

The original documents are located in Box C13, folder “Presidential Handwriting, 3/10/1975 (1)” of the Presidential Handwriting File at the Gerald R. Ford Presidential Library.

Copyright Notice

The copyright law of the United States (Title 17, United States Code) governs the making of photocopies or other reproductions of copyrighted material. Gerald Ford donated to the United States of America his copyrights in all of his unpublished writings in National Archives collections. Works prepared by U.S. Government employees as part of their official duties are in the public domain. The copyrights to materials written by other individuals or organizations are presumed to remain with them. If you think any of the information displayed in the PDF is subject to a valid copyright claim, please contact the Gerald R. Ford Presidential Library.

THE PRESIDENT HAS SEEN....

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

March 10, 1975

RECOMMENDED TELEPHONE CALL

3/12/75
Called!

TO: Rep. Bob Michel (R-Ill)

WHEN: Tuesday afternoon, March 11

VIA: Max L. Friedersdorf *m-f*

RECOMMENDED BY: Vern Loen *VL*

- BACKGROUND:
1. Michel is the newly elected House Republican Whip. He has worked extremely hard to round up votes to sustain the veto. This call would be a great shot in the arm.
 2. From a base of 114 votes, we now have commitments of more than the 145 needed to sustain. This has led the Democrats to refer the vetoed bill back to Ways and Means.
 3. This represents a major victory for the President and for Michel's fledgling whip organization.

TALKING

POINTS:

1. Jack Marsh, Max Friedersdorf and Vern Loen all have been telling me how hard you worked to sustain the veto. Great job in getting it referred back to committee, Bob.
2. This unquestionably was the most crucial vote of my Administration to date. Without winning, it is highly doubtful that we could make Congress face up to the tough decisions necessary to reduce our energy vulnerability and head toward energy independence. At the same time, we avoided confrontation politics.
3. I knew you were a fine choice for GOP Whip, Bob. Your performance on this veto confirms it. Many thanks. And thanks to all your assistant whips, too.