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THE PRESIDENT HAS SEEN . . .

VETO OF PUBLIC WORKS BILL

TUESDAY, JULY 6, 1976

BEFORE THE CONGRESS WENT ON ITS LATEST RECESS,
THE DEMOCRATIC MAJORITY CLEARLY ESTABLISHED THE DIRECTION
THEY WOULD HAVE OUR NATION GO:

- TOWARD MORE SPENDING
- HIGHER TAXES
- LARGER DEFICITS
- MORE PEOPLE ON THE FEDERAL PAYROLL
- AND HIGHER INFLATION●

THE SIGNS ARE UNMISTAKABLE: FOUR MONTHS BEFORE
A NATIONAL ELECTION, CONGRESS IS MOVING FULL SPEED AHEAD
DOWN THE ROAD TO BIGGER AND BIGGER GIVE-AWAY PROGRAMS●

THE AMERICAN PEOPLE WANT AND DESERVE SOMETHING
FAR BETTER.

I AM ANNOUNCING TODAY MY DECISION TO VETO THE
PUBLIC WORKS JOB BILL, WHICH IS THE BIGGEST SPENDING BILL
LEFT BEHIND BY THE CONGRESS. THIS BILL WOULD NOT CREATE
LASTING JOBS, BUT WOULD CREATE NEW INFLATIONARY PRESSURES.

THIS VETO -- IF SUSTAINED BY THE CONGRESS -- WILL SAVE
THE TAXPAYERS OF THIS COUNTRY FOUR BILLION DOLLARS --
AND WILL HELP WARD OFF THE RISK OF NEW INFLATION.

WHILE MEMBERS OF CONGRESS ARE HOME FOR RECESS,
PEOPLE HAVE AN EXCELLENT OPPORTUNITY TO TELL THEM JUST
WHAT THEY THINK.

IF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE WANT TO HOLD DOWN
GOVERNMENT SPENDING AND HAVE THE ADDITIONAL TAX CUTS
I PROPOSED, NOW IS THE TIME TO SAY SO -- LOUD AND CLEAR.

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