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Oct. 13, 1989

INFORMATION

**MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT**

Through:           CHRISS WINSTON  
From:               MARK DAVIS  
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. Your remarks will be teleprompted.

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 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 themselves -- not just for their influence on reapportionment. Majority control of the governorships is a national goal of the Republican Party.

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.

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.

((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.))

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 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.\

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."

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.

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 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, 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.

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.\

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 21ST CENTURY.\

THANK YOU, GOD BLESS YOU AND GOD BLESS AMERICA.

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**PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS: REPUBLICAN GOVERNORS ASSOC.,  
Tuesday, Oct. 17, 7 p.m.**

Thank you Chairman Hayden for that gracious introduction. My congratulations go to you for your effective tenure, and to your successor, Governor Ashcroft.

Let us also honor a governor who stood his ground through a time of turbulence and tragedy . . . Carroll Campbell of South Carolina.\\

Governor Kean, I'm pleased you'll soon be joining my Administration as the head of the Advisory Panel of the Thousand Points of Light Foundation. ((I'm sure we'll be just perfect together.))//

((Finally, I also want to recognize a former chairman of this association, and my chief of staff, John Sununu.\\ John, did you hear of the boy in the spelling bee who was asked if he could spell your last name? The boy said he could spell "Sununu," but he just wasn't sure when to stop.))\\

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.

But of course, 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. You are responsible, as am I. You are

forced to confront the gritty problems, as am I. Some describe this responsibility as a great burden. But as I said before, for us, if it is a burden, it is one we cheerfully accept. 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 at 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 at 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. We must work together to redeem our schools. We must work together to save our children from drugs. We must work together to protect the environment and meet the changing needs of the American family.

Still, this does not mean that there is no time and place for partisanship. 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.**\\

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 conservative 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."\\

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.

It's no coincidence that our party slipped to minority status in the House as we became a minority in state government. It's no coincidence that the House majority remains in force today. The Founding Fathers intended the House of Representatives 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 my son Neil, as a way to illustrate the seemingly unending nature of the Democratic majority. Neil is thirty-four years old. Neil was born on January, 22, 1955, three weeks after the last Republican Speaker turned the gavel over to a Democrat. Not one time in his life has Neil seen the leadership of the House of Representatives change parties. Not one time. Just like Neil, there are millions of men and women across America in their twenties and thirties who have never known true two-party competition in the House.

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. **This must not continue.**\\

You know how the ugly gerrymander dilutes the votes of Republicans and Independents across this country. We have protested this in the past; but now it is time for us to raise our voices, to become true activists. As Republican leaders, you

can take our message to voters of your states. You must declare that **this form of voter discrimination must end.**\\

To lead America in the next century, we must make aggressive gains at the state level in the next few years. A majority, or even a large minority, of Republicans in state legislatures can join with you to sustain the veto of outrageous gerrymander schemes, strengthening our numbers in the U.S. House. Strong state parties can also help us to win back the U.S. Senate.

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 nation." ((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.

The states are at the forefront 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 Republican 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.

But to win big, you must think big. We must have the audacity -- not just to hold our own in the Senate, but to win it back. We must have the tenacity -- not just to elect more Members of Congress, but to reach for the Speaker's Chair. And we must have the daring to seize the majority position among governors.

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 21st Century.\\

Thank you, God bless you and God bless America.

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