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Senator--

- * Approximately 150-175 local political activists, academics, business types, and supporters of National Review will be attending.
- * The theme of the conference is "Has America Realigned," and most of the speakers are Heritage and CATO Institute types. Bob Novak and Paul Gigot are also scheduled to speak.
- * Congressman Chris Cox will speak immediately before you and is expected to give a report on the House agenda. You are expected to highlight the Senate agenda, but are free to discuss any issue you want. They are hoping for 10-15 minutes of informal remarks, followed by Q&A.
- * I am told that you will be introduced by Pete DuPont.

Dennis

SENATOR BOB DOLE

REMARKS

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THANK YOU PETE. IT'S A
PLEASURE TO HAVE THE
OPPORTUNITY TO JOIN YOU
TODAY.

LET ME BEGIN BY

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**CONGRATULATING THE
NATIONAL REVIEW FOR 40
OUTSTANDING YEARS. FOR
MUCH OF ITS HISTORY,
NATIONAL REVIEW WAS A
"VOICE IN THE WILDERNESS,"
TRUMPETING THE CONSERVATIVE
CAUSE IN A TIME WHEN IT WAS
CONSIDERED UNFASHIONABLE
TO DO SO.**

**TODAY ALL THAT HAS
CHANGED. AND WHILE RONALD
REAGAN MADE NATIONAL
REVIEW REQUIRED READING IN
THE WHITE HOUSE AND IN
WASHINGTON, D.C., IT TOOK THE
ELECTION OF BILL CLINTON TO
MAKE IT REQUIRED READING
ACROSS AMERICA.**

AS YOU MAY KNOW, SINCE

**PRESIDENT CLINTON TOOK
OFFICE, THE NUMBER OF YOUR
SUBSCRIBERS HAS DOUBLED,
AND YOUR NEWSSTAND SALES
AND AD PAGES HAVE
SKYROCKETED. MORE
IMPORTANT, HOWEVER, THAN
HAVING A PRESIDENT WHO
HELPS NATIONAL REVIEW'S
CIRCULATION, IS HAVING ONE**

**WHO AGREES WITH YOUR
BELIEFS. AND THAT'S WHAT WE
HOPE TO ACCOMPLISH IN 1996.**

**THE THEME OF THIS
CONFERENCE IS "HAS AMERICA
REALIGNED?" THE RESULTS OF
LAST NOVEMBER'S ELECTION
SUGGEST THAT THE ANSWER TO
THAT QUESTION IS "YES." MORE
AND MORE AMERICANS ARE**

**JOINING THE REPUBLICAN
PARTY. MORE AND MORE ARE
AGREEING WITH OUR
CONSERVATIVE PRINCIPLES.
AND MORE AND MORE ARE
VOTING FOR REPUBLICAN
CANDIDATES.**

**AS A RESULT, NOT ONLY
HAS AMERICA REALIGNED, BUT
CONGRESS HAS, AS WELL. THIS**

**YEAR IS THE FIRST TIME IN THE
40-YEAR HISTORY OF NATIONAL
REVIEW WHEN IT HAD THE
OPPORTUNITY TO COMMENT ON
A CONGRESS CONTROLLED BY
REPUBLICANS. AND SO FAR, I
THINK ITS READERS AND ALL
CONSERVATIVES SHOULD LIKE
WHAT THEY'VE SEEN.**

I KNOW CHRIS COX SPOKE

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**TO WHAT THE HOUSE HAS
ACCOMPLISHED THIS SESSION.
AND NO DOUBT ABOUT IT,
THEY'VE ACCOMPLISHED QUITE
A LOT. SPEAKER GINGRICH AND
MAJORITY LEADER ARMEY HAVE
DONE AN OUTSTANDING JOB AT
KEEPING THEIR TROOPS
TOGETHER, AND IN PROVING TO
THE AMERICAN PEOPLE THAT IT**

**REALLY DOES MAKE A
DIFFERENCE WHICH PARTY
CONTROLS CONGRESS.**

**I HAVE TO ADMIT THAT I
HAD ALL BUT LOST HOPE THAT I
WOULD EVER SEE A REPUBLICAN
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.
AND ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS,
I'VE WANDERED OVER TO THE
HOUSE FLOOR JUST TO MAKE**

**SURE I HAVEN'T BEEN
DREAMING.**

**AS YOU KNOW, THE SENATE
AND THE HOUSE HAVE MUCH
DIFFERENT RULES. EVERY BILL
THAT COMES TO THE HOUSE
FLOOR HAS A TIME LIMIT ON IT.
AND THEY CAN PASS A BILL IN A
MATTER OF MINUTES. IN THE
SENATE, HOWEVER, WE HAVE**

**THIS TRADITION CALLED
UNLIMITED DEBATE. AND WE
HAVE AN UNLIMITED NUMBER OF
SENATORS WHO TAKE
ADVANTAGE OF THE TRADITION.
AS A RESULT, THINGS TAKE A
LITTLE LONGER IN THE SENATE.**

**ADDITIONALLY, SEVERAL
TIMES THIS YEAR WE'VE ALSO
BEEN TREATED TO THE**

**SPECTACLE OF DEMOCRATS
DELAYING LEGISLATION THEY
WERE FOR. AND I HAVE TO
ADMIT THAT'S SOMETHING I
NEVER TRIED WHEN WE WERE IN
THE MINORITY.**

**BUT THE GOOD NEWS IS
THAT WHEN THE VOTES ARE
FINALLY CAST, CONSERVATIVES
HAVE USUALLY BEEN ON THE**

WINNING SIDE.

**CONGRESS IS NOW LIVING
UNDER THE SAME RULES WE
IMPOSE ON EVERYONE ELSE.
UNFUNDED MANDATES ARE NOW
A THING OF THE PAST. THE LINE-
ITEM VETO IS ONE STEP CLOSER
TO REALITY. ISSUES LIKE
PRIVATE PROPERTY RIGHTS AND
REGULATORY REFORM ARE NOW**

**ON THE TOP OF THE AGENDA.
AND WE WILL SOON RADICALLY
TRANSFORM THE "MISERY
SUBSIDY" KNOWN AS WELFARE.
NEARLY 3 OUT OF 10
CHILDREN BORN TODAY ARE
BORN INTO SINGLE-PARENT
HOUSEHOLDS...AND CURRENT
WELFARE POLICY HAS
UNDOUBTEDLY CONTRIBUTED TO**

**THIS CRISIS. NOT ONLY DO WE
HAVE A BLACK UNDERCLASS,
BUT AN EMERGING WHITE
UNDERCLASS AS WELL, WITH
THE ILLEGITIMACY RATE IN THE
WHITE COMMUNITY NOW AT
22%. IF OUR COUNTRY IS TO
REMAIN STRONG IN THE 21ST
CENTURY, WE SIMPLY CANNOT
CONTINUE DOWN THIS PATH.**

**THE SENATE HAS ALSO
PASSED AN HISTORIC BILL
REFORMING OUR PRODUCT
LIABILITY RULES. I WOULD HAVE
PREFERRED TO HAVE GONE EVEN
FURTHER--WITH MEDICAL
MALPRACTICE REFORM, CAPS ON
DAMAGES IN ALL CIVIL ACTIONS-
-BUT THE AMERICAN TRIAL
LAWYERS ASSOCIATION PULLED**

**OUT ALL THE STOPS. WE WILL
REVISIT THIS ISSUE, BECAUSE
THE INTERESTS OF THE
AMERICAN PEOPLE ARE FAR
MORE IMPORTANT THAN THOSE
OF THE PLAINTIFFS' BAR.**

**AND, YES, WE WILL ALSO
REVISIT THE BALANCED BUDGET
AMENDMENT, WHEN WE FIND
THAT ONE KEY VOTE THAT WILL**

PUT US OVER THE TOP.

**THE MOST IMPORTANT VOTE
WE CAST ALL YEAR WAS THE
ONE WE MADE ON THE BUDGET
RESOLUTION TWO WEEKS AGO.**

**THE RESOLUTION WASN'T
PERFECT. I, FOR ONE, WOULD
HAVE LIKED TO HAVE SEEN
MORE MONEY DEDICATED TO
TAX RELIEF, BUT IT DOES PUT US**

**ON A PATH TO A BALANCED
BUDGET BY 2002, AND IT WILL
REVERSE THE FLOW OF POWER,
MONEY, AND AUTHORITY FROM
OUR CITIES AND STATES TO
WASHINGTON, D.C.**

**WE WILL FORCE THE
GOVERNMENT TO LIVE WITHIN
ITS BUDGET...BUT WE'RE GOING
TO HELP YOUR FAMILY'S BUDGET**

**TOO. RIGHT NOW, WE HAVE
\$170 BILLION IN TAX CUTS
LOCKED INTO THE SENATE
PLAN...AND THAT'S JUST A
STARTING POINT.**

**WHEN WE SIT DOWN WITH
THE HOUSE, I WILL FIGHT TO GET
MORE. I WILL FIGHT TO
INCREASE THE AMOUNT OF TAX
CUTS. I WILL FIGHT TO ENSURE**

**THAT WORKING FAMILIES GET A
TAX CREDIT--TAX RELIEF THEY
NEED AND DESERVE. I WILL
FIGHT TO CUT THE CAPITAL
GAINS TAX TO EXPAND
ECONOMIC GROWTH AND
OPPORTUNITY FOR OUR PEOPLE.
AND I WILL FIGHT TO END THE
PENALTIES ON ENTREPRENEURS
AND FARMERS WHO WANT TO**

**PASS ON THEIR BUSINESS TO
THEIR CHILDREN.**

**AND THAT'S PRECISELY
WHY PRESIDENT CLINTON AND
OTHER LIBERALS WILL BE
FIGHTING AS HARD AS THEY CAN
OVER THE SUMMER TO DEFEAT
OUR BUDGET.**

**YOU'VE ALREADY SEEN
THEIR TACTICS. THE PRESIDENT**

**WILL ATTACK REPUBLICANS
EVERY CHANCE HE GETS. HE'LL
PLAY THE POLITICS OF FEAR,
TELLING SENIORS AND CHILDREN
THAT REPUBLICANS ARE OUT TO
GET THEM.**

**WHAT WE HAVEN'T SEEN
SO FAR FROM THE PRESIDENT IS
LEADERSHIP. THE ONLY BUDGET
HE SENT UP TO CONGRESS WAS**

**ONE THAT PUT AMERICA ON A
PATH FOR \$300 BILLION DEFICITS
AS FAR AS THE EYE CAN SEE,
ONE THAT DID NOTHING TO
PRESERVE, IMPROVE AND
PROTECT MEDICARE, AND ONE
THAT WAS DEFEATED IN THE
SENATE BY A VOTE OF 99-0.**

**I BELIEVE THE COMING
MONTHS MAY WELL DETERMINE**

**THE FINAL ANSWER TO THE
QUESTION "HAS AMERICA
REALIGNED?" ALONG WITH
FINAL ACTION ON THE BUDGET,
WE HAVE SEVERAL OTHER
ISSUES TO TACKLE IN THE
SENATE, INCLUDING CRIME,
HEALTH CARE, IMMIGRATION,
AND AFFIRMATIVE ACTION.
AND IF REPUBLICANS DO AS**

**WE PROMISED...IF WE PROVIDE
SOLUTIONS BASED ON
CONSERVATIVE PRINCIPLES,
THEN WE WILL GO A LONG WAY
TO ENSURING CONTINUED
CONSERVATIVE CONTROL OF
CONGRESS...AND, HOPEFULLY,
THE WHITE HOUSE FOR MANY
YEARS TO COME.**

BUT IF THE PUBLIC SEES US

**AS GOING BACK ON OUR
WORD...IF WE JUST "SPLIT THE
DIFFERENCE" WITH THE
LIBERALS, AND PROVIDE
SOLUTIONS THAT ARE JUST
MORE OF THE SAME, THEN
VOTERS WILL BE RIGHT TO GIVE
US A ONE-WAY TICKET HOME.**

**LET ME SAY A FEW WORDS
ABOUT FOREIGN POLICY.**

**NOTHING SHOWS THE
BANKRUPTCY OF THE CLINTON
FOREIGN POLICY BETTER THAN
BOSNIA. NO DOUBT ABOUT IT,
WE HAVE THE WORST OF ALL
WORLDS. NO MATTER WHAT
HAPPENS IN BOSNIA, THE
CLINTON ADMINISTRATION HAS
OFFERED THE DEPLOYMENT OF
AMERICAN GROUND TROOPS**

**INTO A BALKAN QUAGMIRE: U.S.
FORCES TO HELP "RECONFIGURE"
THE U.N. IN THE SHORT-TERM,
U.S. TROOPS TO IMPLEMENT A
PEACE AGREEMENT IF ONE IS
REACHED, AND U.S. FORCES TO
EVACUATE UNPROFOR IF THE
WAR CONTINUES.**

**I HAVE LONG FOUGHT FOR A
SIMPLE ALTERNATIVE TO**

**LETTING THE U.N. CALL THE
SHOTS AND PLACING AMERICAN
TROOPS IN HARM'S WAY: ALLOW
THE VICTIMS OF AGGRESSION TO
FIGHT THEIR OWN BATTLES BY
LIFTING THE ARMS EMBARGO ON
BOSNIA. THIS IS THE PRINCIPLE
BEHIND AMERICAN FOREIGN
POLICY FROM THE TRUMAN
DOCTRINE TO THE REAGAN**

**DOCTRINE. IT HAS MADE SENSE
FOR FIFTY YEARS, AND IT MAKES
SENSE NOW. WITHDRAWING THE
U.N. FORCES AND GRANTING THE
BOSNIAN PEOPLE THE RIGHT OF
SELF-DEFENSE IS THE BEST
STRATEGIC AND MORAL OPTION,
AND IT IS ONE THE NEW
REPUBLICAN CONGRESS MAY
HAVE TO FORCE ON A**

**RELUCTANT ADMINISTRATION
WHICH INSISTS ON A FAILED
POLICY.**

**BEFORE I TAKE QUESTIONS, I
WANT TO CONCLUDE TODAY BY
SPEAKING NOT ABOUT THE
LEGISLATIVE AGENDA IN
CONGRESS, BUT ABOUT
SOMETHING MORE IMPORTANT
THAN ANY BILL OR PIECE OF**

**LEGISLATION--AND THAT'S THE
CULTURE OF OUR COUNTRY.**

**THIS PAST WEEK, I WENT TO
HOLLYWOOD AND CALLED UPON
THE BARONS OF THE
ENTERTAINMENT INDUSTRY TO
EXERCISE SOME GOOD
CITIZENSHIP AND PUT AN END TO
THE STEADY FLOW OF MINDLESS
VIOLENCE AND LOVELESS SEX**

**THEY SERVE UP EACH DAY TO
OUR YOUNG PEOPLE. I SAID
THAT "A LINE HAS BEEN
CROSSED--NOT JUST OF TASTE,
BUT OF HUMAN DIGNITY AND
DECENCY. IT IS CROSSED EVERY
TIME SEXUAL VIOLENCE IS GIVEN
A CATCHY TUNE. WHEN TEEN
SUICIDE IS SET TO AN APPEALING
BEAT. WHEN HOLLYWOOD'S**

**DREAM FACTORIES TURN OUT
NIGHTMARES OF DEPRAVITY."**

**THE RESPONSE TO MY
REMARKS HAS BEEN
PREDICTABLE AND PREDICTABLY
FEROCIOUS. ALL THE USUAL
SUSPECTS--OLIVER STONE, ED
ASNER, NORMAN LEAR--ARE OUT
IN FORCE, RUSHING TO
HOLLYWOOD'S DEFENSE AND**

**LASHING OUT AT ANYONE WHO
WOULD DARE CRITICIZE THE
ENTERTAINMENT INDUSTRY FOR
ITS EXCESSES.**

**BUT I WILL CONTINUE TO
SPEAK OUT BECAUSE BILL
BENNETT IS RIGHT: CULTURAL
MESSAGES CAN AND DO BORE
DEEP INTO THE HEARTS AND
MINDS OF OUR IMPRESSIONABLE**

**YOUNG. AND WHEN THESE
MESSAGES ARE NEGATIVE ONES-
-REPEATED HOUR AFTER HOUR,
DAY AFTER DAY, MONTH AFTER
MONTH--THEY CAN STRIP OUR
CHILDREN OF THAT MOST
PRECIOUS GIFT OF ALL: THEIR
INNOCENCE.**

**SO, I WANT TO THANK YOU
FOR GIVING ME THIS**

**OPPORTUNITY TO SHARE MY
THOUGHTS WITH YOU. AND I'M
PREPARED TO TAKE SOME
QUESTIONS NOW.**