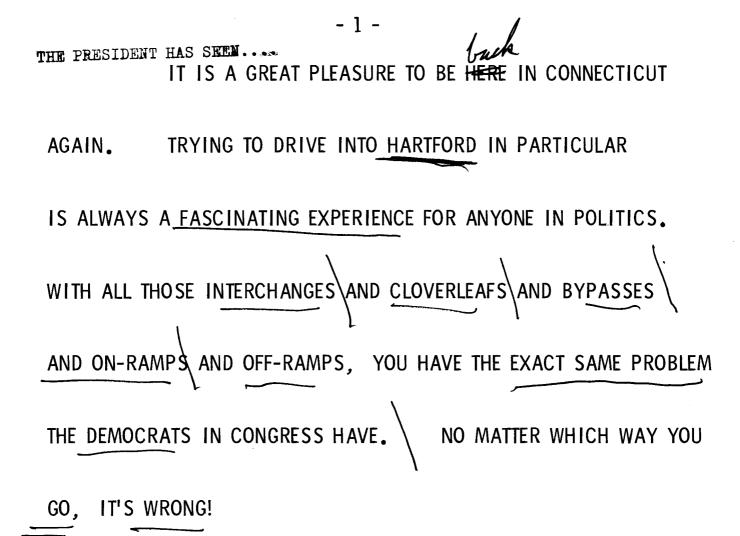
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BUT LET ME ADD THIS - IN 1976 WE'RE GOING TO HELP

THOSE DEMOCRATS OUT OF THEIR PROBLEM.

THANK YOU, FRED, FOR YOUR VERY KIND INTRODUCTION.

I WISH YOU WELL IN YOUR NEW ROLE AS CHAIRMAN OF THE REPUBLICAN

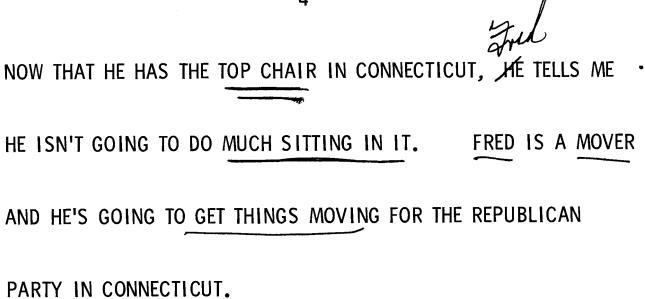
PARTY OF CONNECTICUT.

ALTHOUGH THIS MAY BE A NEW JOB FOR FRED, HE'S AN OLD AND

ENTHUSIASTIC HAND AT PARTY ACTIVITY.

FRED BIEBEL HAS REALLY COME UP THROUGH THE CHAIRS IN THE REPUBLICAN PARTY, HE HAS SERVED AS A DOORBELL RINGER, AS TOWN CHAIRMAN, AS A COUNTY CHAIRMAN AND IN

MANY IMPORTANT ASSIGNMENTS FOR VARIOUS STATE CHAIRMEN.



FRED, I JUST KNOW YOU'RE GOING TO MAKE 1976 A

GREAT YEAR FOR ALL OF US. YOU'LL GET A LOT OF HELP FROM YOUR OUTSTANDING VICE CHAIRMAN, JEANNE NELSON, AND FROM THE REST

OF THESE DISTINGUISHED REPUBLICANS HERE TONIGHT.

I AM PLEASED AND PROUD TO SEE LOWELL WEICKER, AN OLD FRIEND AND COLLEAGUE, A SENATOR OF STRENGTH AND COURAGE AND WISDOM. WE MUST RE-ELECT HIM TO THE UNITED STATES SENATE, WHERE HE HAS SERVED WITH GREAT DISTINCTION FOR THE PAST SIX YEARS. WE MUST RE-ELECT STEW MC KINNEY AND RON SARASIN

TO THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS, SO THEY CAN CONTINUE TO SERVE THE PEOPLE OF CONNECTICUT IN THE EFFECTIVE, DYNAMIC WAY THEY HAVE SERVED IN THE PAST. AND WE NEED MORE REPUBLICAN CONGRESSMEN JUST LIKE THEM REPRESENTING THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT.

# FINALLY, I WANT TO SEE THE REPUBLICAN PARTY

OF CONNECTICUT REGAIN CONTROL OF THE STATE LEGISLATURE IN

1976 AND GIVE RESPONSIBLE GOVERNMENT ANOTHER CHANCE TO WORK

IN THIS STATE.

IN 1975, YOU HAVE A NUMBER OF LOCAL ELECTIONS

THAT ARE CRITICALLY IMPORTANT.

SUCCESS THIS YEAR

WILL BE A FORERUNNER OF VICTORY IN 1976.

- hep then WIN.

IT'S ALWAYS A PLEASURE TO COME TO CONNECTICUT, ESPECIALLY DURING YOUR BEAUTIFUL FALL SEASON, AND MOST ESPECIALLY WHEN THERE'S AN OPPORTUNITY TO MEET WITH SO

MANY FINE NUTMEG STATE REPUBLICANS.

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I AM DELIGHTED TO BE IN A STATE WHICH WRITES 14 PERCENT OF THE INSURANCE IN AMERICA TODAY. ALTOGETHER, I AM ADVISED THAT THE PREMIUMS ALONE PAID ON POLICIES SOLD NATIONWIDE BY CONNECTICUT INSURANCE COMPANIES TOTAL MORE THAN 13 BILLION DOLLARS. THAT'S AN IMPRESSIVE

FIGURE.

SINCE THE BULK OF THESE PREMIUMS ARE REINVESTED IN AMERICA -- IN MORTGAGES ON HOMES AND ON COMMERCIAL BUILDINGS, IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF AMERICA'S RESOURCES, IN STOCKS AND BONDS -- I CONSIDER THAT A GREAT VOTE OF CONNECTICUT CONFIDENCE IN THE FUTURE OF AMERICA. SOME 200 YEARS AGO, BENJAMIN FRANKLIN SAID THAT ''IN THIS WORLD, NOTHING IS CERTAIN BUT DEATH AND TAXES.'' BUT NOWADAYS, SOME POLITICIANS SEEM TO TAKE A SHORTCUT. THEY JUST TAX PEOPLE TO DEATH. BUT THERE IS NOTHING FUNNY WHEN IT COMES TO PAYING

TAXES -- WHETHER HERE IN CONNECTICUT OR ANYWHERE IN

AMERICA.

THE TAX BURDEN OF MILLIONS OF AMERICANS IS FAR

TOO HEAVY. IT AFFECTS FAMILY BUDGET DECISIONS AND THE

NATION'S ECONOMIC RECOVERY.

(<u>NOTE</u>: LETTER FROM CONNECTICUT WOMAN CAN BE READ AT THIS POINT.)

THE CONGRESS BEARS A HEAVY BURDEN OF RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE HEAVY TAXES NOW IMPOSED UPON THE AMERICAN PEOPLE --ESPECIALLY THOSE IN THE LOW AND MIDDLE INCOME BRACKETS. FOR 38 OF THE LAST 42 YEARS, THE DEMOCRATS HAVE CONTROLLED THE CONGRESS, FOLLOWING THE OLD <u>DEMOCRATIC FORMULA OF ''TAX AND TAX</u>, <u>SPEND AND SPEND</u>, ELECT AND ELECT.''

LET US TURN THAT FORMULA AROUND AND ELECT REPUBLICANS WHO WILL TAX LESS AND SPEND LESS. IF WE EXPECT TO RESTORE ECONOMIC STABILITY AND DEVELOP SUSTAINED ECONOMIC GROWTH, WE MUST FIRST SET THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT'S FISCAL HOUSE IN ORDER.

THAT IS EXACTLY WHAT I INTEND TO DO.

THAT IS WHY I INSIST ON A DECISION FROM THE

CONGRESS ON THE QUESTION OF WHETHER WE WILL CONTINUE IN Traque THE DIRECTION OF RECENT YEARS -- THE PATH TOWARD BIGGER 1 GOVERNMENT. HIGHER TAXES AND HIGHER INFLATION -- OR WHETHER WE WILL NOW TAKE A NEW DIRECTION, BRINGING A HALT TO THE SUFFOCATING GROWTH OF GOVERNMENT, RESTORING α, PROSPERITY AND ALLOWING AMERICANS GREATER VOICE IN THEIR Λ OWN FUTURE AND A GREATER SAY IN HOW TO SPEND THEIR OWN

MONEY.

IN CHOOSING THE NEW DIRECTION, I PROPOSE A FRESH START FOR AMERICA AND FOR THE AMERICAN PEOPLE, I PROPOSE A PERMANENT TAX CUT OF 28 BILLION DOLLARS A YEAR STARTING NEXT JANUARY 1 AND, AT THE SAME TIME, A MATCHING CUT IN THE GROWTH OF FEDERAL SPENDING.

AS PART OF THIS PROGRAM, I HAVE ALSO SET AS MY GOAL A BALANCED FEDERAL BUDGET WITHIN THREE YEARS. LET ME EMPHASIZE. HOWEVER: I WILL WORK WITH THE CONGRESS TO INSURE THAT THOSE WHO DESERVE HELP WILL CONTINUE TO RECEIVE THAT HELP -- THE ELDERLY, THE POOR, THE VETERANS WHO HAVE BORNE THIS NATION'S ARMS. NOR WILL I PERMIT SLASHES IN OUR MILITARY BUDGET THAT WOULD JEOPARDIZE OUR NATIONAL SECURITY.

- 20 -OVERALL, MY PROPOSALS TO CUT TAXES AND SPENDING WILL NOT ONLY LIGHTEN YOUR TAX LOAD, THEY WILL HELP MAKE UP FOR THE RAVAGES OF INFLATION -- THE CRUELEST AND MOST PERVASIVE TAX OF ALL. THEY WILL ALSO HELP STIMULATE THE ECONOMIC GROWTH NECESSARY TO CREATE NEW JOBS AND GET AMERICA BACK TO WORK. I HAVE PROPOSED A PERMANENT INCREASE IN THE INVESTMENT TAX CREDIT FOR BUSINESSES AND A TWO PERCENT REDUCTION IN THE CORPORATE TAX RATE.

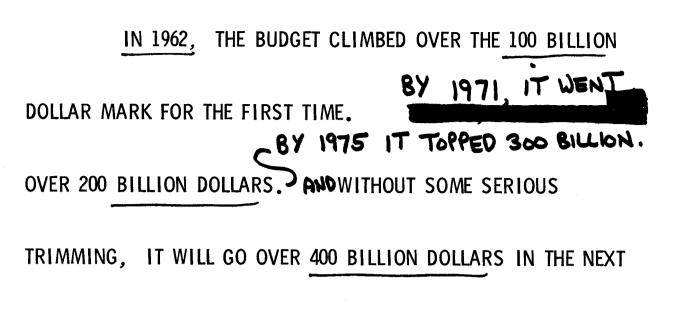
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BOTH OF THESE PROPOSALS ARE DESIGNED TO HELP CREATE

JOBS IN AMERICAN BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY -- WHICH IS THE

FOUNDATION OF OUR PRIVATE ENTERPRISE SYSTEM.

BUT IF WE WANT THIS KIND OF NEW DIRECTION IN OUR TAX POLICIES, WE MUST HAVE A <u>NEW DIRECTION</u> IN OUR <u>SPENDING POLICIES</u> AS WELL. WE CANNOT LET THE FEDERAL BUDGET KEEP GROWING AS IT HAS FOR THE LAST 13 YEARS. IF WE DO, BY THE YEAR 2000 HALF OF THE PEOPLE IN THIS NATION WILL BE LIVING OFF THE OTHER HALF.



FISCAL YEAR. THAT IS A 300 PERCENT INCREASE IN 13 YEARS.

To meet this problem head-on

ACCORDINGLY, I HAVE PROPOSED THAT WE HALT THIS

ALARMING GROWTH BY HOLDING SPENDING TO 395 BILLION DOLLARS IN THE COMING FISCAL YEAR. THAT REPRESENTS A 28 BILLION DOLLAR CUT FROM THE SPENDING LEVEL CURRENTLY PROJECTED IF ALL EXISTING FEDERAL PROGRAMS ARE ALLOWED TO GROW AS THEY HAVE IN THE RECENT PAST. SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS THROUGHOUT AMERICA MAY COMPLAIN WHEN FUNDS ARE CUT AS PART OF THIS ECONOMY DRIVE. BUT MY CONCERN -- AND YOUR CONCERN -- IS NOT FOR THE <u>SPECIAL</u> INTERESTS. IT'S FOR THE PEOPLE'S INTERESTS, THE TAXPAYER'S INTEREST, THE NATIONAL INTEREST.

### THE TEMPTATION OF YOUR REPRESENTATIVES IN THE

CONGRESS TO ACCEPT THE TAX CUTS BUT REJECT THE SPENDING CUTS WILL BE TREMENDOUS. IT'S AN OLD STORY. EVERYBODY WANTS TO GO TO HEAVEN, BUT NOBODY WANTS TO DIE.

I SERVED IN THE CONGRESS LONG ENOUGH TO KNOW THAT

FROM PERSONAL EXPERIENCE.

BUT IF WE'RE REALLY SERIOUS ABOUT GETTING BOTH OUR ECONOMY AND THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT UNDER CONTROL, THE CONGRESS MUST COMMIT ITSELF WHOLEHEARTEDLY TO A POLICY OF STRICT FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY. INSTEAD OF THROWING UP ITS HANDS AND SAYING IT CAN'T BE DONE, I SUGGEST THIS DEMOCRATIC-CONTROLLED CONGRESS TAKE A GOOD HARD LOOK AT HOW THE DEMOCRATIC-CONTROLLED 90TH CONGRESS PLACED A CEILING ON SPENDING --AND, AT THE SAME TIME, ENACTED AN <u>INCREASE</u> IN TAXES RECOMMENDED BY A DEMOCRATIC PRESIDENT.

# THIS TIME, I SIMPLY WANT THE CONGRESS TO PLACE

A CEILING ON SPENDING AND ENACT A TAX <u>CUT</u>. HERE'S

HOW THE 90TH CONGRESS DID IT:

IN DECEMBER OF 1967, THE CONGRESS WROTE INTO A

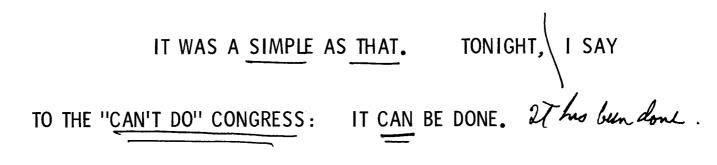
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CONTINUING APPROPRIATIONS BILL A PROVISION REDUCING FEDERAL

OBLIGATIONS FOR FISCAL 1968 BY AT LEAST NINE BILLION DOLLARS

AND FEDERAL SPENDING BY AT LEAST 4 BILLION DOLLARS.

IN 1968, THE 90TH CONGRESS ENACTED A 10 PERCENT SURTAX ON CORPORATIONS AND INDIVIDUALS WHICH PRESIDENT JOHNSON HAD REQUESTED. AT THE SAME TIME, IT WROTE INTO THE LEGISLATION A 10 BILLION DOLLAR REDUCTION IN OUTLAYS IN FISCAL 1969 AND AN 8 BILLION DOLLAR RECISION OF UNSPENT PRIOR-YEAR APPROPRIATIONS.



WHY NOT DO IT?

LET ME BE SPECIFIC ABOUT THIS POINT! AS WELL:

IF THE CONGRESS SENDS ME LEGISLATION THAT EXCEEDS THE SPENDING LIMITATION AND THREATENS YOUR TAX CUT, I WILL NOT HESITATE TO USE THE CONSTITUTIONAL AUTHORITY AVAILABLE TO ME -- AND VETO THAT LEGISLATION. THE VETO HAS BEEN DESCRIBED AS A "<u>NEGATIVE</u>" ACT, BUT I'VE USED IT 39 TIMES AND SAVED THE AMERICAN TAXPAYERS <u>6 BILLION DOLLARS</u>. I WILL USE IT 100 TIMES, IF NECESSARY, TO PREVENT EXCESSIVE AND INFLATIONARY SPENDING INCREASES. AND THAT'S ABOUT AS POSITIVE AS YOU CAN GET. SUPPORT OF THE CONGRESS TO MAKE THIS PROGRAM WORK

YOUR HELP IS ESSENTIAL TO CONVINCE THE CONGRESS THAT THE

AMERICAN PEOPLE SUPPORT THESE REFORMS IN OUR TAX AND

SPENDING POLICIES.

WORKING TOGETHER, WE CAN MAKE AMERICA'S ECONOMIC FUTURE BRIGHT AND PROSPEROUS AND VIGOROUS. BUT IF WE GROW WEARY IN OUR COMMITMENT AND WEAK IN OUR RESOLVE, OUR ECONOMIC COURSE WILL BE IN DANGER FOR YEARS TO COME. A COMMITMENT TO FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY IS NOTHING

NEW TO THE REPUBLICAN PARTY. IT IS ONE OF OUR FOUNDING the. PRINCIPLES, AS ARE OUR COMMITMENTS TO A STRONG NATIONAL DEFENSE, TO LOCAL CONTROL OVER LOCAL CONCERNS, TO A VIGOROUS FREE ENTERPRISE SYSTEM AND TO GREATER FREEDOM

AND DIGNITY FOR THE INDIVIDUAL.

HERE IN CONNECTICUT AND ALL ACROSS AMERICA, WE

MUST SHOW OUR FELLOW CITIZENS THAT THEIR CONCERNS ARE OUR CONCERNS, THAT THEIR HOPES FOR A STRONG, FREE AND PROSPEROUS AMERICA ARE OUR HOPES. WE MUST DEMONSTRATE ANEW THAT THE REPUBLICAN

PARTY IS PREPARED TO LEAD AND TO SERVE THE PEOPLE

RESPONSIBLY, RESPONSIVELY AND EFFECTIVELY.

WE MUST CONVINCE THEM THAT A REPUBLICAN VICTORY

CAN BE A GREAT VICTORY FOR THEM.

WE CAN HELP TO MAKE THESE YEARS GREAT ONES FOR AMERICA, SO THAT WE AND OUR CHILDREN AND THEIR CHILDREN MAY SAY WITH NEW MEANING AND FRESH ENTHUSIASM THESE FINE OLD WORDS OF DANIEL WEBSTER: 'THANK GOD. I AM AN AMERICAN.''

THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

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