

Missouri Political Briefing

January 7, 1994

** The Republican minority in the Missouri House nearly ousted Democrat Bob Griffin, state House speaker for 14 years on Wednesday, January 4. Griffin did retain the Speaker post by an 82-80 vote the following day. The House was gridlocked on Wednesday when five Democrats crossed over to vote with the Republicans.

** Senator John Ashcroft's father passed away on Thursday, January 5. Robert Ashcroft had witnessed his son's swearing-in earlier in the week. The funeral is planned for Monday, January 8 in Springfield.

** Congressman Mel Hancock has decided not to seek reelection. Former Secretary of State Roy Blunt is considering a run for Hancock's seat.

** Senators Bond and Ashcroft plan to share office space in each of their district locations. The two Republican Missouri senators will have offices in Jefferson City, St. Louis, Springfield, Kansas City, and Cape Girardeau.

** Republicans will hold their annual Lincoln Days celebration in St. Louis on February 17-19. Senator Dole and each of the other potential presidential candidates have been invited to the event.

** Missouri's presidential primary is scheduled for March 12, 1996.

1994 Campaign America Contributions:

Senator Ashcroft	\$8,000
State Auditor Margaret Kelly	\$1,000
Missouri GOP	\$2,000
Ron Freeman	\$5,000
Jean Mathews, County Exec.	\$1,000
Scott Harness, Pros. Atty.	\$ 250

Bob Dole



NEWS

U.S. SENATOR FOR KANSAS

FROM:

SENATE MAJORITY LEADER

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
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104TH CONGRESS

"REINING IN OUR GOVERNMENT WILL BE MY MANDATE"

OPENING OF SESSION STATEMENT
MAJORITY LEADER BOB DOLE

As the 104th Session of Congress begins, I want to congratulate Senator Daschle on his election as Democrat Leader. I have said many times that the Senate can operate effectively only if the two leaders have a relationship based on trust. I had such a relationship with Senator Mitchell and Senator Byrd, and I am confident that Senator Daschle and I will continue in that tradition.

I also want to congratulate the 11 new Republican Senators who were elected in November, and I thank them and all my Republican colleagues for their support in electing me Senate Majority Leader.

On behalf of all of us elected to serve, I thank the American people for their trust and their call to action. America has reconnected us with their hopes for a nation made more free by demanding a government that is more limited.

Restoring 10th Amendment: Reining in Government

Reining in our government will be my mandate--and I hope it will be the purpose and principle accomplishment of the 104th Congress.

It was nearly 206 years ago when the first Congress met in New York City. Much of their work was devoted to writing the Bill of Rights--the first ten amendments to our Constitution.

The tenth of those amendments reads: "The powers not delegated to the United States by the Constitution, nor prohibited by it to the states, are reserved to the states, respectively, or to the people."

Federalism. The idea that power should be kept close to the people. It's the idea on which our nation was founded. But there are some in Washington--perhaps fewer this year than last--who believe neither our states nor our people can be trusted with power. Federalism has given way to paternalism--with disastrous results.

If I have one goal for the 104th Congress, it is this: That we will dust off the 10th Amendment and restore it to its rightful place in our Constitution.

S.1 - Unfunded Federal Mandates

Senate Bill Number 1 will be step number one: Legislation to end unasked for and unfunded federal mandates on states and cities and communities across America.

Senator Kempthorne, a former mayor of Boise, Idaho, knows all too well how federal mandates are bankrupting our cities and states. Along with many other senators, he has done yeoman's work in preparing this legislation. Hearings will begin this week, and I hope to bring it to the floor very soon.

But we will continue in our drive to return power to our states and our people throughout the 104th Congress. We will roll back federal programs, laws and regulations from A to Z--from Amtrak to zoological studies--working our way through the alphabet soup of government. Our guide will be this question: Is this program a basic function of a limited government, or is it an example of how government has lost faith in the judgements of our people and the potential of our markets?

I believe that, more often than not, the answer to this question will justify less federal involvement, fewer federal rules and regulations, a reduction in federal spending, and more freedom and opportunity for our states and our citizens.

S. 2 - Congressional Coverage

Part of what has allowed government to become so cavalier with power has been its ability to exclude itself from the dictates it has imposed on the American people. This will end with the passage of

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Senate Bill Number 2, and its counterpart in the House--expected to pass in that body today. I can think of no better protection for private citizens and private enterprise than the constant prospect for Members of Congress that we will have to live under the rules we inflict on everyone else.

In the same spirit, we also will propose and pass legislation to protect the rights of private property owners, and to cut the tangle of red tape forced upon our small businessmen and women.

Incidentally, it was said by someone who should know better last year that America's small businessmen and women were getting a free ride from American society. Let me set the record straight: The engine of American society is America's small business. Small business provides the jobs, the competition, and the spark for progress that is the very essence of democratic capitalism. It is small business that carries America--not the other way around.

Republicans also believe that our country's increasingly desperate fight against crime is an area where more freedom is needed at the state level.

S.3 - Crime Bill

Today we will introduce, under Senator Hatch's leadership, Senate Bill 3, a crime bill that will free states and cities to decide for themselves how to spend much of the \$8 billion in law enforcement funds appropriated last year. It will eliminate the wasteful social spending programs included in last year's bill.

And perhaps most importantly, the crime bill we introduce today will begin our effort to restore the freedom from fear we knew in the America of our youth, but lost to the children growing up in America today. We will, without apology, remove from society those who are tearing it apart with casual violence and a new, chilling disregard for human life. Our crime bill will impose mandatory minimum sentences on those who use guns in the commission of a crime, and make sure the jails are there to lock them up.

Tax Cut

And in this session we will cut taxes. Under Senator Packwood's leadership, the Finance Committee will produce, as a top priority, a tax cut that will let families keep more of their own money to invest in their own children and in their future.

There seems to be a growing, bipartisan consensus that taxes must be cut, which Republicans welcome and which encourages me to believe the Senate can act quickly. The President's recent comments indicate he is ready to sign such a bill. But I strongly object to the President's insistence on labelling America by "class." We must not divide Americans into economic groups competing against one another for the favors of government; rather, we must lead by instilling hope and restoring freedom and opportunity for all our people.

Cuts in Government Spending

By cutting the people's taxes we will reduce the government's take of their wages--worthy unto itself. But if tax cuts are also to have the effect of limiting government and providing for long-term prosperity, then they also must be matched by real cuts in government spending. This, Republicans are committed to do. No one in this chamber has spoken more eloquently about the need to deal forthrightly with our national deficit than Senator Domenici, who today assumes the Chair of the Budget Committee.

Let me be clear. Like a family examining its finances after a Christmas that was too rich, we will make hard decisions and endure sacrifices to make ends meet. With the one exception of Social Security, every bureaucracy and bureaucrat, every government program and federal expense is ripe for reduction and elimination.

Reduce Committee Budgets

And at the top of that list is the price tag for Congress, itself. Today we will pass a resolution calling upon the Rules Committee to reduce committee budgets by approximately \$34 million. The House is also taking Congressional cost-cutting action today, and we will work together throughout the next two years to save more money across government.

S.4 - Line-Item Veto

We will also work together to pass line-item veto legislation, which we introduce today as Senate Bill 4, and to send a Balanced Budget Amendment to the states for ratification. These measures, which have had the overwhelming support of the American people for some time, have been ignored in Washington for far too long. And these measures go to the heart of the question with which we began: Should governing elites rule society? Should they be able to spend the people's money without check, cloaked by impenetrable rules and omnibus appropriations bills too massive for anyone to read? Or should we trust the people?

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Paternalism or Federalism? The 104th Congress must answer that question by bowing to the will of the people, and putting its trust in them.

Finally, let me make clear that Republicans are acutely aware that the United States has only one Commander-in-Chief, and our Commander-in-Chief is President Clinton. We will support him on foreign policy whenever possible, as we did with NAFTA and GATT, and in revising out dated provisions of law on Russia, South Africa, and the Middle East.

S. 5 - Peace Powers Act of 1995

During the last two years, however, there have been some important areas of disagreement between Congress and the President in the areas of foreign policy. One of these has been the President's apparent willingness to place the agenda of the United Nations before the interests of the United States.

Therefore, we will introduce today "The Peace Powers Act of 1995," which is designated as Senate Bill 5. This legislation repeals the War Powers Resolution of 1973, and places some restrictions on U.S. participation in United Nations peacekeeping activities. The effect of the bill would be this: We would untie the President's hands in using American forces to defend American interests, but we would restrict the use of American forces and funds in United Nations peacekeeping. We do not want American soldiers under U.N. command, and the costs to America of U.N. peacekeeping must be known before it will be approved by Congress.

In a manner consistent with our Constitutional role to appropriate funds and to advise and consent on matters of foreign policy, the Senate will also take a close look at a number of other foreign policy issues in this session; including the costs of the Haiti operation, and the legality and wisdom of aiding North Korea.

It has been said that we have become a nation of competing factions, held together less by our hopes than by our wants. The implication is that we are no longer a great people, but merely "a continent of categories," and special interests. I don't believe this.

Clear Instruction from American People

It has been said that government is uncontrollable because of the uncontrollable appetites of our people. Last November was proof that this is not true. If the recent election proved anything, it proved these ideas to be the self-justification of a government grown too cynical, too fat, and too far removed from the people it is supposed to serve.

Americans have been voting in Congressional elections for more than two hundred years. Some of these elections have made little difference. But others have been turning points in history. The last one was a turning point.

The elections in November provided clear instruction from the American people. The ideas on which we will conduct the business of government were laid out in unprecedented detail during the last election campaign. This was derided as a strategy by political pundits and attacked as heresy by the established powers. But the ideas prevailed. And therefore, I believe the ideas will prevail in this body and in the House and across the sprawling expanse of government.

Republicans welcome the support of like-thinking Democrats as we work to put a leash on our government by restoring the 10th amendment, cutting taxes, balancing the budget, enacting term limits, and taking whatever other measures are necessary to make the government accountable to the voters.

Together, we hope to establish once again America's trust in her people and faith in the unmatched power of freedom to build a world of hope and opportunity for all.

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January 5, 1995

TO: Senator Dole
FROM: Mike Torrey
SUBJECT: Farm Bureau speech

AG COMMITTEE SCHEDULE...The Committee is most likely to do CFTC Reauthorization in January. Glickman and other nominees will be in late January or February. Hearings on the state of the farm economy and the Farm Bill will be in February through May and markup of the Farm Bill will be in June with floor action hoped for in July.

The rest of this was in your ag update memo for Kansas radio.

FARM BILL...Most farmers are concerned about Lugar's comments that he wants to use a zero base budgeting concept and make all commodity groups come before the committee to justify their program. Some farmers think Lugar wants to eliminate their programs and consequently Republican's are in line to take a possible hit from the Democrats. Lugar has not said he wants to eliminate the program but that ag programs should be looked at. This is simply a good government measure.

BOTTOMLINE...There will be budget hits. However, we need to look at regulatory relief, paperwork reduction, tax relief, etc... and zero in on the positive things Republican's are going to do for agriculture as a whole and not just the budget cuts.

COMMODITY FUTURES TRADING COMMISSION...The Ag Committee plans to reauthorize this Act in January. So far we do not expect much controversy.

PRIVATE PROPERTY RIGHTS...You have introduced your bill which requires a takings impact assessment when promulgating regulations. You are working with Hatch, Nickles, Gramm, and Shelby to introduce an Omnibus Private Property Rights Act. The bill will include the following: 1) your takings impact assessment 2) An administrative appeal process with the Secretary when a taking occurs under the Endangered Species Act or the Clean Water Act 3) Will give concurrent jurisdiction to the Federal Claims Court and the District Court 4) An election of remedies -- either through the agency or court. (We are working to make the bill budget neutral but are having trouble with the Gramm language which calls for compensation).

CONSERVATION RESERVE PROGRAM...Beginning in 1995, USDA will consider requests from CRP participants to be released from their contracts or to modify their existing contracts to reduce the amount of acreage in the contracts. USDA will also consider requests to enroll new acres. THEN in 1996, the Secretary will offer all CRP participants with contracts signed before 1990, the opportunity to modify and extend their existing contract for 10

years upon maturity of the contract. Regardless of what USDA has done, the CRP debate will be decided by the Ag Committee.

BOTTOMLINE...CRP may very well be a regional fight between water quality (east) and soil and wind erosion (high plains and midwest). We will probably keep acres in the midwest and high plains except at a lower payment rate. Any savings could be used for water quality. The real issue is designing a program which helps farmers comply with all government mandates i.e. Clean Water Act, etc...

MARKETS...Grains were up slightly this week but overall are down since December 23 (right after the China wheat sale). There was some export activity to Indonesia and Malaysia which was the first market activity in years to those countries. Most of our market potential is in Asia. Below is price activity since December 23.

WHEAT	\$3.70	down 15
CORN	\$2.14	down 2
BEANS	\$5.00	down 19
MILO	\$3.50	steady

LIVESTOCK...Hogs are up to around \$35 (which is still below the average break even of \$39). Cattle are around \$73 which is up significantly from the low \$60's. The market does not expect the meat glut to end until late spring.

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September 19, 1994

The Honorable Robert Dole
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Dole:

The American Farm Bureau Federation is celebrating our 76th annual meeting, in St. Louis on January 8-12, 1995. We would be honored to have you speak at our general session on the morning of January 9.

I expect approximately 6,000 of our leaders to attend this meeting. In addition, we typically attract 100 reporters so your words would reach an even larger number of rural Americans. Any topic you select would be fine with us, although interest is already building in the crossroads' coffee shops on the 1995 Farm Bill.

This is typically a fine meeting. It would be even better with your presence. I look forward to your acceptance of our invitation.

Sincerely,

Dean Kleckner, President

DK/gp

Mary Kate Wodzien
12-22-94

9-23 Interim letter - sent copy to Washington, D.C. + Illinois offices
10-20 " " - to Doyle Ruljes
12-22 - spoke to have Ruljes on 10-20-10 to
12-22 message for Mary Kate

December 15, 1994

TO: Senator Dole
FROM: Mike Torrey
SUBJECT: 1995 Farm Bill strategy

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I understand you have been asked to speak to the American Farm Bureau Federation in St. Louis on Monday, January 9.

This would be an opportunity to outline the positive's of what the Republican party is doing for agriculture. In light of Lugar's statement's, some are concerned about commodity program cuts. You could instead focus on the issues most rural American's are concerned about. These issues affect farmers bottomline as much as commodity program payments. These topics include taxes, trade, private property rights, risk assessment, a strong national defense, balanced budget and regulatory relief. I don't think you would have to get into the details of commodity programs. This speech would be in the heart of America instead of inside the beltway at the Commodity Club. I imagine all the major ag reporters would be there.

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Senator Dole
FROM: Tyler Garvens
DATE: January 3, 1994
SUBJ: Farm Bureau Speech Update

-- In regard to the speaking request from the Farm Bureau for the morning of Monday, January 9 in St. Louis, I spoke with Dean Kleckner and he insists on speaking at 9:00 a.m. and having you speak at 10:00 a.m. Mo is still working on a private plane. The Bureau does not have a plane available but will provide a first class commercial airline ticket. The first practical direct flight from St. Louis is at 12:06 p.m. arriving at National at 3:00 p.m.

- _____ speak at 10:00 a.m. and leave on the 12:06 p.m. commercial flight
- _____ pursue chartered plane and speak at 10:00 p.m.
- _____ regret

Handwritten notes:
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Lave Christensen (212) 349-5700

"Coordinator" - his putting together all of the specifics to hotel staging etc.

Dean Kleckner, President - (same #)

Office to officially RSVP to

**IT'S A PLEASURE TO BE HERE
AND TO JOIN IN THIS 76TH ANNUAL
CONFERENCE OF THE FARM
BUREAU.**

**MUCH HAS CHANGED SINCE
YOUR FIRST MEETING IN 1920, BUT
TWO THINGS HAVEN'T. THE FIRST
IS THAT STROM THURMOND IS
STILL IN THE SENATE. AND THE
SECOND IS THE FACT THAT THE**

**FARM BUREAU HAS ALWAYS
FOUGHT THE GOOD FIGHT FOR
AMERICA'S FARMING AND
AGRICULTURE COMMUNITY.**

**I HAVE BEEN PROUD TO WORK
WITH YOU THROUGHOUT MY
YEARS IN CONGRESS. AND I AM
LOOKING FORWARD TO THE
MONTHS AHEAD AND TO
SOMETHING THAT HASN'T BEEN
DONE IN 40 YEARS. AND THAT'S**

**WRITING A FARM BILL WITH
REPUBLICANS IN CONTROL OF BOTH
HOUSES OF CONGRESS.**

**AND NO DOUBT ABOUT IT, DICK
LUGAR AND PAT ROBERTS WILL
MAKE OUTSTANDING CHAIRMEN.
THEY ARE FAIR. THEY ARE
EXPERIENCED. AND THEY BOTH
CARE ABOUT AMERICA'S FARMERS.**

**I ALSO WANT TO REPEAT WHAT
I'VE SAID BEFORE. EVEN THOUGH**

**DAN GLICKMAN AND I ARE FROM
DIFFERENT PARTIES, I THINK HE
WILL MAKE AN OUTSTANDING
SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE. I
TOLD DAN EARLY ON IN THE
PROCESS THAT I WOULD BE HAPPY
TO ENDORSE HIM OR NOT ENDORSE
HIM--WHATEVER HE THOUGHT
WOULD DO THE MOST GOOD.**

**THERE ARE PEOPLE MORE
IMPORTANT THAN THOSE FILLING**

**THE JOBS IN WASHINGTON,
HOWEVER--AND THAT'S THE
AMERICAN PEOPLE WHO SEND
SUCH A CLEAR MESSAGE THIS
PAST NOVEMBER. IN EVERY
REGION OF THE COUNTRY, THE
VOTERS ENDORSED THE
REPUBLICAN AGENDA FOR CHANGE.
THAT AGENDA INCLUDES LESS
GOVERNMENT, LESS SPENDING,
AND FEWER RULES AND**

**REGULATIONS. AND BEFORE I
DISCUSS FARM BILL SPECIFICS, I DO
WANT TO TALK FOR A FEW
MINUTES ABOUT THE "BIG
PICTURE."**

**I HAVE SOMETHING I'M GOING
TO CARRY WITH ME THROUGHOUT
THIS SESSION. IT'S A LITTLE CARD
THAT CONTAINS THE TENTH
AMENDMENT TO THE
CONSTITUTION. AND IT SAYS:**

**"THE POWERS NOT DELEGATED TO
THE UNITED STATES BY THE
CONSTITUTION, NOR PROHIBITED
BY IT TO THE STATES, ARE
RESERVED TO THE STATES,
RESPECTIVELY, OR TO THE PEOPLE."**

**FEDERALISM. THE IDEA THAT
POWER SHOULD BE KEPT CLOSE TO
THE PEOPLE. IT'S THE IDEA ON
WHICH OUR NATION WAS
FOUNDED. BUT THERE ARE SOME**

**IN WASHINGTON WHO HAVE
BELIEVED FOR TOO LONG THAT
NEITHER OUR STATES NOR OUR
PEOPLE CAN BE TRUSTED WITH
POWER. FEDERALISM HAS GIVEN
WAY TO PATERNALISM--WITH
DISASTROUS RESULTS.**

**IF I HAVE ONE GOAL FOR THE
104TH CONGRESS, IT IS THIS:
THAT
WE WILL DUST OFF THE 10TH**

**AMENDMENT AND RESTORE IT TO
ITS RIGHTFUL PLACE IN THE
CONSTITUTION.**

**AND THE FIRST STEP TO
ACCOMPLISH THIS IS SENATE BILL
#1, WHICH WILL PUT AN END TO
THE UNASKED FOR AND UNFUNDED
FEDERAL MANDATES ON STATES
AND CITIES AND COMMUNITIES
ACROSS AMERICA. THIS
LEGISLATION WILL ENSURE THAT**

**NO NEW FEDERAL ENVIRONMENTAL
MANDATES WILL BE PLACED ON
STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTS
WITHOUT PROVIDING THE
NECESSARY FUNDS TO IMPLEMENT
THE CHANGES. WE INTRODUCED
THIS BILL ON THE FIRST DAY OF
SESSION, HELD HEARINGS ON IT ON
THE SECOND DAY, AND WE HOPE
TO PASS IT BY THE END OF THE
MONTH.**

**IF THERE'S ANYONE WHO
KNOWS ABOUT THE DANGERS AND
COSTS OF TOO MUCH
GOVERNMENT, TOO MANY
BUREAUCRATS, AND TOO MUCH
INTERFERENCE FROM WASHINGTON,
D.C., IT'S AMERICA'S FARMERS.**

**OVER THE LAST SEVERAL YEARS,
FARMERS HAVE FACED A GROWING
ONSLAUGHT OF ENVIRONMENTAL
REGULATIONS THAT ORIGINATED IN**

**THE FEDERAL BUREAUCRACY --
WITH VIRTUALLY NO REGARD TO
THE IMPACT ON THE VALUE OF
PRIVATE PROPERTY OR ON THE
FARMER'S PRODUCTION COSTS.**

**THIS WEEK, REPUBLICAN
SENATORS AND HOUSE MEMBERS,
LED BY DON NICKLES, KAY BAILEY
HUTCHISON, AND KIT BOND, WILL
INTRODUCE LEGISLATION WHICH
WOULD IMPOSE A SIX-MONTH**

**MORATORIUM ON NEW FEDERAL
RULES. AND WE'VE DECIDED THAT
IF PRESIDENT CLINTON CAN RAISE
TAXES RETROACTIVELY, WE CAN
PROHIBIT RULES RETROACTIVELY--
AND WE HOPE TO APPLY THE
MORATORIUM TO ALL RULES
ISSUES SINCE NOVEMBER 9TH, THE
DAY AFTER THE ELECTION.**

**IT IS ALSO TIME TO SEND A
CLEAR MESSAGE TO THE**

**WASHINGTON-BASED
ENVIRONMENTAL REGULATORS
THAT THEIR POLICIES AND
DECISIONS ARE THREATENING THE
EFFICIENCY AND COMPETITIVENESS
OF THE AGRICULTURE AND FOOD
INDUSTRIES. IT IS TIME TO BRING
SANITY BACK TO ENVIRONMENTAL
REGULATION--AND THAT INCLUDES
THE FOOD SAFETY ARENA, WHERE
WE HAVE EXHIBITED A TENDENCY**

**TO MAKE DECISIONS BASED ON
EMOTIONAL APPEALS FROM
SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS,
RATHER THAN BASED ON SOUND
SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH.**

**ALONG WITH PUTTING AN END
TO UNFUNDED FEDERAL
MANDATES, WE WILL WORK TO
ENACT LEGISLATION TO PROTECT
THE VALUE OF PRIVATE PROPERTY
AND TO STOP REGULATORY**

**TAKINGS BY THE FEDERAL
GOVERNMENT.**

**WE WILL ALSO PUSH FOR A
COST/BENEFIT ANALYSIS FOR EACH
NEW MAJOR ENVIRONMENTAL
REGULATION. WHETHER IT IS A
WETLANDS DETERMINATION, OR
THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A HABITAT
PROTECTION PLAN UNDER THE
ENDANGERED SPECIES ACT,
FARMERS AND RANCHERS HAVE A**

**RIGHT TO KNOW THE ESTIMATED
COSTS AND BENEFITS OF
REGULATIONS BEFORE THEY
BECOME LAWS.**

**AMERICA'S FARM FAMILIES
HAVE STRUGGLED FOR SURVIVAL
AGAINST A TWO PRONG ASSAULT--
ONE ASSAULT CAME, AS I JUST
MENTIONED, FROM THE MAZE OF
GOVERNMENT ENVIRONMENTAL
AGENCIES; AND THE SECOND**

**ASSAULT COMING FROM THE
INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE.**

**WE HOPE TO LIGHTEN YOUR
BURDEN BY WORKING TO PROVIDE
FULL DEDUCTIBILITY OF HEALTH
INSURANCE PREMIUMS FOR THE
SELF-EMPLOYED, INCLUDING
FARMERS. WE WILL PUSH FOR
REDUCTION IN THE CAPITAL GAINS
TAX RATE, PARTICULARLY AS IT
RELATES TO THE FARMING**

**COMMUNITY, AND WE WILL
EXAMINE WAYS TO MODIFY
EXISTING ESTATE TAX LAWS, SO
WE CAN HELP ENSURE THAT THERE
WILL BE A NEXT GENERATION OF
FARMERS.**

**IF TAX CUTS ARE ALSO TO HAVE
THE EFFECT OF LIMITING
GOVERNMENT AND PROVIDING FOR
LONG-TERM PROSPERITY, THEN
THEY ALSO MUST BE MATCHED BY**

**REAL CUTS IN GOVERNMENT
SPENDING. AND IN A POLL LAST
WEEK, WHEN THE AMERICAN
PEOPLE WERE ASKED WHAT
SHOULD BE THE TOP PRIORITY OF
CONGRESS, THE TOP ANSWER WAS
TO CUT THE FEDERAL BUDGET
DEFICIT--WITH 55% OF AMERICANS
SAYING THAT THIS IS "ABSOLUTELY
CRITICAL."**

**THEY ARE ABSOLUTELY RIGHT.
CUTTING THE DEFICIT IS CRITICAL
TO AMERICA'S FUTURE, AND TO
THE FUTURE OF YOUR CHILDREN
AND GRANDCHILDREN.**

**AND LET ME REPEAT WHAT I
SAID ON THE SENATE FLOOR LAST
WEEK--WITH THE ONE EXCEPTION
OF SOCIAL SECURITY, EVERY
BUREAUCRACY AND BUREAUCRAT,
EVERY GOVERNMENT PROGRAM**

**AND FEDERAL EXPENSE IS RIPE FOR
REDUCTION AND ELIMINATION.**

**AND NO DOUBT ABOUT IT, FARM
PROGRAMS WILL ALSO BE FACING
CAREFUL SCRUTINY. AND SOME
CUTS WILL BE MADE. SENATOR
LUGAR, CONGRESSMAN ROBERTS
AND I WILL WORK TOGETHER,
HOWEVER, TO ENSURE THAT
AGRICULTURE IS NOT TARGETED**

**FOR MORE THAN ITS FAIR SHARE
OF CUTS.**

**I HAVE LONG SAID THAT
AMERICAN FARMERS ARE THE
MOST COMPETITIVE IN THE WORLD
GIVEN A LEVEL PLAYING FIELD. THE
PASSAGE OF NAFTA AND GATT
HELPED TO CREATE JUST SUCH A
PLAYING FIELD. TO TAKE FULL
ADVANTAGE OF INCREASED TRADE
OPPORTUNITIES, WE MUST REQUIRE**

**MORE "BANG FOR THE BUCK" FROM
OUR EXPORT EXPANSION
PROGRAMS. THEREFORE, IT IS
VITALLY IMPORTANT FOR THE NEW
FARM BILL TO TARGET OUR EXPORT
PROGRAMS TO THOSE MARKETS
WITH THE GREATEST GROWTH
POTENTIAL, INCLUDING
ASIA/PACIFIC RIM AND LATIN
AMERICA. AND WITH AN
INCREASED EMPHASIS ON VALUE-**

**ADDED EXPORTS, WE CAN
ENHANCE RURAL ECONOMIC
ACTIVITY AND STIMULATE RURAL
EMPLOYMENT.**

**ADDITIONALLY, WE NEED TO
LEARN FROM THE LESSONS OF THE
PAST AND REDUCE OUR RELIANCE
ON ACREAGE REDUCTION
PROGRAMS. IDLING ACREAGE
ONLY INCREASES FOREIGN**

**PRODUCTION AND DISPLACES U.S.
EXPORT MARKET SHARE.**

**I ALSO BELIEVE THAT
AGRICULTURE THE 1995 FARM BILL
NEEDS TO EXPAND THE MONEY
SPENT ON AGRICULTURAL
RESEARCH. WITH THE CURRENT
BUDGET LAWS AND CAPS PLACED
ON DISCRETIONARY SPENDING,
FUTURE FUNDING FOR
AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH WILL**

**LIKELY DECLINE QUITE RAPIDLY.
AND, IF WE FIND WE HAVE TO
REDUCE FARM PROGRAM SPENDING
TO ACCOMPLISH THIS -- IT IS A
TRADE WORTH MAKING.**

**I AM VERY OPTIMISTIC ABOUT
THIS SESSION OF CONGRESS. I
BELIEVE THAT REPUBLICANS WILL
SUCCEED IN GIVING GOVERNMENT
BACK TO THE PEOPLE. AND I
BELIEVE THAT WE WILL ALSO**

**SUCCEED IN GIVING AMERICA'S
FARMERS WHAT WE WANT TO GIVE
TO ALL AMERICANS--MORE
FREEDOM AND MORE
OPPORTUNITY.**