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MEMORANDUM

TO: SENATOR DOLE

FROM: DENNIS SHEA

SUBJECT: REMARKS TO THE HOTEL EMPLOYEES AND RESTAURANT EMPLOYEES UNION

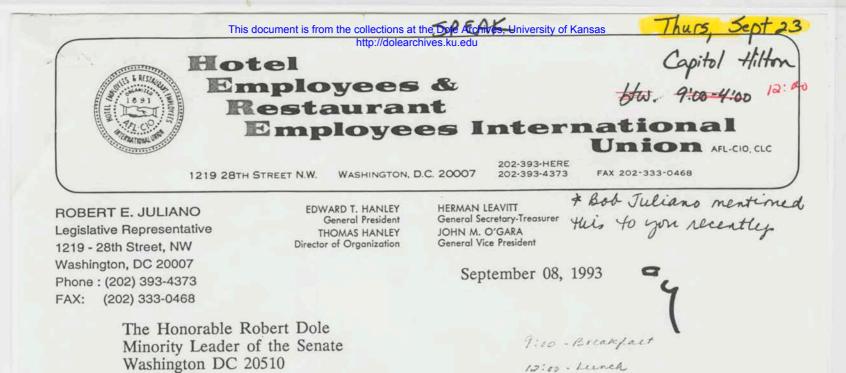
As you know, you have agreed to speak to the Labor Trustees and Management Trustees of the Hotel Employees and Restaurant Employees Union Welfare/Pension Fund. Your remarks are scheduled to begin at 12:00 noon. Bob Juliano will meet you at the entrance to the Capitol Hilton.

You will be introduced by <u>Ed Hanley</u>, the President of the Union and the Chairman of the Fund. You have been asked to speak for 10 minutes and then answer questions for 10-15 minutes.

There will be approximately 40 to 50 people in attendance. Attached is a complete list of the Trustees. Former Senator <u>Alan</u> <u>Dixon</u> and former Congressman <u>Marty Russo</u> have recently been named as Labor Trustees and should be in attendance. <u>Brian McKay</u>, a former Nevada Attorney General and an Employer Trustee, should also be in attendance.

Your remarks will be part of an <u>all-day conference on health</u> <u>care</u>. The Trustees have <u>not</u> endorsed any health care reform proposal. The purpose of the conference is to determine how the various reform proposals will affect the Fund. Other speakers include Rep. Henry Hyde, Rep. Jim McDermott, and a representative of the White House Office of Congressional Affairs (perhaps Howard Paster). There is also the possibility that Rep. Gephardt will come by to speak.

At the conference, we will distribute the informational packets describing the Republican health care proposal.



The Hotel Employees and Restaurant Employees International Union Welfare/Pension Fund is a multi-employer fund managed by fourteen Labor Trustees and fourteen Management Trustees.

This Fund covers a significant portion of the entire membership of Hotel Employees and Restaurant Employees International Union, so any changes in its status obviously is a concern to our members and their families.

Because of the proposed changes the Clinton Administration is considering in its Health Care Reform package, Edward T. Hanley, President of the International Union and Chairman of the Fund, has scheduled a conference in Washington, D.C. on Thursday, September 23, 1993, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Capitol Hilton. The purpose of this conference is to enlighten all of the Trustees, as well as the numerous fund professionals, as to how the proposed changes will affect our members and the industry.

We would be honored if you would find the time to <u>address the Trustees</u> for a few minutes during this conference. You have many years of experience in this field, and I hope you would be willing to share your expertise with us as well as any other thoughts in this area. There will be total flexibility in our schedule.

Please contact me or Cathi in my office if you can participate so that we may arrange the schedule accordingly. Thank you for your consideration and cooperation. I hope to hear from you soon.

Best regards.

Bab. Dear Minority Leader:-

Cordially,

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Robert E. Juliano

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IT WOULD BE AN HONOR TO HAVE YOU APPRESS OUR FROUP - AND I WOULD BE PERSONALLY FRATEFUL. THEPPL,

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# SENATOR BOB DOLE HOTEL AND RESTAURANT EMPLOYEES

### SEPTEMBER 23, 1993 GOOD AFTERNOON. IT'S A PRIVILEGE TO BE HERE. AND ED, THANK YOU FOR THAT KIND INTRODUCTION.

### AS PENSION FUND TRUSTEES, I KNOW YOUR JOB IS

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### TO KEEP A CLOSE EYE ON THE **BALANCE SHEET...AND YOU'RE** FORTUNATE TO HAVE TWO BIG **ASSETS IN BOB JULIANO, YOUR** WASHINGTON REPRESENTATIVE, AND ALAN DIXON, ONE OF YOUR NEW LABOR TRUSTEES. I HAD THE PLEASURE OF SERVING WITH AL FOR MANY, MANY YEARS IN THE SENATE, AND

### HE'S ONE GUY YOU WANT TO HAVE ON YOUR SIDE. WELL, YESTERDAY WAS "HEALTH CARE DAY," AND THOSE **OF US IN CONGRESS ARE STILL** DIGESTING THE PRESIDENT'S SPEECH. LET ME SAY, THOUGH, THAT THE PRESIDENT AND MRS. **CLINTON DESERVE CREDIT FOR** THE QUALITY OF THEIR WORK

ON THIS ISSUE. IT IS A SERIOUS, HONEST EFFORT TO **DEAL WITH A COMPLEX** SUBJECT. THEY ARE TO BE COMMENDED. NO DOUBT ABOUT IT, THE **NEED FOR REFORM IS REAL...WHETHER IT IS THE** FARMER WHOSE SON HAS A **CHRONIC, COSTLY ILLNESS** 

### THAT HE CAN'T GET AN **INSURANCE COMPANY TO COVER, THE UNEMPLOYED AIRCRAFT WORKER WHO LOST** HIS COVERAGE WITH HIS JOB, **OR THE SINGLE WORKING** MOTHER WHO LOST HER **COVERAGE WHEN SHE LOST** HER SPOUSE.

### THE REPUBLICAN PLAN THAT'S WHY SENATE **REPUBLICANS RECENTLY** INTRODUCED OUR OWN **COMPREHENSIVE HEALTH CARE REFORM PACKAGE, WHICH WAS** THE PRODUCT OF NEARLY THREE YEARS OF WORK. **NOW, OUR PROPOSAL IS** NOT THE FINAL WORD...BUT IT

### DOES DIFFER FROM THE **ADMINISTRATION'S PLAN ON** SOME VERY KEY POINTS. MOST NOTABLY, WE DO NOT MANDATE **EMPLOYERS TO PAY FOR** HEALTH CARE. WE DO NOT **CREATE MANDATORY HEALTH ALLIANCES THAT ARE MONOPOLIES. WE DO NOT CREATE GLOBAL BUDGETS**

### THROUGH THE USE OF PREMIUM CAPS. NOR DO WE CREATE A VARIETY OF NEW COSTLY AND BENEFIT CAPS. LIKE MANY OF MY **COLLEAGUES, I LOOK AT EACH OF THESE ISSUES FROM THE** PERSPECTIVE OF MY OWN STATE. THERE ARE **APPROXIMATELY 66,000 FIRMS IN**

### **KANSAS. NINETY-NINE PERCENT OF THESE FIRMS HAVE FEWER THAN 250 EMPLOYEES. THERE ARE ONLY ABOUT 60 FIRMS** WITH MORE THAN 1,000 EMPLOYEES. SO WHEN I HEAR **ABOUT PLANS TO MANDATE ALL EMPLOYERS TO PAY 80% OF THE COST OF HEALTH INSURANCE** FOR ALL THEIR EMPLOYEES, I

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### SEE REAL PAYROLL COST

INCREASES AND REAL JOB

LOSSES. A PRELIMINARY

ANALYSIS OF AN EMPLOYER

MANDATE IN KANSAS

SUGGESTED WE COULD LOSE UP

TO 190,000 JOBS.

THE LAW OF UNINTENDED

**CONSEQUENCES** 

I'M CERTAIN THIS GROUP

**KNOWS SOMETHING ABOUT THE** 

LAW OF UNINTENDED CONSEQUENCES. THERE ARE PLENTY OF GOOD-SOUNDING **PROPOSALS OUT THERE, BUT IF** YOU'RE NOT CAREFUL, THESE PROPOSALS CAN END UP DOING MORE HARM THAN GOOD. TAKE THE VAUNTED LUXURY TAX. THIS WAS SUPPOSED TO

### BE A TAX ON THE "RICH"...BUT THE UNINTENDED **CONSEQUENCE WAS FEWER** JOBS AND LESS SECURE WORKING FAMILIES. **OR TAKE THE ADMINISTRATION'S PROPOSAL** TO REDUCE THE DEDUCTIBILITY **OF BUSINESS MEALS AND** ENTERTAINMENT EXPENSES,

## FROM 80 PERCENT TO 50 PERCENT. I OPPOSED THIS **PROPOSAL, BUT IT ENDED UP** ANYWAY IN THE BUDGET PLAN **PASSED BY CONGRESS. REDUCING THE DEDUCTION** MAY SOUND LIKE A GOOD WAY TO RAISE REVENUE...AND, **BESIDES WHO WANTS TO BE** ACCUSED OF SUBSIDIZING THE

LUNCHES OF ALL THOSE "EVIL" **BUSINESSMEN AND WOMEN?** BUT THE BOTTOM LINE IS THAT THIS PROPOSAL WILL PUT REAL **PEOPLE OUT OF WORK--COLLEGE STUDENTS, HIGH** SCHOOL STUDENTS, SINGLE **MOTHERS--HURTING FAMILIES** AND HURTING YOUR INDUSTRY IN THE PROCESS.

### IT IS AN UNINTENDED CONSEQUENCE WAITING TO HAPPEN. AND, IF WE'RE NOT

CAREFUL, THE SAME CAN BE

SAID ABOUT HEALTH CARE

**REFORM. YOUR INDUSTRY, WITH** 

**ITS LARGE NUMBERS OF PART-**

TIME AND TEMPORARY

WORKERS, IS PARTICULARLY

### **VULNERABLE. A BIG EMPLOYER** MANDATE WILL MEAN HIGHER **PAYROLL COSTS AND, ULTIMATELY, FEWER JOBS. OPPORTUNITY FOR BIPARTISANSHIP** SO, THE HEALTH CARE DEBATE WILL NOT BE A DEBATE **OVER ENDS...EVERYONE--**DEMOCRAT, REPUBLICAN,

**INDEPENDENT--WANTS TO MAKE** THE SYSTEM MORE AFFORDABLE AND MORE ACCESSSIBLE. THAT'S A GIVEN. **INSTEAD, THE DEBATE WILL** FOCUS ON THE MEANS TO **REACH THESE ENDS. ONE OPINION SHARED BY BOTH DEMOCRATS AND REPUBLICANS ON CAPITOL HILL** 

### **IS THAT PRESIDENT CLINTON'S** PLAN IS JUST THE BEGINNING OF A LONG NATIONAL **DISCUSSION ON HEALTH CARE REFORM. IT TOOK THE ADMINISTRATION NEARLY EIGHT** MONTHS TO DEVELOP ITS PLAN, AND IT COULD TAKE CONGRESS AT LEAST THAT LONG TO **ANALYZE IT, COMMUNICATE**

## WITH THE AMERICAN PEOPLE, AND TO WRITE A TRULY **BIPARTISAN PLAN. HEALTH CARE OFFERS A** UNIQUE OPPORTUNTIY FOR **GOVERNMENT TO PROVE TO THE AMERICAN PEOPLE THAT IT CAN** WORK. AND WE'RE GOING TO HAVE TO TAKE THE TIME **NECESSARY TO GET IT RIGHT--**

### WE DON'T HAVE A SECOND CHANCE, AND WE CAN'T AFFORD TO DO IT WRONG. SO I WANT TO **CONGRATULATE YOU FOR** TAKING THE TIME TO HOLD THIS **CONFERENCE AND GET AHEAD** OF THE HEALTH CARE CURVE. AND I WOULD URGE YOU TO **KEEP YOUR POWDER DRY WHEN**

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### IT COMES TO ENDORSING ANY ONE PLAN. TAKE A LOOK AT THE MANY **PROPOSALS OUT** THERE...EVALUATE THEM...AND LET US KNOW WHAT YOU THINK. I'VE BROUGHT ALONG SOME **INFORMATION ABOUT THE REPUBLICAN PLAN...SO TAKE A** LOOK AND TELL US WHAT YOU

# THINK. WE WELCOME YOUR INPUT.

THE BOTTOM LINE IS: THOSE OF US IN CONGRESS **CAN TINKER WITH THE SYSTEM** ALL WE WANT...BUT THE PEOPLE WHO WILL HAVE TO LIVE WITH WHAT WE DO ARE THE VERY **PEOPLE WHOSE SECURITY HAS** BEEN ENTRUSTED TO YOU.

