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PRICE FUNDRAISER \ OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA
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GOVERNOR BELLMON, SENATOR NICKLES, CONGRESSMAN
MICKEY EDWARDS, CONGRESSMAN INHOFE. THANK YOU, BILL,
FOR THAT INTRODUCTION. HONORED GUESTS, LADIES AND
GENTLEMEN. I AM DELIGHTED TO BE IN THIS STATE OF OPEN
HEARTS AND OPEN SKIES. \ \

IT IS A PRIVILEGE TO BE HERE FOR "A MAN WHO'LL MAKE
A DIFFERENCE -- HE ALWAYS HAS." YOUR NEXT GOVERNOR.
BILL PRICE. ALL OF YOU KNOW BILL'S STORY.

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THE SON OF A DOCTOR -- HE WORKED HIS WAY THROUGH
SCHOOL. WENT TO GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY -- A BASKETBALL
POWER. THEN, OU LAW SCHOOL -- A FOOTBALL POWER. \ \
((THERE'S A TREND EMERGING HERE: BILL PROBABLY ALSO
LIKES THE CINCINNATI REDS.))

FINALLY, BILL BECAME A U.S. ATTORNEY FOR WESTERN
OKLAHOMA -- SUPPORTING LAW AND ORDER FOR ALL
OKLAHOMANS. \ \ DON NICKLES CALLS HIM "A PIONEERING
LEADER FOR OKLAHOMA."

RONALD REAGAN CALLS HIM "A GUARDIAN OF THE PUBLIC GOOD." \\ COME NEXT JANUARY, I'LL CALL HIM GOVERNOR.

YOU KNOW, BILL PRICE IS A GREAT FAMILY MAN. LOVELY WIFE, MARY -- THREE GREAT KIDS. HE'S ALSO A MAN WITH A PENCHANT FOR THE UNEXPECTED. ((AT A CAMPAIGN STOP RECENTLY IN HOLDENVILLE, BILL WAS MEETING FOLKS WHEN HE SHOOK HANDS WITH A BEAUTIFUL WOMAN. "HELLO," HE SAID, "I'M BILL PRICE. I'M RUNNING FOR GOVERNOR, AND IT'S A PLEASURE TO MEET YOU."

HE THOUGHT THE WOMAN LOOKED FAMILIAR. \ SHE SHOULD HAVE. \\ IT WAS HIS WIFE.)) \\

BILL PRICE ALSO HAS CONVICTION. HE'S NOT A FOLLOWER WHO GETS LOST IN THE CURRENT. HE'S A PROFILE IN CHARACTER WHO ALTERS THE TIDE. \\ LOOK AT HOW HE CRACKED AMERICA'S THEN-LARGEST CORRUPTION CASE IN THE EARLY 1980s. OR HIS WORK FOR THE ORGANIZATION HE FOUNDED -- THE OKLAHOMA ALLIANCE AGAINST DRUGS. WE NEED A LEADER WITH BILL'S VISION IN OKLAHOMA CITY. \\

WE COULD USE MORE OF HIS KIND OF THINKING BACK EAST, TOO. ALL AMERICANS ARE ASKING: "WHAT ON EARTH IS WRONG WITH WASHINGTON?"

I'VE SEEN MANY CONGRESSES COME AND GO. AND I HAVE NEVER SEEN A DEMOCRAT-CONTROLLED CONGRESS MORE GRIDLOCKED, MORE PARALYZED, MORE TIED UP IN KNOTS THAN TODAY'S.

AFTER WHAT SEEMED LIKE ENDLESS NEGOTIATIONS, WE FINALLY HAVE A BUDGET.

THE NEGOTIATIONS WERE TOUGH BECAUSE THE ONE PARTY THAT HAS RULED CONGRESS FOR ALMOST FORTY YEARS IS DEDICATED TO PERPETUAL RE-ELECTION. AND THIS PARTY, THE DEMOCRATS, HAS A BIAS FOR RED-TAPE OVER CHOICE; FOR WASHINGTON SOLUTIONS OVER COMMUNITY SOLUTIONS; FOR BUREAUCRACY OVER PEOPLE. ADD ALL THIS UP, WHAT DO YOU GET -- A LIBERAL DEMOCRAT CONTROLLED CONGRESS COMMITTED TO TWO THINGS: TAX AND SPEND.

THE FINAL BUDGET AGREEMENT IS AN EXAMPLE OF HOW THE DEMOCRATIC CONGRESS WORKS -- OR DOESN'T WORK. FOR THE SAKE OF THE NATION, WE HAD TO REDUCE THE DEFICIT NOW.

IT IS HIGH TIME THAT WE STOPPED MORTGAGING THE FUTURE OF OUR KIDS. THIS DEMOCRATIC SPENDING BINGE HAS GOT TO STOP.

EVERY ONCE IN A WHILE A PRESIDENT HAS TO COMPROMISE IN ORDER TO GOVERN.

YES, WE HAD TO REACH AGREEMENT. BUT I FELT STRONGLY ABOUT REDUCING THE DEFICIT WITH SPENDING CUTS, NOT RAISING TAXES. IN FACT, THAT'S EXACTLY THE KIND OF BUDGET I SENT TO THE CONGRESS LAST ^{JANUARY} FEBRUARY.

PREDICTABLY, THE DEMOCRATS INSTEAD WANTED TO SLASH DEFENSE AND RAISE TAXES. WHAT WE GOT ^(almost 500) WAS A COMPROMISE.

THERE IS SOME GOOD IN IT. WE GOT \$492 BILLION IN DEFICIT REDUCTION -- OVER \$350 BILLION IN SPENDING CUTS -- THE LARGEST CUT IN HISTORY.

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WE ALSO GOT CONGRESS TO REDUCE THE RATE OF SPENDING GROWTH WITH THE FIRST FIVE-YEAR CURB ON SPENDING EVER.

WE PUT CONGRESS ON THE PAY-AS-YOU-GO PLAN, SO THE LIBERAL DEMOCRATS WILL NO LONGER BE ABLE TO FUND PROGRAMS WITH RED INK. THIS AGREEMENT HAS STRONG ENFORCEMENT PROVISIONS: IF CONGRESS TRIES TO RAISE SPENDING ONE DIME, THEY'VE GOT TO CUT OTHER EXCESS SPENDING OR FIND THE MONEY FOR IT -- RIGHT THERE AND THEN.

FINALLY, WE HELD THE LINE AGAINST RECKLESS CUTS OF OUR ARMED FORCES. I WILL NOT BE THE PRESIDENT TO PRESIDE OVER THE WEAKENING OF THIS NATION'S DEFENSES. ///

AN ENFORCEABLE DEFICIT REDUCTION AGREEMENT IS UNPRECEDENTED, LONG-OVERDUE, ABSOLUTELY NECESSARY. BUT I WILL NOT JOIN THE DEMOCRATS IN A CARNIVAL OF SELF-CONGRATULATION. AFTER ALL, WE DISCUSSED THREE KINDS OF PROPOSALS: THE GOOD, THE BAD, AND THE UGLY. I TOLD YOU ABOUT THE GOOD, NOW LET ME TELL YOU ABOUT THE BAD.

IN A WORD, TAXES. TO GET AN AGREEMENT WE HAD TO PAY A RANSOM TO GET THE \$350 BILLION IN SPENDING CUTS.

THE AMERICAN PEOPLE HAVE HAD TO PAY A PRICE FOR DIVIDED GOVERNMENT, BUT THE PRICE COULD HAVE BEEN WORSE. THE DEMOCRATS' BILL THAT PASSED THE HOUSE TRIED TO RAISE INCOME TAXES ON ALL WORKING AMERICANS. THEY ATTACKED THE "INDEXING" PROVISIONS OF THE CURRENT TAX LAW IN A WAY THAT RAISED TAXES ON EVERY HARDWORKING CITIZEN.

THEY CALLED IT THEIR BILL TO SOAK THE RICH, WHEN REALLY IT WENT AFTER THE PAYCHECK OF WORKING PEOPLE. WELL, WE STOPPED THEM. COLD. THAT WAS NOT REPUBLICANS PROTECTING THE RICH. THAT WAS REPUBLICANS STANDING UP FOR EVERY WORKING FAMILY IN AMERICA.\ \ \

LET THOSE LIBERALS THAT CONTROL CONGRESS RAISE THEIR UGLY OLD CRY OF CLASS WARFARE, OF SOAK THE RICH.

WE WILL CONTINUE TO FIGHT FOR THE WORKING PEOPLE BY HOLDING THE LINE ON TAXES. SEND ME MORE REPUBLICANS TO GET THE JOB DONE.

YOU KNOW, BY LAW, THE BUDGET WAS DUE LAST APRIL. THE DEMOCRATIC CONGRESS GAVE ME A BUDGET ~~EIGHT~~^{SIX} MONTHS LATE; SO LATE, IN FACT, THAT WE ARE AT THE BRINK OF AN ECONOMIC DOWNTURN. IT'S TIME TO TELL IT LIKE IT IS.

THIS AGREEMENT COULD HAVE COME TOGETHER IN MAY, IN JUNE, OR IN AUGUST, ANY TIME DURING THE LAST ~~EIGHT~~^{SIX} MONTHS. BUT THE DEMOCRATS CHOKED THE THROTTLE OF A SLOWING ECONOMY WHILE THEY HUNTED FOR EVERY LAST MORSEL OF PARTISAN ADVANTAGE --ALL IN THE NAME OF POLITICS AND HIGHER TAXES. WELL, WE'RE NOT GOING TO LET THEM GET AWAY WITH IT.///

IN APRIL, WHEN THE BUDGET WAS DUE, UNEMPLOYMENT WAS 5.4 PERCENT. UNEMPLOYMENT LAST MONTH WAS 5.7 PERCENT.

SINCE APRIL, WHEN THE BUDGET WAS DUE, INFLATION HAS ACCELERATED. ECONOMIC GROWTH HAS SLOWED. EVEN AFTER THE ECONOMY WAS THREATENED BY THE PERSIAN GULF CRISIS CONGRESS DELAYED. THIS CONGRESS WAS CONTENT TO STALL AN AGREEMENT AND STALL THE ECONOMY. WELL, WE'RE NOT GOING TO LET THEM GET AWAY WITH THAT.////

OF COURSE, THERE ARE MEMBERS LIKE CONGRESSMEN JIM INHOFE AND MICKEY EDWARDS, AND SENATOR DON NICKLES -- WHO ARE WITH US TODAY -- WHO REJECT THE FAILED TRADITION OF TAX AND SPEND. BUT THEY'RE OUTNUMBERED BY THE BIG TAXERS AND THE BIG SPENDERS. THESE THREE ARE THE REAL DEFENDERS OF WORKING AMERICA, AND I'M GRATEFUL THEY'RE FIGHTING FOR YOU UP ON CAPITOL HILL.

EVEN IN THE MIDST OF A CRISIS, THE BIG SPENDERS LOOK FOR PORK-BARREL BONANZAS.

AT THE 11TH HOUR, IN THE MIDST OF THE BUDGET CRISIS, CONGRESSIONAL CONFEREES ON ONE PANEL ALONE PUSHED THROUGH AN ALMOST 19 PERCENT INCREASE FOR PET PROJECTS. AT THE SAME TIME THIS PRESIDENT AND THESE REPUBLICAN MEMBERS WANTED TO CURTAIL SPENDING, CONGRESS VOTED TO SPEND HALF A MILLION DOLLARS TO CREATE A LAWRENCE WELK TOURIST ATTRACTION. I LOVE LAWRENCE WELK AS MUCH AS THE NEXT GUY, BUT THIS SPENDING HAS GOT TO STOP!

BELIEVE ME, THE AMERICAN PEOPLE KNOW WHEN THEIR CONGRESS ASKS THEM TO TIGHTEN THEIR BELTS, CONGRESS ALWAYS LOOSENS ITS OWN. I'LL TELL YOU WHAT I'D LIKE TO DO ABOUT IT -- GIVE ME WHAT 43 GOVERNORS HAVE -- GIVE ME THE LINE-ITEM-VETO. AND WHILE WE'RE AT IT, LET'S GET MOVING ON A BALANCED BUDGET AMENDMENT. ///

UNDER OUR CONSTITUTION, ONLY THE PRESIDENT IS ELECTED BY ALL THE PEOPLE; ONLY THE PRESIDENT REPRESENTS THE ENTIRE NATION.

GIVE ME THE TOOLS I NEED: THE LINE-ITEM-VETO, A BALANCED BUDGET AMENDMENT, AND MOST IMPORTANT -- MORE REPUBLICANS IN CONGRESS.

DON'T TELL ME THERE'S NO DIFFERENCE BETWEEN REPUBLICANS AND DEMOCRATS. IN EDUCATION, REPUBLICANS ARE THE ONES FIGHTING FOR REFORM -- TO EMPOWER PARENTS TO CHOOSE THEIR CHILDREN'S SCHOOLS. IN CHILD CARE, REPUBLICANS ARE THE ONES WHO DEMANDED REFORM -- TO EMPOWER PARENTS TO CHOOSE WHO WILL WATCH OVER THEIR CHILDREN.

AND WE'RE THE ONES STILL DETERMINED TO BRING HOPE AND OPPORTUNITY TO THE MOST DESOLATE OF OUR INNER CITIES. THE DEMOCRATS ARE STILL PUSHING MORE LIBERAL PROGRAMS, MORE TAXES, AND MORE BUREAUCRACY. THEY'RE STILL PEDDLING THAT TIRED OLD SAW ABOUT REPUBLICANS AND THE RICH. YOU AND I BOTH KNOW THAT'S HOGWASH AND WE'RE NOT GOING TO LET THEM GET AWAY WITH THAT EITHER.

THIS IS A CONGRESS THAT COULD ONLY ACT AT THE LAST MINUTE, WHEN THEIR POLITICAL FEET WERE HELD TO THE FIRE. A CONGRESS THAT WOULD RATHER PASS FEEL-GOOD PROCLAMATIONS THAN ADDRESS PROBLEMS. THIS IS A CONGRESS THAT PASSES A RESOLUTION CALLED "NATIONAL CRIME PREVENTION MONTH" WHILE IT GUTS OUR TOUGH ANTI-CRIME BILL. A CONGRESS THAT DECLARED "CLEAN WATER MONTH" BUT BICKERED FOR MONTHS OVER A CLEAN AIR BILL.

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A Congress that declares "Natl Home Care wk" but takes 2 yrs to pass a housing bill.

IF YOU FIND ALL THIS TOUGH TO SWALLOW, DON'T WORRY -- THEY'VE ALSO SERVED UP "NATIONAL DIGESTIVE DISEASE AWARENESS MONTH". ((BUT IF THEY SEND ME THAT BILL TO MAKE KIDS EAT BROCCOLI, I'LL VETO IT!))

THIS LIBERAL DEMOCRAT CONGRESS HAS BECOME AMERICA'S BIGGEST, MOST ENTRENCHED SPECIAL INTEREST.

IN 1950, CONGRESS WAS SERVED BY 5,800 STAFF MEMBERS. TODAY IT IS SERVED BY ALMOST 20,000 STAFF MEMBERS, WHO CONTROL THE PERKS, AND PASS OUT THE PORK.

THE DEMOCRAT CONGRESS IS A CONFUSION OF COMMITTEES AND TURF-CONSCIOUS CHAOS. AND THE HOUSE INTENDED TO BE CLOSEST TO THE PEOPLE HAS BECOME A HOUSE OF LORDS. NINETY-EIGHT PERCENT WHO SEEK RE-ELECTION, ARE RE-ELECTED. IT'S TIME TO TURN THE TABLES -- THE AMERICAN PEOPLE DESERVE A NEW CONGRESS -- THIS TIME A REPUBLICAN CONGRESS.

THE DEMOCRATS STILL BLOCK MY PROPOSALS FOR CAMPAIGN FINANCE REFORM.

WE WANT TO ABOLISH SPECIAL-INTEREST PAC'S, THE DEMOCRATS WANT THE TAXPAYER TO FOOT THE BILL FOR THEIR RE-ELECTION. DEMOCRATS TALK ABOUT TAXING THE RICH BUT THEY WANT ALL TAXPAYERS TO THROW IN MONEY FOR CONGRESSIONAL ELECTIONS. AMERICA NEEDS A CHANGE.
AMERICA NEEDS A BETTER DEAL.

A \$1.⁴~~3~~ TRILLION BUDGET GIVES US AMPLE ROOM TO DREAM AGAIN, TO ADVANCE NEW IDEAS TO RENEW OUR GOVERNMENT -- TO RETHINK AND RESTRUCTURE OUR PRIORITIES.

BUT THE DEMOCRATIC CONGRESS WOULD RATHER RAISE TAXES THAN RAISE THE ISSUE OF REFORM. THE PROBLEM ISN'T WITH THE AMERICAN PEOPLE AND THEIR DREAM. THE PROBLEM IS A DEMOCRATIC CONGRESS THAT PROTECTS ITS PERKS AND PRIVILEGES AND TURNS ITS BACK ON THE AMERICAN DREAM. AND I SAY WE'VE HAD ENOUGH.

THE DEMOCRATIC CONGRESS JUST LAST MONTH TRIED TO RAISE INCOME TAXES ON EVERY WORKING FAMILY IN AMERICA.

AMERICA NEEDS A REPUBLICAN CONGRESS THAT WILL BALANCE THE BUDGET BY CUTTING SPENDING.

THE DEMOCRATIC CONGRESS TURNS ITS BACK ON OUR POLICE OFFICERS. AMERICA NEEDS A REPUBLICAN CONGRESS THAT WILL GET TOUGH ON CRIME.

THE DEMOCRATIC CONGRESS IS DEDICATED TO THE SPECIAL INTERESTS. AMERICA NEEDS A REPUBLICAN CONGRESS THAT IS DEDICATED TO THE NATIONAL INTEREST.

THE ONLY WAY TO SEND THIS MESSAGE TO WASHINGTON IS
NOT TO SEND THE DEMOCRATS BACK. ///

LAST MONTH, OKLAHOMA VOTERS SENT POLITICIANS A
MESSAGE. THEY VOTED OVERWHELMINGLY TO RESTRICT STATE
LEGISLATIVE TERMS TO 12 YEARS. NEXT WEEK, VOTERS
ACROSS AMERICA CAN FOLLOW YOUR LEAD. TERM LIMITATIONS
APPLYING TO STATE OFFICIALS WILL BE ON THE BALLOT IN
CALIFORNIA, ^{and} COLORADO, AND ~~MASSACHUSETTS~~.

BUT AMERICA DOESN'T HAVE TO WAIT FOR A BALLOT
INITIATIVE TO LIMIT THE TERMS OF THE DEMOCRATS IN
CONGRESS. THEY CAN START NEXT TUESDAY.

WE WILL KEEP FAITH WITH AMERICA -- AND AMERICAN
IDEALS. WHICH IS WHY IN THE REMAINING DAYS OF THIS
CAMPAIGN, AND FOR THE REST OF MY PRESIDENCY, I WILL
TAKE A MESSAGE TO THE PEOPLE: AMERICA DOESN'T NEED A
LIBERAL HOUSE OF LORDS. \\ \\ AMERICA NEEDS A
RESPONSIBLE CONGRESS. \\ \\ A REPUBLICAN CONGRESS.

HARRY TRUMAN REMINDED US THAT ONLY A PRESIDENT REPRESENTS ALL THE PEOPLE, CAN STAND FOR THE NATIONAL INTEREST, AND STAND AGAINST THE SPECIAL INTERESTS.

IN THIS SPIRIT, I EXTENDED MY HAND, WORKED FOR A BIPARTISAN SOLUTION TO THIS HORRIBLE BUDGET MESS. YOU SENT ME TO WASHINGTON TO GOVERN. I HAVE TRIED VERY HARD -- ONLY TO HAVE A PARADE OF LIBERAL DEMOCRATS MARCH TO THE MICROPHONE TO BLAME ME FOR THEIR FAILURES. MY GOODWILL HAS BEEN REWARDED WITH BUSINESS AS USUAL.

WELL, AMERICA HAS HAD ENOUGH OF BUSINESS AS USUAL. AND WE DON'T HAVE TO TAKE IT ANYMORE. SEND ME MORE MEMBER OF CONGRESS WHO WILL VOTE LIKE THESE THREE HERE TODAY.

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HERE IN THIS STATE, PEOPLE THINK STRAIGHT, AND LIKE STRAIGHT TALK. DO YOUR TALKING AT THE POLLS ON NOVEMBER 6. ROLL UP YOUR SLEEVES AND ELECT THIS MAN GOVERNOR, OKLAHOMA DESERVES THE BEST.

AS FOR ME, I AM GOING TO CRISSCROSS THIS COUNTRY FROM COAST TO COAST AND TAKE THIS MESSAGE TO THE AMERICAN PEOPLE: MORE REPUBLICANS IN CONGRESS MEANS MORE MEN AND WOMEN FIGHTING AGAINST RAISING TAXES AND AGAINST THE BIG SPENDERS. MORE REPUBLICANS MEANS A BETTER DEAL FOR AMERICA. IT DOESN'T GET ANY STRAIGHTER THAN THAT. ///

THANK YOU. GOD BLESS THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

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I also want to say what a privilege it is to be here on behalf of "a man who'll make a difference -- he always has." My friend -- and your next Governor. \\ Bill Price. \\

All of you know Bill's story. The son of a doctor -- he worked his way through school. Went to Georgetown University -- a basketball power. Then, OU Law School -- a football power. \\ ((There's a trend emerging here: Bill probably also like the Cincinnati Reds.))

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I say it's time we stopped spending and running up big deficits. The American people are watching -- and learning. They see that when their Congress asks them to tighten their belts, it always loosens its own. Never have I felt more strongly about the line-item veto. Never has the country needed a balanced budget amendment more than now. Never again should the people and their president be presented with such waste. \\

We have a sacred obligation not to squander the generosity and compassion of the American people. There is so much we could achieve if we could reform Washington, to make it empower people, not bureaucracies; to work with them to fulfill their potential at home and be competitive around the world.

In education, we want reform -- to empower parents to choose their children's schools. In child care, we want reform -- to empower parents to choose who will watch over their children. In the most desolate inner cities, we want reform -- so we strive to create zones of opportunity, to remove barriers to mobility and success, to empower people with the spirit of enterprise. And in housing, we want to empower public-housing tenants to take charge of their own lives.

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the unexpected. ((At a campaign stop recently in Holdenville, Bill was meeting folks when he shook hands with a beautiful woman. "Hello," he said, "I'm Bill Price. I'm running for Governor, and it's a pleasure to meet you." He thought the woman looked familiar. \ She should have. \\ It was his wife.)) \\

Bill Price also has conviction. He's not a follower who gets lost in the current. He's a profile in character who alters the tide. \\ Look at how he cracked America's then-largest corruption case in the early 1980s. Or his work for the organization he founded -- the Oklahoma Alliance against Drugs. We need a leader with Bill's vision in Oklahoma City. \\

We could use a little more of his kind of vision back East, too. All Americans are asking: "What on earth is wrong with Washington?" \

I've seen many Congresses come and go. And I have never seen a Congress more gridlocked, more paralyzed and ineffective than today's.

Patience and goodwill are American virtues. And the American people have been very patient during the budget negotiations. But their patience is not unlimited. They have a right to feel angry and betrayed. And so do I.

The negotiations were tough because the one party that has ruled Congress for almost forty years is dedicated to perpetual re-election. And this party, the Democrats, has a bias for red-tape over choice; for the Capitol over community; for bureaucracy over people. When you add all this up, you can see why

everything this Congress does is a variation on a theme: tax and spend.

The final budget agreement is a sad example of how the Democratic Congress works -- or doesn't work. For the sake of the nation, we had to reduce the deficit now. We've been spending more than we take in for far too long -- an agreement had to be reached. But I felt strongly about reducing the deficit with a careful balance of spending cuts. The Democrats wanted to slash defense and raise income taxes for all Americans. What we got was a compromise.

I understand why some members of my own party had to go the other way. I didn't have that choice. Under our Constitution, only the President is elected by all the people; only the President represents the nation. Thus, the choice I faced was this agreement, or no agreement.

Of course, there is some good in it. We got \$500 billion in deficit reduction -- including \$300 billion in spending cuts -- the largest cut in history -- a solid victory for our children's future.\\

We also got Congress to agree to reduce the rate of spending growth with the first five-year curb on spending ever.\\

We put Congress on the pay-as-you-go plan, so Congress will no longer be able to fund programs on promises. \\ \\ And, should the Congressional mood change -- and you can bet it will -- Congress will find that these cuts are already enforced by law - - these spending cuts and spending caps are real.\\

Finally, though deficit-spending was reduced, our agreement held the line against reckless cuts of our Armed Forces. This Administration put a marker down early -- I will never agree to jeopardize America. And now I will not let down our servicemen and women in the Persian Gulf. \\

So all in all, this agreement is unprecedented, long-overdue, absolutely necessary. But I will not join the Congress in a carnival of self-congratulation. After all, we discussed three kinds of proposals: the good, the bad, and the ugly. I told you about the good, now let me tell you about the rest. The bad: we had to swallow \$150 billion in taxes, taxes on gasoline and alcohol. But we stopped them from enacting the ugliest proposal -- to raise income taxes on working Americans.

We did even out the system to make it more fair: cutting the tax rate for many, while raising it for the wealthy few. But had this Administration not stood firm, the Democrats in the House of Representatives would have slapped automatic tax increases on working families. The bill they proposed would have raised taxes on a family of four, with a taxable income of \$34,000, by an additional \$313.50 in income taxes. That's not taxing the rich. That's socking it to the middle class. \\

This Democratic Congress was eager to raise taxes, and hoped no one would notice by using a backdoor maneuver.

Well that proposal has now been kicked out the door -- it's history. \\

But to get an agreement, to keep the Democratic majority that rules Congress at the table, we had to pay a price; and that price was taxes. That is the cost of divided government.

We could have had this agreement in May, in June, or in August, any time during the eight months the economy worsened. Congress didn't have to hunt for every last morsel of political opportunity; didn't have to wait until 27 days into the new fiscal year, ten days before an election, to act.

But the Democratic majority that controls Congress choked a slowing economy -- all in the name of politics and higher taxes. Thirty-seven times in nine years, Congress has had to pass emergency measures to fund the government. This Continuing Resolution makes thirty-eight.

By law, a budget was due April 15. The Democratic Congress has once again violated its lawful deadlines and given me a late budget; so late, in fact, that we are now at the brink of an economic downturn that could have been avoided. Washington talked for eight months while the economy deteriorated.

In April, when the budget was due, unemployment was 5.4 percent. Unemployment last month was 5.7 percent. In April, when the budget was due, the inflation rate was 1.9 percent. Now it is 9.5 percent. Economic growth, up to the time the budget was due, was 1.7 percent. Economic growth for the second quarter was less than a half a percent. Even after the economy was threatened by higher oil prices from the Persian Gulf crisis, Congress delayed. This Congress was content to stall an

agreement and stall the economy, all in the name of politics and higher taxes. \\\

The Democrats talk a lot about "fairness." Well let me tell you what really isn't fair: High interest rates are not fair. Inflation is not fair. And unemployment is not fair. And if you hear a Democratic Member of Congress bemoan a slow economy, ask your legislator why Democrats blocked the people's business for seven months -- again, in the name of politics and higher taxes.

Some of the more self-congratulatory members of the process have compared this budget agreement to the Constitutional Convention. That is ludicrous. How stunted the ambitions of the Capitol seem when compared to those of the Founders; how petty this budget deal seems when compared to Teddy Roosevelt's Square Deal or Harry Truman's Fair Deal; how narrow our goals seem when compared to those of a generation that made home-ownership affordable for millions, built highways across a continent, and sent a man to the Moon.

A \$1.3 trillion budget gives us ample room to dream again, to advance new ideas to renew our government -- to rethink and restructure our priorities from the ground up. But Congress makes programs in its own image: unresponsive and bureaucratic. And the Democratic Congress would rather raise taxes than raise the issue of reform. So the problem isn't with the American people and their Dream. It's with an institution that protects its prerogatives, perks and privileges through the naked use of power.

Congress rejects our proposals for campaign finance reform, and to abolish special-interest political action committees. It refuses to clean up the special-interest politics that allows incumbents to feather their nests with special-interest dollars. In short, it protects its own.

And when Congress speaks, it speaks in the language of Alice-in-Wonderland. For example, if a family spends \$100 on groceries one week, and \$110 the next -- you'd consider that a ten-percent increase. But if this Democratic Congress wanted to spend \$120, they'd call a ten-dollar increase a "cut." In other words, to the Congress, up is down.

Of course, there are many Members like Congressmen Jim Inhofe [Inn-hoff] and Mickey Edwards, and Senator Don Nickels -- who is with us today -- who reject the failed tradition of spend and tax. They are recognized fighters against waste, which is why they were honored with the "Golden Bulldog Award." But the big taxers and big spenders outnumber leaders like these men in the Oklahoma delegation and in Congress.

Even in the midst of a crisis, Congress looks for pork-barrel bonanzas. A week ago Saturday, in the midst of the budget crisis, Congressional conferees on one panel alone pushed through an almost 19 percent increase for pet projects. Even as we voted to cut Medicare, they also voted to spend half a million dollars to crease a Lawrence Welk tourist attraction. ((Other examples available.))

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In short, this a Congress that would rather issue feel-good proclamations, than address problems. This Democratic Congress is all sound and fury, signifying nothing. Make no mistake -- this Congress itself has become the biggest, most entrenched special interest of our time. \\ And the House intended to be closest to the people has become a House of Lords.\\

So if the status quo is stagnant, then America needs a change. America needs a Better Deal.\\

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We need a Better Deal because this is a Congress wedded to Washington solutions. We have seen it become a perpetual Congress that expects to rule for eternity. Ninety-eight percent of all incumbents who seek re-election are re-elected. They are re-elected because they use -- or abuse -- all the powers of incumbency, from free mail to pork-barrel spending.

In 1959, Congress was served by 5,800 staff members. Today it is served by almost 20,000 staff members -- a 212 percent increase. Congress is a chaos of committees, a confusion of command, an anarchy of egos.

But it doesn't have to be this way. Everyone says Congress is the problem -- but not my Representative, not my Senator. But the only way to make an institution accountable is to make every Member accountable. The only way to send a message to Washington is to elect a Republican majority. The only way to send a message to Washington is not to send the Democrats back. \\

Here in Oklahoma, you know that only the American voter can return power to communities from bureaucracies. And we can do it by electing a reform Congress -- eight days from today. \\ You know something else: The answer to Congress' abuse of power is the power of the American people. \\ Last month, Oklahoma voted overwhelmingly to restrict state legislative terms to 12 years. Next week, voters across America can follow your lead. \\

Term limitations applying to State officials will be on the ballot in California, Colorado, and Massachusetts. I support them. But that's not enough. America doesn't have to wait for a ballot initiative to limit the terms of their Senators and Congressmen. They can start next Tuesday. \\

Don't misunderstand me: I have nothing against people who want to retire to a nice house on a hill -- as long as it's not Capitol Hill. I do have something against Congressmen and Senators who -- by wearing out their welcome -- also wear out

America. \\ If we turn over the Congress, we can turn out the special interests who feed -- and are fed by -- the entrenched and the powerful. On Election Day, let's support term limitations. And by so doing, elect a Congress where ideas take root -- not politicians.

As we do, we will keep faith with America -- and American ideals. Which is why in the remaining days of this campaign, and for the rest of my Presidency, I will take a message to the people: America doesn't need a House of Lords. \\ \\ America needs a new responsible Congress. \\ \\ America needs a Congress that will work with the President for the good of all. America needs a Better Deal. \\ \\

Harry Truman reminded us that only a President represents all the people, can stand for the national interest, and stand against the special interests.

We have extended a hand, worked for a bipartisan solution, tried our hardest -- only to have a parade of liberal Democrats march to the Well of the House to blame us for their failures. Our goodwill has been rewarded with sarcasm and swearing. Well, I've had enough. And America has had enough. \\ \\

I am going from Los Angeles to Boston, to take my case to the American people, to challenge them to take charge of their destiny. \\ So let's go to the polls. Let's vote for term limitations -- and give government back to the people. And let's roll up our sleeves to elect a magnificent Governor. \\ Here in this State, people think straight and like straight talk. It

doesn't get any straighter than this: America deserves a Better Deal, and Oklahoma deserves the best. Bill Price. \\

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PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: PRICE FUNDRAISER
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Governor Bellmon, Senator Nichols. Thank you, Bill, for that introduction. Honored guests, ladies and gentlemen. Barbara and I appreciate your reception. We are delighted to be in this State of open hearts and open skies. //

Last May, I came here to address the Oklahoma Foundation for Excellence. Today, I'm glad to be back in the Sooner State. ((Just to show you what Oklahoma means to me, I asked our most talented writer to work on these remarks. // So Millie was up half the night putting them together.)) //

I also want to say what a privilege it is to be here on behalf of "a man who'll make a difference -- he always has." My friend -- and your next Governor. // Bill Price. //

All of you know Bill's story. The son of doctor -- he worked his way through school. Went to Georgetown University -- a basketball power. Then, OU Law School -- a football power. // ((There's a trend emerging here: I'm told Bill likes the Cincinnati Reds.)) //

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((You know, I was thinking of a line from that great movie, Cimarron. It goes, "Anything can have happened in Oklahoma. Practically everything has." // Let me tell you what has happened in Bill Price's life that leads me to say: "For Oklahoma, this Price is right.")) //

First of all, Bill Price is a great family man. Lovely wife, Mary -- three great kids. He's also a man with a penchant for the unexpected. ((At a campaign stop recently in Holdenville, Bill was meeting folks when he shook hands with a beautiful woman. "Hello," he said, "I'm Bill Price. I'm running for Governor, and it's a pleasure to meet you." He thought the woman looked familiar. / She should have. // It was his wife.))

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Mostly, this Price is right because he understands Oklahomans -- their belief in work, generosity to neighbors, their love of country and God. He also believes in high expectations. ((I recall the story of the Oklahoman who went to a theatre. For 15 cents, he got two theatre pictures, a Mickey

Mouse doll, newsreel, and two sets of dishes. // Yet he demanded his money back. Why? He didn't strike oil under his seat.)) //

That's what I call keeping things in perspective. ((It's like Bill tells me / can't blame him //: "It's fine that you're here, Mr. President. But if you really want to wow the crowd, bring Barbara.)) // Anyone with that common sense deserves to be Governor. // Here are some reasons why Oklahomans deserve Bill Price -- and why we have to use the last eight days before November 6 to get that job done. //

The first reason this Price is right is education -- where Bill supports our Administration's Educational Excellence Act. // This act will promote higher standards, more accountability, and more parental choice in where their kids go to school. It will encourage the true learning that comes from basics like reading, writing, and arithmetic -- and ensure that if excellence breeds achievement, that excellence is rewarded. //

Bill Price knows that education can be the great uplifter and equalizer. ((It's like that great character from the Broadway musical Oklahoma, Aunt Eller, who said: "I don't say I'm better than anybody else, but I'll be danged if I ain't just as good.)) // Some say we should load huge tax increases on State residents to improve education. Here's what Bill and I believe: Reform, private support, and local autonomy can make - - and keep -- American education No. 1. //

Here's another issue where Bill Price is right: Law and order. Let others talk about hoods and drug peddlers. Bill

Price has met and beat them head-on. // It was Bill Price who had a 98% conviction rate as U.S. Attorney over 12 years in office. Just as it was Bill Price who founded a drug education project involving more than 50,000 high school students. The difference he has made -- is making -- has helped to save and alter lives.

That's why Bill can't understand those who oppose our National Drug Strategy. Or liberals who -- for 16 months -- have sabotaged our Administration's Violent Crime Act. // Bill Price knows we can't soft-pedal the need to be hard on crime. // So he supports capital punishment / and so do I. He supports a workable death penalty -- a real death penalty -- for those who kill Federal law enforcement officers / and so do I. Go down the street -- ask any Oklahoman. Those who take the lives of fine young policemen -- like Oklahoma City's own officer Delmar Tooman -- must know there is a price to pay. The time is right -- the time is now -- to give cop-killers the kind of punishment they deserve. //

((A moment ago I mentioned the musical Oklahoma. There's a song in it titled, "I'm Just a Girl Who Can't Say No." Well, back in Washintton we've got a a Congress with the same problem regarding the Federal budget. Congress refuses to say "No" to taxes / to spending / to self-control, self-discipline, and even a scintilla of common sense.)) //

You know what I'm talking about. You've seen the whole sorry scenario in living color -- black and blue. Congress

prizes the special interests. Oklahomans revere the general interest. To protect it, we must support it: By canvassing / by contributing / and by going to the polls on November 6 to throw the rascals out. //

((BUDGET INSERT TO COME // One final thing: Our comprehensive budget plan must -- and will -- ensure crucial funds for Operation Desert Shield.)) //

All of us know we must stand up to aggression as we defend civilized values around the world -- especially, the acts of brutality inflicted by Iraq. Oklahomans are fair. What is fair about what Iraqi soldiers did a hospital? They reportedly unplugged the oxygen to incubators supporting 22 premature babies. All 22 died. Then, they shot five hospital employees. // Oklahomans are decent. What is decent about how at another hospital, Iraqi troops reportedly cut off oxygen supporting the 75-year-old mother of a Kuwaiti Cabinet Minister? //

These acts -- and more like them -- are obscene, barbaric, abhorrent, evil. They show what is at stake in the Middle East -- and why we must not, and will not, fail. Iraqi aggression will not be allowed to stand. Saddam Hussein will be held accountable. The legitimate government of Kuwait will be restored. //

Some ask: How long will we stay? My answer is: America will not remain in the Persian Gulf for one day longer than is necessary -- but it will stay for as long as it takes to complete our mission. ((We will keep the faith with men and women now in

the Gulf -- heroes Lakewood's own Howard Price, currently serving as petty officer aboard the guided missile cruiser Antietam in the Gulf. When Iraq invaded Kuwait, Howard was home on leave to be with his wife Terri, who has multiple schlerosis. Howard was torn by his desire to be with his wife. Terri had other ideas. "You get back to where you're needed," she said -- and that's an order.)) //

((Every time I come to Oklahoma, I think of your great humorist, Will Rogers, who said, "I love a dog. He does nothing for political reasons." // Millie likes that line.)) // We are in the Persian Gulf for, above all, moral reasons: To do right - - and, thus, achieve good. To ensure -- as America always has - - that the strong do not swallow up the weak. To keep faith with soldiers like Howard Price -- the finest sailors, soldiers, airmen, and Marines any Nation could ever have. //

Oklahomans know what it is to be on the front line. Just as you were last September 11th when you overwhelmingly passed an historic referendum to restrict state legislature terms to 12 years. On November 6, the Sooner state is going to again take the lead in building a better America, keeping faith with what we are as a Nation, and a people. So let's show that what Bill Price believes in is right in education, law and order, fiscal policy, and foreign affairs. // Let's get out the vote. Let's win the State Senate and House of Representatives. And let's roll up our sleeves to elect a magnificent Governor.

Thank you for this occasion. God bless the United States.
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The final budget agreement is an example of how the Democratic Congress works -- or doesn't work. For the sake of the nation, we had to reduce the deficit now. It is high time

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Every once in a while a President has to compromise in order to govern. Yes, we had to reach agreement. But I felt strongly about reducing the deficit with spending cuts, not raising taxes. In fact, that's exactly the kind of budget I sent to the Congress last February. Predictably, the Democrats instead wanted to slash defense and raise taxes. What we got was a compromise.

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We put Congress on the pay-as-you-go plan, so the liberal Democrats will no longer be able to fund programs with red ink. This agreement has strong enforcement provisions: if Congress tries to raise spending one dime, they've got to cut other excess spending or find the money for it -- right there and then. Finally, we held the line against reckless cuts of our Armed Forces. I will not be the President to preside over the weakening of this nation's defenses. ///

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bad. In a word, taxes. To get an agreement we had to pay a ransom to get the \$350 billion in spending cuts.

The American people have had to pay a price for divided government, but the price could have been worse. The Democrats' bill that passed the House tried to raise income taxes on all working Americans. They attacked the "indexing" provisions of the current tax law in a way that raised taxes on every hardworking citizen. They called it their bill to soak the rich, when really it went after the paycheck of working people. Well, we stopped them. Cold. That was not Republicans protecting the rich. That was Republicans standing up for every working family in America.\\\

Let those liberals that control Congress raise their tired old cry of class warfare, of soak the rich. We will continue to fight for the working people by holding the line on taxes. Send me more Republicans to get the job done.

You know, by law, the budget was due last April. The Democratic Congress gave me a budget eight months late; so late, in fact, that we are at the brink of an economic downturn. It's time to tell it like it is.

This agreement could have come together in May, in June, or in August, any time during the last eight months. But the Democrats choked the throttle of a slowing economy while they hunted for every last morsel of partisan advantage --all in the name of politics and higher taxes. Well, we're not going to let them get away with it.///

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In April, when the budget was due, unemployment was 5.4 percent. Unemployment last month was 5.7 percent. Since April, when the budget was due, inflation has accelerated. Economic growth has slowed. Even after the economy was threatened by higher oil prices from the Persian Gulf crisis Congress delayed. This Congress was content to stall an agreement and stall the economy. Well, we're not going to let them get away with that.////

Of course, there are Members like Congressmen Jim Inhofe and Mickey Edwards, and Senator Don Nickles --who are with us today - - who reject the failed tradition of tax and spend. But they're outnumbered by the big taxers and the big spenders. These three are the real defenders of working America, and I'm grateful they're fighting for you on up Capitol Hill.

Even in the midst of a crisis, the big spenders look for pork-barrel bonanzas. At the 11th hour, in the midst of the budget crisis, Congressional conferees on one panel alone pushed through an almost 19 percent increase for pet projects. At the same time this President and these Republican members wanted to curtail spending, Congress voted to spend half a million dollars to create a Lawrence Welk tourist attraction. I love Lawrence Welk as much as the next guy, but this spending has got to stop!

Believe me, the American people know when their Congress asks them to tighten their belts, Congress always loosens its own. I'll tell you what I'd like to do about it -- give me what

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Under our Constitution, only the President is elected by all the people; only the President represents the entire nation. Give me the tools I need: the line-item-veto, a balanced budget amendment, and most important -- more Republicans in Congress.

Don't tell me there's no difference between Republicans and Democrats. In education, Republicans are the ones fighting for reform -- to empower parents to choose their children's schools. In child care, Republicans are the ones who demanded reform -- to empower parents to choose who will watch over their children. And we're the ones still determined to bring hope and opportunity to the most desolate of our inner cities. The Democrats are still pushing more liberal programs, more taxes, and more bureaucracy. They're still peddling that tired old saw about Republicans and the rich. You and I both know that's hogwash and were not going to let them get away with that either.

This is a Congress that could only act at the last minute, when their political feet were held to the fire. A Congress that would rather pass feel-good proclamations than address problems. This is a Congress that passes a resolution called "National Crime Prevention Month" while it guts our tough anti-crime bill. A Congress that declared "Clean Water Month" but bickered for months over a Clean Air bill. If you find all this tough to swallow, don't worry -- they've also served up "National

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The Democrats still block my proposals for campaign finance reform. We want to abolish special-interest PAC's, the Democrats want the taxpayer to foot the bill for their re-election. Democrats talk about taxing the rich but they want all taxpayers to throw in money for Congressional elections. America needs a change. America needs a Better Deal.

A \$1.3 trillion budget gives us ample room to dream again, to advance new ideas to renew our government -- to rethink and restructure our priorities. But the Democratic Congress would rather raise taxes than raise the issue of reform. The problem isn't with the American people and their Dream. The problem is a Congress that protects its perks and privileges and turns its back on the American Dream. And I say we've had enough.

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^{Some people say} Don't tell me there's no difference between Republicans and Democrats. In education, Republicans are the ones fighting for reform -- to empower parents to choose their children's schools. In child care, Republicans are the ones who demanded reform -- to empower parents to choose who will watch over their children. And we're the ones still determined to bring hope and opportunity to the most desolate of our inner cities. The Democrats are

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← Unhappily to Congress seems committed to special interests...

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still peddling that old saw about Republicans and the rich. You and I both know that's hogwash and were not going to let them get away with that either.

This is a Congress that could only act at the last minute, when their political feet were held to the fire. A Congress that would rather pass feel-good proclamations than address problems. This is a Congress that ^{would rather pass 2 resolutions} can declare "National Crime Prevention Month" while it guts our tough anti-crime bill. A Congress that declared "Clean Water Week" but bickered for months over a Clean Air bill. A Congress that declares "National Asparagus Month" but take two years to pass a farm bill. If you find all this tough to swallow, don't worry -- they've also served up "National Digestive Disease Awareness Month".

And this is the liberal Democrat Congress that's become America's biggest, most entrenched special interest America has ever seen.

In 1959, Congress was served by ^{less than 6000} 5,800 staff members. Today it is served by almost 20,000 staff members, who control the perks, and pass out the pork. Congress is a confusion of committees and is a turf-conscious ^{House of Lords} ~~chaos~~. And the House intended to be closest to the people has become a House of Lords. Ninety-eight percent who seek re-election, are re-elected. It's time to turn the tables -- the American people deserve a new Congress -- **this time a Republican Congress.** ^{better deal}

The Democrats block my proposals for campaign finance reform. We want to abolish special-interest PAC's, the Democrats

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want the taxpayer to foot the bill for their re-election. The Democrats refuse to clean up the special-interest politics that allow incumbents to feather their nests with special-interest dollars. America needs a change. America needs a Better Deal.

A \$1.3 trillion budget gives us ample room to dream again, to advance new ideas to renew our government -- to rethink and restructure our priorities. But the Democratic Congress would rather raise taxes than raise the issue of reform. The problem isn't with the American people and their Dream. The problem is a Congress that protects its perks and privileges and turns its back on the American Dream. And I say we've had enough.

America needs a Republican Congress that will balance the budget by cutting spending -- not the Democratic Congress that just last week tried to raise income taxes on every working family in America.

America needs a Republican Congress that will get tough on crime -- not a Democratic Congress soft on criminals.

America needs a Republican Congress that is dedicated to the national interest -- not a Democratic Congress that caters to the special interests.

The only way to send this message to Washington is not to send the Democrats back. ///

Last month, Oklahoma voters sent politicians a message. They voted overwhelmingly to restrict state legislative terms to 12 years. Next week, voters across America can follow your lead. Term limitations applying to State officials will be on the

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ballot in California, Colorado, and Massachusetts. But America doesn't have to wait for a ballot initiative to limit the terms of the Democrats in Congress. **They can start next Tuesday.**

I have nothing against people who want to retire to a nice house on a hill -- as long as it's not Capitol Hill. If we turn over the Congress, we can turn out the special interests.

As we do, we will keep faith with America -- and American ideals. Which is why in the remaining days of this campaign, and for the rest of my Presidency, I will take a message to the people: America doesn't need a liberal House of Lords. \\\ America needs a responsible Congress. \\\ **A Republican Congress.**

Harry Truman reminded us that only a President represents all the people, can stand for the national interest, and stand against the special interests. *only the President can*

In that spirit, I have extended my hand, worked for a bipartisan solution to this horrible budget mess. I have tried very hard -- only to have a parade of liberal Democrats march to the microphone to blame me for their failures. My goodwill has been rewarded with sarcasm and swearing. Well, America has had enough. So have I, and we don't have to take it anymore ///

→ Here in this State, people think straight, and like straight talk. Do your talking at the polls on November 6. Roll up your sleeves and elect this man Governor, Oklahoma deserves the best.

As for me, I am going crisscross this country from coast to coast and take this message to the American people: more **Republicans in Congress means more men and women fighting against**

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I want a Better Deal for America --

raising taxes and against the big spenders. More Republicans means a Better Deal for America. It doesn't get any straighter than that. ///

new ideas, positive reform, empowerment.

Thank you. God bless the United States of America.

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*But we can't get there from here w/ this Congress
Remember*