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REPUBLICAN GOVERNORS ASSOC., CAPITOL HILTON  
TUESDAY, OCT. 17, 7 P.M.

THANK YOU CHAIRMAN HAYDEN -- \*MIKE --FOR THAT  
GRACIOUS INTRODUCTION. MY CONGRATULATIONS GO TO YOU  
FOR YOUR EFFECTIVE TENURE, AND TO YOUR SUCCESSOR, \*JOHN  
ASHCROFT. *Lee ... always good to see you.*

~~LET US ALSO HONOR A GOVERNOR WHO SHOWED GREAT  
LEADERSHIP THROUGH A TIME OF TURBULENCE AND TRAGEDY  
... CARROLL CAMPBELL OF SOUTH CAROLINA. \ \~~

AND I'M PLEASED THAT ONE OF OUR RETIRING  
GOVERNORS, TOM KEAN, WILL BE A PART OF OUR TEAM AS THE  
HEAD OF THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON THE PRESIDENT'S  
POINTS OF LIGHT INITIATIVE FOUNDATION. \*THANKS  
PROFESSOR.

*Mosbacher - picked him out in the crowd*

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*7:50 pm*

*T. McBride*

*Cabinet*

*"wonderful team"*

*Chairman of Senate*

*Gov. Sinner*

\* ((AND I'M ALSO SORRY THAT MY GOOD FRIEND AND FELLOW TEXAN, GOVERNOR CLEMENTS, COULD NOT MAKE IT TONIGHT. YOU MAY NOT KNOW THIS, BUT THE DALLAS PAPERS REPORTED LAST WEEK THAT BILL WAS DINING IN A RESTAURANT WHEN A HOLD-UP AND SHOOT-OUT OCCURRED RIGHT IN FRONT OF HIM. BUT THE MOST REMARKABLE PART OF ALL, IS THAT NOT ONCE THROUGH THE WHOLE ORDEAL DID BILL PUT DOWN HIS HAMBURGER.\\\ NOW BILL, I'M NOT SURE IF THAT'S COURAGE, HUNGER OR THE NEED FOR A PAIR OF NEW GLASSES.\\\ BUT, YOU HAVE MY ADMIRATION ANYWAY.))

*hearing Aide*

AS YOU KNOW, I AM NOT AN ALUMNUS OF YOUR ORGANIZATION. BUT OVER THE YEARS, AS I WORKED WITH THE GOVERNORS, I HAVE COME TO FULLY APPRECIATE THE RESPONSIBILITY YOU ARE SHOULDERING, AND THE LEADERSHIP YOU PROVIDE.

I'M SURE THERE ARE TIMES WHEN FEDERALISM SEEMS TO BE A MIXED BLESSING. IT IS NOT POSSIBLE FOR A GOVERNOR TO SHY AWAY FROM THE HARD DECISIONS. BUT TO SIT WHERE THE BUCK STOPS, TO RESOLVE DISPUTES, TO HELP THOSE IN NEED AND TO SET A COURSE FOR THE FUTURE IS TO KNOW A SPECIAL KIND OF SATISFACTION.

FOR THAT REASON I BELIEVE WE CAN, WE MUST, AS CHIEF EXECUTIVES TAKE RESPONSIBILITY, JOIN FORCES, AND MAKE A COMMON CAUSE OF BUILDING A BETTER AMERICA.

THAT IS WHY WE CAME TOGETHER IN CHARLOTTESVILLE, AT AN HISTORIC SUMMIT, ONLY THE THIRD OF ITS KIND IN OUR HISTORY. WE CAME TOGETHER, WITH YOUR DEMOCRATIC COUNTERPARTS, IN OPEN, WIDE-RANGING AND CREATIVE SESSIONS TO SEEK A NEW DIRECTION IN EDUCATION. IN THE END, WE AGREED TO AN HISTORIC COMPACT -- A JEFFERSONIAN COMPACT -- TO SET NATIONAL GOALS; TO ALLOW FOR GREATER FLEXIBILITY, MORE CREATIVITY; AND THEN TO BE ACCOUNTABLE FOR THE RESULTS.

WE COULD ACHIEVE THIS, BECAUSE <sup>\*</sup>IN CHARLOTTESVILLE WE PUT PROGRESS BEFORE PARTISANSHIP, THE FUTURE BEFORE THE MOMENT AND OUR CHILDREN BEFORE OURSELVES. AMERICA SIMPLY FACES TOO MANY OF THESE LONG-TERM CHALLENGES FOR US TO ACT ONLY AS REPUBLICANS OR DEMOCRATS, CONSERVATIVES OR LIBERALS.

STILL, THERE IS A REPUBLICAN APPROACH TO THE CHALLENGES WE FACE. AND WE HAVE PROVEN, TIME AND AGAIN, THAT THE REPUBLICAN APPROACH IS THE BEST APPROACH. \\

*applause*

I CONSIDER THIS A MATTER OF RECORD, A RECORD THAT INCLUDES EIGHTY-THREE MONTHS OF ECONOMIC GROWTH AND MORE THAN TWENTY MILLION NEW JOBS. \\ A FEW YEARS AGO, WHEN OUR OPPONENTS SAID THAT A TAX CUT WOULD HURT THE ECONOMY, WE CUT TAXES -- AND IT DID THE OPPOSITE. WHEN OUR OPPONENTS SAID THAT A STRONGER DEFENSE WOULD MAKE THE SOVIETS MORE MILITANT, WE REVITALIZED OUR ARMED FORCES -- AND THE SOVIETS MET US AT THE NEGOTIATING TABLE. IN SHORT, WHATEVER HAS WORKED AT THE FEDERAL LEVEL HAPPENED ONLY BECAUSE REPUBLICANS AND ENLIGHTENED DEMOCRATS IN CONGRESS JOINED FORCES TO MAKE IT WORK.

SO THE BOTTOM LINE IS THIS -- THROUGHOUT THE 1980S, THE REPUBLICAN PARTY HAS BEEN THE PARTY OF IDEAS. THIS IS NO LESS TRUE AT THE STATE LEVEL.

AND WHILE REPUBLICANS ARE LEADING THE WAY, WHERE IS THE OPPOSITION? ANSWER: IN THE THROES OF AN IDENTITY CRISIS. AFTER THE LONGEST PEACETIME EXPANSION IN HISTORY, THE DEMOCRATS CAN'T QUITE BRING THEMSELVES TO ADMIT THAT REPUBLICANS WERE RIGHT. NOR DO THEY HAVE A NEW VISION OF WHERE AMERICA SHOULD BE GOING. ALL THEY CAN DO IS CLOAK THEIR OUT-OF-STEP IDEAS IN THE LANGUAGE OF MODERATION.

I DON'T OFTEN QUOTE FRANKLIN DELANO ROOSEVELT ON PARTISAN MATTERS. BUT THE LITTLE STORY HE TOLD TO MAKE FUN OF HIS REPUBLICAN OPPONENTS FITS THE LIBERAL DEMOCRATS SO WELL TODAY. IT IS THE STORY OF THE "UNFORTUNATE CHAMELEON WHICH TURNED BROWN WHEN PLACED ON A BROWN RUG, AND TURNED RED WHEN PLACED ON A RED RUG, BUT WHO DIED A TRAGIC DEATH WHEN THEY PUT HIM ON A SCOTCH PLAID." \ \

*Reaction*

THIS IS PRECISELY WHAT WE MUST DO IN THE 1990 ELECTION -- TO KEEP THE FOCUS ON THE ISSUES, AND EXPOSE THE TRUE COLORS OF THE CHAMELEON CANDIDATES. FOR THE NATIONAL AND STATE ELECTIONS OF THE 1990S WILL NOT JUST BE A BATTLE OF THE CENTURY; IT WILL BE A BATTLE FOR THE CENTURY -- THE 21ST CENTURY.

WE HAVE PROVEN, TIME AND AGAIN, THAT OUR PARTY CAN KEEP THE WHITE HOUSE. BUT TO WIN A MAJORITY OF GOVERNORSHIPS, STATE OFFICES AND SEATS IN CONGRESS, WE MUST ROLL UP OUR SLEEVES AND GET DOWN TO THE BASICS OF WINNING ELECTIONS. WE MUST BE MORE COMPETITIVE. WE MUST REDEDICATE OURSELVES TO THE NUTS AND BOLTS OF POLITICS, THE GRASSROOTS, AS OUR OPPONENTS DO.

AS WE LOOK TO THE UPCOMING ELECTIONS, WE HAVE THREE OBTAINABLE GOALS. FIRST, TO MOVE TOWARD OUR RIGHTFUL PLACE AS THE MAJORITY PARTY OF GOVERNORS.\\ AS FEDERALISM HAS ENHANCED YOUR ROLE, SO THE CONTROL OF THE GOVERNORSHIPS HAS BECOME ONE OF THE MOST CRITICAL NATIONAL GOALS OF OUR PARTY. OUR SECOND GOAL IS TO RECAPTURE THE U.S. SENATE. AND THIRD, WE MUST OPEN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TO TWO-PARTY COMPETITION.\\ BUT THE KEY TO ALL THREE GOALS IS THE FIRST -- TO ELECT MORE REPUBLICAN GOVERNORS.

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IT'S NO COINCIDENCE THAT OUR PARTY SLIPPED TO MINORITY STATUS IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AS WE BECAME A MINORITY IN STATE GOVERNMENT. THE FOUNDING FATHERS INTENDED THE HOUSE TO BE THE MOST SENSITIVE BAROMETER OF THE CHANGING NEEDS OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE. INSTEAD, WHOLE GENERATIONS HAVE NEVER KNOWN WHAT IT MEANS TO EXPERIENCE A CHANGE IN PARTY CONTROL OF THE HOUSE.

LET ME TELL YOU ABOUT <sup>BUZ</sup> MY SON NEIL, AS A WAY TO ILLUSTRATE THE SEEMINGLY UNENDING NATURE OF THE DEMOCRATIC MAJORITY. NEIL IS THIRTY-FOUR YEARS OLD. HE WAS BORN ON JANUARY ~~2~~ 22, 1955, THREE WEEKS AFTER THE LAST REPUBLICAN SPEAKER TURNED THE GAVEL OVER TO A DEMOCRAT. NOT ONCE IN HIS LIFETIME HAS HE SEEN THE LEADERSHIP OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CHANGE PARTIES. NOT ONE TIME. THINK OF ALL THE MILLIONS OF MEN AND WOMEN ACROSS AMERICA IN THEIR TWENTIES AND THIRTIES WHO HAVE NEVER KNOWN TRUE TWO-PARTY COMPETITION IN THE HOUSE.

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~~WE'VE SEEN THE DEMOCRATS USE THEIR POWER IN THE STATEHOUSE TO DRAW CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICTS TO SUIT THEMSELVES. \* I'VE HEARD SOME SAY THE GERRYMANDERED DISTRICTS OUT IN CALIFORNIA REMIND THEM OF MODERN ART. THAT'S A TERRIBLE INJUSTICE... // TO PICASSO. ///~~

WILL THE HOUSE REMAIN STATIC FOR ANOTHER THIRTY-FOUR YEARS? YES, BUT ONLY IF REPUBLICANS PASSIVELY ACCEPT IT. TODAY, DEMOCRATS NOW HAVE A REDISTRICTING ADVANTAGE IN STATES THAT COMPOSE ABOUT 90 PERCENT OF THE SEATS IN CONGRESS. AS REPUBLICAN LEADERS, YOU CAN VETO THESE GERRYMANDER SCHEMES AND TAKE OUR MESSAGE TO VOTERS OF YOUR STATES BY DECLARING THAT THIS FORM OF VOTER DISCRIMINATION MUST END. \\

*applause*

BUT WE HAVE FAR GREATER REASONS THAN REAPPORTIONMENT TO PURSUE THE GOVERNORSHIPS OF AMERICA. AMERICA FACES TOUGH PROBLEMS THAT REQUIRE MORE THAN FEDERAL SOLUTIONS. THEY REQUIRE NATIONAL SOLUTIONS. AND SOLUTIONS ARE NOW POSSIBLE BECAUSE THE STATES ARE EMBRACING A NEW DYNAMISM BASED ON AN OLD VISION.

THE GREAT SUPREME COURT JUSTICE LOUIS D. BRANDEIS FORESAW A TIME WHEN: "A SINGLE COURAGEOUS STATE\* MAY . . . SERVE AS A LABORATORY AND TRY NOVEL SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC EXPERIMENTS WITHOUT RISK TO THE REST\* OF THE COUNTRY." ((TO BORROW A PHRASE)) THE STATES ARE BECOMING THESE "LABORATORIES OF DEMOCRACY," WITH EACH STATE ENDOWED WITH FREEDOM -- FREEDOM TO FAIL, FREEDOM TO SUCCEED, AND FREEDOM TO DISCOVER AND SHARE ITS DISCOVERIES.

IN AN ERA OF TIGHT RESOURCES, NECESSITY, THE MOTHER OF INVENTION, HAS ALSO PROVEN TO BE THE MOTHER OF CREATIVE POLICIES. YOU ARE FOLLOWING THE ADVICE OF TEDDY ROOSEVELT, A GREAT REPUBLICAN GOVERNOR, WHO SAID THAT OUR NATIONAL GREATNESS "IS NOT WHAT WE HAVE THAT WILL MAKE US A GREAT NATION; IT IS THE WAY IN WHICH WE USE IT."

DOZENS OF STATES ARE EXPERIMENTING WITH WAYS TO REMOVE OBSTACLES TO OPPORTUNITY, AND TO BRING THE CREATIVE ENERGY OF ENTREPRENEURSHIP TO THE PUBLIC SECTOR. SOME OF YOUR EXPERIMENTS ARE CERTAIN TO BECOME THE NATIONAL POLICIES OF THE NEXT CENTURY.

BUT TO BE CREATIVE, YOU NEED FREEDOM. YOU TELL ME THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT MUST NOT TIE YOUR HANDS; MUST NOT MANDATE YOUR PROGRAMS; MUST NOT DICTATE YOUR POLICIES. I HEAR YOU. AND I AM READY TO WORK WITH YOU TO EASE FEDERAL CONTROL.\

THE STATES ARE AT THE FOREFRONT PRECISELY BECAUSE THE FIRST INSTINCT OF OUR GOVERNORS IS NOT TO LOOK TO WASHINGTON, BUT TO THE COMBINED STRENGTH OF THE PUBLIC AND THE PRIVATE SECTOR. MUCH HAS BEEN WRITTEN ABOUT HOW GOVERNORS IN BOTH PARTIES ARE REJECTING THE OLD IDEOLOGIES AND STALE APPROACHES OF THE PAST. CREDIT SHOULD BE GIVEN WHERE IT IS DUE. BUT I HAVE TO SAY, WHILE DEMOCRATS HAVE BEEN ADEPT AT PROMOTING NEW PROGRAMS THAT ATTRACT A LOT OF FANFARE, THE REPUBLICANS GOVERNORS HAVE QUIETLY DISTINGUISHED THEMSELVES WITH PROGRAMS THAT WORK. THE PEOPLE KNOW THIS. AND COME NOVEMBER, 1990, I BELIEVE THE VOTERS WILL CHOOSE INNOVATION AND DARING FOR THEIR STATE GOVERNMENT. THEY WILL VOTE REPUBLICAN. ////

\* [[IT'S BEEN A PLEASURE TO SPEAK TO YOU TONIGHT. HOWEVER, DUE TO THE GRAMM-RUDMAN SEQUESTER, I HAVE TO CUT MY REMARKS. /// BY 5.3 PERCENT.]]

BUT, LET ME LEAVE YOU WITH THIS THOUGHT: TO WIN BIG, YOU MUST THINK BIG. AND REPUBLICAN GOVERNORS ARE ALREADY THINKING BIG, THINKING AHEAD. YOU ARE THE PLANNERS AND THE PROPHETS, THE MANAGERS AND THE VISIONARIES, THE DREAMERS AND THE DOERS. YOU ARE THE ONES I LOOK TO JOIN ME, IN A PARTNERSHIP, TO WIN THE FUTURE.

SO THIS IS OUR VISION: WE ARE GOING TO BE THE PARTY THAT LEADS THE STATES. WE ARE GOING TO BE THE PARTY THAT LEADS CONGRESS. THEN WE WILL BE THE PARTY THAT LEADS AMERICA INTO THE 21<sup>ST</sup> CENTURY.\ \

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THANK YOU, GOD BLESS YOU AND GOD BLESS AMERICA.

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ment of John L. Lewis, the head of the coal miners, and also  
the American Communists, who attacked Roosevelt because  
of his anti-Hitler position when the Hitler-Stalin Pact was  
still in effect. Roosevelt characterized this as an "unholy  
alliance" and attacked it both seriously and humorously.  
"There is something very ominous in this combination that  
has been forming within the Republican party between the  
extreme reactionary and the extreme radical elements of  
this country.

"There is no common ground upon which they can unite  
—we know that—unless it be their common will to power,  
and their impatience with the normal democratic processes  
to produce overnight the inconsistent dictatorial ends that  
they, each of them, seek. . . .

"We all know the story of the **unfortunate chameleon**  
**which turned brown when placed on a brown rug, and**  
**turned red when placed on a red rug, but who died a tragic**  
**death when they put him on a Scotch plaid.** We all know  
what would happen to Government if it tried to fulfill all  
the secret understandings and promises made between the  
conflicting groups which are now backing the Republican  
party."

In this same speech there is an example of Roosevelt's  
picking up an unfortunate statement by an obscure Repub-  
lican and turning it to his own advantage (as he was to do  
four years later in his "Fala" speech). A Republican lawyer  
in Philadelphia had said in a speech, "The President's only  
supporters are paupers, those who earn less than \$1200 a  
year and aren't worth *that*, and the Roosevelt family." The  
statement had been quoted by Arthur Krock in his column  
in the *New York Times*. Roosevelt quoted the sentence and  
then said, "I think we might just as well forget the Roose-  
velt family, but these Americans whom this man calls  
'paupers,' these Americans who, in his view, are not worth  
the income they receive, small though it is—who are they?"

## Hurricane Watch Posted in Gulf As Storm Strengthens off Coast

MIAMI—A tropical storm in the Gulf of Mexico showed signs yesterday of growing into a hurricane, threatening to swamp coastal areas already facing abnormally high tides and prompting the evacuation of offshore oil rigs.

Tropical Storm Jerry, which developed rapidly from a tropical depression off the Mexican coast, had maximum sustained winds of 70 mph and appeared to be gaining intensity, according to the National Hurricane Center in suburban Coral Gables.

The center issued a hurricane watch from Port Arthur, Texas, to the mouth of the Mississippi River. A hurricane warning for portions of the watch area was likely today.

At 10:30 p.m., Jerry's center was about 425 miles south-southwest of New Orleans and moving north at 13 mph.

Oil companies began evacuating offshore rigs and platforms early yesterday, officials said in New Orleans. More than 4,000 workers in the gulf were to be brought ashore by helicopter and ship.

"We started as soon as it became a tropical storm," said Wendy Jacobs of Shell Oil. "Everyone knows you don't take any chances with these."

The hurricane center advised Gulf Coast residents and marine operations to closely monitor advisories on the storm.

"At the moment, Louisiana appears to be in the greatest danger, but the storm could turn over the weekend," said forecaster Gilbert Clark. A coastal flood watch was issued for the Texas coast.

Rough seas from Jerry also may coincide with an unusual astronomical phenomenon that is expected to elevate average tides to a 10-year high.

The moon, which raises tides with its gravitational pull, will be both full and at its closest point to Earth next week. Clark said tides could be up to a foot higher in the Gulf and more in the open ocean.

Jerry is the strongest tropical weather system since Hurricane Hugo ravaged the Caribbean and coastal South Carolina last month.

## Army Hospital Releases Research Dogs

■ SAN FRANCISCO—The Army's Letterman General Hospital has released 19 greyhounds after a court ordered it to halt research that would have involved breaking the dogs' hind legs.

The order, won Thursday by an animal-rights group, also forces the Army to confirm whether the dogs' former owners knowingly gave them up for research. The dogs were released to the Marin Humane Society and are to be reunited with former owners or offered for adoption.

The hospital acquired the dogs for \$300 each from a middleman and had intended to use them in research on healing broken bones. The dogs were to have been anesthetized before having their leg bones broken. Two months later, they were to have been euthanized so that researchers could study how well the bone-healing compound had worked.

## Bail Ordered for Ex-Agent in Spy Case

■ SAN FRANCISCO—The 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals ruled that Richard W. Miller is not a risk to flee and ordered a judge to set bail for the former FBI agent whose 1984 arrest

in federal custody since his arrest in 1984 and currently is in federal prison in Minnesota.

The appeals court returned the case to Kenyon to impose "appropriate release conditions."

Miller is the only Federal Bureau of Investigation agent convicted of espionage. The 20-year FBI veteran was convicted of delivering secret U.S. documents to his lover, Svetlana Ogorodnikova, a Soviet emigre who pleaded guilty with her husband, Nikolay, to espionage. The two are serving federal prison terms.

A jury deadlocked in Miller's first trial, but a second jury found him guilty, and Kenyon sentenced him to two life terms plus 50 years. The appeals court overturned the conviction in April on grounds that Kenyon erred in admitting polygraph evidence.

## Jury Deliberates in Trial of Rep. Garcia

■ NEW YORK—A federal jury recessed after its first day of deliberations on whether Rep. Robert Garcia (D-N.Y.) and his wife extorted payoffs from the Wedtech Corp., a defunct defense contractor.

In closing arguments in the case, Garcia's lawyer, Robert Morvillo, said, "no one was paying off Bobby Garcia." Morvillo said Garcia helped Wedtech get government contracts because he was a good public official.

Morvillo said the \$76,000 that the government contends was funneled by Wedtech to Jane Lee Garcia's consulting firm to pay for Garcia's political influence was for work unrelated to Wedtech. A \$20,000 loan Garcia received from the company was "a loan among friends," he said.

The Garcias are accused of conspiring to obtain \$185,000 in checks and interest-free loans, and a diamond-and-emerald necklace, from Wedtech officials. They were charged with conspiracy, extortion, bribery and receipt of illegal gratuities. If convicted of extortion, they face up to 20 years in prison.

## Texas Governor Not Fazed by Holdup

■ DALLAS—Gov. Bill Clements (R) continued eating a hamburger in a restaurant as it was held up by a gunman who fired two shots before running outside and shooting a fleeing witness in the leg.

Mike Toomey, the governor's chief of staff, said Clements was not fazed—or injured—in the Thursday night holdup.

"The governor is out in front at the counter eating and he said he heard this guy [yelling] and he said that he just continued eating his hamburger," Toomey said. Clements was not accompanied by a bodyguard.

Police continued their search for the robber, who was armed with a small-caliber pistol.

## Remains Attributed to Serial Killer

■ SEATTLE—Andrea M. Childers, who was last seen April 16, 1983, by a male friend and whose skeletal remains were found Wednesday in a shallow grave south of Seattle-Tacoma International Airport, was the 41st known victim of the Green River killer, authorities said.

Three other victims of the Green River killer were found earlier near the same area. Most of the victims have been associated with street life and prostitution, and Seattle police arrested Childers, then 19, on prostitution charges a month before

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LOUIS D. BRANDEIS, before House Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce, January 30, 1914

Government is not an exact science.

LOUIS D. BRANDEIS, opinion in *Truax v. Corrigan*, 1921

Government after all is a very simple thing.

WARREN G. HARDING

The cost of government will continue to increase, I care not what party is in power.

REED SMOOT, speech in the Senate, 1925

The government is mainly an expensive organization to regulate evildoers, and tax those who behave; government does little for fairly respectable people except annoy them.

EDGAR W. HOWE, *Notes for My Biographer*, 1926

The politician says: "I will give you what you want." The statesman says: "What you think you want is this. What it is possible for you to get is that. What you really want, therefore, is the following."

WALTER LIPPMANN, *A Preface to Morals*, 1929

In a democracy, the opposition is not only tolerated as constitutional, but must be maintained because it is indispensable.

WALTER LIPPMANN

What is the State? It is the duly constituted representative of an organized society of human beings, created by them for their mutual protection and well-being. "The State" or "The Government" is but the machinery through which such mutual aid and protection are achieved. The cave man fought for existence unaided or even opposed by his fellow men, but today the humblest citizen of our State stands protected by all the power and strength of his Government. Our Government is not the master but the creature of the people. The duty of the State toward the citizens is the duty of the servant to its master. The people have created it; the people, by common consent, permit its continual existence.

One of these duties of the State is that of caring for those of its citizens who find themselves the victims of such adverse circumstance as make them unable to obtain even the necessities for mere existence without the

tion. . . .  
To these unfortunate citizens aid must be extended by Government, not as a matter of charity, but as a matter of social duty.

FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT, speech to New York State Legislature, August 28, 1931

To stay experimentation in things social and economic is a grave responsibility. Denial of the right to experiment may be fraught with serious consequences to the nation. It is one of the happy incidents of the federal system that a single courageous state may, if its citizens choose, serve as a laboratory, and try novel social economic experiments without risk to the rest of the country. This Court has the power to prevent an experiment. We may strike down the statute which embodies it on the ground that, in our opinion, the measure is arbitrary, capricious, or unreasonable. We have power to do this, because the due process clause has been held by the Court applicable to matters of substantive law as well as to matters of procedure. But, in the exercise of this high power, we must be ever on our guard, lest we erect our prejudices into legal principles. If we would guide by the light of reason, we must let our minds be bold.

LOUIS D. BRANDEIS, dissenting opinion, *New State Ice Co. v. Liebmann*, 285 U.S. 262, 1932

Government is itself an art, one of the subtlest of the arts. It is neither business, nor technology, nor applied science. It is the art of making men live together in peace and with reasonable happiness. Among the instruments for governing are organization, technological skill, and scientific methods. But they are all instruments, not ends. And that is why the art of governing has been achieved best by men to whom governing is itself a profession. One of the shallowest disdains is the sneer against the professional politician. The invidious implication of the phrase is, of course, against those who pursue self-interest through politics. But too prevalently the baby is thrown out with the bath. We forget that the most successful statesmen have been professionals.

FELIX FRANKFURTER, *The Public and Its Government*

One of the best solutions of the problem of a bureaucracy is less bureaucracy.

JOHN W. BRICKER

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

SCHEDULE OF THE PRESIDENT AND MRS. BUSH  
FOR  
WASHINGTON, D.C.  
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 17, 1989

EVENTS:

Major Donors Staff Photo  
Taping Session with Incumbent Governors  
Republican Governors Association President's Dinner

DRESS:

Men - Business Suit  
Women - Cocktail Dress

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SCHEDULE OF THE PRESIDENT AND MRS. BUSH

FOR

WASHINGTON, D.C.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 17, 1989

6:55 pm

THE PRESIDENT and Mrs. Bush depart White House en route Capital Hilton Hotel.

MOTORCADE ASSIGNMENTS:

Lead	J. Parmer
Spare	Doctor T. McBride
LIMO	THE PRESIDENT Mrs. Bush
Follow Up	
Control	Gov. Sununu S. Rogich Mil. Aide
Support	M. Fitzwater P. Swift Official Photographer Medic
Staff I	E. Rogers
Press Van I	J. Allison
Press Van II	

(Drive Time: 5 Minutes)

7:00 pm

THE PRESIDENT and Mrs. Bush arrive Capital Hilton and proceed to Ballroom Foyer.

Met by:

Mr. Kevin Deverich  
General Manager, Capital Hilton Hotel

EVENT: MAJOR DONORS STAFF PHOTO

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~~7:03 pm~~

THE PRESIDENT and Mrs. Bush arrive Ballroom Foyer and begin participation in Staff Photo.

~~7:20 pm~~

THE PRESIDENT and Mrs. Bush conclude participation in Staff Photo, depart Ballroom Foyer and proceed to Continental Room.

Note: Mrs. Bush proceeds to Holding Room at this time.

~~EVENT:~~

TAPING SESSION WITH INCUMBENT GOVERNORS

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~~7:22 pm~~

THE PRESIDENT arrives Continental Room and begins participation in Taping Session with Governors.

~~7:30 pm~~

THE PRESIDENT concludes participation in Taping Session, departs Continental Room, and accompanied by Governor and Mrs. Hayden, proceeds to Off-Stage Announcement Area.

~~7:33~~ pm

THE PRESIDENT, accompanied by Governor and Mrs. Hayden, arrive Off-Stage Announcement Area and holds briefly.

Note: Mrs. Bush will join THE PRESIDENT at this time.

EVENT: REPUBLICAN GOVERNORS ASSOCIATION PRESIDENT'S DINNER

POOL COVERAGE

RUFFLES AND FLOURISHES

OFF-STAGE ANNOUNCEMENT

HAIL TO THE CHIEF

BRIEF REMARKS

~~7:35~~ pm

THE PRESIDENT and Mrs. Bush, accompanied by Governor and Mrs. Michael Hayden, are announced into Ballroom and proceed to Seats at Table.

~~7:38~~ Dinner is served

~~8:30~~ pm

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THE PRESIDENT and Mrs. Bush board Motorcade and depart Capital Hilton Hotel en route White House.

MOTORCADE ASSIGNMENTS:

Same as on Arrival.

(Drive Time: 5 Minutes)

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THE PRESIDENT and Mrs. Bush arrive White House.

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REPUBLICAN GOVERNORS ASSOC., Capitol Hilton  
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But while Republicans lead the way, where is the opposition? The Democrats were once a pride of lions, the proud lions of

liberalism. Now, when it comes to ideas, it is a party of toothless tigers. The longest peacetime expansion in our history have tamed the other party, shamed the other party, into disguising its liberalism. And because of this, we face a new, different sort of challenge. Simply put, it is difficult for Republicans to debate the issues when the opposition lacks the courage of its convictions.\\

For several years now, Democratic candidates have used conservative tough talk as a cloak for their liberal-as-ever policies. Liberals are opposed to mandatory sentencing, but they can now talk tough on drugs. Liberals are opposed to the death penalty, but they can now talk tough on crime. It's only when you get to the nub of any social problem, that they can't hide their true colors. The Democratic response is for now, and forever to be, this: **raise taxes, raise taxes, raise taxes.**\\

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INFORMATION

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

Through:           CHRISS WINSTON *W*  
From:               MARK DAVIS *MD*  
Subject:            Republican Governors Association

SUMMARY: You will address the Republican Governors Association at 7 p.m., Tuesday, Oct. 17, at the Capitol Hilton. You will be introduced by Governor Mike Hayden of Kansas, the current RGA Chairman, who will soon relinquish his post to Governor John Ashcroft of Missouri. The crowd will consist of 500 people. Your remarks will be teleprompted and last approximately 12 to 15 minutes.

DISCUSSION: This speech looks back to the Charlottesville summit, and acknowledges the need for bipartisan cooperation on urgent national issues. At the same time, the best ideas and leadership have always come from the Republican Party -- a claim proven by our record of peace and prosperity. This speech denounces the unfair, partisan gerrymander -- a form of voter discrimination that governors can help end. At the same time, this speech makes it clear that in this age of federalism, governorships are valued for what they can achieve -- not just for their influence on reapportionment. Majority control of the governorships is a national goal of the Republican Party.

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