELECTION YEAR CHALLENGE IN
CONNECTICUT AND THROUGHOUT THE NATION IS CLEAR.

WE MUST UNITE AND PROVIDE THIS GREAT COUNTRY WITH THE LEADERSHIP
IT NEEDS IN THIS TRYING AND PERILOUS ERA.

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THERE IS NOTHING WE CAN DO ABOUT OUR DEMOCRAT-CREATED PROBLEMS-----EXCEPT SOLVE THEM. BUT WE CAN DO SOMETHING ABOUT THE DEMOCRAT PROBLEM-MAKERS AND THE DEMOCRAT SOLUTION-BLOCKERS.

WHAT WE CAN AND MUST DO IS ELECT REPUBLICANS WHO WILL JOIN RICHARD NIXON IN SOLVING OUR NATIONAL PROBLEMS, MEETING OUR NATIONAL CHALLENGES AND LEADING OUR COUNTRY INTO ITS THIRD CENTURY OF GREATNESS.