

September 12, 1988

TO: Senator Dole
FROM: Jeff
SUBJECT: Hispanic Task Force breakfast tomorrow morning
(Tuesday) 8-9am in SR-325, Russell Caucus Room

ATTENDANCE

Due to travel conflicts, neither the Vice President nor the Secretary of Education will be able to attend. However, most of the Advisory Committee, other Hispanic leaders and national and Hispanic press will be there (Approximately 150 people). Senator Hatch, as Chairman of the Task Force, will be hosting the breakfast. Other Task Force members are expected to stop by, shake hands and make a few brief remarks.

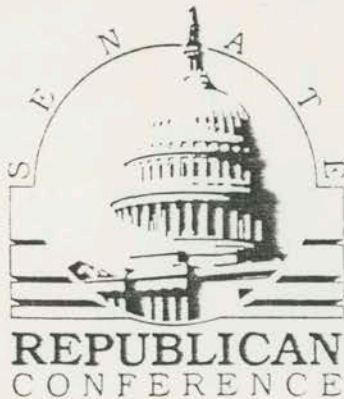
PURPOSE OF EVENT

The Task Force, with input from the Advisory Committee and other sources, is presenting its initial report and recommendations on education and literacy, economic development, employment and health issues affecting the Hispanic community. For your information, I have attached the introduction to the report and the summary of its recommendations. I have also prepared some brief talking points.

Attachments: Task Force Report Introduction and Summary
Talking Points

HISPANIC TASK FORCE BREAKFAST (9/13/88)
TALKING POINTS

- * CITE HATCH (HOST) AND OTHER MEMBERS AND ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE
- * THE TASK FORCE HAS COME OUT WITH AN EXCELLENT REPORT, ADDRESSING SOME IMPORTANT ISSUES AFFECTING HISPANIC COMMUNITY -- SUPPORT FOR EDUCATION AND LITERACY INITIATIVES AND PRIVATE SECTOR JOB BANKS, ADVOCACY OF FEDERAL, STATE AND LOCAL PROGRAMS PROVIDING MANAGERIAL SKILLS ASSISTANCE, AND PROMOTION OF HEALTH AND DISEASE PREVENTION EFFORTS.
- * THE TASK FORCE HAS TAKEN THE RIGHT APPROACH -- A REPUBLICAN APPROACH -- STRESSING OPPORTUNITY AND FAIR ACCESS. HISPANIC AMERICANS, LIKE ALL AMERICANS, DESERVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO GET A GOOD EDUCATION, PROPER HEALTH CARE AND A GOOD JOB.
- * NEED TO CONTINUE TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE VAST RESOURCES OF THIS VIBRANT, GROWING COMMUNITY.
- * THEME OF CAMPAIGN WAS TO "REACH OUT". NEED TO ADDRESS REAL CONCERNS OF HISPANIC COMMUNITY TO REACH OUT TO THEM.



Hispanics: Talent for America's Future

Senate Republican Conference

Task Force on Hispanic Affairs

Senator Orrin G. Hatch, Chairman
Senator William L. Armstrong
Senator John H. Chafee
Senator Alfonse M. D'Amato
Senator Pete V. Domenici
Senator Robert Dole
Senator Phil Gramm
Senator John McCain
Senator Alan K. Simpson
Senator Pete Wilson

SUMMARY

The United States Senate Republican Conference Task Force on Hispanic Affairs was formed in the hopes of ensuring that Hispanics are full participants in all avenues of American life. Task Force members have examined many important issues that affect the Hispanic community and have worked to encourage the full development of Hispanic talent. The Task Force supports efforts in the private and public sector to ensure the inclusion of Hispanic Americans in all aspects of American life. Below are the recommendations of the Task Force in the areas of Hispanic education and literacy, economic development, employment and health.

Task Force recommendations include:

- * expansion of national and local education initiatives to reduce illiteracy and combat the Hispanic student drop-out crisis

- * advocating programs at the federal, state and local levels and in the private sector that provide

managerial skills assistance to small minority
businesses

- * pursuit of an aggressive trade policy with Mexico that
will benefit businesses on both sides of the border

- * improving the recruitment of qualified Hispanics into
managerial and professional positions in the private
and public sectors

- * promoting health and disease prevention efforts,
with an emphasis placed upon combating AIDS

INTRODUCTION

United States Senate Republicans have long supported policies to enhance the best talents of all Americans. In a relatively new effort, the Senate Republican Conference Task Force on Hispanic Affairs has decided to focus its attention on four areas of specific concern to Hispanics.

It is our hope that Hispanic talent will be nurtured and cultivated in ways that will improve the lives of all Americans. Our interest in helping Hispanics stems from the strong sense of self-interest in America's economic and political future in a fast-changing world.

As a nation, we no longer take our leadership position in the world for granted. We are keenly aware of the need to maximize our potential on all fronts. The emerging importance of Hispanic Americans to our nation's future has been the subject of much public attention in the last year. This attention is well-deserved, and the Task Force fully intends to lend appropriate assistance on public policy aspects of encouraging the full development of Hispanic talent.

Our theme, "Hispanics: Talent for America's Future" reflects our faith, hope and reliance on this important segment of America's population.

As initial areas of inquiry, the Task Force has formed advisory committees for Hispanic education and literacy, economic development, employment and health. Individual Republican Senators have accomplished many important advancements in each of these areas. By taking a fresh look at these and additional issues on the threshold of the 1990s, we intend to re-energize and re-focus attention on the needs and potentials of Hispanic Americans. We do not see the potentials as different from other Americans. Rather we want to ensure that Hispanic Americans have access to the opportunities and support systems already available to most Americans for many generations.

We recognize the great diversity of Hispanics, just as there is a great diversity among all Americans. We also see clearly that the richness of the Hispanic community can add to America's cultural and economic future. We want to take the steps necessary to ensure full participation of Hispanics in the many avenues of American enterprise, government, culture and international leadership.

Our beginning is a humble one. Yet, our hopes to ~~for~~ cultivate Hispanic talent are enormous. From an early examination of a few key policy concerns, we have encouraged public and private sector actions that will make a difference.

The commitment of each Republican Senator on our Task Force on Hispanic Affairs is unique. By uniting our energies, we will

accelerate our positive impact in lifting America to a new appreciation and support for one of our rich cultural treasures - the American of Hispanic descent.

The full inclusion of Hispanic Americans in all aspects of American life will make all our lives richer. As we build our cities of the future, we must be able to draw from the widest possible base of human talent. Hispanics offer an important talent. We intend to accept this offer and build a better future for all Americans.