

TO: Senator Dole
FR: Kerry
Janet Sena
Dan Stanley

RE: Regional Railroads of America

*Remarks before 125 representatives of regional railroads attending annual meeting in Washington.

*Other speakers during day include Jolene Molitoris, Administrator of the Federal Railroad Administration, Congressman Tom Delay, and Senator Exon.

*You were asked to give remarks by Barbara Grassley, who works for governmental affairs firm representing RRA.

*Three RRA members operate in Kansas--Central Kansas Railway, Missouri and Northern Arkansas, and Northeast Kansas and Missouri.

*Also present will be Peter Dearness, President of New England Southern Railroad, which provided the train for you when you turned in your New Hampshire nominating petitions. He is bringing with him the banner that was used on the train entitled "Balanced Budget Express."

*They are looking for brief remarks, followed by Q&A if time allows.

*ISSUES WHICH MAY COME UP IN Q&A.

UNION PACIFIC/SOUTHERN PACIFIC MERGER

The Justice Department and USDA have issued statements that this merger raises competitive concerns in a large number of midwest markets, and will result in price increases for shippers. Smaller railroads will seek trackage rights as a part of the merger.

The Surface Transportation Board should issue their decision this summer. You have stated on the Floor that you did not want to become involved in the details of this merger, due to links between individuals in these companies and the campaign.

STRIKE

All of the Unions that service the railroads have contracts that are up for renewal this year. The process has already started, and the prognosis for reaching an agreement is **not good**. On Wednesday, May 8, Clinton appointed a Presidential Emergency Board to investigate the dispute for the Transportation Communications International Union, thus avoiding a rail strike on Thursday, May 9.

Congressional action is required by law if agreement cannot be reached through these negotiations. The time line for Congressional action is expected to be in the latter part of July.

*Opening talking points are attached

***THANK YOU. LET ME OFFER A
SPECIAL WELCOME TO
REPRESENTATIVES OF THE THREE RRA
MEMBERS WHO OPERATE IN KANSAS--
CENTRAL KANSAS RAILWAY,
NORTHEAST KANSAS AND MISSOURI
RAILWAY, AND MISSOURI AND
NORTHERN ARKANSAS RAILWAY.**

***LET ME ALSO THANK PETER
DEARNESS AND THE NEW ENGLAND
SOUTHERN RAILROAD, WHICH I RODE
IN NEW HAMPSHIRE WHEN I TURNED IN**

**MY NOMINATING PETITIONS FOR THE
PRIMARY.**

*** WE CALLED THE TRAIN THE
"BALANCED BUDGET EXPRESS," AND
I'M HOPING IT WON'T STOP UNTIL IT
GETS TO 1600 PENNSYLVANIA AVENUE
THIS NOVEMBER.**

*** IT ALSO GOES WITHOUT SAYING
THAT ALL RRA MEMBERS ARE VERY
WELL REPRESENTED HERE IN
WASHINGTON BY BARBARA
GRASSLEY.**

*** LET ME BEGIN BY MENTIONING A FEW ISSUES WHICH BARBARA TELLS ME ARE OF GREAT IMPORTANCE TO YOU.**

*** FIRST IS SO-CALLED LABOR PROTECTION AMENDMENT, WHICH WAS A PRIORITY OF YOURS LAST YEAR.**

*** I KNOW YOU ONLY GOT PART OF WHAT YOU NEEDED BECAUSE PRESIDENT CLINTON THREATENED TO VETO THE WHOLE ICC TERMINATION**

**BILL IF CONGRESS DIDN'T PARTIALLY
MAINTAIN THIS ANTIQUATED LABOR
PROTECTION LAW.**

*** THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN A
CLINTON ADMINISTRATION AND A
DOLE ADMINISTRATION IS THAT ONE
GIVES BUSINESS MANDATES, AND THE
OTHER WILL GIVE YOU FLEXIBILITY.**

*** ANOTHER DIFFERENCE BETWEEN
THE CLINTON ADMINISTRATION AND A
DOLE ADMINISTRATION IS THAT WHEN
I'M PRESIDENT, THE AMERICAN TRIAL**

**LAWYERS ASSOCIATION WILL HAVE
TO TURN IN THEIR KEY TO THE FRONT
DOOR.**

***I DON'T HAVE TO TELL YOU THAT
THE FEDERAL EMPLOYERS LIABILITY
ACT, WHICH IS APPLIED ONLY TO THE
RAILROAD INDUSTRY, IS A CONFUSING
NIGHTMARE THAT IS A PLAYGROUND
FOR TRIAL LAWYERS.**

***OUR CIVIL JUSTICE SYSTEM IS IN
DRASTIC NEED OF A LARGE DOSE OF
COMMON SENSE--AND THAT'S WHAT**

**IT WILL RECEIVE IN A DOLE
ADMINISTRATION.**