



1995
PRESCOTT BUSH AWARDS DINNER

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PROGRAM
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Call to order	John A. Mastropietro <i>Republican State Chair</i>
Invocation	Rev. A. Kenneth Fellenbaum
Pledge of Allegiance	Patricia Longo <i>Republican State Vice Chair</i>
Remarks.....	Hon. Barbara Hackman Franklin <i>Finance Chairman</i>
Introduction	Hon. John G. Rowland <i>Governor, State of Connecticut</i>
Keynote Address .	Hon. Robert Dole <i>Majority Leader, U.S. Senator</i>

DINNER

Presentation of the 1995 Fenton P. Futtner Award	Hon. Christopher Burnham <i>State Treasurer</i>
Acceptance and Remarks:	Dr. Dorothy Baird Leib
Presentation of the 1995 Prescott Bush Award	Hon. M. Jodi Rell <i>Lieutenant Governor</i>
Acceptance and Remarks	John H. Miller
Benediction	Rev. A. Kenneth Fellenbaum
Closing Remarks	John A. Mastropietro



1995 PRESCOTT BUSH AWARDS
KEYNOTE SPEAKER
THE HONORABLE ROBERT DOLE

1995 begins a most exciting season for Republicans across the nation as we launch the campaign for the White House. It is a special honor for Connecticut Republicans to welcome Senator Bob Dole, a leading contender for the 1996 GOP Presidential nomination, as our keynote speaker this evening.

Senator Dole's distinguished record of public service spans four decades from service in the military, to state and county government, and of course service in the United States Congress and in the Republican Party.

During the second World War, Bob Dole answered the call of his country as a platoon leader in the legendary Tenth Mountain Division in Italy. In 1945, he was gravely wounded on the battlefield and was later twice decorated for heroic achievement. His decorations include two Purple Hearts and a Bronze Star with Oakleaf Cluster.

Senator Dole's career in government service began in 1951 where he served as a member of the Kansas state legislature. He became a county attorney in 1953 and served until his 1960 election to the U.S. House of Representatives. He served in the House with distinction until his election to the United States Senate in 1968. In 1992, Senator Dole was reelected by the people of Kansas to an unprecedented fifth term.

During his years in the Senate, Senator Dole has taken on many leadership roles including Chairman of the Senate Finance Committee and Minority Leader. He currently serves as the Majority Leader of the Senate.

In addition to his duties in the Senate, Senator Dole served the Republican Party as Chairman of the National Republican Party and as the GOP nominee for Vice President in 1976.

Senator Dole's effectiveness as a consensus builder and his commitment to deficit reduction have earned him the admiration of Republicans, Independents, and Democrats alike. He is a tough, common sense conservative with experience few can match.

Senator Dole was born in Russell, Kansas on July 22, 1923. He is married to Elizabeth Hanford Dole, President of the American Red Cross.

**1995 PRESCOTT BUSH AWARD
RECIPIENT
JOHN H. MILLER**



Even though the symbol of the Republican party is the elephant, it would take someone with an even longer memory to recall a time when John Miller was not a fixture of Connecticut politics. John's thirty-five years of service to the local, state, and national Republican parties is a perfect example of the selfless loyalty and commitment that the Prescott Bush Award represents.

Born in New Britain and educated in Hartford schools, John attended Trinity College where he graduated Phi Beta Kappa in 1952. He earned his civil engineering degree at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute and attended Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute Graduate School in South Windsor. John and his wife Anita reside in Wethersfield and are the parents of three children and the grandparents of three.

During his forty plus years as an engineer, John has earned several awards and been an active voice on many professional boards and associations including the National and Connecticut Societies of Professional Engineers, Conn. Society of Civil Engineers, and the Conn. Association of Land Surveyors. In addition, John served on the Architect/Engineer Advisory Board of the Federal General Services Administration from 1972 to 1975. He currently serves as the president of Close, Jensen and Miller, an engineering firm serving Connecticut since 1926.

John's record of public service extends beyond politics and his professional career into various charities and volunteer organizations. He has served on the Advisory Board of the Long Rivers Council of the Boy Scouts of America, as a Director of the Connecticut Humane Society, as a member of the Capitol Region Planning Agency, and as a manager in the Wethersfield Little League. John also is a member of the BMCA (Businessmen's Civic Association), winning their Man of the Year Award in 1988, and he was appointed by President Bush as a Director on the Board of the National Institute of Building Sciences.

John's political career has spanned over three decades: as a member of the Wethersfield Town Committee (1960 to present), Wethersfield Town Committee Chairman (1968-1975), and Republican State Central Committee (1976-1988). Today, John serves as National Committeeman from Connecticut, a post he has held since 1988. The campaigns and candidates for which John has served as an advisor are too numerous to mention here.

John Miller has earned the respect and admiration of Republicans across Connecticut and the nation where he continues to be the kind of loyal, hard working, stalwart Republican we should all strive to be.

**1995 FENTON P. "PAT" FUTTNER
AWARD RECIPIENT
DR. DOROTHY BAIRD LEIB**



Since 1987, the Futtner Award has singled out Republicans who have served this party with distinction at the grassroots level. Award winners are the base of our party and are individuals who, like our friend Pat Futtner, dedicate hours behind the scenes to our Republican Party.

New London's Dr. Dorothy Leib embodies the spirit of this award with her many years of service to the Republican Party as a tireless committee member, campaigner and candidate. Hers is a familiar voice in the greater New London area as an advocate for Republican ideals and issues.

Born and raised in New Jersey, she graduated from Wellesley College and came to Connecticut to attend Yale Medical School. Dr. Leib completed residencies in Detroit and New Haven and settled in to private practice in New London where she was also on the staff at Lawrence and Memorial Hospital.

In 1953, she married Dr. Gilbert Leib and together they raised a son David and a daughter Elizabeth. She retired in 1983 to care for her husband until his passing in 1987.

Dorothy Leib did not need a national movement to help her realize her full potential - she did it on her own. A physician, a wife, a mother and a grandmother of two, she still found time to serve on the Harbor School PTA, the Board of Pine Point School, as President of the Thames River Garden Club, as President of the Women's Group of the New London County Club, and as Treasurer and Board Member at the New London Child and Family Agency. In addition, Dr. Leib served on the Advisory Board of the Salvation Army, the Board of the Shoreline YMCA, as past president of the Kiwanis Club, and was a corporator for both New England Savings Bank and Lawrence and Memorial Hospital.

Not stopping with that impressive list of community service, Dr. Leib took time from her busy schedule to get involved in politics. She served on the Waterford Board of Finance, the Waterford RTM, the New London Middle School Building Committee, and as Chairman of the New London Republican Town Committee. In 1988, Dr. Leib was the Republican candidate for State Senate in the 20th District and in 1992 she ran for Judge of Probate.

Dr. Leib has set a standard of accomplishment that goes far beyond gender or past affiliation. It is a standard rooted firmly in community, family and public service. This award is Connecticut Republicans heartfelt thanks to Dr. Dorothy Baird Leib for defining the Republican spirit with her hard work, grace and commitment.

PRESCOTT BUSH AWARD

The Prescott Bush Award was established in 1978 to honor an outstanding leader of the Republican Party. It is named in honor of the late Prescott Bush, Sr. of Greenwich, who represented Connecticut in the United States Senate from 1952 to 1962. Bush, who was the father of former President George Bush, held numerous public and political offices including Chairman of the Republican State Finance Committee from 1947 to 1950.

AWARD WINNERS

1978	Al Kohl
1979	Gordon W. Reed
1980	Jerimiah Milbank
1981	E. Clayton Gengras, Sr.
1982	Honorable Malcolm Baldrige
1983	Grassroots Volunteers
1984	John Alsop
1985	Honorable Raymond Baldwin
1986	Fenton P. "Pat" Futtner
1987	Jo McKenzie
1988	Honorable Michael L. Morano
1989	Honorable J. Brian Gaffney
1990	Frederick Biebel
1991	Honorable Nancy L. Johnson
1992	Honorable Christopher Shays
1993	Joan Sperry Rader
1994	Honorable Robert G. Jaekle
1995	John H. Miller

FENTON P. "PAT" FUTTNER AWARD

The Fenton P. "Pat" Futtner Award was established in 1988 to honor the contributions of volunteers to the Republican Party. It is named in honor of the late Fenton P. "Pat" Futtner of South Windsor, who served the Republican Party as a member of the State Central Committee, as Deputy State Chairman and as Political Director. He also served as Commissioner of Agriculture and Natural Resources in the administration of Governor Thomas J. Meskill.

AWARD WINNERS

1987	Lucie McKinney	1992	Edward Seder
1988	Barbara Brown	1993	Ralph G. Elliot, Esq.
1989	Sylvio F. Preli	1994	Republican Registrars of Voters
1990	Raeann V. Curtis	1995	Dr. Dorothy B. Leib
1991	Francis G. Brennan		

TO: Senator Dole
FR: Kerry

RE: Prescott Bush Award Dinner

*18th annual Connecticut GOP dinner. Record crowd of 1,000-1,200 expected.

*Former Commerce Secretary Barbara Franklin is Dinner Chairman.

*John Mastropietro, Chair of Connecticut GOP, reported that much of audience will be pro-Dole, and suggested your remarks be a mix of presidential campaign and Congressional update.

*Two awards will be given after you depart--the Prescott Bush Award for outstanding service to the party to **John Miller**, Connecticut National Committeeman, and the outstanding volunteer award to **Dr. Dorothy Leib**, a New London City Councilor.

*Mrs. Dole spoke at this dinner when she was at the Labor Department.

**THANK YOU. IT'S A PRIVILEGE
TO JOIN YOU AT THIS HISTORIC
18TH ANNUAL PRESCOTT BUSH
DINNER.**

**I SAY "HISTORIC" FOR A NUMBER
OF REASONS.**

**ONE, BECAUSE IT'S THE FIRST
PRESCOTT BUSH DINNER TO BE
HELD UNDER THE LEADERSHIP OF A
REPUBLICAN GOVERNOR.**

**TWO, BECAUSE IT'S THE FIRST
DINNER TO BE HELD WHEN
REPUBLICANS MAJORITIES
CONTROLLED BOTH HOUSES OF THE
UNITED STATES CONGRESS.**

**FINALLY, IT'S THE FIRST DINNER
TO BE HELD WHEN THE REPUBLICAN
PARTY WAS THE MAJORITY PARTY
IN AMERICA.**

**AND THE FIRST THING I WANT
TO DO TONIGHT IS TO THANK ALL**

**OF YOU FOR WHAT YOU DID TO
HELP MAKE THAT HISTORY.**

**THANK YOU FOR ALL YOU DID
TO MAKE JOHN ROWLAND
GOVERNOR AND JODI RELL LT.
GOVERNOR.**

**THANK YOU FOR ALL YOU DID
TO MAKE CHRIS BURNHAM STATE
TREASURER.**

**THANK YOU FOR ALL YOU DID
TO GIVE REPUBLICANS CONTROL OF
THE STATE SENATE.**

**AND THANK YOU FOR ALL YOU
DID TO RE-ELECT CHRIS SHAYS,
GARY FRANKS, AND NANCY
JOHNSON TO CONGRESS.**

**REPUBLICANS HAVE THREE OF
SIX MEMBERS OF YOUR U.S. HOUSE
DELEGATION--AND A HANDFUL OF
VOTES WOULD HAVE GIVEN US**

**FOUR. ED MUENSTER RAN A GREAT
RACE IN THE 2ND DISTRICT, AND,
AS YOU KNOW, THAT RACE MAY
NOT BE OVER YET.**

**WITH SO MANY OUTSTANDING
CONNECTICUT REPUBLICANS, IT
MUST HAVE BEEN A TOUGH,
TOUGH, JOB TO SELECT TWO
HONOREES THIS EVENING--AND LET
ME CONGRATULATE YOUR**

**NATIONAL COMMITTEEMAN, JOHN
MILLER, AND DOROTHY LEIB, WHO
WILL BOTH BE SALUTED LATER IN
THE PROGRAM.**

**I WAS NOT PRIVILEGED TO KNOW
PRESCOTT BUSH, BUT I KNOW
WHAT KIND OF MAN HE WAS
BECAUSE I AM PRIVILEGED TO
KNOW SEVERAL OF HIS CHILDREN.**

**IF I REMEMBER RIGHT, ONE OF
THEM WENT TO WASHINGTON AND**

MADE SOMETHING OF HIMSELF.

**GEORGE BUSH AND I CAME
FROM VERY DIFFERENT
BACKGROUNDS. BUT OUR PARENTS
INSTILLED US WITH THE SAME
VALUES. VALUES LIKE HARD
WORK. HONESTY. PERSONAL
RESPONSIBILITY. AND LOVE OF
COUNTRY.**

**GEORGE BUSH AND I ALSO
LEARNED AT A VERY EARLY AGE**

**THAT IF SOMETHING GREAT IS TO
HAPPEN IN THIS WORLD, IT WILL
HAPPEN WITH AMERICAN
LEADERSHIP.**

**HE FLEW THE SKIES OF THE
PACIFIC AND I WALKED THE HILLS
OF ITALY, BUT WE BOTH LEARNED
THE SAME LESSON.**

**WE LEARNED THAT LEADERSHIP
SOMETIMES MEANS RISKING YOUR
LIFE FOR AMERICA, AND RISKING**

**YOUR LIFE FOR DEMOCRACY. AND
PRESIDENT BUSH AND I WERE
AMONG THE FORTUNATE ONES. WE
CAME BACK.**

**LAST JUNE I RETURNED TO
EUROPE FOR THE D-DAY
ANNIVERSARY COMMEMORATION. I
VISITED NORMANDY. I TRAVELLED
AGAIN TO THE HILLS OF ITALY. I
WALKED THROUGH FIELDS WHICH**

**ARE THE FINAL RESTING PLACE FOR
THOSE WHO DID NOT COME HOME.**

**WHILE IN EUROPE, I THOUGHT
ABOUT WHY WE HAD BEEN SENT
THERE, ABOUT THE AMERICA OF
OUR YOUTH, AND OUR HOPES FOR
THE GENERATIONS WHO WOULD
FOLLOW US. AND THEN I THOUGHT
ABOUT THE AMERICA WE LIVE IN
NOW--AN AMERICA STILL GREAT
AND STILL THE BEACON OF**

**FREEDOM AROUND THE WORLD,
BUT AN AMERICA THAT IS HEADED
IN THE WRONG DIRECTION.**

**AND I CONCLUDED THAT IF WE
ARE TO MOVE AMERICA IN THE
RIGHT DIRECTION, THEN WE
NEEDED A PRESIDENT WHO
UNDERSTOOD THAT IT WAS TIME
TO REIN IN THE FEDERAL
GOVERNMENT. WE NEEDED A
PRESIDENT WHO UNDERSTOOD THE**

**VALUES THAT MADE OUR COUNTRY
GREAT. AND WE NEEDED A
PRESIDENT WHO KNEW WHAT IT
TOOK FOR AMERICA TO REASSERT
ITS RIGHTFUL PLACE IN THE
WORLD.**

**AND I HAD AN IDEA WHO THAT
PRESIDENT MIGHT BE. AND THREE
WEEKS AGO TODAY, I RETURNED
TO KANSAS TO OFFICIALLY**

**ANNOUNCE MY CANDIDACY FOR
PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES.**

**WE VISITED TEN STATES IN FOUR
DAYS DURING THE
ANNOUNCEMENT TOUR, AND AT
EACH STOP I SPOKE ABOUT MY
VISION FOR AMERICA.**

**I SAID THAT MY TOP PRIORITY
AS SENATE MAJORITY LEADER--
AND MY TOP PRIORITY AS
PRESIDENT--WOULD BE TO REIN IN**

**GOVERNMENT...TO RESTORE THE
10TH AMENDMENT TO THE
CONSTITUTION...AND TO RETURN
POWER TO THE STATES, TO THE
CITIES, AND TO THE PEOPLE.**

**I SPOKE ABOUT THE VALUES
THAT MADE AMERICA GREAT, AND
HOW THESE VALUES NEED TO BE
TAUGHT IN OUR CLASSROOMS,
AND UNDERSTOOD IN**

**WASHINGTON--AND IN
HOLLYWOOD.**

**AND I TOOK A LITTLE CRITICISM
FROM THE NEW YORK TIMES AND
OTHERS IN THE PRESS FOR MY
STATEMENT THAT IT WAS TIME FOR
AMERICA'S ENTERTAINMENT
INDUSTRY TO CLEAN UP ITS ACT.**

**NOW, USUALLY WHEN THE NEW
YORK TIMES CRITICIZES ME, I KNOW
I'M ON THE RIGHT TRACK. AND**

**BELIEVE ME, FROM THE SUPPORTIVE
COMMENTS I'VE RECEIVED, I KNOW
THERE ARE COUNTLESS MOTHERS
AND FATHERS IN CONNECTICUT
AND ACROSS AMERICA WHO
SHARE MY CONCERN.**

**THIS IS A FREE SOCIETY...AND
CENSORSHIP IS NOT THE ANSWER.
THE COMPANIES THAT DISTRIBUTE
THIS FILTH HAVE A RIGHT TO DO
SO. BUT YOU AND I ALSO HAVE A**

**RIGHT AND A DUTY TO LET THE
ENTERTAINMENT INDUSTRY KNOW
THAT THEY WILL BE HELD
ACCOUNTABLE FOR THEIR
ACTIONS, FOR PUTTING PROFIT
AHEAD OF COMMON DECENCY.
SHAME IS A POWERFUL TOOL, AND
WE SHOULD USE IT.**

**I ALSO SPOKE ABOUT AMERICA'S
PLACE IN THE WORLD. AND ONE
RESPONSIBILITY OF THE FEDERAL**

**GOVERNMENT THAT CAN NEVER BE
SHIFTED TO THE STATES IS TO
PROTECT OUR NATIONAL SECURITY
AND OUR FREEDOM.**

**AND IT'S MY VIEW THAT IT'S
HIGH TIME WE STOPPED PLACING
THE AGENDA OF THE UNITED
NATIONS BEFORE THE INTERESTS
OF THE UNITED STATES.**

**THERE WERE MANY GREAT
MOMENTS ON THE ANNOUNCEMENT**

**TOUR. THE CROWDS WERE LARGE,
AND THE EXCITEMENT WAS HIGH.
BUT THE HIGHLIGHT FOR ME HAD
TO BE ON GOOD FRIDAY, WHEN
ELIZABETH AND I RETURNED TO MY
HOME TOWN OF RUSSELL, AND
INVITED SOME FRIENDS OVER FOR A
PANCAKE FEED. AND TWO-
THOUSAND PEOPLE SHOWED UP.
THAT'S A LOT OF PANCAKES.**

**I WENT TO RUSSELL NOT TO
GIVE A CAMPAIGN SPEECH OR TO
ASK PEOPLE FOR THEIR SUPPORT. I
WENT TO SAY "THANK YOU" FOR
THE SUPPORT THEY GAVE ME AT A
TIME WHEN I NEEDED IT MOST.**

**AND I DIDN'T COME HERE THIS
EVENING TO TALK ENTIRELY ABOUT
PRESIDENTIAL POLITICS. I KNOW
THERE ARE THOSE HERE WHO MAY
BE LOOKING AT SOME OF OUR**

**OTHER REPUBLICAN CANDIDATES.
AND THAT'S O.K. I'VE GOT YOU
DOWN AS "UNDECIDED," AND HOPE
TO BE TALKING WITH YOU IN THE
MONTHS TO COME. AND IF YOU
WANT TO SEE A LOT OF ME, THEN
YOU MIGHT WANT TO TAKE A FEW
WEEKENDS AND TRAVEL TO NEW
HAMPSHIRE OR IOWA.**

**BUT BOB DOLE OR ANY OTHER
REPUBLICAN WON'T BECOME**

**PRESIDENT UNLESS THIS HISTORIC
REPUBLICAN CONGRESS KEEPS OUR
WORD TO THE AMERICAN PEOPLE
AND DOES THE JOB THEY SENT US
HERE TO DO.**

**THE FIRST 100 DAYS BELONGED
TO THE HOUSE OF
REPRESENTATIVES. AND NEWT
GINGRICH, NANCY JOHNSON, CHRIS
SHAYS, AND GARY FRANKS DID AN
OUTSTANDING JOB. THEY HUNG**

**TOGETHER, THEY MADE THE TOUGH
VOTES, AND FROM WELFARE
REFORM, TO CRIME, TO REDUCING
TAXES, THEY KEPT THEIR
CONTRACT WITH THE VOTERS.**

**THE NEXT 100 DAYS WILL BE
THE SENATE'S TURN. LIKE THE
HOUSE, WE'VE ALREADY PASSED
LEGISLATION TO SEE THAT
CONGRESS HAS TO LIVE UNDER THE
SAME RULES WE IMPOSE ON**

**EVERYONE ELSE. WE ALREADY
PASSED THE LINE ITEM VETO. AND
WE ALREADY PUT AN END TO
UNFUNDED MANDATES.**

**BUT NOW COMES THE HEAVY
LIFTING. AND THE SENATE HAS
DIFFERENT RULES AND DIFFERENT
RESPONSIBILITIES THAN DOES THE
HOUSE. AND THOSE RULES WILL
MAKE IT EASIER FOR PRESIDENT
CLINTON AND HIS LIBERAL ALLIES**

**TO BLOCK OUR EFFORTS TO
CHANGE THE STATUS QUO. BUT
WE'RE GOING TO BE WORKING
EVERY DAY TO DO JUST THAT, AND
TO BUILD ON THE SUCCESS OF THE
HOUSE.**

**WE'LL TACKLE CRIME BY
PUTTING AN END TO PAROLE FOR
VIOLENT CRIMINALS, AND BY
LIMITING THE ENDLESS AND OFTEN**

**FRIVOLOUS APPEALS CLOGGING
OUR COURTS.**

**AND ONE ISSUE THAT IS
COMPLETELY ABOVE PARTISAN
POLITICS WILL BE OUR EFFORT TO
GIVE AMERICA A NEW ACTION
PLAN TO COMBAT FOREIGN AND
DOMESTIC TERRORISM. JUST AS
POLITICS STOPPED AT THE
"WATER'S EDGE," DURING WORLD
WAR II, IT WILL ALSO STOP AT**

**WHAT I TERM "EVIL'S EDGE," IN
THE BATTLE AGAINST TERRORISM.**

**WE'LL TACKLE WELFARE REFORM
BY GIVING GOVERNORS LIKE JOHN
ROWLAND THE FLEXIBILITY TO
DEVELOP PROGRAMS THAT MEET
THE NEEDS OF THE PEOPLE OF
CONNECTICUT. AND WE'LL
RESTORE THE CONCEPT OF WORDS
LIKE HARD WORK AND PERSONAL**

**RESPONSIBILITY TO OUR WELFARE
SYSTEM.**

**AND WE'LL ALSO BE DOING ALL
WE CAN TO RESTRAIN THE FEDERAL
BUDGET--AND TO GIVE AMERICA'S
FAMILIES A LITTLE MORE MONEY
FOR THEIR BUDGETS.**

**THIS SATURDAY, MAY 6, IS
"TAX FREEDOM DAY." IT'S THE
DAY WHEN AMERICANS FINALLY
BEGIN TO WORK FOR THEMSELVES**

AND THEIR FAMILY.

THE NATIONAL TAX

**FOUNDATION ESTIMATES THAT ALL
MONEY EARNED BY THE AVERAGE
AMERICAN FROM THE BEGINNING
OF THE YEAR UNTIL MAY 6 WILL BE
USED TO PAY LOCAL, STATE, AND
FEDERAL TAXES.**

**THE BOTTOM LINE IS THAT
AMERICANS ARE OVERTAXED. IT'S
THAT SIMPLE. IN 1950, THE**

**AVERAGE AMERICAN FAMILY OF
FOUR SENT ONE OF EVERY \$50 IT
EARNED TO WASHINGTON, D.C.
TODAY, THAT FAMILY IS SENDING
ONE OF EVERY FOUR DOLLARS IT
EARNS TO WASHINGTON, D.C. AND
IF WE DON'T CHANGE COURSE, IT
WILL SOON BE ONE OF THREE.**

**OUR SHORT-TERM PRESCRIPTION
FOR HELPING AMERICA'S FAMILIES
IS A DOSE OF TAX CUTS--AND WE**

**CAN START BY PROVIDING A TAX
CREDIT FOR CHILDREN, AND BY
REMOVING THE MARRIAGE
PENALTY. AND WE SHOULD ALSO
CUT THE CAPITAL GAINS TAX TO
STIMULATE ECONOMIC GROWTH,
CREATE NEW JOBS, AND EXPAND
OPPORTUNITY FOR ALL OUR
PEOPLE.**

**BUT THAT'S JUST A START.
BECAUSE OUR LONG-TERM**

**PRESCRIPTION IS TO TOTALLY
REFORM A TAX SYSTEM THAT IS
MORE COMPLEX AND CONFUSING
THAN PRESIDENT CLINTON'S
HEALTH CARE PLAN OF LAST YEAR--
AND THAT'S SAYING A LOT.**

**TO DEAL WITH THIS PROBLEM,
SPEAKER GINGRICH AND I HAVE
FORMED THE NATIONAL
COMMISSION ON ECONOMIC
GROWTH AND TAX REFORM, AND**

**WE NAMED JACK KEMP TO LEAD
THE COMMISSION.**

**AS YOU KNOW, JACK'S AN OLD
QUARTERBACK, AND HE'S USED TO
CALLING THE SIGNALS. BUT HE IS
IN COMPLETE AGREEMENT WITH
THE INSTRUCTIONS THAT NEWT
AND I GAVE HIM--WE WANT THE
COMMISSION TO RECOMMEND HOW
WE CAN MAKE THE ENTIRE TAX**

**SYSTEM LOWER, FAIRER, FLATTER,
AND SIMPLER.**

**IF WE'RE SERIOUS ABOUT
BALANCING THE BUDGET--AND WE
ARE--THEN WE MUST PAY FOR TAX
CUTS THROUGH SPENDING
REDUCTIONS--AND WE'LL DO THAT,
TOO.**

**WHEN IT COMES TO THE BUDGET
AND REDUCING THE DEFICIT,
PRESIDENT CLINTON AND HIS**

**LIBERAL ALLIES IN CONGRESS AND
THE MEDIA HAVE MADE THEIR
STRATEGY VERY CLEAR. THE
PRESIDENT WENT A.W.O.L. IN THE
WAR AGAINST THE DEFICIT. HE
SENT UP A BUDGET THAT
PROJECTED DEFICITS OF \$200
BILLION AND \$300 BILLION AS FAR
AS THE EYE CAN SEE.**

**IN FACT, UNDER THE
PRESIDENT'S BUDGET, OUR DEBT**

**WILL CONTINUE TO GROW AT A
RATE OF \$355,000 EACH AND
EVERY MINUTE--THAT TRANSLATES
TO \$482 MILLION A DAY.**

**PRESIDENT CLINTON HAS
APPARENTLY CALCULATED THAT A
DEBT THAT GROWN BY \$482
MILLION A DAY IS A FAIR PRICE TO
PAY IF HE IS ABLE TO SCORE A FEW
POLITICAL POINTS.**

**AND YOU'VE SEEN HOW THEY
WILL SCORE THOSE POINTS. EVERY
TIME WE QUESTION A SPENDING
PROGRAM....EVERY TIME WE TRY
TO RESTRAIN THE GROWTH OF
FEDERAL SPENDING, THEN
DEMOCRATS WILL POINT FINGERS
AND ACCUSE REPUBLICANS OF
BEING MEAN AND HEARTLESS, AND
THEY'LL PAINT A VERY DRAMATIC
PICTURE OF BABIES GOING**

**HUNGRY, AND SENIOR CITIZENS
THROWN OUT ON THE STREETS.**

**THE MEDIA WILL REPORT THESE
ACCUSATIONS, AND NO DOUBT
ABOUT IT, SOME AMERICANS WILL
BE CONVINCED.**

**BUT WHAT THE MEDIA WON'T
REPORT IS THAT IF WE SIMPLY
INCREASE THE GROWTH OF
OVERALL FEDERAL SPENDING BY
3% A YEAR INSTEAD OF THE 5%**

**PRESIDENT CLINTON PROPOSES--
AND DO NOTHING ELSE--WE WILL
REACH A BALANCED BUDGET BY
THE YEAR 2002.**

**AND WHAT THE AMERICAN
PUBLIC MUST REMEMBER IS
WHAT'S AT STAKE. THIS IS NOT
JUST A BATTLE ABOUT A
GOVERNMENT AGENCY OR
PROGRAM. IT IS A BATTLE FOR THE
STANDARD OF LIVING FOR ALL**

AMERICANS, AND FOR THE FUTURE

WE LEAVE OUR CHILDREN AND

GRANDCHILDREN. AND, WITH

YOUR SUPPORT, IT'S A BATTLE WE

WILL WIN.

THANK YOU.