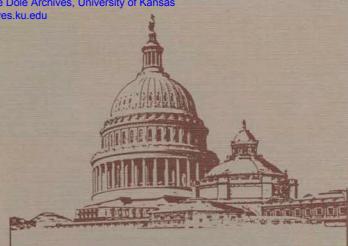
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## UNDERSTANDING CONGRESS: A BICENTENNIAL RESEARCH CONFERENCE

February 9-10, 1989

Sponsored by
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The Dirksen Congressional Center, the Ford Foundation, the Gerald R. Ford Foundation, and the D. B. Hardeman Bequest in Association with the Lyndon Baines Johnson Presidential Library.

## Thursday, February 9

1:30 p.m. Welcome by The Honorable Lindy Boggs,
The Honorable Robert C. Byrd, and other
congressional leaders; James H. Billington,
The Librarian of Congress; Joseph E. Ross,
Director, Congressional Research Service;
and Don W. Wilson, Archivist of the
United States

Senate Caucus Room 325 Russell Senate Office Building

Conference Chairman: Roger H. Davidson, University of Maryland

2:15- Congressional Roundtable: What We 3:45 p.m. Ought to Know About Our National Legislature

> Chair: David Broder, The Washington Post Panelists:

The Honorable Mickey Edwards
The Honorable Wyche Fowler, Jr.
The Honorable Paul B. Henry
The Honorable Richard G. Lugar
The Honorable David E. Price

Senate Caucus Room 325 Russell Senate Office Building

3:45 p.m. Break

4:00- Researching Congress: The Paradox of 5:30 p.m. Sources

Chair: James Hutson, Library of Congress

Anna Nelson, Tulane University Raymond Smock, Historian, U.S. House of Representatives Commentators:

The Honorable Charles Whalen Joseph Cooper, Rice University R. Michael McReynolds, National Archives

Senate Caucus Room 325 Russell Senate Office Building

6:00- Reception, Great Hall, Library of Congress 8:00 p.m.

## Friday, February 10

9:00- The Examined Life: Writing Congressional 10:30 a.m. Biographies Chair: Richard Baker, Historian,
U.S. Senate
Paper: Robert Caro, Biographer
Commentators:
The Honorable Russell Long
Richard Lowitt, Iowa State University

House Caucus Room 345 Cannon House Office Building

10:30 a.m. Break

10:45 a.m.- Separate but Equal: Two Hundred Years of 12:15 p.m. Legislative-Executive-Judicial Relations

Chair: Harold Hyman, Rice University Papers:

Louis Fisher, Congressional Research Service

Robert Katzmann, The Brookings Institution

Commentator:

The Honorable James Buckley, U.S. Court of Appeals

House Caucus Room 345 Cannon House Office Building

12:30- Lunch 2:00 p.m.

2:15- Keynote Address
3:00 p.m. "Time and History on the Hill"
David McCullough, Historian

House Caucus Room 345 Cannon House Office Building

3:00- Congress in the Public Eye: Media 4:30 p.m. and Public Opinion

> Chair: Walter Oleszek, Congressional Research Service Papers; Steven Roberts, The New York Times Fred L. Israel, City College of New York and The Gallup Poll

Commentators:
The Honorable Barney Frank
Stephen Hess, The Brookings
Institution

House Caucus Room 345 Cannon House Office Building

4:30 p.m. Conference adjournment

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**MEMORANDUM** 

February 2, 1989

TO: Jo-Anne Coe

FROM: Dick Baker

RE: Welcoming Remarks for February 9 Bicentennial Research Conference.

The Senate Bicentennial Commission is co-sponsoring a two-day conference entitled: "Understanding Congress: A Bicentennial research Conference." More than 500 persons have preregistered and the conference will be broadcast on closed-circuit television and C-SPAN. Its proceedings will be published.

I have attached welcoming remarks for Senator Dole. Others expected to extend greetings include Senators Byrd and Mitchell, Speaker Wright, Lindy Boggs, and the Librarian of Congress.

The welcoming remarks will begin at 1:30 pm, on February 9, in the Senate Caucus Room.

## REMARKS OF SENATOR BOB DOLE BICENTENNIAL RESEARCH CONFERENCE "UNDERSTANDING CONGRESS"

IT'S A PLEASURE TO WELCOME YOU TO THE
OPENING OF THIS CONFERENCE ON "UNDERSTANDING
CONGRESS."

I WISH YOU WELL OVER THE NEXT DAY AND A HALF,
BECAUSE EVEN THOSE OF US WHO HAVE BEEN

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MEMBERS FOR MANY YEARS CAN'T TRUTHFULLY CLAIM

THAT WE FULLY UNDERSTAND CONGRESS. IF YOU FIND

OUT WHAT IT'S ALL ABOUT -- LET ME KNOW.

THERE'S A FAMOUS QUOTATION TO THE EFFECT

THAT "THOSE WHO LOVE SAUSAGE AND THOSE WHO

LOVE LEGISLATION, SHOULD NEVER ASK HOW EITHER IS

MADE." AS YOU SEEK TO UNDERSTAND CONGRESS,

AND HOW LEGISLATION IS ENACTED, YOU MAY FIND

THAT IT'S NOT A PRETTY PICTURE. SOMETIMES THE

SYSTEM WORKS, SOMETIMES IT DOESN'T. SOMETIMES IT
CAN BE GRATIFYING, SOMETIMES FRUSTRATING.

SOMETIMES CONGRESS CAN DEVISE WORKABLE

SOLUTIONS FOR CRITICAL NATIONAL PROBLEMS, AND

SOMETIMES IT JUST SEEMS TO LET THINGS DRIFT.

AS A MEMBER OF THE HOUSE AND SENATE, AS A
CHAIRMAN OF THE SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE, AS A
MAJORITY LEADER AND MINORITY LEADER, I HAVE HAD

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MY SHARE OF VICTORIES AND DEFEATS. IT'S ALWAYS

BETTER TO WIN. BUT ULTIMATELY, WHAT'S IMPORTANT IS

TO SURVIVE TO FIGHT AGAIN ANOTHER DAY.

THOSE OF US NOW SERVING IN THE 101ST

CONGRESS FEEL HONORED TO BE PART OF THE

CONGRESSIONAL BICENTENNIAL. WE ARE DELIGHTED

THAT ALL OF US HAVE ASSEMBLED HERE TO HELP US

CELEBRATE THIS EVENT. AND WE TRUST THAT YOUR

RESEARCHING AND WRITING ABOUT THE HISTORY AND

WORKINGS OF CONGRESS WILL HELP US AND THE
PUBLIC UNDERSTAND THIS VENERABLE -- AND SOME
TIMES VULNERABLE -- INSTITUTION EVEN BETTER.