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AND IN PARTICULAR, I WANT TO THANK THE MEMBERS

AND THE DAVIS HIGH SCHOOL BAND

OF THE KEARNES HIGH SCHOOL BAND FOR THEIR VERY FINE AND

STIRRING MUSIC. YOU KNOW, MUSIC USUALLY PROVIDES US

WITH GREAT BEAUTY -- BUT SOMETIMES IT PROVIDES US WITH GREAT

TRUTH AS WELL. ON TUESDAY I WENT BACK TO MY HOME TOWN OF

GRAND RAPIDS AND AT NIGHT WE HAD A RALLY IN A FIELD HOUSE LIKE THIS.

David Marker & Minin Mather Rein Sundand

OF CEREMONIES ASK THE BAND FOR ONE MORE SELECTION. SOMETHING THAT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE FOR THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED

STATES. SO THEY PLAYED "NOBODY KNOWS THE TROUBLES I'VE SEEN"!

BUT I WANT YOU TO KNOW THAT WITH THIS WARM AND

WONDERFUL WELCOME, I CAN'T THINK OF ONE TROUBLE I COULD EVER

HAVE IN THE STATE OF UTAH.

I AGREED TO COME VISIT UTAH TODAY -- THIS IS ONE FORD WHO REALLY

HAD A BETTER IDEA!

HT IS A PLEASURE TO BE HERE IN UTAH AGAIN -- AND-I

WANT TO THANK YOU ALL FOR YOUR WARM AND WONDERFUL WELCOME.

WANT TO CONGRATULATE YOU ON THE EXCEPTIONAL SLATE OF REPUBLICAN CANDIDATES YOU HAVE HERE IN UTAH.

I LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING AND WORKING WITH THEM IN

WASHINGTON NEXT YEAR!

THE COUNTRY AND THE STATE OF UTAH NEED JAKE GARN

IN THE SENATE. AND THE COUNTRY AND THE STATE OF UTAH NEED

STEVE HARMSEN AND RON INKLEY IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

I HAVE BEEN ESPECIALLY IMPRESSED WITH STEVE HARMSEN'S

YOUTH HIS VIGOR AND HIS ORGANIZED APPROACH TO PROBLEM

SOLVING. WE NEED THAT KIND OF APPROACH IN WASHINGTON NOW MORE THAN EVER.

AND I HAVE ALSO BEEN DEEPLY IMPRESSED WITH

JAKE GARN'S VIEWS ON THE DECENTRALIZATION OF THE FEDERAL

GOVERNMENT.

THERE IS, IN MY OPINION, NO MORE URGENT ITEM OF LONG-RANGE NATIONAL BUSINESS BEFORE US TODAY. WE MUST CUT THE POWER AND TRIM THE SIZE OF THE BUREAUCRACY IN WASHINGTON.

THERE IS ONLY ONE WAY WE ARE GOING TO SOLVE THE VERY

REAL PROBLEMS THAT WE FACE AS A PEOPLE. WE ARE GOING TO HAVE

COMMUNICATE MORE EFFECTIVELY WITH ONE ANOTHER. THAT IS

WHY I AM HERE IN UTAH TODAY.

I CAN LEARN MORE ABOUT THE NEEDS AND DESIRES OF THE

CITIZENS OF UTAH IN ONE HOUR'S WORTH OF CONVERSATION WITH MEN

LIKE JAKE GARN AND YOUR FINE SENIOR SENATOR, WALLACE BENNETT,

THAN I COULD LEARN IN SIX MONTHS BACK IN THE OVAL OFFICE Tolking

to Potomac busements about 4 tak.

AND THAT IS PRECISELY THE PROBLEM WITH AN OVERGROWN,

ALL-POWERFUL BUREAUCRACY. THERE IS NO TWO WAY COMMUNICATION.

EACH STATE AND LOCALITY IN THIS NATION HAS ITS OWN NEEDS AND ITS

OWN PRIORITIES. BUT THOSE UNIQUE NEEDS AND PRIORITIES

CANNOT BE UNDERSTOOD AND DEALT WITH FROM A REMOTE CENTRAL VANTAGE

POINT IN WASHINGTON.

THE DAY IS PAST WHEN AN OCTOPUS-LIKE GOVERNMENT IN WASHINGTON CAN STRETCH ITS TENTACLES ACROSS THE NATION AND SQUEEZE INTO ITSELF MORE AND MORE POWER.

THE REVENUES THEY HAVE GRASPED BACK TO THE STATES AND LOCALITIES,

WHERE THEY BELONG. - back to the local Typpayers
who made the James windste in the fruit-pla.

AS WE CARRY OUT THIS DECENTRALIZATION PROCESS, IT
IS ABSOLUTELY ESSENTIAL THAT WE HAVE MEN IN WASHINGTON WHO CAN
TELL US PRECISELY WHAT THEIR. CONSTITUENTS WANT DONE AND HOW
THEY WANT IT DONE.

THAT IS WHY I URGE YOU TO SEND JAKE GARN TO THE

SENATE. AS A LOCAL OFFICIAL, HE HAS A UNIQUE AND FIRST-HAND

KNOWLEDGE OF WHAT THE PEOPLE OF UTAH REALLY WANT. AS A SENATOR,

WE WILL BE ABLE TO PUT THAT KNOWLEDGE TO FIRST-HAND USE.

ONE OF MY PRIMARY GOALS AS PRESIDENT IS TO RETURN

GOVERNMENTAL CONTROL TO THE PEOPLE.

I NEED JAKE IN WASHINGTON

TO HELP ME REALIZE THAT GOAL.

IT WILL NOT BE AN EASY JOB. IT IS NEVER EASY TO

DISMANTLE A STRUCTURE THAT HAS BEEN REINFORCED FOR DECADES.

IF YOU KNOCK OUT THE WRONG SECTION, THE WHOLE THING IS LIABLE

TO FALL AND HURT A LOT OF INNOCENT PEOPLE.

BUT IT HAS TO BE DONE. FOR TOO LONG NOW POLITICIANS

HAVE OPERATED ON THE PRINCIPLE THAT YOU CAN BRING HEAVEN TO EARTH

BY PILING UP FEDERAL PROGRAMS LIKE LAYER CAKE AND FROSTING THEM

WITH FEDERAL MONEY.

THE RESULT HAS BEEN A HUGE, CUMBERSOME,

UNRESPONSIVE CENTRAL GOVERNMENT THAT INCREASINGLY THREATENS

TO ASSERT CONTROL OVER NEARLY EVERY ASPECT OF OUR LIVES.

THE INTENTIONS OF THE PEOPLE WHO HAVE HELPED BUILD THE FEDERAL

LAYER CAKE ARE NOBLE ONES. THEY SINCERELY BELIEVE THAT IF

GOVERNMENT MINISTERS TO EVERY NEED AND CONCERN OF ITS CITIZENS,

THOSE CITIZENS WILL BE BETTER AND HAPPIER PEOPLE.

BUT WHAT THEY FORGET, AND WHAT MILLIONS OF AMERICANS

ARE NOW REMEMBERING, IS THAT A GOVERNMENT BIG ENOUGH TO GIVE US

EVERYTHING WE WANT IS A GOVERNMENT BIG ENOUGH TO TAKE FROM US

EVERYTHING WE HAVE.

AND IN THE END, NO GOVERNMENT CAN MAKE US BETTER AND HAPPIER PEOPLE IF IT TAKES FROM US THAT ONE ESSENTIAL INGREDIENT FOR HAPPINESS -- OUR INDIVIDUAL FREEDOM.

THE LESSON OF THE PAST FEW DECADES HAS BEEN A BASIC

ONE -- WE CANNOT SPEND OUR WAY TO HAPPINESS. BUT WE CAN SPEND

OURSELVES INTO DEBT, AND WE CAN SPEND OUR NATION STRAIGHT INTO

RAGING INFLATION.

THAT IS WHY DURING THE PAST FEW WEEKS I HAVE BEEN

SPEAKING OUT FOR REALISTIC, FISCALLY RESPONSIBLE CONGRESSIONAL

CANDIDATES.

INFLATION IS OUR NATION'S NUMBER ONE PROBLEM.

ONE WAY TO BEAT INFLATION MOST EFFECTIVELY IS TO KEEP THE LID ON

FEDERAL SPENDING. THAT IS WHY I WANT AN INFLATION-PROOF CONGRESS.

BUT IF THE BIG SPENDERS WIN HEAVILY ON NOVEMBER 5th, WE

ARE IN DANGER OF ELECTING A VETO-PROOF, RATHER THAN AN INFLATION-

PROOF CONGRESS.

PRESIDENTIAL VETO, WOULD SPEND THE DOME RIGHT OFF OUR NATION'S CAPITOL.

in This challenging WORLD.

OUR NATION SIMPLY CANNOT AFFORD A VETO-PROOF CONGRESS

CONTROLLED BY BIG SPENDERS.

BIG SPENDING GOT OUR ECONOMY INTO

THE TROUBLE IT IS EXPERIENCING TODAY.

AND NOW WE ARE THREATENED

WITH A CONGRESS WHOSE PRESCRIPTION FOR THE PROBLEM IS MORE

SPENDING. IT JUST DOESN'T MAKE SENSE.

THE IMMEDIATE MEDICINE OUR ECONOMY NEEDS IS A GOOD

STRONG DOSE OF FISCAL DISCIPLINE. AND THAT IS WHY I AM ASKING

ALL VOTERS ACROSS THE POLITICAL SPECTRUM -- DEMOCRATS,

INDEPENDENTS AND REPUBLICANS -- TO VOTE AS INFLATION FIGHTERS

RATHER THAN AS POLITICAL PARTISANS.

I PLEDGE TO YOU TO DO EVERYTHING IN MY POWER TO

HOLD DOWN FEDERAL SPENDING. AND I ASK YOU TO SEND MEN TO

WASHINGTON -- MEN LIKE JAKE GARN -- WHO WILL HELP ME IN THAT TASK.

IT WILL NOT BE EASY. THERE IS NO EASY CURE FOR THE

INFLATIONARY ILLNESS THAT INFECTS US. IT WILL TAKE TIME, IT WILL

TAKE PATIENCE, AND IT WILL TAKE HARD WORK.

AND IT IS ALSO GOING TO REQUIRE SOME SHORT-TERM

IN MY 31-POINT PROGRAM TO CONGRESS AND IN MY SUGGESTIONS FOR
HOW INDIVIDUAL CITIZENS MIGHT PARTICIPATE IN THE FIGHT AGAINST
INFLATION, THE BURDEN WILL HAVE TO BE EVENLY DISTRIBUTED.

EACH OF US MUST SACRIFICE SOME SO NONE WILL SUFFER.

AND YOU KNOW, A LITTLE SACRIFICE MAY BE GOOD FOR US

IN MORE WAYS THAN ONE.

One important recommendations in my Inflation frontly from sain 31 Pt Program was to tighten - up 4 increase plantitus for salte-trust, 4 price for / The bluss Judicing I THOUGHT A GOOD DEAL ABOUT THAT AS I WORKED ON THIS

A DDRESS TO YOU.

YOU MAY REMEMBER THAT I RECENTLY MADE A SPEECH TO THE FUTURE FARMERS OF AMERICA, IN WHICH I ATTEMPTED TO OUTLINE SOME SPECIFIC WAYS IN WHICH ALL AMERICANS COULD PITCH INTO THE FIGHT AGAINST INFLATION.

BUT AS I PREPARED THESE REMARKS TO THE PEOPLE OF UTAH,

AND AS I THOUGHT ABOUT YOUR WAY OF LIFE OUT HERE, IT OCCURRED TO

ME THAT PERHAPS WHAT I WAS SUGGESTING IN THAT FUTURE FARMERS'

SPEECH WAS NOT REALLY SACRIFICE AT ALL.

PERHAPS I WAS JUST SUGGESTING TO MY FELLOW AMERICANS

THAT WE ALL TRY TO RETURN TO THOSE GOOD OLD BASIC VALUES OF

SELF-SUFFICIENCY, THRIFT AND SELF-RELIANCE.

THOSE ARE THE VALUES, COMBINED WITH A BELIEF IN

GOD AND A LOVE OF FAMILY, THAT BUILT UTAH. AND THOSE ARE THE

VALUES THAT BUILT THIS GREAT NATION.

I ASKED THAT AMERICANS SAVE. I ASKED THAT THEY

BUDGET. I ASKED THAT THEY ECONOMIZE. I ASKED THAT THEY GUARD

THEIR HEALTH. I ASKED THAT THEY CUT OUT WASTE.

AND AS I PREPARED THESE REMARKS, I REALIZED THAT WHAT

mellions of

I HAD BEEN SUGGESTING TO MANY AMERICANS WAS SIMPLY ACCEPTED

in UTAH.

PRACTICE GUT HERE.

OLD BASIC VALUES TO YOU, FOR YOUR DAILY LIVES IN UTAH ARE
SHAPED BY THOSE VALUES.

BUT I DO WANT YOU TO KNOW THAT BY LIVING THOSE VALUES,

YOU ARE A SOURCE OF INSPIRATION TO MILLIONS OF AMERICANS.

AND I WOULD LIKE TO THANK YOU FROM THE BOTTOM OF MY HEART FOR

PROVING TO ALL OF US THAT THE OLD VALUES ARE ALIVE AND WELL AND

WORKING.

I CAN ALSO TELL YOU THAT WALLACE BENNETT HAS DONE
AN INSPIRING JOB OF STANDING UP FOR YOUR VALUES DURING HIS
BRILLIANT CAREER IN THE SENATE.

I CAN'T BEGIN TO TELL YOU HOW MUCH ALL OF US IN
WASHINGTON ARE GOING TO MISS THIS DEDICATED MAN WHO HAS DONE
SO MUCH FOR UTAH AND FOR AMERICA.

WALLACE HAS BEEN A WISE AND VALUED GUIDE TO ME IN

OUR CONGRESSIONAL LEADERSHIP MEETINGS -- JUST AS HE HAS BEEN TO

THOSE WHO SERVED BEFORE ME..

FOR 25 YEARS, WALLACE HAS BEEN ONE OF THE GIANTS

OF THE SENATE -- A STRONG, STAINLESS MORAL LEADER AND A TIRELESS

CHAMPION OF FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY.

WE ALL HATE TO SEE HIM GO, BUT OUR PRAYERS AND BEST
WISHES WILL BE WITH HIM AND FRANCIS AS THEY COME HOME AGAIN TO
THEIR BELOVED UTAH.

AND PEOPLE LIKE YOU -- TO SERVE AS EXAMPLES, I AM MORE CONFIDENT
THAN EVER THAT WE CAN BRING OUR ECONOMY BACK TO FULL AND LASTING
HEALTH.

AND PERHAPS IN THE PROCESS OF DOING SO, PERHAPS AS
WE DO CUT AWAY FRILLS AND NON-ESSENTIALS, WE WILL REDISCOVER
SOMETHING VALUABLE ABOUT OURSELVES THAT SOME OF US MAY HAVE
FORGOTTEN.

YOU UNDERSTAND PRECISELY WHAT THOSE BASIC VALUES

ARE, MY UTAH FRIENDS. NOW IT IS TIME TO GET OUT AND PREACH THEM

TO OUR FELLOW AMERICANS. NOW IT IS TIME TO APPLY THEM TO THE

WAR AGAINST INFLATION.

BOX ON TUESDAY. AND LET IT BE A SHOT HEARD AROUND THE COUNTRY,

AND AROUND THE WORLD.

CAST YOUR VOTE FOR THE PARTY THAT WILL, WITH A

COOPERATIVE CONGRESS, RESTORE STABILITY TO OUR ECONOMY AND

COMMON SENSE TO OUR GOVERNMENT.

CAST YOUR VOTES FOR MEN WHO WILL BE PART OF A STRONG,

RESPONSIVE, RESPONSIBLE, INFLATION-PROOF CONGRESS.

WE NEED THEM NOW, MORE THAN EVER. AS ONE TV

COMMENTATOR PUT IT RECENTLY, AND LET ME QUOTE, "I AM LOOKING

FOR A CONGRESS THAT WILL PRAISE THE LORD AND PASS THE LEGISLATION."

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