

REMARKS OF SENATOR BOB DOLE

KANSAS REPUBLICAN DINNER
CENTURY II EXHIBITION HALL
WICHITA, KANSAS
MONDAY, OCTOBER 2, 1972

THIS DINNER IS BILLED AS A SALUTE TO ME, AND I APPRECIATE
THE FACT THAT SO MANY FRIENDS HAVE COME TO WICHITA THIS EVENING.

BUT WE KNOW THE REAL REASON WE ARE HERE IS THAT WE ALL CARE
VERY DEEPLY ABOUT THE STATE OF KANSAS. WE CARE ABOUT WHERE IT IS
GOING IN THE YEARS AHEAD AND WHAT SORT OF A FUTURE IT IS GOING TO HAVE --
AS A PLACE TO LIVE AND DO BUSINESS AND GROW.

WE ARE HERE BECAUSE WE ARE SEEKING SOUND, NEW LEADERSHIP
FOR KANSAS. WE SEEK LEADERSHIP THAT WILL GIVE OUR STATE THE DIRECTION
AND GUIDANCE WHICH IS SO IMPORTANT TO ITS GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT.

WE SEEK LEADERSHIP FOR KANSAS THAT WILL FOSTER A
COOPERATIVE AND PROGRESSIVE RELATIONSHIP WITH CITY AND LOCAL
GOVERNMENTS, WITH OUR NEIGHBOR STATES, AND WITH THE FEDERAL
GOVERNMENT.

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WE SEEK TO BUILD A STATE WITH A REPUTATION FOR POSITIVE RESPONSE TO CURRENT PROBLEMS, A STATE WITH PROGRESSIVE PLANS FOR THE FUTURE.

WE CARE ABOUT KANSAS, AND WE ARE CONCERNED ABOUT THE TYPE OF LEADERSHIP IT IS TO HAVE.

IN 1972, WE IN KANSAS MUST DECIDE. WE MUST LOOK TO THE FUTURE OF OUR STATE, AND WE MUST DECIDE ON THE TYPE OF LEADERSHIP WE WANT.

NEW DIRECTION FOR KANSAS

MORRIS KAY CARES ABOUT KANSAS, AND HE IS WITH US TONIGHT. HE IS HERE BECAUSE HE CARES ABOUT THE LEADERSHIP KANSAS WILL HAVE IN THE COMING YEARS.

MORRIS HAS A SOUND RECORD AS A LEADER IN THE LEGISLATURE. HE HAS BEEN POSITIVE. HE HAS BEEN OUTSPOKEN ON BEHALF OF HIS BELIEFS. HE HAS PROPOSED AND SUPPORTED PROGRAMS WHICH ARE PROGRESSIVE AND RESPONSIBLE.

SO THE SAME BELIEFS AND THE SAME CONCERNS -- RATHER THAN A TRIBUTE TO ONE INDIVIDUAL -- HAVE BROUGHT US TOGETHER.

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MORRIS KAY IS SEEKING THE GOVERNORSHIP, BECAUSE HE CARES AND BECAUSE HE WANTS KANSAS TO HAVE THE LEADERSHIP IT NEEDS FOR THE DECADE OF THE 70's.

SO, WHILE WE ARE HERE TONIGHT, LET US RECOGNIZE THOSE BELIEFS AND CONCERNS. LET US UNDERSTAND THE IMPORTANCE OF OUR STATE'S FUTURE AND ITS LEADERSHIP. AND LET US TURN OUR ENERGIES AND OUR EFFORTS TO THE CAUSE OF ACTING ON OUR CONCERNS, GIVING LIFE TO OUR BELIEFS -- AND LET US ELECT MORRIS KAY GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF KANSAS.

I BELIEVE MORRIS KAY WILL PROVIDE THAT NEEDED LIFT OF LEADERSHIP. I BELIEVE HE WILL GIVE OUR STATE THAT VITAL SENSE OF DIRECTION AND PURPOSE. AND I FIRMLY BELIEVE MORRIS KAY WILL REALIZE FOR KANSAS THE RESPONSIBLE, PROGRESSIVE AND DYNAMIC FUTURE IT SO SURELY HOLDS.

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KANSAS' CHOICE LIKE COUNTRY'S CHOICE

THAT IS REALLY THE CHOICE IN THE NATIONAL ELECTIONS, JUST AS IT IS HERE IN KANSAS.

WE CAN OPT FOR FORWARD-LOOKING LEADERSHIP IN THE GOVERNOR'S MANSION AND IN THE WHITE HOUSE, OR WE CAN MOVE BACKWARD -- IN TIME AND POLITICAL PHILOSOPHY -- TO REWARD FAILURE BY PUTTING IT IN POWER. WE CAN REMEMBER HOW IT WAS THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY, JUST A FEW SHORT YEARS AGO, WHEN THE PHILOSOPHY THAT HELD SWAY IN WASHINGTON WAS ONE THAT COULD IDENTIFY THE PROBLEMS WE HAD -- BUT COULD NOT DO ANYTHING TO SOLVE THEM.

IT WAS CALLED LEADERSHIP, BUT IT LED US NOWHERE. AND UNDER SUCH LEADERSHIP, THE COUNTRY REMAINED STALLED AND MOTIONLESS, WHILE THE MEN IN POSITIONS OF POWER WRUNG THEIR HANDS, AND WORRIED AND CALLED LOUDLY FOR ACTION.

BUT THERE WAS NO ACTION. THERE WAS NO MOVEMENT. THERE WAS NO PROGRESS.

THAT HAS CHANGED WITH THE CHANGE OF LEADERSHIP IN WASHINGTON.

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TIME FOR A CHANGE

AND NOW ITS TIME FOR A SIMILAR CHANGE IN KANSAS -- A MOVE AWAY FROM THE KIND OF LEADERSHIP THAT IDENTIFIES PROBLEMS BUT LOOKS FOR SOMEONE ELSE TO SOLVE THEM. IT IS TIME FOR US IN KANSAS TO MOVE AWAY FROM THE PARALYSIS OF POWER THAT SEEMS TO HAVE THE PRESENT STATE ADMINISTRATION IN ITS GRIP, AND TOWARD THE POSITIVE PROGRESSIVE LEADERSHIP THAT MORRIS KAY CAN PROVIDE.

LET US DO FOR KANSAS, THIS YEAR, WHAT THE COUNTRY DID FOR ITSELF IN 1968. LET US CHOOSE RESPONSIVE STATE GOVERNMENT TO TAKE THE PLACE OF WHAT WE HAVE.

I BELIEVE THE COMING YEARS ARE GOING TO SEE SIGNIFICANT AND PROMISING CHANGES IN THE RELATIONS BETWEEN THE LEVELS OF GOVERNMENT IN THIS COUNTRY. UNDER THE PROGRAMS AND PROPOSALS OF RICHARD NIXON -- PROGRAMS LIKE REVENUE SHARING, PROPOSALS LIKE GOVERNMENT REORGANIZATION, AND OTHERS -- THE COMING YEARS ARE GOING TO SEE A REBIRTH OF OPPORTUNITY FOR STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTS, AND NEW RESPONSIBILITIES FOR STATE ADMINISTRATORS.

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PARTNERSHIP FOR PROGRESS

WHAT WE NEED HERE IN KANSAS, THEN, DURING THOSE YEARS AHEAD, IS LEADERSHIP THAT RECOGNIZES THOSE OPPORTUNITIES WHEN THEY ARISE. LEADERSHIP THAT CAN CAPITALIZE ON THE REFORM OF THE FEDERAL-STATE RELATIONSHIP THAT IS BEGINNING TO OCCUR. LEADERSHIP THAT CAN TEAM UP WITH THE LEADERSHIP IN WASHINGTON TO MAKE THINGS HAPPEN.

WE NEED A NIXON-KAY TEAM. NOT JUST A REPUBLICAN TEAM, UNITED ONLY BECAUSE OF COMMON PARTY AFFILIATION, BUT ONE THAT IS UNITED IN A COMMON COMMITMENT TO MAKING NEW FEDERALISM WORK, FOR KANSAS AND THE COUNTRY.

NIXON AND KAY COULD FORM A PARTNERSHIP IN POSITIVE AND PROGRESSIVE POLICY-MAKING THAT WOULD BE GOOD FOR KANSAS AND THE COUNTRY.

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REPUBLICAN RECORD A PROUD ONE

WE KNOW WHAT PRESIDENT NIXON HAS ACCOMPLISHED IN THE LAST FOUR YEARS. WE KNOW OF THE HOPEFUL BEGINNINGS HE HAS MADE TOWARD REDUCING WORLD TENSIONS AND THE PROSPECTS OF WAR, TOWARD THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A PEACEFUL TOMORROW AND, INDEED, OF A FULL GENERATION OF PEACEFUL TOMORROWS FOR OURSELVES AND FOR OUR CHILDREN.

WE KNOW WHAT HE HAS DONE TO KEEP OUR COUNTRY'S COMMITMENT IN SOUTHEAST ASIA AND TO KEEP FAITH WITH OUR OBLIGATIONS TO OUR ALLIES AND WITH THE SACRIFICES THAT SO MANY OF OUR SONS HAVE MADE IN THIS LONG AND PAINFUL WAR.

WE KNOW THAT HE HAS DETERMINED TO KEEP THIS COUNTRY STRONG. HE HAS PLEDGED REPEATEDLY NEVER TO LET THIS COUNTRY BECOME SECOND TO ANY OTHER -- BOTH IN ITS STRENGTH AND IN ITS RESOLVE TO REMAIN STRONG.

THERE WILL BE NO MEAT-AX DEFENSE BUDGET CUTS UNDER RICHARD NIXON -- AND THERE WON'T BE MILLIONS THROWN OUT OF JOBS ACROSS THE COUNTRY AND THOUSANDS HERE IN KANSAS BECAUSE RICHARD NIXON KNOWS THE IMPORTANCE OF KEEPING AMERICA STRONG.

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WE KNOW WHAT RICHARD NIXON HAS DONE HERE AT HOME---
REFORMING THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT'S RELATIONS WITH THE STATE AND
LOCAL GOVERNMENTS AND PROPOSING REFORM OF THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT
ITSELF, TO ALLOW IT TO WORK MORE PRODUCTIVELY, IN COOPERATION WITH
THE STATES AND LOCALITIES.

PROMISES KEPT

WE KNOW WHAT HE HAS DONE TO REDUCE CRIME IN AMERICA. HE
CAMPAIGNED ON A PROMISE TO REVERSE THE TREND TOWARD EVER-RISING
RATES OF CRIME IN THIS COUNTRY. AND THE CRIME STATISTICS RELEASED
BY THE JUSTICE DEPARTMENT JUST LAST WEEK SHOW THAT HE HAS KEPT THAT
PROMISE. THE RISE IN THE CRIME RATE -- NATIONWIDE -- WAS THE LOWEST
IN TWELVE YEARS, THE LOWEST SINCE THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE STARTED
SUCH REPORTS.

AND HE PROMISED TO REDUCE INFLATION AND PUT THIS COUNTRY
BACK ON A FIRMER ECONOMIC FOOTING -- BASED ON PEACE, NOT ON WAR.
HE PROMISED TO CUT THE SIX PERCENT RATE OF INFLATION THAT HE
INHERITED FROM THE PREVIOUS ADMINISTRATION IN HALF. AND HE HAS DONE
THAT, BRINGING THE ANNUAL INFLATION RATE TO BELOW THREE PERCENT, WHILE
THE TOTAL NUMBER OF EMPLOYED PERSONS IN THE COUNTRY CONTINUES TO
RISE TO NEW RECORD LEVELS.

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WE KNOW WHAT THE PRESIDENT HAS DONE TO IMPROVE SO MANY AREAS OF OUR NATIONAL LIFE. AND I CAN ASSURE YOU THAT IN A SECOND TERM, RICHARD NIXON WILL CONTINUE IN THAT ENDEAVOR TO BUILD ON THE BEGINNINGS HE HAS MADE.

BUT I CANNASSURE YOU, AS WELL, THAT HE UNDERSTANDS -- AT LEAST AS WELL AS THE REST OF US -- THAT HE CANNOT ACCOMPLISH HIS GOALS FOR AMERICA BY HIMSELF.

HE NEEDS HELP. HE NEEDS SUPPORT. HE NEEDS THE KIND OF SUPPORT HE HAS BEEN GETTING -- AND I AM SURE WILL CONTINUE TO RECEIVE -- FROM THE PEOPLE OF KANSAS. WHAT HE DOESN'T NEED, HOWEVER, IS THE KIND OF HELP HE HAS BEEN GETTING FROM THE STATE ADMINISTRATION IN KANSAS -- WHICH, IN FACT, IS NO HELP AT ALL.

HE NEEDS REPUBLICANS IN GOVERNMENT. HE NEEDS PEOPLE WHO UNDERSTAND WHAT HIS REFORMS FOR THE NEW FEDERALISM CAN BRING ABOUT. HE NEEDS PEOPLE IN POSITIONS OF STATE AND LOCAL POWER WHO ARE NOT JUST AWARE OF OUR PROBLEMS, BUT WHO ALSO KNOW WHAT CAN BE DONE TO SOLVE THEM. HE NEEDS PEOPLE IN POSITIONS OF RESPONSIBILITY WHO HAVE THE INSIGHT AND THE INTELLIGENCE -- AND THE IMAGINATION -- TO RECOGNIZE AND TO SEIZE ON NEW OPPORTUNITIES INHERENT IN THE NEW FEDERALISM.

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IN SHORT, HE NEEDS WHAT WE NEED -- MORRIS KAY AS THE
NEXT GOVERNOR OF KANSAS.

BECAUSE IT IS ONLY WITH THE KIND OF LEADERSHIP MEN LIKE
MORRIS KAY CAN PROVIDE, THAT THE PRESIDENT CAN MAKE HIS NEW
PROGRAMS OF FEDERAL-STATE PARTNERSHIP SUCCEED.

CHALLENGE TO REPUBLICANS

AT THE NATIONAL LEVEL, AND HERE IN KANSAS, THE OPPOSITION
HAS GIVEN US NOTHING BUT NEGATIVISM AND EXCUSES. WE HEAR WHY
THINGS HAVE TO BE CHANGED -- AND THEN WE GET THE REASONS WHY THEY
CAN'T BE. AND EVEN WORSE, WHEN A SOLUTION IS PROVIDED, LIKE THE
PRESIDENT'S PROGRAM FOR POSITIVE REFORM HERE AT HOME, WE GET OPPOSITION
TO IT IN KANSAS -- NOT FROM THE PEOPLE OF KANSAS, NOT FROM THE
VOTERS, BUT FROM THE MAN IN THE GOVERNOR'S MANSION, WHOM THEY
ELECTED TO REPRESENT THEIR INTERESTS AND DESIRES.

THAT HAS TO STOP -- AND NOW. AND THE ELECTION OF MORRIS KAY
CAN BRING IT TO AN END.

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SO I WOULD CHALLENGE YOU REPUBLICANS TO GO OUT AND
PERSUADE YOUR FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS, YOUR BUSINESS ASSOCIATES AND
RELATIVES, TO VOTE FOR A STRONG REPUBLICAN TEAM -- RICHARD NIXON IN THE
WHITE HOUSE AND MORRIS KAY IN THE GOVERNOR'S MANSION.

CONVINCE THEM -- WHETHER THEY ARE REPUBLICANS OR DEMOCRATS
OR INDEPENDENTS. IT SHOULDN'T BE HARD, IF WE ALL DO OUR PART,
BECAUSE THE CANDIDATES HAVE DONE THEIR PART.

RICHARD NIXON HAS BUILT A RECORD SECOND TO NONE.

IN HIS YEARS IN THE STATE LEGISLATURE, MORRIS KAY HAS
COMPILED A RECORD OF POSITIVE LEADERSHIP AND RESPONSIBILITY THAT
ANY KANSAN COULD SUPPORT. WE MUST MAKE SURE THOSE RECORDS ARE
KNOWN.

MAKE SURE THAT, WHEN YOU GO TO THE POLLS IN NOVEMBER,
YOU ARE TAKING WITH YOU AT LEAST ONE OTHER VOTER WHOM YOU HAVE
PERSUADED TO VOTE TO PUT A REPUBLICAN TEAM IN OFFICE. THERE MUST
BE ONE PERSON WHOM EACH OF YOU KNOWS -- A DEMOCRAT OR AN INDEPENDENT --
WHOM YOU CAN CONVINCE.

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SO GO TO THE POLLS NEXT MONTH WITH THE KNOWLEDGE AND THE SATISFACTION THAT YOUR VOTE IS NOT ALONE -- THAT, IN EFFECT, YOU HAVE CAST TWO VOTES FOR THE REPUBLICAN TEAM -- YOUR OWN AND THE VOTE OF SOMEONE YOU HAVE WON OVER.

IF WE ALL DO IT, THEN I AM CONVINCED THAT WE CAN TURN THE THOUSANDS OF INDIVIDUAL DECISIONS THAT WILL BE MADE ON ELECTION DAY BY THE THOUSANDS OF INDIVIDUAL VOTERS, HERE AND AROUND THE COUNTRY, INTO A CONVINCING CONSENSUS FOR CONTINUED NATIONAL PROGRESS UNDER RICHARD NIXON, AND A COMPELLING MANDATE, HERE IN KANSAS, FOR PROGRESSIVE CHANGE UNDER MORRIS KAY.

Rep. State Comm -

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Baker -

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Bar Hoffman