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1970 REPUBLICAN CANDIDATES SCHOOL DINNER
7 P.M. TUESDAY, JUNE 9, 1970, AT THE
MARRIOTT TWIN BRIDGES MOTEL.

[Fairborn, Ohio]

THE PHONIEST FABLE ANYONE HAS
EVER HEARD TOLD IN THIS COUNTRY IS THAT
IT DOESN'T MAKE ANY DIFFERENCE WHO IS
ELECTED TO CONGRESS BECAUSE THE END RESULT
IS GOING TO BE THE SAME.

THAT IS THE SILLIEST STATEMENT
ANYBODY COULD POSSIBLY MAKE -- AND THE
RECORD OF THE 91ST CONGRESS IS THE PROOF
OF IT. THE RECORD OF THE 91ST CONGRESS
IS LIVING PROOF THAT THE COURSE OF THIS
COUNTRY WOULD BE FAR DIFFERENT IF REPUBLICANS
WERE IN CONTROL.

POLITICIANS ARE FOND OF ACCUSING
THE ADMINISTRATION PARTY OF A POLICY OF
DRIFT. WELL, THAT'S WHAT WE HAVE NOW --
A POLICY OF DRIFT -- BUT IT IS THE



DEMOCRATS IN CONTROL OF THE CONGRESS WHO ARE DOING THE DRIFTING.

THE DEMOCRATS IN THE SIXTIES SET THE COUNTRY ADRIFT ON A SEA OF TROUBLES -- VIETNAM, INFLATION, RAMPANT CRIME -- WHILE THEY CONTROLLED BOTH THE WHITE HOUSE AND THE CONGRESS.

NOW, STILL IN CONTROL OF THE CONGRESS, THEY ARE FORCING THE COUNTRY TO CONTINUE DRIFTING ON THAT SEA -- DRIFTING WHILE THEY PLAY POLITICS WITH THE NATION'S MOST PERILOUS PROBLEMS IN THE HOPE OF FOULING UP THE ONLY PRESIDENT THIS COUNTRY HAS AND WINNING BACK THE WHITE HOUSE IN 1972.

DRIFTING AND FOOT-DRAGGING -- THESE ARE THE TOP TRICKS IN THE DEMOCRATS' BAG. WHAT WE HAVE TO DO IS TO TEAR AWAY THE ORATORICAL FOGGERY WITH WHICH THE DEMOCRATS SURROUND THEIR POLITICAL

ARTIFICES AND MAKE CLEAR TO THE PEOPLE
THE GAMES THEY ARE PLAYING.

LET'S LET THE PEOPLE KNOW HOW THE
DEMOCRATS HAVE PLAYED HOB WITH THE
PRESIDENT'S PLANS FOR CURBING INFLATION,
FIGHTING CRIME AND WINDING DOWN THE
VIETNAM WAR. LET'S LET THE PEOPLE KNOW
HOW THE DEMOCRATS HAVE CONTRIBUTED TO THE
DIVISIVENESS NOW PLAGUING THE COUNTRY,
HOW THEY HAVE UNDERMINED THE PRESIDENT'S
VIETNAMIZATION PROGRAM, HOW MANY OF THEM
WHO SUPPORTED THEIR OWN PRESIDENT ON
VIETNAM ARE REFUSING TO SUPPORT A PRESIDENT
ELECTED FROM THE OTHER PARTY.

THE PEOPLE MUST ELECT MORE
REPUBLICANS TO CONGRESS IN NOVEMBER IF
THE NATION IS NOT TO SUFFER FROM GALLOPING
INFLATION, A CONTINUING FLOOD OF THE
PERMISSIVENESS THAT HAS ENGULFED THIS
COUNTRY IN AN ORGY OF CRIME AND VIOLENCE,

AND A CONTINUED TEARING ASUNDER OF THE COUNTRY BY DEMOCRATS UNDERCUTTING PRESIDENT NIXON'S VIETNAM POLICY.

LOOK AT THE RECORD OF THE DEMOCRAT-CONTROLLED 91ST CONGRESS. THE DEMOCRATS HAVE BEEN GUILTY OF FOOT-DRAGGING IN THE WAR AGAINST CRIME. THE DEMOCRATS HAVE BEEN IRRESPONSIBLE IN THE FIGHT AGAINST INFLATION.

THAT IS THE ONLY CONCLUSION YOU CAN REACH WHEN YOU CONSIDER THAT THE DEMOCRATS HAVE FATTENED THE PRESIDENT'S BUDGET WITH AMENDMENTS THAT FUEL INFLATION AND LET MORE THAN A YEAR SLIDE BY WITHOUT ENACTING EVEN ONE OF PRESIDENT NIXON'S 13 MAJOR ANTI-CRIME BILLS.

ON CRIME THE DEMOCRATS HAVE TAKEN A GO-SLOW APPROACH WHICH HAS HAMPERED REPUBLICAN EFFORTS TO IMPLEMENT A NATIONAL ANTI-CRIME CAMPAIGN.



INSTEAD OF MAKING ALL POSSIBLE
WEAPONS AVAILABLE TO CRIME FIGHTERS AT
THE FEDERAL, STATE AND LOCAL LEVELS,
DEMOCRATS IN CONGRESS HAVE FUSSED ABOUT
SUCH CRIME PROVISIONS AS NO-KNOCK AND
PREVENTIVE DETENTION. TO ME THIS
INDICATES A LACK OF PROPER CONCERN FOR THE
COLLECTIVE SAFETY OF OUR CITIZENS. I HAVE
ALWAYS FELT THAT THE LAW-ABIDING CITIZEN
HAS NOTHING TO FEAR FROM NO-KNOCK,
PARTICULARLY SINCE IT WOULD BE
CIRCUMSCRIBED WITH JUDICIAL SAFEGUARDS.

IT IS LONG PAST TIME THAT WE
ACTED TO STRENGTHEN THE LAW ENFORCEMENT
FORCES IN THIS COUNTRY. WE WHO ARE
DETERMINED TO DO THAT KNOW THAT WE CAN
BUILD UP LAW ENFORCEMENT AND AT THE SAME
TIME PROTECT INDIVIDUAL LIBERTY.

BUT THE STALLING GOES ON, AND
TO DATE THE HOUSE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE HAS



NOT PASSED OUT A SINGLE MAJOR ANTI-CRIME BILL SENT TO THE CONGRESS BY THE NIXON ADMINISTRATION.

IN FACT, DRUG CONTROL HAS BEEN CAUGHT UP IN A JURISDICTIONAL DISPUTE AMONG DEMOCRATIC COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN. THE CONSEQUENCE IS THAT HEARINGS HAVE NOT EVEN BEEN HELD IN THE HOUSE ON THE DRUG CONTROL ACT PASSED BY THE SENATE LAST JANUARY. THIS IS INEXCUSABLE.

WHEN THIS SESSION ENDS, THE DEMOCRATS WILL OF COURSE INSIST THAT THEY HAVE COMPILED AN EXCELLENT LEGISLATIVE RECORD. IT WILL BE OUR JOB TO CARRY THE TRUTH TO THE AMERICAN PEOPLE -- THE FACT THAT THIS HAS BEEN A SIT-STILL, STUTTER AND STALL CONGRESS, A CONGRESS WHICH HAS REFUSED TO FOLLOW THROUGH ON THE GREAT REFORMS PROPOSED BY A REPUBLICAN PRESIDENT.

IT IS REPREHENSIBLE THAT THE

DEMOCRAT-CONTROLLED CONGRESS HELD UP THE SCHOOL AID APPROPRIATION FOR A WHOLE YEAR WHILE THEY PLOTTED A VETO-INVITING, BUDGET-BUSTING \$1.3 BILLION AMENDMENT TO IT. THIS WOULD NEVER HAVE HAPPENED WITH A REPUBLICAN MAJORITY IN THE CONGRESS.

IT IS SHAMEFUL THAT THE PRESIDENT FINALLY WAS FORCED TO COMPROMISE ON THIS BUDGET-BUSTING ACTION BY ACCEPTING ROUGHLY HALF OF THE UNJUSTIFIABLE INCREASE INSISTED UPON BY POLITICS-PLAYING DEMOCRATS.

IT IS TRAGIC THAT ALL FOUR OF THE URGENTLY NEEDED POLLUTION CONTROL BILLS PROPOSED BY THE NIXON ADMINISTRATION ARE STILL STALLED IN COMMITTEE.

IT IS AN OFFENSE TO ALL OF AMERICA'S ELDERLY THAT THE DEMOCRATIC MAJORITY ON THE HOUSE WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE FOR YEARS REFUSED TO ALLOW A COST-OF-LIVING PROVISION TO BE TIED TO



SOCIAL SECURITY.

IT IS INEXCUSABLE THAT THE
ADMINISTRATION'S MANPOWER RETRAINING BILL
STILL IS STALLED IN COMMITTEE, THE SUBJECT
OF INTERMINABLE HEARINGS.

AND IT IS INJURIOUS TO THE ENTIRE
NATION THAT THE DEMOCRATS ARE HOLDING
CAPTIVE THE NIXON ADMINISTRATION'S
REVENUE SHARING BILL -- THE KEY TO
PRIORITY ACTION BY LOCAL PEOPLE ON LOCAL
PROBLEMS, THE KEY TO DECENTRALIZATION OF
GOVERNMENT POWER, THE KEY TO THE NEW
FEDERALISM.

WOULD THERE BE A DIFFERENCE IF
REPUBLICANS WERE IN CONTROL OF CONGRESS?
YOU BET THERE WOULD BE.

WE WOULD MOVE THE PRESIDENT'S
PROGRAM. WE WOULD MOVE AMERICA FORWARD.
WE WOULD RESTORE THE VALUE OF THE DOLLAR.

WE WOULD LEAVE FAR MORE OF WHAT HE EARNS
IN THE POCKETS OF THE AMERICAN WORKINGMAN.
WE WOULD GIVE AMERICANS SOUND GOVERNMENT,
THE KIND OF GOVERNMENT A HARD-WORKING
PEOPLE DESERVES.

REPUBLICANS IN CONGRESS HAVE
BEEN WORKING HARD TO ACHIEVE THAT KIND
OF GOVERNMENT, AND WE ONLY NEED THE NUMBERS
TO PUT OUR PLANS INTO ACTION.

AS MANY OF YOU KNOW, WE HAVE A
HOUSE REPUBLICAN RESEARCH COMMITTEE WHICH
HAS MADE IN-DEPTH STUDIES OF SOME OF THE
GREAT PROBLEMS FACING OUR NATION AND HAS
COME UP WITH SOUND SOLUTIONS.

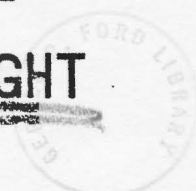
NEARLY ALL OF THE NIXON REFORMS
WERE BORN OR DID SOME GROWING UP IN THE
HOUSE REPUBLICAN RESEARCH COMMITTEE --
REVENUE SHARING, BLOCK GRANTS,
A COMPREHENSIVE PROGRAM OF EARLY CHILDHOOD

EDUCATION, A SOCIAL SECURITY COST-OF-LIVING PLAN, MAKING THE OFFICE OF ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY AN INNOVATIVE INSTEAD OF AN OPERATING AGENCY, TAKING THE POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT OUT OF POLITICS, IMPROVING THE HANDLING OF NATIONAL EMERGENCY LABOR DISPUTES, ELIMINATING THE ELECTORAL COLLEGE SYSTEM, IMPROVING OUR CRIME-FIGHTING MACHINERY.

THE LABORS OF THE RESEARCH COMMITTEE ARE INDICATIVE OF THE HARD WORK THAT GOES WITH THE JOB OF BEING A CONGRESSMAN.

LET ME WARN YOU -- DON'T COME DOWN HERE TO CONGRESS IF YOU AREN'T WILLING TO SWEAT AND PUT IN LONG HOURS.

BEING A CONGRESSMAN IS ROUGH. IT'S A 20-HOUR-DAY, SEVEN-DAY WEEK KIND OF JOB AND WHAT'S MORE, YOU HAVE TO FIGHT TO KEEP THIS JOB EVERY TWO YEARS.



IT'S A JOB THAT'S NEVER FINISHED AND
NEVER THE SAME FROM ONE DAY TO THE NEXT.
IT'S A JOB THAT ROBS YOU OF HOURS YOU WANT
TO SPEND WITH YOUR WIFE AND CHILDREN, HAS
NO RESPECT FOR SOCIAL PLANS OR SLEEPING
HOURS, A JOB IN WHICH YOU KNOCK YOURSELF
OUT FOR A LOT OF PEOPLE WHO MAY BE
CUSSING YOU NEXT WEEK.

WELL THEN, WHY SHOULD YOU WANT
TO BE A CONGRESSMAN. WHY DO I? -- AND
I TELL YOU TRUE, I'D RATHER BE A MEMBER OF
THE PEOPLE'S HOUSE THAN SENATOR, GOVERNOR,
SUCCESSFUL LAWYER, OR ANY OF THE OTHER
WORK I MIGHT ASPIRE TO.

BECAUSE BEING A REPRESENTATIVE
OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE IS THE MOST
CHALLENGING AND THE MOST REWARDING
PROFESSION IN THE WORLD. BEING ABLE TO
SERVE AND SPEAK FOR THESE FREE AND FINE
CITIZENS, THE SILENT ONES AND, YES, SOME

NOISY ONES TOO -- IS AN HONOR THAT COMES TO VERY FEW MEN. THEY GIVE YOU THEIR VOTE, AND THEIR TRUST, AND YOU HAVE TO MEASURE UP TO THAT EVERY 24 MONTHS. SO WHEN YOU DO, YOU CAN BE EVEN MORE PROUD -- THE MEASURE OF THE JOB YOU ARE DOING COMES REGULARLY AND THERE IS NO ARGUING WITH THE VERDICT OF THE PEOPLE. SO IF YOU MAKE IT, YOU HAVE A REAL RIGHT TO FEEL GOOD ABOUT IT.

I DON'T WANT TO SOUND CORNY, BUT IT IS IMMENSELY REWARDING TO HAVE A PART IN MAKING THE HISTORY OF OUR COUNTRY. IT IS THE GREATEST PROFESSION I KNOW TO BE A PROFESSIONAL PROBLEM SOLVER, A COMPROMISER OF CONFLICT, A MAKER OF LAW. COME TO CONGRESS -- AND I HOPE MANY OF YOU DO -- BUT DON'T COME HERE UNLESS YOU COME EXPECTING TO WORK HARDER THAN YOU HAVE EVER WORKED IN YOUR LIFE.

IT WILL BE WORTH IT.

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