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BOB SMITH FOR SENATE \ MANCHESTER, N.H.  
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 23, 1990 \ 12:30 P.M.

*Mary OB*  
THANK YOU, BOB [SMITH], FOR THAT INTRODUCTION AND  
FOR THIS WONDERFUL GREETING. ((SORRY I'M A LITTLE  
LATE. BUT WE HAD TROUBLE OUT BACK, PARKING THE 18-  
WHEELER.)) \\\

WITH BOB SMITH, WARREN RUDMAN, GORDON HUMPHREY, AND  
CHUCK DOUGLAS, NEW HAMPSHIRE HAS ONE OF THE BEST  
CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATIONS IN WASHINGTON.

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BILL ZELIFF WILL SOON BE JOINING THEM, I HOPE, TO  
REPLACE BOB IN THE 1ST DISTRICT. AND NEW HAMPSHIRE HAS  
FIRST CLASS LEADERSHIP HERE AT HOME, TOO. AND OF  
COURSE, I'M TALKING ABOUT MY OLD FRIEND AND SUPPORTER  
OVER HERE, GOVERNOR JUDD GREGG.

((A LITTLE EARLIER, SOMEBODY WAS WONDERING WHY I  
DIDN'T BRING THE NEW BIG-SHOT IN THE BUSH FAMILY:  
BEST-SELLING AUTHOR MILLIE, OUR DOG. \\\ SHE'S OUT IN  
THE BOOKSTORES -- SIGNING AUTOGRAPHS. \\\

BUT WE'RE HAVING A TERRIBLE TIME GETTING THE PAW PRINTS  
OFF THE WHITE HOUSE CARPETS.) ) \\\\

FOR THE BUSH FAMILY, COMING TO NEW HAMPSHIRE IS  
LIKE COMING HOME. AS JOHN SUNUNU LOVES TO POINT OUT,  
WE CAN'T EVEN GET TO OUR PLACE IN KENNEBUNKPORT WITHOUT  
PASSING THROUGH THIS BEAUTIFUL STATE, AND I DON'T MIND  
ONE BIT.

WE'VE SPENT A LOT OF TIME UP HERE, GOING WAY BACK  
TO 1978 AND 1979, DURING MY FIRST CAMPAIGN FOR  
PRESIDENT. AND 1978 WAS A TURNING POINT IN NEW  
HAMPSHIRE POLITICS, BECAUSE THAT WAS THE YEAR YOU SENT  
A MESSAGE TO WASHINGTON. THE MESSAGE WAS STRONG. THE  
MESSAGE WAS CLEAR. AND THE MESSENGER WAS GORDON  
HUMPHREY.

1978 MARKED THE FIRST WAVE OF WHAT CAME TO BE KNOWN  
AS THE REAGAN REVOLUTION.

A SET OF NEW IDEAS THAT ARE REALLY AS OLD AS THE REPUBLIC ITSELF. THAT PEOPLE, NOT GOVERNMENT, KNOW WHAT'S BEST FOR THEMSELVES AND THEIR FAMILIES. THAT A STRONG, DIVERSE ECONOMY -- NOT A STRONG, CENTRALIZED GOVERNMENT -- IS THE TRUE SOURCE OF PROSPERITY. THAT A FIRM DEFENSE DOES NOT THREATEN PEACE, BUT PROMOTES IT. AND THE BOTTOM LINE IS THIS: WE SEEK TO PROTECT THE FAMILY, EMPOWER THE POOR AND REWARD THE CREATIVE AND THE RISK-TAKERS.

THOSE ARE THE VALUES OF NEW HAMPSHIRE, THE VALUES OF AMERICA, AND THE VALUES OF MY FRIEND BOB SMITH. \\\

FOR SIX YEARS, BOB SMITH HAS ALSO BEEN NEW HAMPSHIRE'S "TRUSTED FRIEND" IN CONGRESS. THE PEOPLE HERE KNOW HIM. THEY KNOW HE'S A MAN OF PRINCIPLE, AND THAT HE'S NOT RUNNING FOR OFFICE TO SATISFY HIS OWN EGO. I KNOW HE WOULD HAVE BEEN JUST AS HAPPY TO SEE GORDON HUMPHREY RUN AGAIN.

BUT NEW HAMPSHIRE'S GOING TO SEND A NEW SENATOR TO WASHINGTON THIS YEAR, AND TODAY MORE THAN EVER, THE SENATE NEEDS LEADERS IN THE NEW HAMPSHIRE CONSERVATIVE TRADITION -- LEADERS LIKE YOUR OWN BOB SMITH.

THERE'S NO DOUBT IN MY MIND: CONGRESS WOULDN'T BE IN THIS MESS TODAY IF WE HAD MORE REPUBLICANS IN CONGRESS. \\ BUT THE FACT THAT THE DEMOCRATS CONTROL BOTH HOUSES MEANS COMPROMISE -- A BUDGET THAT ISN'T THE BEST EVER, BUT THE BEST POSSIBLE. \\

{WE'RE HANGING TOUGH} {WE'VE HUNG TOUGH} FOR A GOOD AGREEMENT -- ONE THAT SHOWS WE'RE SERIOUS ABOUT DRIVING THIS DEFICIT DOWN. BECAUSE REAL DEFICIT REDUCTION WILL HELP BRING INTEREST RATES DOWN -- MAKE IT EASIER FOR AMERICAN FAMILIES TO BUY THAT NEW HOME OR CAR. MAKE IT EASIER FOR AMERICAN ENTREPRENEURS TO BUILD MORE NEW BUSINESSES -- AND THAT MEANS MORE NEW JOBS FOR AMERICAN WORKERS. \\

NOW, IT'S TIME -- PAST TIME -- THAT CONGRESS PROVES TO THE AMERICAN PEOPLE IT CAN LEARN TO LIVE WITHIN ITS MEANS -- THAT IT CAN PASS A BUDGET THAT PUTS THIS NATION ON THE PATH TO LONG-TERM ECONOMIC GROWTH. \\\

I WENT TO THE BARGAINING TABLE ASSISTED BY ONE OF THE TOUGHEST, MOST PRINCIPLED NEGOTIATORS IN ALL OF WASHINGTON -- NEW HAMPSHIRE'S OWN JOHN SUNUNU. BUT LET'S FACE IT -- NO DEMOCRATIC CONGRESS WILL SEND ME A REPUBLICAN DREAM PACKAGE.

TO COME UP WITH ANY BUDGET AT ALL THIS YEAR -- I HAD TO WORK WITH THE DEMOCRATS WHO CONTROL CONGRESS. PRESIDENT REAGAN FOUND IN 1982, IN SPITE OF HIS AVERSION TO TAXES, THAT THE ONLY WAY TO GOVERN WAS TO ACCEPT A COMPROMISE THAT INCLUDED RAISING REVENUE. YOU KNOW MY FEELINGS ON TAXES. \\\ I LIKE NEW TAXES ABOUT AS MUCH AS I LIKE BROCCOLI. \\\ PRESIDENT REAGAN HAD TO SWALLOW HARD, AND SO DID I. BUT THE LONG-TERM HEALTH OF THE ECONOMY HAS TO COME BEFORE ANY POLITICAL SELF-INTEREST.

ONLY CONGRESS HAS THE POWER TO TAX. ONLY CONGRESS HAS THE POWER TO SPEND. BUT CONGRESS MAY HAVE FORGOTTEN ONE THING: THE PEOPLE HAVE THE POWER TO CHOOSE WHO SITS IN CONGRESS. AND THAT'S A MESSAGE I WILL CARRY ALL OVER AMERICA.

IF AMERICA WANTS ECONOMIC GROWTH, IF AMERICA WANTS TO HOLD THE LINE ON TAXES AND CUT SPENDING, IF AMERICA WANTS TO GET SERIOUS ABOUT REDUCING THE DEFICIT, THEN AMERICA NEEDS TO SEND REPUBLICANS LIKE BOB SMITH TO THE U.S. SENATE. \\\

BUT DEFICIT REDUCTION ISN'T THE ONLY CHALLENGE THAT REQUIRES TOUGH REPUBLICAN LEADERSHIP IN CONGRESS. ANOTHER PRIORITY FOR THIS NEW DECADE HAS TO BE THE ENVIRONMENT.

BOB SMITH REALLY CARES ABOUT PROTECTING THE ENVIRONMENT AND THE WILD SCENIC BEAUTY OF THIS STATE. AND AS THE YELLOWS AND REDS AND GOLDS TINGED THE LEAVES OF THE WHITE MOUNTAINS, I ONLY WISH I'D HAD TIME TO DRIVE UP THE KANCAMAGUS HIGHWAY. \\ ((BUT WITH ALL THE TOURIST TRAFFIC UP THERE, THE LAST THING NEW HAMPSHIRE NEEDED WAS ANOTHER PRESIDENTIAL MOTORCADE)) \\\

AS CHAIRMAN OF THE HOUSE REPUBLICAN TASK FORCE ON ACID RAIN, BOB AND I WORKED CLOSELY TO PUT TOGETHER THE FIRST IMPROVEMENT IN THE CLEAR AIR ACT IN A DOZEN YEARS. LAUNCHED LAST YEAR WITH BIPARTISAN SUPPORT, THE CLEAN AIR ACT HAS BEEN BOGGED DOWN ON CAPITOL HILL. WE CAN BALANCE THE NEED FOR ECONOMIC GROWTH WITH THE NEED TO PRESERVE AND ENHANCE THE EARTH WE LIVE ON. WE CAN CLEAN UP THE AIR AND RID OUR LAKES OF ACID RAIN. BUT WE CAN'T DO IT UNLESS WE GET ACTION FROM CONGRESS.

ONE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE'S MOST FAMOUS NATURE-LOVERS -- I'M PROUD TO SAY -- IS ALSO AMERICA'S NEWEST MEMBER OF THE SUPREME COURT -- WEARE'S OWN JUSTICE DAVID SOUTER. \\\ HE WAS ASKED A WHILE BACK HOW HE FELT ABOUT LEAVING FOR WASHINGTON. "I DON'T KNOW ANYONE THAT WOULD WANT TO LEAVE NEW HAMPSHIRE," HE REPLIED.

WELL, CONGRESS COULD USE SOME OF THAT FAMOUS NEW HAMPSHIRE COMMON SENSE. IT'S ALWAYS A SACRIFICE, I KNOW -- LEAVING THIS WONDERFUL STATE.

BUT WHEN MR. SMITH GOES TO WASHINGTON, THE WHOLE COUNTRY IS GOING TO BENEFIT FROM HIS BRAND OF HARD WORK, INTELLIGENCE, AND COMMON SENSE. \\\ *INTEGRITY*

BUT AS MANY OF YOU KNOW, BOB'S PROMOTION TO THE SENATE WON'T MARK THE FIRST TIME HE'S LEFT NEW HAMPSHIRE TO ANSWER THE CALL OF PUBLIC SERVICE. LONG BEFORE SERVING IN CONGRESS, BOB SERVED OUR COUNTRY ABOARD A SHIP, AND KNOWS WHAT IT'S LIKE TO STAND IN HARM'S WAY.

HE SPENT FIVE YEARS IN THE NAVY RESERVE, INCLUDING A YEAR STATIONED IN THE GULF OF TONKIN OFF THE COAST OF VIETNAM.

TODAY, A NEW GENERATION OF THIS STATE'S FINEST YOUNG MEN AND WOMEN ARE CONTINUING THE NEW HAMPSHIRE TRADITION OF PATRIOTISM AND COURAGE. FROM NEW HAMPSHIRE'S OWN AIR NATIONAL GUARD, THE MEN AND WOMEN OF THE 157TH AIR REFUELING GROUP HAVE FLOWN OVER 200 MISSIONS IN SUPPORT OF OPERATION DESERT SHIELD.

AIRMEN LIKE LT. COL. EVERETT BRAMHALL OF MANCHESTER, WHO FLEW 14 MISSIONS IN 30 DAYS, REFUELING OTHER PLANES ENROUTE TO THE PERSIAN GULF. OR SGT. MARK JOYCE OF PORTSMOUTH, WHO, ON TOP OF HIS REGULAR WORK AS A CIVILIAN HELICOPTER MECHANIC, HAS BEEN VOLUNTEERING FOR THE EVENING SHIFT WITH HIS GUARD UNIT. THIS UNCOMMON SACRIFICE, BY SERVICEMEN AND WOMEN AND THEIR FAMILIES, HAS BEEN A COMMON VIRTUE -- IN NEW HAMPSHIRE, AND ALL ACROSS THIS MAGNIFICENT COUNTRY.

ALL THIS MONTH, FROM SHIPS IN THE RED SEA, FROM AIR BASES AND TANK BATTALIONS IN SAUDI ARABIA, ABSENTEE BALLOTS WILL BE MAILED BACK TO OUR G.I.S' HOME STATES. IF THEY CAN TAKE THE TROUBLE TO VOTE, CAN'T EVERY ONE OF US, FROM DOVER TO DIXVILLE NOTCH, GET DOWN TO THE FIREHOUSE OR SCHOOLHOUSE TO VOTE?

IT REALLY MAKES A DIFFERENCE. YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE HERE IN NEW HAMPSHIRE.

AND BOB SMITH WILL DEFINITELY MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN THE UNITED STATE SENATE.

THANK FOR THIS WARM GREETING ON THIS CHILLY NEW ENGLAND DAY. \\ "THANK YOU NEW HAMPSHIRE." \\ GOD BLESS YOU, AND GOD BLESS THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

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