

BUSINESS GROUP TALKING POINTS

o CONGRESS IS TRULY IN AN ENVIABLE POSITION THIS YEAR, BECAUSE FOR THE FIRST TIME IN MANY, MANY YEARS EACH CHAMBER HAS PASSED ALL THE REGULAR APPROPRIATIONS BILLS. WE'VE ALREADY SENT FIVE TO THE PRESIDENT -- THE REST ARE IN CONFERENCE COMMITTEES.

o THAT MEANS THAT THERE IS NO REASON WHY WE CANNOT BEGIN THE NEW FISCAL YEAR, ON OCTOBER 1, WITH ALL THE REGULAR APPROPRIATIONS BILLS SIGNED INTO LAW. IN OTHER WORDS, WITHOUT THE CLIFFHANGER, WILL THE GOVERNMENT BE SHUT DOWN, WILL THE SOCIAL SECURITY CHECKS BE MAILED, OR NAVY SHIPS STOPPED IN MID-SEA.

o I SAID THERE IS NO REASON FOR THIS FISCAL BRINKSMANSHIP -- BUT KNOWING CONGRESS THAT DOESN'T MEAN IT WON'T HAPPEN.

o CONGRESS DID AS WELL AS IT DID ON THE BUDGET FRONT THIS YEAR BECAUSE OF THE BUDGET SUMMIT AGREEMENT WHICH WAS REACHED FOLLOWING "BLACK MONDAY" LAST OCTOBER. THE PARAMETERS OF FEDERAL SPENDING WERE PRETTY CAREFULLY DRAWN -- SO CONGRESS HAD VERY LITTLE FLEXIBILITY.

o NEXT YEAR IS ANOTHER STORY. I CERTAINLY HOPE THAT WE HAVE A BUSH ADMINISTRATION, WHICH WILL STICK BY THE COMMITMENT TO CONTINUE TO REDUCE FEDERAL SPENDING, TO ENACT A BALANCED BUDGET AND LINE ITEM VETO AMENDMENT, AND NOT TO RAISE TAXES. IF THERE IS A DUKAKIS ADMINISTRATION, WELL, THEY DON'T CALL IT "TAXACHUSETTS" FOR NOTHING. HOLD ON TO YOUR WALLETS.

o SERIOUSLY, THE AMERICAN VOTERS FACE A STARK CHOICE IN NOVEMBER OF 1988. ON THE ONE HAND, WE HAVE THE PROVEN LEADERSHIP OF REAGAN-BUSH, AND THE SUCCESS OF THEIR ECONOMIC POLICIES. THE U.S. IS ENJOYING THE LONGEST PERIOD OF ECONOMIC GROWTH IN THE POST-WAR ERA. MILLIONS OF NEW JOBS, GOOD JOBS, HAVE BEEN CREATED. INFLATION, UNEMPLOYMENT AND INTEREST RATES REMAIN AT VERY LOW LEVELS.

o JUST COMPARE THAT TO THE ECONOMIC CONDITIONS WHICH EXISTED THE LAST TIME THERE WAS A DEMOCRATIC PRESIDENT -- ECONOMIC CHAOS -- DOUBLE DIGIT INFLATION, INTEREST RATES UP TO 20%, THE ENERGY CRISIS. IT WASN'T A PRETTY PICTURE. AND WHILE THE ARTIST HAS A DIFFERENT NAME, DUKAKIS INSTEAD OF CARTER, THEIR CONCEPTION OF FISCAL POLICY IS THE SAME. SPEND, SPEND, TAX, TAX.

o SO, ON ELECTION DAY, I HOPE YOU TAKE A MOMENT TO REMEMBER -- REMEMBER THE WAY IT WAS FROM 1976-80, AND THE WAY IT IS TODAY. IF YOU DO, YOU'LL VOTE REPUBLICAN.

*Sept. 26  
Monday*

September 14, 1988

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TO: Senator Dole  
FROM: Mariam Bechtel  
SUBJECT: Invitation to Speak

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SEPTEMBER 23, 1988

TO: SENATOR  
FROM: DALE  
SUBJECT: SPEECH TO REP. KASICH'S GROUP

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Audience is 125 of Kasich's Columbus constituents -- business and professional leaders.

Kasich, who is only 36, has represented his district which covers North Columbus and its suburbs, since 1982.

His area of expertise is military affairs -- especially defense procurement.