

DON NICKLES
OKLAHOMA

SPEAK

Thurs, April 2

COMMITTEES:
APPROPRIATIONS
BUDGET
ENERGY AND NATURAL
RESOURCES

United States Senate
WASHINGTON, DC 20510-3602

SD-106 12:00

lunchtime

(your schedule is
open at lunch)

March 20, 1992

The Honorable Bob Dole
United States Senate
141 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

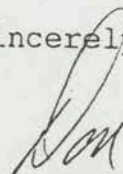
Dear Bob:

I am serving as the Congressional sponsor for the 1992 Leadership Oklahoma Program held in Washington, D.C. each year for approximately 90 outstanding Oklahomans chosen to participate in the event. This organization would appreciate the opportunity to have you address their group as part of this year's tour. I invite you to address the group on Thursday, April 2 for a luncheon speech at Dirksen 106. We are happy to accomodate your schedule if you prefer to drop by after lunch for remarks and questions.

Leadership Oklahoma is a program created to broaden the base of knowledge and increase the awareness of proven leaders across the state, which will enable them to become more effective leaders in our society. This program allows these participants the chance to experience the political, educational, and cultural activities Washington has to offer. Your appearance will certainly be well received by the Leadership Oklahoma group, and provide unique access to a wide variety of representatives of the State of Oklahoma.

I greatly appreciate your consideration of this request and thank you for your time and attention to this matter. If you have any questions, please contact Stephanie Friley at 224-5754.

Sincerely,



DON NICKLES
U.S. Senator

DN:sf

I would really appreciate it if you
can join us

**SENATOR BOB DOLE
LEADERSHIP OKLAHOMA
PROGRAM
APRIL 2, 1992**

***THANK YOU. IT'S A
PLEASURE TO WELCOME YOU
TO WASHINGTON. AND LET ME
CONGRATULATE SENATOR
NICKLES FOR PUTTING THIS**

IMPORTANT PROGRAM

TOGETHER.

***NOT TOO FAR FROM MY
OFFICE IN THE CAPITOL IS A
STATUE OF OKLAHOMA'S MOST
FAMOUS NATIVE SON--WILL
ROGERS.**

***I FIND IT FASCINATING THAT
MANY OF THE WORDS WILL
ROGERS SPOKE IN THE 1920'S**

**AND 30'S RING JUST AS TRUE
TODAY.**

***FOR EXAMPLE, ROGERS
SAID: "CONGRESS IS SO
STRANGE--SOMEONE GETS UP
TO SPEAK...SAYS
NOTHING...NOBODY
LISTENS...AND EVERYBODY
DISAGREES."**

***AND HE HIT THE NAIL ON**

**THE HEAD WHEN HE SAID, "THIS
COUNTRY HAS COME TO FEEL
THE SAME WHEN CONGRESS IS
IN SESSION AS WE DO WHEN A
BABY GETS HOLD OF A
HAMMER. IT'S JUST A QUESTION
OF HOW MUCH DAMAGE HE CAN
DO BEFORE WE TAKE IT AWAY
FROM HIM."**

***AND, FINALLY, MY WIFE ALSO
HAS A FAVORITE WILL ROGERS
QUOTE: BACK DURING ONE
PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION YEAR
HE ADVISED AMERICANS TO
"TAKE YOUR CAMPAIGN
CONTRIBUTION, AND SEND IT TO
THE RED CROSS, AND LET THE
ELECTION BE DECIDED ON THE
MERIT."**

***I WOULD ONLY AMEND THAT
ADVICE BY ADDING THAT IT
APPLIES ONLY TO
CONTRIBUTIONS WHICH DON'T
GO TO THE RE-ELECT SENATOR
NICKLES CAMPAIGN.**

***I DO WANT TO SPEND A FEW
MINUTES THIS MORNING
TALKING ABOUT SOME ISSUES
OF CONCERN, AND THEN I'LL BE**

**HAPPY TO TAKE A FEW
QUESTIONS.**

***IF THERE'S ONE WORD THAT
CAN DESCRIBE WHAT'S GOING
ON AROUND THE WORLD THIS
YEAR...AND WHAT'S ON THE
MIND OF AMERICANS IT'S
"CHANGE."**

***AMERICANS ARE TIRED OF
THE STATUS QUO. YOU SEE IT**

IN THE POLLS...YOU SEE IT IN
PAUL TSONGAS...JERRY
BROWN...AND ROSS PEROT.
YOU SEE IT IN THE PRIMARY
DEFEAT OF SENATOR DIXON OF
ILLINOIS A FEW WEEKS AGO.

*WE HAD A RETREAT FOR
REPUBLICAN SENATORS LAST
WEEK, AND A POLLSTER LAID
OUT THE FACTS FOR US. SHE

**ADVISED US THAT THE DESIRE
FOR CHANGE IS SO GREAT,
THAT IF YOU'RE CURRENTLY IN
OFFICE...IF YOU'VE DONE A
GOOD JOB...IF YOU'VE BROUGHT
HOME THE BACON FOR YOUR
STATE...DON'T MENTION IT.**

***AND ONCE THE FALL
CAMPAIGN STARTS, I THINK
YOU'LL SEE BOTH PRESIDENT**

BUSH AND THE DEMOCRAT CANDIDATE ARGUE OVER WHO STANDS FOR CHANGE.

***I MAY BE BIASED, BUT I
THINK THE PRESIDENT MAKES
THE BETTER CASE.**

***THROUGHOUT THE PAST
YEARS, HE HAS CONSTANTLY
SENT NEW AND INNOVATIVE
PROPOSALS UP TO CAPITOL**

HILL. HE WANTED TO CHANGE
THE TAX CODE TO PROMOTE
INVESTMENTS, JOBS, AND HOME
OWNERSHIP. HE WANTS TO
REFORM OUR PRODUCTS
LIABILITY LAWS. HE WANTS TO
CHANGE OUR CRIMINAL JUSTICE
SYSTEM, SO IT'S TOUGHER ON
CROOKS AND RAPISTS. HE
WANTS TO REFORM OUR

**EDUCATIONAL SYSTEM. HE
WANTS TO REFORM OUR
CAMPAIGN FINANCE LAWS, SO
THAT POLITICAL ACTION
COMMITTEES DON'T HAVE SO
MUCH POWER, AND SO
CHALLENGERS WILL HAVE A
CHANCE.**

***EACH AND EVERY
PROPOSAL, HOWEVER, HAS**

**BEEN BLOCKED BY THE
DEMOCRATS WHO WANT TO
MAINTAIN THE STATUS QUO.**

***ONE EXAMPLE IS THEY'RE
CAMPAIGN FINANCE PLAN
WHICH THEY'RE GOING TO RAM
THROUGH CONGRESS THIS
MONTH
~~WEEK~~. THEIR PLAN CALL FOR
SPENDING LIMITATIONS, WHICH
WILL ENSURE THAT**

**CHALLENGERS CAN'T BEAT
INCUMBENTS...AND IT CALLS
FOR YOU--THE TAXPAYERS--TO
FUND CONGRESSIONAL
CAMPAIGNS.**

***THAT'S ONE CHANGE THAT
AMERICANS CAN LIVE WITHOUT.**

***ONE CHANGE THAT I BELIEVE
IS ON THE HORIZON IS A
CHANGE IN THE ECONOMY.**

***I THINK ALL THE SIGNS ARE
THERE FOR A RECOVERY---**
**CONSUMER AND CORPORATE
DEBTS ARE LOWER...EXPORTS
ARE STRENGTHENING...MILD
INFLATION...PERSONAL INCOME
IS RISING...AND THE HOUSING
MARKET IS BRIGHTER.**

***PERHAPS THE BEST THING
THAT CONGRESS CAN DO IS**

STAY OUT OF THE WAY.

***BEFORE CLOSING, LET ME
END BY SPEAKING OF THE
CHANGES OCCURRING IN WHAT
WAS ONCE THE SOVIET UNION.**

***THE CHANGE FROM
COMMUNISM TO DEMOCRACY IS
ONE THAT AMERICA NEEDS TO
SUPPORT. PRESIDENT BUSH
HAD US DOWN TO THE WHITE**

**HOUSE YESTERDAY TO DISCUSS
HIS NEW COMPREHENSIVE PLAN
FOR AIDE TO RUSSIA.**

***NEEDLESS TO SAY, FOREIGN
AID ISN'T POPULAR NOW. BUT
AMERICANS NEED TO
UNDERSTAND THAT AIDE TO
RUSSIA ISN'T CHARITY...I SEE IT
AS IN INSURANCE
POLICY...DOING WHAT WE CAN**

**TO ENSURE THAT DEMOCRACY
DOESN'T FAIL.**

**PRESIDENT NIXON PUT IT
BEST A FEW WEEKS AGO. HE
SAID THAT THE COLD WAR WAS
A WAR OF IDEAS. COMMUNISM
LOST. BUT FREEDOM HASN'T
WON YET--IT'S ON TRIAL. AND IF
FREEDOM DOESN'T WORK, THEN
RUSSIA WILL LOOK FOR**

**SOMETHING ELSE. IT MIGHT BE
A DESPOT OR DICTATOR, IT
MIGHT BE SOMETHING ELSE--
BUT ONE THING FOR SURE IS
THAT WILL BE WORSE THAN
DEMOCRACY AND IT WILL BE
BAD NEWS FOR AMERICA.**

***IF, ON THE OTHER HAND,
FREEDOM SUCCEEDS IN RUSSIA,
THINK OF THE LESSONS IT WILL**

**OFFER TO OTHER COUNTRIES--
CUBA AND CHINA FOR
INSTANCE.**

***THESE ARE CHANGING
TIMES. THEY ARE EXCITING
TIMES. AND MY HOPE IS THAT
AT THE END OF THE YEAR, BOTH
PRESIDENT BUSH AND
PRESIDENT YELTSIN WILL HAVE
RECEIVED MANDATES FOR THE**

**CHANGES THEY ARE
PROPOSING.**

***THANK YOU. I'D BE HAPPY
TO TAKE YOUR QUESTIONS.**