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REMARKS BY THE PRESIDENT
TO THE AMERICAN LEGISLATIVE EXCHANGE COUNCILRoom 450
Old Executive Office Building

11:08 A.M. EST

THE PRESIDENT: Thank you so much for that warm welcome and welcome back to the White House. I just had a chat with Ellen Sauerbrey outside; and delighted to see her and all of you; Sam Brunelli, the Executive Director. And, of course, I'm delighted to be side-by-side today, as I have been for the last couple of years and especially the last few months, with our very able Secretary of Defense.

I know Dick feels, as I do, that when you get a nice reception like that, people are really expressing their gratitude to the fighting men and women of the United States halfway around the world. What a job they've done, and nobody -- (applause) -- nobody, no individual deserves more credit for all of that than the man sitting over here behind me, our able Secretary of Defense. I will always be indebted to him and so will our country.

I understand that you've heard from Mary McClure and Deb over here -- Deb Anderson, and Richard Haass will be speaking to you in a minute. He has had a key role -- is a key member of our National Security Council -- every step of the way in what's happened over in the Gulf. So you're going to be hearing from one upon whom I have relied heavily, upon whom General Scowcroft relies heavily. So you'll get the facts from him, and I'm sandwiched in between these two experts. (Laughter.) But when I mention Deb and Mary, of course, I'm talking about two of your own -- two state legislators, and both proof, if ever there was, of Finley Dunne's rule "Every now and then an innocent person gets sent to the state legislature." (Laughter.)

So I hope that you found these visits with our other -- Dick Thornburgh and I don't know whether John Sununu has been over yet or not. I guess he has. And Jack Kemp is coming on. So we want you to hear in detail about our program -- our legislative program, as well as what's transpired in the Gulf.

Like so many other fine members of our team, most of those you'll hear from have something in common with each of the talented people out here in the audience. Most of them know what it meant when -- Sam Rayburn put it this way when he said he knows what it is to run for sheriff. And one of his criticisms of a lot of people around Washington was that they never ran for sheriff. Well, you know what it's like, and I know what it's like. And so I hope that you recognize that we have able people who have been elected; many able who have not. But we put great emphasis on the elective political process.

The presence of the veterans that we have of state politics -- veterans of state politics is important because they kind of remind us all the time of the philosophical underpinnings of our administration. And I want to just renew in a very few minutes here my own commitment not only to federalism, but also to the principle that the states are what we call the laboratories of democracy -- forging ahead at the cutting edge of the world's greatest experiment in freedom and diversity.

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It is, of course, an ongoing experiment, a continuing experiment. From parental choice in child care and education to tenant ownership in housing; from enterprise zones to create jobs to what we call these drug-free zones to take back the streets, state and local governments are finding the new approaches to solving these problems -- and looking not just at America's problems, but also at our possibilities.

Just a little over a month ago, I went up to the Congress and reported on the State of the Union. And I called it then a "defining hour" for our nation, and I spoke of the promise of a renewed America. And I issued a call not merely for new government initiatives, but for new initiative in government. And as has been true throughout our history, the wellspring of these new initiatives is likely to be the 50 dynamic state laboratories that are represented by all of you here today.

I've often said that the state legislatures are some of our most practical and resourceful leaders. Close to America's roots. Close to the people. I think that's what does it. Close to the concerns of the communities.

And that's why in that State of the Union address I included a bold new proposal to select at least \$15 billion in federal programs, and then turn them over to the states in one single consolidated grant, fully funded, for hands-on management by the states.

And I want to thank Ellen and Sam, who sent me a letter just two days later telling us of your strong endorsement, your enthusiastic support for this proposal. Over the past months, we've worked with you and with the governors and others in state and local government to select the programs that go into this turnover. We are committed to funding these programs, Sam, funding them for the next five years. And we are committed to moving power and decision-making closer to the people. Because at the bottom line, our idea of federalism comes down to four simple words: more flexibility and fewer mandates.

I think John was to speak to you about this earlier, but I did want to come by and thank you for your support and for all you're doing to make this initiative a success. We're getting some flak from predictable places on it, but I think on balance it's been received very, very well. And I can guarantee you we're going to fight for it.

I want to conclude by thanking this group particularly, but so many people across this country for the tremendous support for our men and women serving overseas. And I want to particularly single out those that are actually serving in the Gulf or in support of Desert Storm. To click off just a few ALEC members like Louisiana's Hunt Downer, was on active duty, supposed to be here -- right here -- Hunt, glad to see you. (Applause.) We're delighted you're here. Nevada's Jim Gibbons; and Mike Coffman from Colorado; Connecticut's Chris Burnham, a Marine captain who took his third oath of office while stationed in Saudi Arabia.

So we've got "citizen-legislators" today doing double duty as "citizen soldiers." And ladies and gentlemen, these are America at its very, very best.

So thank you. I know you share this wonderful feeling that I have of joy in my heart. But it is overcome -- overwhelmed by the gratitude I feel. Not just to the troops overseas, but to those who have assisted the United States of America, like our Secretary of Defense, like our Chairman of our Joint Chiefs, and so many other unsung heroes who have made all this possible. It's a proud day for America. And, by God, we've kicked Vietnam syndrome once and for all.

Thank you very, very much. (Applause.)

AMERICAN LEGISLATIVE EXCHANGE COUNCIL \ ROOM 450
FRIDAY, MARCH 1, 1991 \ 10:45 A.M.

THANK YOU. AND WELCOME BACK TO THE WHITE HOUSE.
IT'S GOOD TO SEE ELLEN SAUERBREY [ALEC CH.] AND SAM
BRUNELLI [ALEC EXEC. DIR.] AGAIN. AND I'M GLAD TO SEE
OUR VERY TALENTED DEFENSE SECRETARY, DICK CHENEY, AND
SO MANY OTHERS WHO HAVE CONTRIBUTED FIRST-RATE
LEADERSHIP TO OUR ADMINISTRATION -- TO THE ALLIED
COALITION IN THE GULF -- AND TO THE FINEST ARMED FORCES
EVER ASSEMBLED -- THE FIGHTING MEN AND WOMEN OF THE
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NOW AND THEN, AN INNOCENT [PERSON] GETS SENT TO THE
LEGISLATURE." \\\

I KNOW YOU'VE ALSO HEARD FROM OUR VERY ABLE CHIEF
OF STAFF, JOHN SUNUNU, THE ATTORNEY GENERAL, DICK
THORNBURGH, AND YOU'LL HEAR FROM OUR HOUSING SECRETARY,
JACK KEMP, LATER TODAY.

LIKE SO MANY OF THE OTHER FINE MEMBERS OF OUR TEAM, MOST OF THOSE YOU'LL HEAR FROM TODAY HAVE SOMETHING IN COMMON WITH EACH OF THE TALENTED MEN AND WOMEN HERE IN THIS ROOM. AS SAM RAYBURN PUT IT -- EACH ONE KNOWS FIRSTHAND WHAT IT'S LIKE TO "RUN FOR SHERIFF."

THE PRESENCE OF THESE VETERANS OF STATE POLITICS IS IMPORTANT, BECAUSE THEY SERVE AS CONSTANT REMINDERS OF THE PHILOSOPHICAL UNDERPINNINGS OF OUR ADMINISTRATION.

AND I WANT TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO RENEW MY COMMITMENT NOT ONLY TO FEDERALISM, BUT ALSO TO THE PRINCIPLE THAT THE STATES ARE INDEED "LABORATORIES OF DEMOCRACY" -- FORGING AHEAD AT THE CUTTING EDGE OF THE WORLD'S GREATEST EXPERIMENT IN FREEDOM AND DIVERSITY.

IT IS, OF COURSE, A CONTINUING EXPERIMENT. FROM PARENTAL CHOICE IN CHILD CARE AND EDUCATION TO TENANT OWNERSHIP OF PUBLIC HOUSING, FROM ENTERPRISE ZONES TO CREATE JOBS TO DRUG-FREE ZONES TO "TAKE BACK THE STREETS," STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTS ARE FINDING NEW APPROACHES TO SOLVING OLD PROBLEMS. AND LOOKING NOT JUST AT AMERICA'S PROBLEMS -- BUT ALSO AMERICA'S POSSIBILITIES.

JUST A LITTLE OVER A MONTH AGO, I STOOD BEFORE THE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES AND REPORTED ON THE STATE OF THE UNION. I CALLED IT A "DEFINING HOUR" FOR OUR NATION -- AND SPOKE OF THE PROMISE OF A "RENEWED AMERICA." AND I ISSUED A CALL NOT MERELY FOR NEW GOVERNMENT INITIATIVES -- BUT FOR NEW INITIATIVE IN GOVERNMENT. AND, AS HAS BEEN TRUE THROUGHOUT OUR HISTORY, THE WELLSPRING OF THESE NEW INITIATIVES IS LIKELY TO BE THE 50 DYNAMIC STATE LABORATORIES THAT YOU REPRESENT.

I'VE OFTEN SAID THAT STATE LEGISLATORS ARE SOME OF AMERICA'S MOST PRACTICAL AND RESOURCEFUL LEADERS. CLOSE TO AMERICA'S ROOTS. CLOSE TO AMERICA'S PEOPLE. CLOSE TO AMERICA'S CONCERNS.

THAT IS WHY MY STATE OF THE UNION ADDRESS INCLUDED A BOLD NEW PROPOSAL TO SELECT AT LEAST \$15 BILLION IN FEDERAL PROGRAMS AND TURN THEM OVER TO THE STATES IN A SINGLE CONSOLIDATED GRANT -- FULLY FUNDED -- FOR HANDS-ON MANAGEMENT BY THE STATES.

AND I WANT TO THANK ELLEN AND SAM, WHO SENT ME A LETTER TWO DAYS LATER TELLING US OF YOUR STRONG ENDORSEMENT AND ENTHUSIASTIC SUPPORT FOR OUR PROPOSAL. OVER THE PAST MONTH, WE'VE WORKED WITH YOU, THE GOVERNORS, AND OTHERS IN STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT TO SELECT THE PROGRAMS FOR "TURNOVER." WE ARE COMMITTED TO FUNDING THESE PROGRAMS FOR THE NEXT FIVE YEARS. AND WE ARE COMMITTED TO MOVING POWER AND DECISION-MAKING CLOSER TO THE PEOPLE.

BECAUSE AT THE BOTTOM LINE, OUR IDEA OF FEDERALISM COMES DOWN TO FOUR SIMPLE WORDS: MORE FLEXIBILITY.
FEWER MANDATES.

GOVERNOR SUNUNU WILL BE TALKING ABOUT THIS IN MORE DETAIL LATER. BUT I DID WANT TO COME BY TO THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT, AND FOR ALL YOU'RE DOING TO MAKE THIS INITIATIVE A SUCCESS.

I ALSO WANT TO THANK YOU FOR YOUR TREMENDOUS SUPPORT FOR OUR MEN AND WOMEN SERVING OVERSEAS. AND I PARTICULARLY WANT TO SINGLE OUT THOSE ACTUALLY SERVING IN THE GULF OR IN SUPPORT OF DESERT STORM -- ALEC MEMBERS LIKE LOUISIANA'S HUNT DOWNER [[WHO IS NOW ON ACTIVE DUTY -- BUT HERE IN THE ROOM]], NEVADA'S JIM GIBBONS, COLORADO'S MIKE COFFMAN, AND CONNECTICUT'S REP. CHRIS BURNHAM -- A MARINE CAPTAIN WHO TOOK HIS THIRD OATH OF OFFICE WHILE ON STATION IN SAUDI ARABIA.

THEY ARE "CITIZEN-LEGISLATORS" -- TODAY DOING DOUBLE
DUTY AS "CITIZEN-SOLDIERS." AND LADIES AND GENTLEMEN -
- THEY ARE AMERICA AT ITS BEST. \\\

THANK YOU ALL FOR DOING "THE HARD WORK OF FREEDOM."
GODSPEED YOU IN THE CHALLENGES AHEAD. AND GOD BLESS
AMERICA -- AND ALL THE TROOPS TODAY SERVING FREEDOM IN
THE GULF.

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February 27, 1991

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

THROUGH: CHRISS WINSTON *CW*
FROM: ED McNALLY *EMW*
SUBJECT: AMERICAN LEGISLATIVE EXCHANGE COUNCIL

I. SUMMARY

On Friday, March 1, at 10:45 a.m., you will address members of the American Legislative Exchange Council. The event will be in Room 450 of the OEOB. Before you speak to the group, they will hear from Deb Anderson, Mary McClure, Richard Haass, Attorney General Thornburgh, and Secretary Cheney. Governor Sununu will speak immediately after your remarks.

II. DISCUSSION

The remarks highlight the \$15 billion turnover to state governments that you discussed your the State of the Union address, and which this group has already strongly endorsed.

Hunt (AL)
Downer

McNally/Dooley
February 22, 1991
Draft Two (B:ALEC-91)

PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: AMERICAN LEGISLATIVE EXCHANGE COUNCIL
ROOM 450, O.E.O.B.
FRIDAY, MAR. 1, 1991, 10:45 A.M.

Thank you. And welcome back to the White House. It's good to see Ellen Sauerbrey [ALEC CH.] and Sam Brunelli [ALEC EXEC. DIR.] again. And I'm glad to see our very talented Defense Secretary, Dick Cheney, and so many others who are contributing first-rate leadership to our Administration -- to the Allied Coalition in the Gulf -- and to the finest armed forces ever assembled -- the fighting men and women of the U.S.A! \\\

I understand that you've already heard from Deb Anderson and Mary McClure -- two of your own, former state legislators in South Dakota -- and both proof if ever there was of Finley Peter Dunne's rule: "Every now and then, an innocent [person] gets sent to the Legislature."

I know you've also heard from our very able Attorney General, Dick Thornburgh, and you'll hear from Jack Kemp later today. I know that Governor Sununu will be coming by in just a ^{few} ~~seconds~~ ^{past} tense few moments. It's got me a bit nervous. Some of you may remember that, last year, I arrived a little early, and Governor Sununu ended up getting cut off. \\\ John's got a good memory. I keep expecting him to walk in and say: "Time's up!" \\\

Like so many of the other fine members of our team, most of those you'll hear from today have something in common with each of the talented men and women here in this room. As Sam Rayburn

put it -- each one knows firsthand what it's like to "run for sheriff."

The presence of these veterans of state politics is important, because they serve as constant reminders of the philosophical underpinnings of our Administration. And I want to take this opportunity to renew my commitment not only to federalism, but also to the principle that the states are indeed "laboratories of democracy" -- forging ahead at the cutting edge of the world's greatest experiment in freedom and diversity.

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Thank you all for doing "the hard work of freedom."
Godspeed you in the challenges ahead. And God bless America --
and all the troops today serving freedom in the Gulf.

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WHITE HOUSE STAFFING MEMORANDUM

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

THROUGH: CHRISS WINSTON CW
FROM: EDWARD McNALLY EMM
SUBJECT: SWEARING-IN CEREMONY FOR LYNN MARTIN

I. SUMMARY

On Friday, February 22, at 10:30 a.m., you will participate in the swearing-in ceremony for Lynn Martin as Secretary of Labor. The event will take place in the Great Hall at the Labor Department.

II. DISCUSSION

Julia Martin (her daughter) will give the invocation and family introductions. The Pledge of Allegiance will be led by the family of Sgt. First Class Melvin Oliver, an employee of the Labor Department currently serving in the Persian Gulf.

Following your remarks, the Secretary will be sworn into office by her husband, U.S. District Court Judge Harry Leinenweber. Her father, Lawrence Morley, will hold the Bible.

The remarks highlight Secretary Martin's long and distinguished record in public service, emphasizing that this experience will enable her to do an exceptional job as Secretary of Labor.

[One other note on acknowledgements: We do not yet have final confirmation that Secretary Dole and Lane Kirkland will be able to participate. All acknowledgements will be fixed accordingly.]

McNally/Dooley
Feb. 20, 1991
Draft Three (B:MARTIN)

PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: SWEARING-IN CEREMONY FOR LYNN MARTIN
THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 1991, 10:30 A.M.

Thank you, and good afternoon.

Truly, it is a great honor to greet you all today. I'm very pleased to see so many Cabinet members here to welcome their newest colleague. I see Secretaries Skinner and Derwinski, and Sec.-designate Madigan. ((Lynn -- One more Illinoisan [ill-eh-NOY-an] and we'll have to move the Cabinet meetings to Chicago!))

I also want to offer my respects to the former Secretaries of Labor who are here: Secretary Uery. Secretary Brock. Secretary McLaughlin. And of course -- Secretary Elizabeth Dole.

And in marking this moment of transition, let me begin by offering our congratulations to Secretary Dole for 25 years of exceptional government service, and our best wishes in her continuing public service as president of the American Red Cross. Secretary Dole -- on behalf of the Department of Labor -- on behalf of the American people -- thank you -- and good luck. \\

We are here today to introduce the new Secretary of Labor. And we are particularly grateful that many of the distinguished Members of Congress with whom she has served are able to be here with us. We're also glad to see Lane Kirkland. And most of all, it is a distinct and personal pleasure to welcome to Washington the family and friends of this extraordinary woman.

The 16th District of Illinois has great historical significance. It was a site of the Lincoln-Douglas Debates, home of

President Ulysses S. Grant, and the birthplace of Ronald Reagan. And it is the district served for 10 years by a woman who is one of the great leaders of the U.S. House of Representatives -- my longtime friend -- America's new Secretary of Labor, Lynn Martin.

Barbara and I have campaigned with her at home in the streets and neighborhoods of Rockford. You should see the love and affection the people who know her best feel for her. And with good cause. Lynn first became involved in politics because -- as a mother and as a teacher -- she knew America's children deserved better -- better schools, better choices, a better future. She's been working to bring about improvements like these all her life. And that's why, during my Inauguration week, I urged a group of 10,000 young people from all across the nation to make Lynn Martin their role model. "Watch her leadership in the United States Congress," I said. "She's tough, she's strong and she exemplifies the very best in public service." \\\

Lynn -- this is a good Department -- with decent and caring people -- and an important mission. I've been here several times -- even visited with the kids in the child care center down the hall. Introduced Bill Brock here back in '85, and Elizabeth in '89. I know what you do here, and all over the country out of your regional offices, and it is important. It includes protecting America's kids against exploitation, helping workers retrain and build skills for the future, safeguarding employees against health and safety hazards, and ensuring the integrity of workers' pensions.

I know Lynn is also committed to reaching out to American workers -- as she told the Senate recently -- to "touching their lives before, during, and after their years in the labor force."

Now those are the thoughts of a very dedicated and caring woman. Matched by her exceptional talents, they promise that Secretary Martin will help make the American workplace safer, healthier, and more secure -- and serve the Department and the country as a powerful force for good.

A few months ago, I listened as Lynn told an Illinois gathering about how, almost 30 years ago, she held her little girl Julia up above the crowd as President John F. Kennedy drove by. Lynn said: "If only once in her life, I wanted her to be able to say she had seen a President of the United States."

Today, that little girl is the fine young woman we see doing such a superb job up here. [[JULIA IS MAKING OPENING REMARKS]] And that young mother is America's newest Secretary of Labor. \\

Just the other day, Lynn remarked that the "dream is alive in places you least expect to find it." That's so true. Lynn Martin is the American dream. And she inspires it in others.

Madame Secretary -- congratulations, good luck, and God bless you. \\

And now I would invite your husband, United States District Court Judge Harry Leinenweber, with the assistance of your father, to administer the oath of office. Judge Leinenweber.

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THROUGH: CHRISS WINSTON *CW*

FROM: ED McNALLY *EM*

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I. SUMMARY

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II. DISCUSSION

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TO CHRISS WINSTON

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Brent Scowcroft
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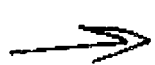
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I understand that you've already heard from Deb Anderson -- one of your own, former Speaker of the House in South Dakota -- and proof if ever there was of Finley Peter Dunne's rule: "Every now and then, an innocent [person] gets sent to the Legislature."

I know you've also heard from our very able Attorney General, Dick Thornburg, and that Governor Sununu will be coming by in just a few moments. It's got me a bit nervous. Some of you may remember that, last year, I arrived a little early, and Governor Sununu ended up getting cut off. \\\ John's got a good memory. I keep expecting him to walk in and say: "Time's up!"

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It is, of course, a continuing experiment. From parental choice in child care and education to tenant ownership of public housing, from Enterprise Zones to create jobs to Drug-Free Zones to "Take Back The Streets," state and local governments are finding new approaches to solving old problems. And looking not just at America's problems -- but also America's possibilities.

Just a little over a month ago, I stood before the Congress of the United States and reported on the State of the Union. I called it a "defining hour" for our Nation -- and spoke of the promise of a "renewed America." And I issued a call not merely for new government initiatives -- but for new initiatives in government. And, as has been true throughout our history, the wellspring of these new initiatives is likely to be the 50 dynamic state laboratories that you represent.

I've often said that State legislators are some of America's most practical and resourceful leaders. Close to America's roots. Close to America's people. Close to America's concerns.

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