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REMARKS OF THE VICE PRESIDENT
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THE VICE PRESIDENT: This enthusiastic crowd of Washingtonians reaffirms what I have witnessed all over the country. The Republican Party is alive and beginning to thrive again.

Ladies and gentlemen, I just am thrilled to be here and I am thrilled to be able to join you as volunteers in the support of John Spellman for your next Governor of the great State of Washington.

Coming down in the elevator were the Governor and Mrs. Spellman. It was a very handsome couple for the Governor's Mansion.

It is very exciting, if you have had the opportunity to be in government as long as I have and to see various levels of government. I have to say that the thing that to me is the most exciting, which is sort of a universal joint between the Federal government and the local government as a creative catalytic point is that he is the Governor of one of the fifty great states of this nation. So to have someone who is experienced in government, who has a proven record, not someone who -- of course, I admire anybody who wants to serve his country and is willing to give of his time and energy to enjoy the office and the privileges, but to also give of himself in a way that few people who haven't been in government and who are working on campaigns like you understand what the demands are on someone's time and on their energy and on their emotion and enthusiasm and on their intellectual capabilities. To take responsibility today for the political leadership at the executive level, when I say leadership I think that politics is the means to an end and not an end in itself, the end is good government. Politics is the means.

They are two different things. Both are very exciting and, if you like people, you will have a wonderful time in politics. I like to have people enjoy politics, but I also enjoy tremendously to solve problems, and that is the other side of this combination. That is the government side. We are living in a period of tremendously rapid change, new problems emerging. But as problems emerge, if we shape those problems, then they can serve ends and become opportunities. This is really the trick -- I won't say the trick -- this is the challenge, to take these changes, the extraordinary. You live here in an area where you are out front in so many ways, but where science and technology and management and the whole extraordinary complex of our American enterprise system, production of goods and services, the production

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of those on a competitive basis where if you are efficient, if you produce what the people want and you produce good products, then you will sell them and you sell them at a profit. Then those profits are reinvested in new capital to create new production and create more jobs.

This is why I feel so strongly that this country has got to keep growing if we are going to provide opportunity for the wonderful young men and women who are coming along every year. There will be a million and a half looking for opportunity to do for their families as their mothers and fathers did. But that takes our system, and there is no system in the world that has provided these opportunities on a basis as comparable. But government creates the framework. Whether it is federal government or state government or local government, it creates the framework within which the creative genius of free citizens can have that opportunity to express themselves, to use their imagination and the wisdom of men and women who are in government. The temptation, of course, is that government would like to do more and more because for all of us politicians who are responsible for people's needs -- and there is some relationship between talking about meeting needs and being reelected -- there is a temptation. Some have over-promised and under-delivered now for a great many years in this country. And people thought we were cynical.

I even mention my own little financial problem back in New York. But I just like to say also that the Congress, with a two-to-one Democratic control now -- it is close to 22 meters -- they have been doing exactly what New York City did. But they have built up a deficit. Instead of two and a half billion dollars, they built up a deficit of seventy billion dollars. The only difference is they can print money to meet their deficit, but New York City can't. Don't let any Democratic Congressman on the Democratic side tell you anything different.

But that is the temptation and that is why we need men and women in government who understand not only our political system of freedom but the free enterprise system. The American enterprise system, which is the source of the funds which those of us who are fortunate enough to be in the government can spend, hopefully wisely, for those things which people can't do for themselves, but not for things which people can do better for themselves and use their own money more wisely than somebody many miles away trying to set a standard or a pattern for the nation as a whole which doesn't fit.

That is why I believe in our government and that is why I think our party believes this is a government close to the people who understands them better and is more responsive. No one has spoken more eloquently on this subject than your wonderful Governor, Dan Evans, for whom I have the most tremendous admiration and respect, and that is shared by all of the other Governors and people throughout this country. He spoke at one of these meetings of the Domestic Council, which I presided over for the President. Around the country, we held hearings on this subject of Washington's increasing bureaucratic red tape creeping into every phase of our

lives, not just with laws.

Congress sometimes kind of waits to figure out what they would like to do, and therefore they have what they call legislative intent. They have a good idea that sounds very good and they really don't quite understand the details of how you do it at the local level. So they just put a legislative intent in, which has all the emotional impact without any of the law back of it. Then you get into the courts and then the courts start making decisions, interpreting because somebody says that isn't what the Congress meant. So we now have the courts starting to legislate and administer, which is breaking down the division of responsibility between the Executive, Legislative, Elective, and the Judiciary. I did not mean to get off on that. But these are all problems that your next Governor, John Spellman, is going to have to deal with, representing you. They are very important problems. We are at a turning point in American history, but we have got to head back to our basic fundamental strength, which is in the people, themselves, and they are to act and to create and to produce and to create jobs and to grow and play a role in this world for the defense of freedom, for the defense of human dignity, which is what we believe in and is why we have come to where we have as a great nation.

I am just very fortunate to be able to speak for John because of his own record. Here is a man who has been in government and has a proven record and he understands it and has done a tremendous job without increasing taxes. I've got to say, John, that has got to be out of this world in this period.

It is very interesting. In life, if you believe in things and you have a sense of purpose and you stick with it, it's extraordinary what you can do with a little imagination and creativity. That is why I am so glad to see so many young people here, because we are living in new times. Others of us who are in office today are just caretakers for your future. You have got the capacity to understand and adapt to these changing conditions and to know what you want and how to achieve it if you have the right leadership.

What thrills me is that you are here to see that you've got the right leadership and you are willing to give of your time and energy to participate. And this is what so many people have said, that the American people are cynical, have lost their interest in government, they are disillusioned and that they are going to just drop out of a responsibility. Yet you can't enjoy the privileges of freedom unless you are willing to accept the responsibilities that go with it, that preserve it; otherwise, freedom is going to disappear. You have to rewin it, you have to gain it.

So here that is what you are doing, and you are doing it in supporting a man and his wife who have done a good job for you right here in Kings County. We have a Kings County in New York, too. It is a very nice county and a nice name. I come from a county, also, which has a lot of similarities in terms of topography which you enjoy here. This has got to be one of the most

beautiful places in the world, and I love it.

It isn't as though you picked some obscure personality. You picked a man who is known throughout this nation for his achievement as County Executive.

While I think that the Governor's spot is a key spot, there are a great many people in this country who feel that the county executives operate where the real action is. They are closer to the people. They are not quite as close, maybe, as the mayor -- whose phone is ringing night and day -- unless you drop into a pothole or something in the street. The county executive is the spot where he sees, just as the Governor does, the action. He understands what the people's needs are, what their wants are, what the possibilities are, how to create a framework to encourage growth, economic development and jobs, that give people that sense of independence and self-sufficiency.

John's leadership ended old-fashioned courthouse patronage-style politics, and that is part of the very important evolution. He has had the vision to look into the future. That is a quality that is terribly important today, that capacity not to accept the past as it was, but to look out into the future and see what can be, and how it fits with the changing mores of our society.

He replaced it with modern, economical and efficient government. This is what I know.

In New York, I tried to follow their problems when I was Governor. The difficulty was they have an accounting system that is 300 years old and it is tradition. Traditions are great. Instead of changing the system, each time they start some new function, they added another account. So it is very difficult to move the money from one account to another. It is very difficult to tell, when they made a budget, whether they over-estimated their income and over-estimated their expenditures -- which they did very successfully.

You can fool people just so long, and after a while it catches up. It caught up on them. And this is catching up on America, that we are beginning to realize that old-fashioned basic concept -- that there is no such thing as a free lunch, somebody pays for it, and you can't spend more money for very long when you have, in terms of income, more than you earn without going bankrupt. That is true for a county, a city, or a state or a nation. We are beginning to really see this again. I think it is a very healthy thing. It is tough, but it is healthy.

I am thrilled with what John has done in the County and what he can continue to do as Governor of one of the great states, one of the progressive states, one of the most beautiful states, with some of the most wonderful people in the country. I just say it is very exciting.

I had a very well-prepared speech here, which I think I released. I would like to notify the press

I stand on every word in it. So if I freewheel just a little bit, that is because I was inspired by the occasion and the excitement of being here. So I am just checking to see -- no, I think I have covered in broad spirit what I feel about John. I would like to say once again how much I admire what both of them are doing. I say "both" because, let me tell you that maybe the person who is running for office gets the most prominent attention, but his wife, or her husband, believe me, are the ones who are making just as great a contribution, sometimes even greater. This is a rough business at election time.

Of course, the Republican Party here in Washington has a great tradition for outstanding men and women in government. This is the heritage of our country, and we can preserve that heritage, integrity, devotion, honesty and ability. People could do a lot of other things, and probably have a much more pleasant life in terms of material advantage, but who just have got to know that is something that made this country what it is, the concern for others and for our society and therefore want to serve it.

A perfect example is in Joel Pritchard, who is running for Congress for a third term. I would like to say I hope you send him back. I am sure you are going to, but I just want you to know that we and the rest of the country feel he not only represents you in Washington, but he represents America -- and that is the important thing, to blend those two, his constituents and our nation, and they are inseparable. Because you are not going to prosper unless the nation does, and the nation is not going to prosper unless all of the constituent elements of the nation prosper. He is much respected in Washington.

The interesting thing is that, despite the fact that we have a two-to-one Democratic-controlled Congress and that the President has put up a tremendous number of very important recommendations to the Congress, for instance, in the field of engineering, about 22 or 23, a few of them enacted partly, but they have been playing politics with the energy problem. Here we are importing more energy today than we were when the boycott was placed, spending \$35 billion buying oil abroad when we can be producing energy here at home, and we can produce energy and improve our environment at the same time. They are inseparable. You can't clean up your environment without energy. When I say "you can't" -- we can't. Therefore, people who talk about a no-growth society and we have got to stop the whole heritage of America, they are talking about mounting unemployment, no opportunity. There is no need for it because we are going to achieve the restoration of our environment. We can achieve it at the same time that we do the things that are going to give opportunity to all in our society.

You also have not only -- and therefore, we need him in Congress to give the President the kind of support with a lot of other Republicans so that we will have a little better balance. I happen to believe the two-party system is the basis, the essence of the strength and vitality

of democracy and that we have to preserve that. That is why I am so thrilled about coming to this breakfast.

This is happening not just in Washington; I was in Chicago speaking for the Governor-to-be of Illinois, Jim Thompson, another wonderfully attractive, young Republican with a beautiful wife. He is a lawyer, a successful lawyer. He is running two-to-one in the polls -- and everybody thought that the Republican Party in Illinois was just on the way down; yet here this young man comes along and he has swept the state. There were 2,400 people at a dinner supporting him at a fund-raiser. They had to have two ballrooms.

But this is not a party that is going out of existence. Don't let anyone tell you that. I would like to let you know, in case you didn't see it on the television, the field poll in California; I was told yesterday, the field poll now shows President Ford 44 to Governor Carter's 43.

It has been phenomenal, ladies and gentlemen. You take the Democratic Convention, which took place in that great city of New York. I am doing a promotion job here. But I am going back to it myself. Therefore, I am more interested in it again.

I would like to say that after the Democratic Convention, here was Governor Carter coming out way high in the polls, and President Ford way down. Never in history has there been a period in which one of the two candidates has risen steadily in the polls throughout this country as President Ford has. I would just like to say he is a man that the American people know where he stands. They know they can trust him. They know he has an experienced, proven record, and they have confidence in him.

The more that the Governor of Georgia talks, the more uncertain people get because he is talking to one audience and says this about something, and he talks to another audience and he says this. Then they are not sure which. Then later he says, "Well, maybe after I have been in office a year and had a chance to study the facts and get acquainted with the subject, I will come up with a different point of view." Well, that is very interesting and of course, it is laudable and a lot of people go to graduate school, and I am all for it.

I don't want him to get on-the-job training at the taxpayers' expense. I am just very excited. I was in New York to introduce the President the night before last. We have a big county called Nassau County, which is one of the suburban counties, about 2 million people there. The President is now running 10 points ahead in the suburbs. This for New York, which is a million plurality registered Democratic state, is just really exciting. I think that we are in a moment where people are beginning to say, "Let's get back to fundamentals. Let's get people who have real managerial skill, who have a deep faith, and believe in the heritage of this country, the values on which we grew to greatness, and let's stick with them."

It seems to me it is kind of sound and I believe the American people are awfully sound and they are awfully smart and very sophisticated and they see through all this stuff. There is a lot of confusion, if you don't mind my saying so, but they see through all of this.

I think we are going to see a very exciting development in this country and a very significant turning point for the future of having faith in Americans again and not looking to Washington for the solution of all our problems, with the taxpayers trying to support what they are doing down there in a way which sometimes doesn't accomplish the objectives as originally planned.

Let me come back to your own state and Bruce Chapman, who is running for Secretary of State. He was right in the state service, working hard at public and governmental reforms of the Public Trust Act.

And Slade Gorton, who is running for his third term as Attorney General. What better reason is there to reelect Slade than his campaign slogan -- "The best Attorney General you have ever had." That is a pretty good slogan.

Dick Marquardt will make an outstanding Insurance Commissioner. Dick will bring reform satisfactorily to that important office and total integrity. I've got to say, ladies and gentlemen, the older I get the more I respect integrity and courage and vision. I think these are the qualities we really need in government, as well as the qualities which have made this country what it is.

So you have got a great ticket headed right here by two wonderful people with a proven record. I'm only sorry that I am still not Governor so that I could have the pleasure of serving with him in the National Governor's Conference.

John, to you and to your wonderful wife, congratulations and thanks as a citizen for your willingness to take on a tough job and a tough responsibility.

I just would like to thank everybody in this room and say how really excited it makes me feel to see such a wonderful group of people dedicated to their country and a good government. Best of luck to all of you, and thanks very much.

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(AT 8:25 E. M. PDT)