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PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: RADIO ADDRESS
FRIDAY, MARCH 27, 1992

Good afternoon. Many have called the Twentieth Century the American Century. The question before us today is about the next century -- looking just a few years ahead. /

Let me tell you a story that will help shape that century - - a story you probably haven't heard about. It's about a battle between those who want to change things and those who want the status quo. It's a battle where those who support change are telling those oppose it: "Lead, follow, or get out of the way."

Wednesday, those words were heard loud and clear. I'm talking about how the Democratic Congress couldn't muster a two-thirds majority / incredibly, couldn't even get a majority / to override my veto of the liberals' latest tax increase. / This story you haven't heard about is also an unheard-of story: Only twice before in the last 60 years has the House been unable to muster a simple majority to override a veto. //

Congressional liberals suffered this defeat for a simple reason: Americans measure progress in people helped --not dollars spent. // That's why I'm going to continue the fight to keep a lid on Federal spending. It's also why Republican members of the Congress today are introducing legislation to uphold the 68 recissions I announced last week to cut nearly \$4 billion in waste from a bloated Federal budget. //

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Unlike liberal Democrats, I don't think we can afford to fund prickly pear research -- or study aparagus yield declines. / ((Yes, that goes double for broccoli.)) // Those who reject these pork-barrel projects will stand with me -- and the American taxpayer. / Those who support them will have to explain in November why the public should be damned. //

According to law, Congress must vote on each of these bills by April 21 -- yes or no, up or down. I'm going to uphold that deadline -- and fight those who'll try to block our initiatives through parliamentary gimmicks. / We'll see who thinks government is too big, and spends too much. Stay tuned. Keep listening. We'll find out who wants to cut spending, and who wants to keep the pork. //

In a world more driven by economic competition than ever before, the challenge I'm referring to is crucial to our future'. I mean reform of the American government. / During the last decade one institution after another has looked within itself, decided on improvements, and acted to make the institution better reflect its principles. / Our task now is to bring that process of reform to the United States government. //

All of know government's problem. Too often it is not accountable / not effective / not efficient -- it's not even compassionate. / Only by reforming it can we protect America's general interests against selfish special interests. // My recissions will help guarantee a prosperous and compassionate

America. / So will four other challenges that -- if met -- can make the Twenty-First Century another American Century. //

One challenge is to make our people educated, literate, and motivated to keep learning. / That means we must reform our education system top to bottom. / Our people must have a sense of well-being about their health and that of their children and families. We must guarantee them access to the finest health care care system in the world, and make that care affordable. //

Next, we must turn our civil justice system back into what it is designed to do: dispense justice with civility. Eighteen million lawsuits a year are choking us -- costing individuals and businesses billions -- a tremendous drag on our morale as well as our economy. //

And in the next century, as we look at the likely economic competition, as well as the likely opportunities, they will be beyond our borders. That demands that we open more foreign markets to sell our goods and our services -- and to sustain and create jobs for our people. / Reform of government, education, health care, our legal system: Opening markets abroad -- addressing these issues is fundamental to America's future. //

Already, America has changed the world. Today, I'm asking you to help me change America. If Congress won't change -- we'll have to change the Congress. / The battle has been joined -- and it's your future that we're fighting for. Thank you for your support, and may God bless the United States of America.

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TALKING POINTS

Nick Calio

- We've had an interesting, but disappointing year in Congress. When I delivered my State of the Union address in January, I hoped we could work with Congress to get a good economic growth package that would create jobs. A strong economy with good jobs and good opportunities is an essential foundation for strong families.
- Well, we didn't get a good growth package, I'm sorry to say. What we got from the Democrats was business as usual -- a huge tax increase. A Democratic tax increase that would have killed jobs, not created them.
- So I had to veto the Democrats' tax increase. And now let me tell you something about that veto that you probably didn't hear on the news. The Democratic leadership brought my veto up for a vote yesterday, but something remarkable happened.
- Not only did we get the one-third of the votes we needed to sustain my veto, we got a majority of the votes against a tax increase. That is almost unheard of -- there have been only two times in the last 60 years that the House couldn't muster a simple majority to override a veto.
- I think that vote signals that at least some Democrats realize that business as usual won't work anymore. The American people don't want to be taxed anymore. They don't want the federal government to spend anymore.
- And I'll promise you something. We are going to force a change in attitude and a change in habit. We've also been fighting with the Congressional Democratic leadership about the best tool for fiscal discipline we have -- the so-called "caps" on discretionary spending in the budget law.
- The Democratic leadership wants to kill those caps so Congress can spend more of taxpayer's dollars on more federally run programs. I say ... NO WAY!
- You see, we just can't stand for the status quo. I have sent up a batch of line item rescissions -- spending cuts on pork barrel programs -- for Congress to act on. More will be coming.
- And that battle has been joined as of today. My cuts have been introduced as legislation and we're going to try to get votes on each and every one.

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- That might sound easy. It won't be. It seems pretty clear already that there are some Democrats in Congress who want to block these initiatives. To do so, they're going to resort to parliamentary gimmicks.
- If that's the case, we will fight them. We are going to make a change in attitude about federal spending. And even if they win the votes now, they won't win the long-term battle because the public understands what's going on here.

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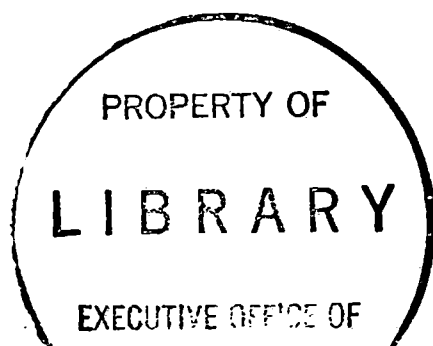
Presidential Vetoes, 1789-1988

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veto unchallenged.

2087 H.R. 12.

To amend the Agricultural Act of 1949, as amended, with respect to price supports for basic commodities and milk, and for other purposes.

Vetoed April 16, 1956. The veto message was laid before the House, and printed as H.R. Doc. No. 380. (102 Cong. Rec. 6358, 6359).

The House sustained the veto on April 18, 1956 by a vote of 202 yeas to 211 nays. (102 Cong. Rec. 6541).
Veto sustained.

2088 H.R. 1835.

For the relief of the Board of Commissioners of Sedgwick County, Kansas.

Vetoed May 22, 1956. The veto message was laid before the House, referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, and printed as H.R. Doc. No. 410. (102 Cong. Rec. 8755).

Veto unchallenged.

2089 H.R. 1866.

For the relief of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas V. Compton.

Vetoed June 18, 1956. The veto message was laid before the House, referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, and printed as H.R. Doc. No. 427. (102 Cong. Rec. 10595, 10596).

Veto unchallenged.

2090 H.R. 6421.

For the relief of Roy Cowan and others.

Vetoed April 9, 1956. The veto message was laid before the House, referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, and printed as H.R. Doc. No. 370. (102 Cong. Rec. 5956, 5957).

Veto unchallenged.

2091 H.R. 6645.

To amend the Natural Gas Act, as amended.

Vetoed February 17, 1956. The veto message was laid before the House, referred to the Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce, and printed as H.R. Doc. No. 342. (102 Cong. Rec. 2897, 2898).

Veto unchallenged.

2365 H.R. 10882.

To authorize appropriations to carry out conservation programs on military and public lands.

Vetoed on July 10, 1978. The veto message was laid before the House, referred to the Committee on Merchant Marine and Fisheries, and printed as H. Doc. 95-368. (124 Cong. Rec. 20059).

Veto unchallenged.

2366 H.R. 10929.

Department of Defense Appropriation Authorization Act for the fiscal year 1979.

Vetoed on August 17, 1978. The veto message was laid before the House and printed as H. Doc. 95-377. (124 Cong. Rec. 28082).

The House sustained the veto on September 7, 1978, by a vote of 191 yeas to 206 nays. (124 Cong. Rec. 28361).

Veto sustained.

2367 H.R. 12928.

Energy and Water Development Appropriation Act, for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1979.

Vetoed on October 5, 1978. The veto message was laid before the House, referred to the Committee on Appropriations, and printed as H. Doc. 95-393. (124 Cong. Rec. 33704).

The House sustained the veto on October 5, 1978, by a vote of 223 yeas to 190 nays. (124 Cong. Rec. 33727).

Veto sustained.

Pocket Vetoes

2368 S. 1104.

To establish the Legionville National Historic Site in Pennsylvania.

Pocket veto occurred after the 2d session of the 95th Congress adjourned sine die on October 15, 1978. The bill was presented to the President on October 23, 1978. (124 Cong. Rec. 38084). A Presidential message was received by Congress on November 2, 1978. (124 Cong. Rec. 38087).

2369 S. 1503.

To provide for the payment of losses incurred as a result of the ban on Tris.

Pocket veto occurred after the 2d session of the 95th Congress adjourned sine die on October 15, 1978. The bill was presented to the President on October 27,

① Vtd # 1071 - Pg. 232
S 3674, House sustained: 161 yeas
182 nays 5/25/28

② Vtd # 1101 Pg 289
H R 2029; House sustained: 96 yeas
244 nays 4/22/30

③ Vtd # 1102, Pg 239
H R 10381, House sustained 182 yeas, 188 nays
6/24/30

④ Vtd # 1108, Pg. 240
H R 1036 (re: relief of former tenants)
House sustained 10 yeas, 218 nays, 2/17/31

⑤ Vtd # 1949, Pg 399
S 3906, Senate sustained 30 yeas, 39 nays
9/13/30

⑥ Vtd # 2087, Pg 422
H R 12; House sustained with 202 yeas,
211 nays 4/14/32

⑦ Vtd # 2343, Pg 479
S Res 121, Senate sustained, 37 yeas, 51 nays
2/14/76

⑧ Vtd # 2366, Pg 486
H R 10929, House sustained, 191 yeas, 266 nays 9/7/78

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My rescissions will help knock out one part of the special interest problem at work in Congress today, but the changes I want are even bigger. I want to end the PAC contributions which are corrupting our system. I want to place term limits on Congress and I

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want to lead the American people in making changes that will make the 21st century another American Century.

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Thank you for your support. And may God bless the United States of America.

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