

April 12, 1994

TO: Senator Dole

FROM: Vicki

RE: Remarks to Plastic & Reconstructive Surgeons

You are scheduled to deliver brief remarks (5 to 10 minutes) to the American Society of Plastic and Reconstructive Surgeons during their reception in Room S-207.

Their primary concerns are malpractice reform, anti-trust reform, graduate medical education, and inclusion of their services in a basic benefit package, if one exists in the final legislation.

About 100 doctors will be at the reception.

- ◆ I SPENT A GOOD DEAL OF TIME THESE LAST TWO WEEKS DURING THE EASTER RECESS LISTENING TO MEN AND WOMEN IN KANSAS, CALIFORNIA, NEVADA, IOWA, FLORIDA, ALABAMA, AND LOUISIANA.
- ◆ AND I SUSPECT THAT IF THEY WERE LISTENING, MY SENATE COLLEAGUES HEARD THE SAME THING ABOUT HEALTH CARE THAT I DID -- AND THAT'S THE FACT THAT SUPPORT FOR THE PRESIDENT'S PLAN CONTINUES TO DECLINE.
- ◆ OVER THE LAST MONTHS WE'VE HEARD A LOT ABOUT HEALTH CARE. THE FINANCE COMMITTEE HAS HAD TWO HEARINGS EVERY WEEK SINCE JANUARY. WE'LL CONTINUE THIS PROCESS THROUGH APRIL AND AT LEAST FOR THE FIRST COUPLE OF WEEKS IN MAY.
- ◆ THESE HEARINGS ARE NOT FOR SHOW. THEY ARE REAL SUBSTANTIVE TESTIMONIES FROM EXPERT WITNESSES -- BOTH DEMOCRATIC AND REPUBLICAN -- OR APOLITICAL -- WHO HAVE PROVIDED A LOT OF FOOD FOR THOUGHT AND HAVE HELPED THE MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE UNDERSTAND THE MANY FINE DETAILS IN THIS LEGISLATION.
- ◆ AS WE WIND DOWN THIS HEARING PROCESS, CONGRESS IS PREPARING TO DO SOME REAL HEAVY LIFTING. THERE STILL IS NOT A SINGLE PROPOSAL -- NEITHER DEMOCRAT NOR REPUBLICAN -- THAT HAS ENOUGH VOTES TO PASS.
- ◆ THAT'S WHY I CONTINUE TO SAY WHAT I'VE BEEN SAYING FOR THE PAST YEAR AND THAT IS THAT HEALTH CARE IS AN ISSUE THAT CRIES OUT FOR BIPARTISAN SUPPORT.
- ◆ ANY BILL THAT PASSES BY 51 VOTES IN THE SENATE OR 218 VOTES IN THE HOUSE PROBABLY WILL HAVE ALL THE NECESSARY INGREDIENTS FOR REPEAL. THE AMERICAN PEOPLE DESERVE FAR MORE.
- ◆ WITH AN ISSUE AS COMPLEX AS HEALTH CARE, IT IS PROBABLY DIFFICULT TO BELIEVE SOMETIMES THAT ANYTHING USEFUL WILL RESULT FROM THE MAZE OF IDEAS, POLITICS, AND PERSONAL BIASES.
- ◆ BUT, I CONTINUE TO THINK THAT THE FINANCE COMMITTEE WILL BE ABLE TO WORK OUT A BIPARTISAN AGREEMENT.
- ◆ THERE ARE QUITE A FEW PRINCIPLES ON WHICH WE ALREADY AGREE. AND I SUSPECT THAT WHEN WE GET DOWN TO WRITING A BILL THAT CAN PASS, WE WILL CENTER ON THOSE IDEAS -- AND QUICKLY GET RID OF THE IDEAS THAT CONCERN THE AMERICAN PUBLIC THE MOST: BIG GOVERNMENT, MANDATES, AND PRICE CONTROLS.
- ◆ I WOULD LIKE TO THANK YOU FOR YOUR INTEREST. THE LAST WE NEED TO DO IS TO LEGISLATE IN A VACUUM. I ENCOURAGE YOU TO CONTINUE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE DEBATE DURING THE NEXT FEW MONTHS. WE WELCOME YOUR IDEAS.

SPEAK

Tues, April 12



Capital Hilton
9:00 am
or
11:30 am

(schedule for April 12 attached)

March 29, 1994

Senator Bob Dole
141 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510-1601

Attention: Yvonne Costello

Dear Senator Dole,

EXECUTIVE OFFICE
1414 EAST ALCONQUIN ROAD
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On behalf of the American Society of Plastic and Reconstructive Surgeons (ASPRS) we are pleased to invite you to address our tenth annual Washington Legislative Conference.


ASPRS represents nearly 5,000 (97%) of the board certified plastic surgeons in the United States. Plastic surgeons provide highly skilled surgical services which improve both the functional capacity and quality of life of our patients. These services include The treatment of congenital deformities, burn injuries, traumatic injuries, and cancer.


The Washington Legislative Conference brings together both local and national leaders in plastic surgery from across the country. This year's conference will focus on the myriad of issues involved in reforming our nations health care system. Issues of particular concern to plastic surgeons include: universal access to a standard benefit package which includes reconstructive and excludes cosmetic procedures, antitrust reform, appropriate reform of the graduate medical education system, and significant malpractice reform. As a leader in the health reform debate, your views on these and other issues of significance in reforming our nations health care system, your views would be particularly valuable to our members.

The conference will be held on Tuesday, April 12 at the Capitol Hilton Hotel. We would be honored if you could speak during our morning session. The format includes a presentation and time for questions and answers. We would be glad to make a donation on your behalf to a charity of your choice if you would like. Please contact Jon Kent, ASPRS Washington Representative, at (202) 223-6222 for more details and to discuss times and other arrangements.

We look forward to hearing you in April.

Sincerely,


Michael P. Vincent, MD
Government Relations Committee Chair


Richard A. D'Amico, MD
Legislative Conference Chair

Eileen Fitzgerald

4-11 confirmed w/ Eileen 4/5/15

BOB DOLE
KANSAS

United States Senate

OFFICE OF THE REPUBLICAN LEADER
WASHINGTON, DC 20510-7020

April 11, 1994

Senator Dole,

Two options for attached speech:

- a) welcoming speech tonight at the
Sewall-Belmont House next to Hart
Bldg. between 6:30-7:00 p.m.
- b) speak Tues, April 12, in S-207
between 5:00-5:30 p.m.

_____ will speak tonight

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_____ regret

Yvonne

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SENATOR DOLE'S SCHEDULE - Week of April 10 - 16, 1994 Pg. 3

Tuesday, April 12

8:30	Four Seasons, Salon A	SPEAK - Fiber Box Association
9:15	Willard Hotel, Pierce Room, Lower Level	SPEAK - American Business Conference
10:00	SD-215	FIN COMM - medicare
10:30-11:45	White House, Cabinet Room	House & Senate Leadership meeting
12:45	S-211	policy luncheon
2:00	S-230	mtg. w/Rudolf Scharping, Chairman of the Social Democratic Party in Germany (Mira)
2:45	S-230	DROP BY - Sheila mtg. w/Tracy O'Rourke, Vice Chairman of NAM & CEO of Varian, Inc., Sharon Canner, Assist. VP Industrial Relations, & Jerry Jasinowski, NAM's Pres.
3:15	S-230	DROP BY - Sheila mtg. w/Dick Knapp & Dr. Jordan Cohen, new president of the Assoc. of American Medical Colleges
4:00	SD-211	??? FIN COMM - private mtg. w/Sec'y Christopher re: China's MFN trade status
4:00	S-230	mtg. w/Senator Jeffords & Senator Simpson
5:00	Ohio Clock	PHOTO w/42 Kansas senior citizens with Sunflower Tours (Ron)
5:00	S-230	DROP BY - Dennis mtg. w/Richard Davis, President of Congress of Independent Unions
5:30-7:30	Senatorial Committee	fundraiser for Cong. Rick Santorum
6:30 (recp.)	La Colline	DROP BY - fundraiser for John Ashcroft (7:00 dinner)