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DATE: 10/25/91 ACTION/CONCURRENCE/COMMENT DUE BY: MONDAY, 10/28/91 2:00pm

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 SUBJECT: HOUSTON, TX - THURSDAY, OCT. 31, 1991

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REMARKS:

Please forward your comments directly to Tony Snow, Rm. 122, x2930, no later than 2:00 pm., MONDAY, OCTOBER 28, with a copy to this office. Thank you.

RESPONSE: No comment.

Thanks,  
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Anyone who says we should retreat into an isolationist cocoon is living in the last century -- when we should be focussed on the next. They should know, America's destiny has always been to lead. And if I have anything to do with it, lead we will.

I'll tell you what I learned many years ago right here in Texas: America is the most productive, prosperous, enlightened nation on Earth. /// But we can become even more. Whether you're talking about global competition or a political campaign, we have no margin for overconfidence and complacency. As Darryl Royal would say: Always compete as if you're seven points down.

The 21st Century demands that our domestic policy and foreign policy reflect our fundamental aims as a people: peace, excellence, competitiveness and strength. Our excellence at home will allow us to compete effectively abroad. And international peace will enable us to stay strong economically.

In Texas or in Washington, we've got to keep up the fight. Hold as your banner the pioneer spirit, political unity and common-sense ideals of those early Texas Republicans who built this great Party. Together, we can build a better America. //

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We've called for economic growth initiatives in three State of the Union speeches in three years. // Well, three strikes -- you're out. // It's time for a new Congress -- a Republican Congress. ///

One of those proposals was a capital gains tax cut. Let the demagogues call it a "tax break for the rich." I'll tell you what it really is. It's a jobs measure ... a small-business-creation measure ... a shot-in-the-arm-for-a-sluggish-economy measure. History has already shown that it does not add to the deficit -- in fact, it reduces the deficit. So let the opposition prattle on about tax breaks for the rich -- I'll take the political heat -- but in the meantime, give America a capital gains tax cut. //

Time and again, we hear of the desire for economic and political liberty -- from Managua to Moscow -- yet the only

people who don't seem to understand are the liberal Democrats in Washington. That's why, time and again, we have been forced to veto regressive Democratic legislation. ~~With more Republicans, we can enact more of our agenda for freedom, justice and opportunity.~~ Whether in the House or the Senate, we need more men and women who do understand -- we need more Republicans. //



It's time we got rid of a practice where a privileged few stand outside the law -- where attending to the national interest takes a back seat to serving the special interests. It's time Congress started following the laws it imposes on everyone else. [I thought that might get your blood going]

And when I hear critics arguing about our priorities -- foreign policy or domestic policy, I wonder where their priorities are. The "global marketplace" isn't off in Europe or Asia or Africa -- it's right here in our neighborhoods, our **businesses**, our schools. For example, take a look at our North American Free Trade Agreement. It will have a monumental effect on the quality of life here in the United States over the next decade -- every billion dollars in new trade means 20,000 more jobs. A better-educated workforce means higher quality products ... which means more economic growth. The cycle continues -- **growth means more jobs and more opportunity for everyone.**

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Since I've been President, we have been called upon to meet one crucial challenge after another. And meet them we did --

each and every one. From Eastern Europe to Panama to the Persian Gulf, America stood as a beacon of freedom throughout the world.

Yesterday I helped open the Middle East peace conference in Madrid. I saw some narrow-minded liberal Democrats attack me for being at that important conference -- that historic conference. Well, you can tell them this: I am going to keep right on standing up to aggression -- as we did in Desert Storm. And I am going to keep trying to bring peace to troubled regions of the world -- as we did in Madrid. [[ I know they haven't had the experience in a while, but that's part of the job of being President of the United States.]]

To me, both at home and abroad -- American interests are the same: peace, excellence, competitiveness, and strength. Regardless of what some beltway liberal says, when it comes to advancing America's interests -- at home or abroad, no apology necessary. ////

We live in an integrated world. In that world, you can't divide foreign policy from domestic policy. When I talk with foreign leaders about new markets for American products, is it foreign policy or domestic policy? When I meet with Latin American leaders to keep drugs out of America's neighborhoods, is that foreign policy or domestic policy? When Desert Storm reignited Americans' faith in themselves, was that just foreign policy? No: It demonstrated our special role as the world's preeminent moral, political, economic and military power. The

pride we felt in our fighting men and women -- and in ourselves -- should never be trivialized as something "foreign."

Anyone who says we should retreat into an isolationist cocoon is living in the last century -- when we should be focussed on the next. They should know, America's destiny has always been to lead. And if I have anything to do with it, lead we will.

I'll tell you what I learned many years ago right here in Texas: America is the most productive, prosperous, enlightened nation on Earth. /// But we can become even more. Whether you're talking about global competition or a political campaign, we have no margin for overconfidence and complacency. As Darryl Royal would say: Always compete as if you're seven points down.

The 21st Century demands that our domestic policy and foreign policy reflect our fundamental aims as a people: peace, excellence, competitiveness and strength. Our excellence at home will allow us to compete effectively abroad. And international peace will enable us to stay strong economically.

In Texas or in Washington, we've got to keep up the fight. Hold as your banner the pioneer spirit, political unity and common-sense ideals of those early Texas Republicans who built this great Party. Together, we can build a better America. //

Thank you for being here tonight -- it means a great deal to Barbara and me -- and God bless each one of you. Thank you.

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PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: BUSH-QUAYLE FUNDRAISING DINNER  
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Thank you, Bob [Cruikshank.] A special note of thanks to our Vice President, Dan Quayle, and Marilyn Quayle. /// Hello to Sec. Mosbacher; Bobby Holt; Senator Phil Gramm; everyone, thank you. It's always great to be back in Houston and to see so many good friends. ((With a welcome like that, I had to check that banner behind me and see if it said "Warren Moon in '92." ))

Coming back to Texas like this brings a man back to his roots. I first became active in politics in West Texas, when I chaired the Eisenhower-Nixon campaign in Midland in both '52 and '56. Then I remember our early years in Houston, when I first ran for Harris County Republican Chairman -- and Barbara and I got our first taste of what was to become a way of life for us. Driving our stationwagon precinct to precinct, eating chicken-fried steak ... shaking hands and knocking on doors every night, giving speeches with Barbara on the platform behind me.

((At the time, she took up needlepoint to stay awake during my speeches. Maybe you've got one of those "Bush Bags" she used to make. Depending on the event, as Nolan Ryan would say, I'd hit either a "one-bagger" or a "two-bagger." // ))

Later, I ran for the Senate and then for the Congress. Barbara and I -- ((and some of the original "Bush Belles," if you remember them)) -- we traveled Texas, from the Panhandle to the Rio Grande, from Texarkana to El Paso. Those days, the only

thing that wasn't big about Texas was the state Republican Party. In fact, the only Texas Republican who had won state-wide office in over a century was a man I sorely miss tonight, a dear friend to many of us, Senator John Tower. //

Politics is a way of life here in Houston. In the early '60s, when I began thinking about making a run for office I started talking over the idea with close friends and business leaders -- many of them Democrats. The advice they gave me was predictable in those days -- if I was serious, I'd better switch parties and run as a Democrat. // Sure, it made sense -- by the numbers. But I think everybody here knew what my answer was. ///

And so, with the leadership of John Tower and Peter O'Donnell, our band of underdogs began building a party. We fought liberal Democratic nonsense with down-home common sense -- and I relied on a set of ideas that have carried me forward all my life.

Everywhere I looked, I saw Texans ready to take the calculated risk, to dream of a better life -- and then try to go out and achieve it. I saw Texans who believed in the dignity of the human spirit, no matter what color or creed or religion the human being -- Texans committed to keeping America strong and proud. But these weren't just the ideals of Texas. They're the ideals of America -- the America that stands as a symbol to the world -- of freedom, justice, and opportunity. And nowhere do we hold those ideals more deeply than right here in Texas. //

And up there in Washington, we're going to keep on pressing for these ideals. Funny thing ... lately the opposition says we don't have an agenda, but I've noticed their agenda for Congress is stopping our agenda for America. Well, if you ask me, there's only one agenda -- the pro-growth, pro-family, pro-freedom agenda -- and that's our agenda to build a better America. //

As one who helped start two or three small companies here in Texas, I never forget what America owes to its small business men and women. That's why, over the last three years, I've fought policies that would drive American small business into the ground -- through government-mandated policies and costly over-regulation. Let the other Party measure success by the number of unemployment checks we can authorize -- I measure it in the number of jobs that create paychecks for American workers. And until we get the kind of economic growth this country needs, I'll keep fighting that anti-job crowd. //

Let me tell you, I don't think there's anyone here who doesn't sympathize with someone who is out of work. It's very easy to demagogue on this issue. Nobody likes to veto an unemployment compensation bill. Here's my position on unemployment compensation --

1. I want to help those whose unemployment check has dried up. Families are hurting, and I have said for months I want to help them.

2. I want a bill that does not break the budget agreement. The only safeguard we have against more and more federal spending is last year's budget agreement.

Every time I turn the liberal democrats want to bust the agreement -- add to the deficit and thus eventually add to the tax burden of present generations and the debt burden of future generations.

We have a proposal before Congress that extends benefits -- gets the checks going to those families that are hurting and does it within the budget agreement.

The Democrat leaders of Congress can try to play political games all they want. I will veto any compensation bill that comes down busting the agreement. I challenge Congress tonight -- send me a bill that will help those families and send me a bill that also protects the taxpayers.

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There are some problems out there, human problems where real people, real lives are at stake. But we will prevail <sup>because the American</sup> ~~we must~~ <sup>spirit is alive and well.</sup> ~~not let ourselves be talked into economic malaise. Our country is fundamentally strong, our economy is turning around, and all this gloom and doom talk by our political opponents . . . .~~

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**THANK YOU, BOB [CRUIKSHANK.] A SPECIAL NOTE OF  
THANKS TO OUR VICE PRESIDENT, DAN QUAYLE, AND MARILYN  
QUAYLE. /// HELLO TO SEC. MOSBACHER; BOBBY HOLT;  
SENATOR PHIL GRAMM; WILLIE ALEXANDER (FOR LEADING US IN  
THE PLEDGE); REV. CLAUDE PAYNE (FOR THE INVOCATION);  
THE TEXAS A&M SINGING CADETS; EVERYONE, THANK YOU.  
IT'S ALWAYS GREAT TO BE BACK IN HOUSTON AND TO SEE SO  
MANY GOOD FRIENDS.**

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**((WITH A WELCOME LIKE THAT, I HAD TO CHECK THAT BANNER  
BEHIND ME AND SEE IF IT SAID "WARREN MOON IN '92." ))**

**COMING BACK TO TEXAS LIKE THIS BRINGS A MAN BACK TO  
HIS ROOTS. I FIRST BECAME ACTIVE IN POLITICS IN WEST  
TEXAS, WHEN I CHAIRED THE EISENHOWER-NIXON CAMPAIGN IN  
MIDLAND IN BOTH '52 AND '56. THEN I REMEMBER OUR EARLY  
YEARS IN HOUSTON, WHEN I FIRST RAN FOR HARRIS COUNTY  
REPUBLICAN CHAIRMAN -- AND BARBARA AND I GOT OUR FIRST  
TASTE OF WHAT WAS TO BECOME A WAY OF LIFE FOR US.**

DRIVING OUR STATIONWAGON PRECINCT TO PRECINCT, EATING CHICKEN-FRIED STEAK ... SHAKING HANDS AND KNOCKING ON DOORS EVERY NIGHT, GIVING SPEECHES WITH BARBARA ON THE PLATFORM BEHIND ME.

((AT THE TIME, SHE TOOK UP NEEDLEPOINT TO STAY AWAKE DURING MY SPEECHES. MAYBE YOU'VE GOT ONE OF THOSE "BUSH BAGS" SHE USED TO MAKE. DEPENDING ON THE EVENT, AS NOLAN RYAN WOULD SAY, I'D HIT EITHER A "ONE-BAGGER" OR A "TWO-BAGGER." // ))

LATER, I RAN FOR THE SENATE AND THEN FOR THE CONGRESS. BARBARA AND I -- ((AND SOME OF THE ORIGINAL "BUSH BELLES," IF YOU REMEMBER THEM)) -- WE TRAVELED TEXAS, FROM THE PANHANDLE TO THE RIO GRANDE, FROM TEXARKANA TO EL PASO. THOSE DAYS, THE ONLY THING THAT WASN'T BIG ABOUT TEXAS WAS THE STATE REPUBLICAN PARTY. IN FACT, THE ONLY TEXAS REPUBLICAN WHO HAD WON STATE-WIDE OFFICE IN OVER A CENTURY WAS A MAN I SORELY MISS TONIGHT, A DEAR FRIEND TO MANY OF US, SENATOR JOHN TOWER. //

POLITICS IS A WAY OF LIFE HERE IN HOUSTON. IN THE EARLY '60s, WHEN I BEGAN THINKING ABOUT MAKING A RUN FOR OFFICE I STARTED TALKING OVER THE IDEA WITH CLOSE FRIENDS AND BUSINESS LEADERS -- MANY OF THEM DEMOCRATS. THE ADVICE THEY GAVE ME WAS PREDICTABLE IN THOSE DAYS -- IF I WAS SERIOUS, I'D BETTER SWITCH PARTIES AND RUN AS A DEMOCRAT. // SURE, IT MADE SENSE -- BY THE NUMBERS. BUT EVERYBODY HERE KNEW WHAT MY ANSWER HAD TO BE.

AND SO, WITH THE LEADERSHIP OF JOHN TOWER AND PETER O'DONNELL, OUR BAND OF UNDERDOGS BEGAN BUILDING A PARTY. WE FOUGHT LIBERAL DEMOCRATIC NONSENSE WITH DOWN-HOME COMMON SENSE -- AND I RELIED ON A SET OF IDEALS THAT HAVE CARRIED ME FORWARD ALL MY LIFE.

NOW WE'RE UP THERE IN WASHINGTON, BUT DON'T WORRY, WE'RE STILL PRESSING FOR THOSE SAME IDEALS. FUNNY THING ... LATELY THE OPPOSITION SAYS WE DON'T HAVE AN AGENDA, BUT I'VE NOTICED THEIR AGENDA FOR CONGRESS, IS STOPPING OUR AGENDA FOR AMERICA.

WELL, IF YOU ASK ME, THERE'S ONLY ONE AGENDA -- THE PRO-GROWTH, PRO-FAMILY, PRO-FREEDOM AGENDA -- THAT'S OUR AGENDA TO BUILD A BETTER AMERICA. //

AS ONE WHO HELPED START TWO OR THREE SMALL COMPANIES HERE IN TEXAS, I NEVER FORGET WHAT AMERICA OWES TO ITS SMALL BUSINESS MEN AND WOMEN. THAT'S WHY, OVER THE LAST THREE YEARS, I'VE FOUGHT POLICIES THAT WOULD DRIVE AMERICAN SMALL BUSINESS INTO THE GROUND -- THROUGH GOVERNMENT-MANDATES AND COSTLY OVER-REGULATION.

LET THE OTHER PARTY MEASURE SUCCESS BY THE NUMBER OF UNEMPLOYMENT CHECKS WE CAN AUTHORIZE -- I MEASURE IT IN THE NUMBER OF JOBS, THE NUMBER OF PAYCHECKS FOR AMERICAN WORKERS. AND UNTIL WE GET THE KIND OF ECONOMIC GROWTH THIS COUNTRY NEEDS, I'LL KEEP FIGHTING THAT ANTI-JOB CROWD. //

LET ME TELL YOU, I DON'T THINK THERE'S ANYONE HERE WHO DOESN'T SYMPATHIZE WITH SOMEONE WHO IS OUT OF WORK. IT'S VERY EASY TO DEMAGOGUE ON THIS ISSUE.

**NOBODY LIKES TO VETO AN UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION BILL. HERE'S MY POSITION ON UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION: NUMBER ONE, I WANT TO HELP THOSE WHOSE UNEMPLOYMENT CHECK HAS DRIED UP. FAMILIES ARE HURTING, AND I HAVE SAID FOR MONTHS I WANT TO HELP THEM.**

**NUMBER TWO, I WANT A BILL THAT DOES NOT BREAK THE BUDGET AGREEMENT. THE ONLY SAFEGUARD WE HAVE AGAINST MORE AND MORE FEDERAL SPENDING IS LAST YEAR'S BUDGET AGREEMENT.**

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**EVERY TIME I TURN AROUND, THE LIBERAL DEMOCRATS WANT TO BUST THE AGREEMENT. THAT WOULD ADD TO THE DEFICIT -- EVENTUALLY ADD TO THE TAX BURDEN OF PRESENT GENERATIONS AND THE DEBT BURDEN OF FUTURE GENERATIONS.**

**NUMBER THREE, WE HAVE A PROPOSAL BEFORE CONGRESS THAT EXTENDS BENEFITS -- GETS THE CHECKS GOING TO THOSE FAMILIES THAT ARE HURTING AND DOES IT WITHIN THE BUDGET AGREEMENT.**

AND NUMBER FOUR, THE DEMOCRAT LEADERS OF CONGRESS CAN TRY TO PLAY POLITICAL GAMES ALL THEY WANT. BUT I WILL VETO ANY COMPENSATION BILL THAT BUSTS THE AGREEMENT. I CHALLENGE CONGRESS TONIGHT -- SEND ME ONE BILL -- THAT HELPS THOSE FAMILIES AND ALSO PROTECTS THE TAXPAYERS. ///

BUT ITS NOT ALL NEGATIVE -- AT TIMES, WE'RE ABLE TO PERSUADE THE OPPOSITION TO COOPERATE -- TO JOIN WITH US TO ENACT SOUND LEGISLATION.

WE PUSHED THROUGH THE HISTORIC CLEAN AIR ACT AMENDMENTS THAT EMPLOY FREE MARKET INCENTIVES TO ENCOURAGE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION. WE ADVANCED THE CAUSE OF PROPERTY RIGHTS AND HOME OWNERSHIP WITH OUR UNIQUE HOPE INITIATIVE. WE'VE BROKEN DOWN THE BARRIERS TO EMPLOYMENT FOR 43 MILLION AMERICANS WITH OUR LANDMARK AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT, WHICH I SIGNED LAST YEAR.

OTHER TIMES WE CAN DO SOME POSITIVE THINGS ON OUR OWN. JUST LAST WEEK, I SIGNED AN EXECUTIVE ORDER TO TAKE THE FIRST STEPS IN REFORMING OUR LEGAL SYSTEM. WE'RE TRYING TO PUT AN END TO OUTRAGEOUS LAWSUITS AND MONSTROUS SETTLEMENTS. AMERICANS WANT LIABILITY REFORM LEGISLATION AS WELL, YET THOSE WHO COURT LAWYERS KEEP IT BOTTLED UP. VICE PRESIDENT QUAYLE HAS BEEN ON THE CUTTING EDGE OF THIS -- AND I'M BEHIND HIM ALL THE WAY.  
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LET ME ADD THIS: DAN QUAYLE MAY HAVE TOUCHED A SORE SPOT WITH SOME MEMBERS OF THE AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION WHEN HE CALLED FOR LEGAL REFORM, BUT HE TOUCHED A NERVE WITH A WHOLE LOT MORE EVERYDAY AMERICANS WHO STOOD UP AND CHEERED. /// DAN HAS DONE A TREMENDOUS JOB. I'M PROUD TO HAVE HIM BY MY SIDE -- EVERY STEP OF THE WAY.  
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WE STILL NEED OUR TOUGH CRIME BILL FROM THE CONGRESS AND OUR JOB-CREATING TRANSPORTATION BILL.

**WE'VE SEEN SOME PROGRESS IN EDUCATION WITH OUR "AMERICA 2000" INITIATIVE -- A CONCEPT DESIGNED TO LITERALLY REVOLUTIONIZE OUR SCHOOLS. IT PROMOTES SAFE AND DECENT SCHOOLS, PARENTAL CHOICE, WORLD-CLASS EDUCATION STANDARDS, AND COMMUNITY-BASED LEARNING SO THAT OUR KIDS AND GRANDKIDS CAN COMPETE -- AND SUCCEED -- IN THE GLOBAL ARENA.**

**ONE THING THAT WOULD HELP RESTORE CONFIDENCE IN OUR ECONOMY IS PASSAGE OF OUR ORIGINAL BANKING REFORM PROPOSALS BUT THEY HAVE BEEN GUTTED BY PARTISAN INFIGHTING. (HOW I LONG FOR A CONGRESS WHERE WE CAN AT LEAST TAKE THE OFFENSE ON THESE IMPORTANT ISSUES.) WE'RE STILL WAITING FOR OUR NATIONAL ENERGY STRATEGY FROM THE CONGRESS, WHICH COULD MEAN JOBS AND INCREASED PRODUCTION HERE IN TEXAS.**

AND LET ME ADD THAT I WILL CONTINUE TO SUPPORT ENVIRONMENTALLY RESPONSIBLE ACCESS TO ANWR FOR ENERGY PRODUCTION. WE MUST REDUCE OUR RELIANCE ON FOREIGN OIL, AND WE CAN IF WE PASS THE ENERGY BILL THAT CAME OUT OF SENATOR JOHNSTON AND SENATOR WALLOP'S COMMITTEE.

WE'VE CALLED FOR ECONOMIC GROWTH INITIATIVES IN THREE STATE OF THE UNION SPEECHES IN THREE YEARS. ONE OF THOSE PROPOSALS WAS A CAPITAL GAINS TAX CUT. LET THE DEMAGOGUES CALL IT A "TAX BREAK FOR THE RICH."

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I'LL TELL YOU WHAT IT REALLY IS. IT'S A JOBS MEASURE ... A SMALL-BUSINESS-CREATION MEASURE ... A SHOT-IN-THE-ARM-FOR-A-SLUGGISH-ECONOMY MEASURE. HISTORY HAS ALREADY SHOWN THAT IT DOES NOT ADD TO THE DEFICIT -- IN FACT, IT REDUCES THE DEFICIT. SO LET THE OPPOSITION PRATTLE ON ABOUT TAX BREAKS FOR THE RICH -- I'LL TAKE THE POLITICAL HEAT ON THAT -- BUT IN THE MEANTIME, GIVE AMERICA THE JOBS THAT COME WITH A CAPITAL GAINS TAX CUT. //

FINALLY, IT'S TIME WE GOT RID OF A PRACTICE WHERE A PRIVILEGED FEW STAND OUTSIDE THE LAW -- WHERE ATTENDING TO THE NATIONAL INTEREST TAKES A BACK SEAT TO SERVING THE SPECIAL INTERESTS. IT'S TIME CONGRESS STARTED FOLLOWING THE LAWS IT IMPOSES ON EVERYONE ELSE. /// [I THOUGHT THAT MIGHT GET YOUR BLOOD GOING.]

I NUDGED CONGRESS ON THIS THE OTHER DAY POINTING OUT THAT WITH ALL OF THE PIOUS CRIES DURING THE THOMAS HEARINGS, CONGRESS HAD EXEMPTED ITSELF FROM SEXUAL HARASSMENT LAWS -- YESTERDAY THE SENATE DID TAKE ONE STEP TO PUT ITSELF UNDER THE SAME LAWS THE REST OF THE PEOPLE HAVE TO OBEY. BUT THAT'S JUST NOT ENOUGH. IT'S TIME THAT THOSE WHO MAKE THE LAWS, LIVE BY THE LAWS THEY MAKE.

AND WHEN I HEAR THE CRITICS IN CONGRESS ARGUING ABOUT OUR PRIORITIES -- FOREIGN POLICY OR DOMESTIC POLICY, I WONDER WHERE THEIR PRIORITIES ARE. THE "GLOBAL MARKETPLACE" ISN'T OFF IN EUROPE OR ASIA OR AFRICA -- IT'S RIGHT HERE IN OUR NEIGHBORHOODS, OUR BUSINESSES, OUR SCHOOLS. FOR EXAMPLE, TAKE A LOOK AT OUR NORTH AMERICAN FREE TRADE AGREEMENT. IT WILL HAVE A MONUMENTAL EFFECT ON THE QUALITY OF LIFE HERE IN THE UNITED STATES OVER THE NEXT DECADE -- EVERY BILLION DOLLARS IN NEW TRADE MEANS 20,000 MORE JOBS.

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A BETTER-EDUCATED WORKFORCE MEANS HIGHER QUALITY PRODUCTS ... WHICH MEANS MORE ECONOMIC GROWTH. THE CYCLE CONTINUES -- GROWTH MEANS MORE JOBS AND MORE OPPORTUNITY FOR EVERYONE.

BUT THE WORLD BEYOND OUR BORDERS AFFECTS US IN OTHER WAYS, AND WE MUST MAKE A CHOICE: MEET ITS CHALLENGES, OR FALL BEHIND.

SINCE I'VE BEEN PRESIDENT, WE HAVE BEEN CALLED UPON TO MEET ONE CRUCIAL CHALLENGE AFTER ANOTHER.

AND MEET THEM WE DID -- EACH AND EVERY ONE. FROM EASTERN EUROPE TO PANAMA TO THE PERSIAN GULF, AMERICA STOOD AS A BEACON OF FREEDOM THROUGHOUT THE WORLD.

YESTERDAY I HELPED OPEN THE MIDDLE EAST PEACE CONFERENCE IN MADRID. OVER IN MADRID, I FLIPPED ON CNN AND SAW ONE OF THE DEMOCRAT LEADERS ATTACK ME FOR BEING AT THAT IMPORTANT CONFERENCE -- THAT HISTORIC CONFERENCE.

WELL, YOU CAN TELL THEM THIS: I AM GOING TO KEEP RIGHT ON STANDING UP TO AGGRESSION -- AS WE DID IN DESERT STORM. AND I AM GOING TO KEEP TRYING TO BRING PEACE TO THE MIDDLE EAST. (INCIDENTALLY, I AM VERY VERY PROUD OF JIM BAKER, OF HIS DETERMINATION AND PERSISTENCE. WHAT A JOB HE'S DOING FOR OUR COUNTRY.)

WE LIVE IN AN INTEGRATED WORLD. IN THAT WORLD, YOU CAN'T DIVIDE FOREIGN POLICY FROM DOMESTIC POLICY.

WHEN I TALK WITH FOREIGN LEADERS ABOUT NEW MARKETS FOR AMERICAN PRODUCTS, IS IT FOREIGN POLICY OR DOMESTIC POLICY? WHEN I MEET WITH LATIN AMERICAN LEADERS TO KEEP DRUGS OUT OF AMERICA'S NEIGHBORHOODS, IS THAT FOREIGN POLICY OR DOMESTIC POLICY? WHEN DESERT STORM REIGNITED AMERICANS' FAITH IN THEMSELVES, WAS THAT JUST FOREIGN POLICY? NO: IT DEMONSTRATED OUR SPECIAL ROLE AS THE WORLD'S PREEMINENT MORAL, POLITICAL, ECONOMIC AND MILITARY POWER.

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THE PRIDE WE FELT IN OUR FIGHTING MEN AND WOMEN -- AND IN OURSELVES -- SHOULD NEVER BE TRIVIALIZED AS SOMETHING "FOREIGN."

ANYONE WHO SAYS WE SHOULD RETREAT INTO AN ISOLATIONIST COCOON IS LIVING IN THE LAST CENTURY -- WHEN WE SHOULD BE FOCUSED ON THE NEXT. THEY SHOULD KNOW, AMERICA'S DESTINY HAS ALWAYS BEEN TO LEAD. AND IF I HAVE ANYTHING TO DO WITH IT, LEAD WE WILL.

I'LL TELL YOU WHAT I LEARNED MANY YEARS AGO RIGHT HERE IN TEXAS: AMERICA IS THE MOST PRODUCTIVE, PROSPEROUS, ENLIGHTENED NATION ON EARTH. /// BUT WE CAN BECOME EVEN MORE. WHETHER YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT GLOBAL COMPETITION OR A POLITICAL CAMPAIGN, WE HAVE NO MARGIN FOR OVERCONFIDENCE AND COMPLACENCY. AS DARRYL ROYAL WOULD SAY: ALWAYS COMPETE AS IF YOU'RE SEVEN POINTS DOWN.

THERE ARE SOME PROBLEMS OUT THERE, HUMAN PROBLEMS WHERE REAL PEOPLE, REAL LIVES ARE AT STAKE. BUT WE WILL PREVAIL BECAUSE THE AMERICAN SPIRIT IS ALIVE AND WELL.

IN TEXAS OR IN WASHINGTON, I KNOW WE'LL KEEP UP THE FIGHT. WE WILL HOLD AS OUR BANNER THE FRONTIER RESOLVE AND THE COMMON-SENSE IDEALS OF THOSE EARLY TEXANS WHO BUILT THIS GREAT STATE. TOGETHER, WE CAN BUILD A BETTER AMERICA.

THANK YOU FOR BEING HERE TONIGHT -- IT MEANS A GREAT  
DEAL TO BARBARA AND ME -- AND GOD BLESS EACH ONE OF  
YOU. THANK YOU.

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PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: BUSH-QUAYLE FUNDRAISING DINNER  
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Thank you, Bob [Cruikshank.] A special note of thanks to our Vice President, Dan Quayle, and Marilyn Quayle. /// Hello to Sec. Mosbacher; Bobby Holt; Senator Phil Gramm; everyone, thank you. It's always great to be back in Houston and to see so many good friends. ((With a welcome like that, I had to check that banner behind me and see if it said "Warren Moon in '92." ))

Coming back to Texas like this brings a man back to his roots. I first became active in politics in West Texas, when I chaired the Eisenhower-Nixon campaign in Midland in both '52 and '56. Then I remember our early years in Houston, when I first ran for Harris County Republican Chairman -- and Barbara and I got our first taste of what was to become a way of life for us. Driving our stationwagon precinct to precinct, eating chicken-fried steak ... shaking hands and knocking on doors every night, giving speeches with Barbara on the platform behind me.

((At the time, she took up needlepoint to stay awake during my speeches. Maybe you've got one of those "Bush Bags" she used to make. Depending on the event, as Nolan Ryan would say, I'd hit either a "one-bagger" or a "two-bagger." // ))

Later, I ran for the Senate and then for the Congress. Barbara and I -- ((and some of the original "Bush Belles," if you remember them)) -- we traveled Texas, from the Panhandle to the Rio Grande, from Texarkana to El Paso. Those days, the only

thing that wasn't big about Texas was the state Republican Party. In fact, the only Texas Republican who had won state-wide office in over a century was a man I sorely miss tonight, a dear friend to many of us, Senator John Tower. //

Politics is a way of life here in Houston. In the early '60s, when I began thinking about making a run for office I started talking over the idea with close friends and business leaders -- many of them Democrats. The advice they gave me was predictable in those days -- if I was serious, I'd better switch parties and run as a Democrat. // Sure, it made sense -- by the numbers. But everybody here knew what my answer had to be. ///

And so, with the leadership of John Tower and Peter O'Donnell, our band of underdogs began building a party. We fought liberal Democratic nonsense with down-home common sense -- and I relied on a set of ideals that have carried me forward all my life.

And up there in Washington, we're going to keep on pressing for these ideals. Funny thing ... lately the opposition says we don't have an agenda, but I've noticed their agenda for Congress is stopping our agenda for America. Well, if you ask me, there's only one agenda -- the pro-growth, pro-family, pro-freedom agenda -- and that's our agenda to build a better America. //

As one who helped start two or three small companies here in Texas, I never forget what America owes to its small business men and women. That's why, over the last three years, I've fought

policies that would drive American small business into the ground -- through government-mandated policies and costly over-regulation. Let the other Party measure success by the number of unemployment checks we can authorize -- I measure it in the number of jobs that create paychecks for American workers. And until we get the kind of economic growth this country needs, I'll keep fighting that anti-job crowd. //

Let me tell you, I don't think there's anyone here who doesn't sympathize with someone who is out of work. It's very easy to demagogue on this issue. Nobody likes to veto an unemployment compensation bill. Here's my position on unemployment compensation --

1. I want to help those whose unemployment check has dried up. Families are hurting, and I have said for months I want to help them.
2. I want a bill that does not break the budget agreement. The only safeguard we have against more and more federal spending is last year's budget agreement.

Every time I turn the liberal democrats want to bust the agreement -- add to the deficit and thus eventually add to the tax burden of present generations and the debt burden of future generations.

We have a proposal before Congress that extends benefits -- gets the checks going to those families that are hurting and does it within the budget agreement.

The Democrat leaders of Congress can try to play political games all they want. I will veto any compensation bill that comes down busting the agreement. I challenge Congress tonight - - send me a bill that will help those families and send me a bill that also protects the taxpayers.

But its not all negative -- At times, we're able to persuade the opposition to cooperate -- to join with us to enact sound legislation. We pushed through the historic Clean Air Act amendments that employ free market incentives to encourage environmental protection. We advanced the cause of property rights and home ownership with our unique HOPE initiative. HOPE promotes tenant ownership and management of public housing -- and we're looking at a goal of 1 million new homeowners by 1992. We've broken down the barriers to employment for 43 million Americans with our landmark Americans With Disabilities Act, which I signed last year.

Other times we can do some positive things on our own. Just last week, I signed an Executive Order to take the first steps in reforming our legal system we're trying to put an end to outrageous lawsuits and monstrous settlements. Liability reform legislation is needed yet those who court lawyers keep it bottled up. Vice President Quayle has been on the cutting edge of this - - and I'm behind him all the way. // Let me add this: Dan Quayle may have touched a sore spot with some members of the American Bar Association when he called for real reform of our legal system, but he touched a nerve with a whole lot more

everyday Americans who stood up and cheered. Dan has done a tremendous job. I'm proud to have him by my side -- every step of the way. ///

We still need our tough crime bill from the Congress and our job-creating transportation bill. We've seen some progress in education with our "America 2000" initiative -- a concept designed to literally revolutionize our schools. It promotes safe and decent schools, parental choice, world-class education standards, and community-based learning so that our kids and grandkids can compete -- and succeed -- in the global arena.

One thing that would help restore confidence in our economy is passage of our original banking reform proposals but they have been gutted by partisan infighting. (How I long for a Congress where we can at least take the offense on these important issues.) We're still waiting for our National Energy Strategy from the Congress, which could mean jobs and increased production here in Texas. And let me add that I will continue to support environmentally responsible access to ANWR for energy production. We must reduce our reliance on foreign oil, and we can if we pass the Energy bill that came out of Senator Johnson and Senator Wallop's committee.

We've called for economic growth initiatives in three State of the Union speeches in three years. //

One of those proposals was a capital gains tax cut. Let the demagogues call it a "tax break for the rich." I'll tell you what it really is. It's a jobs measure ... a small-business-

creation measure ... a shot-in-the-arm-for-a-sluggish-economy measure. History has already shown that it does not add to the deficit -- in fact, it reduces the deficit. So let the opposition prattle on about tax breaks for the rich -- I'll take the political heat on that -- but in the meantime, give America the jobs that come with a capital gains tax cut. //

Finally, it's time we got rid of a practice where a privileged few stand outside the law -- where attending to the national interest takes a back seat to serving the special interests. It's time Congress started following the laws it imposes on everyone else. [I thought that might get your blood going] I nudged Congress on this the other day pointing out that with all of the pious cries during the Thomas hearings Congress had exempted itself from sexual harassment laws -- Yesterday the Senate did move to put itself under the same laws the rest of the people have to obey.

And when I hear the critics in Congress arguing about our priorities -- foreign policy or domestic policy, I wonder where their priorities are. The "global marketplace" isn't off in Europe or Asia or Africa -- it's right here in our neighborhoods, our businesses, our schools. For example, take a look at our North American Free Trade Agreement. It will have a monumental effect on the quality of life here in the United States over the next decade -- every billion dollars in new trade means 20,000 more jobs. A better-educated workforce means higher quality products ... which means more economic growth. The cycle

continues -- growth means more jobs and more opportunity for everyone.

But the world beyond our borders affects us in other ways, and we must make a choice: Meet its challenges, or fall behind.

Since I've been President, we have been called upon to meet one crucial challenge after another. And meet them we did -- each and every one. From Eastern Europe to Panama to the Persian Gulf, America stood as a beacon of freedom throughout the world.

Yesterday I helped open the Middle East peace conference in Madrid. Over in Madrid, I flipped on CNN and saw one of the Democrat leaders attack me for being at that important conference -- that historic conference. Well, you can tell them this: I am going to keep right on standing up to aggression -- as we did in Desert Storm. And I am going to keep trying to bring peace to the Middle East. (Incidentally, I am very very proud of Jim Baker, of his determination and persistence. What a job he's doing for our country.)

We live in an integrated world. In that world, you can't divide foreign policy from domestic policy. When I talk with foreign leaders about new markets for American products, is it foreign policy or domestic policy? When I meet with Latin American leaders to keep drugs out of America's neighborhoods, is that foreign policy or domestic policy? When Desert Storm reignited Americans' faith in themselves, was that just foreign policy? No: It demonstrated our special role as the world's preeminent moral, political, economic and military power. The

pride we felt in our fighting men and women -- and in ourselves -- should never be trivialized as something "foreign."

Anyone who says we should retreat into an isolationist cocoon is living in the last century -- when we should be focussed on the next. They should know, America's destiny has always been to lead. And if I have anything to do with it, lead we will.

I'll tell you what I learned many years ago right here in Texas: America is the most productive, prosperous, enlightened nation on Earth. /// But we can become even more. Whether you're talking about global competition or a political campaign, we have no margin for overconfidence and complacency. As Darryl Royal would say: Always compete as if you're seven points down.

There are some problems out there, human problems where real people, real lives are at stake. But we will prevail because the American spirit is alive and well.

In Texas or in Washington, we've got to keep up the fight. Hold as your banner the pioneer spirit, political unity and common-sense ideals of those early Texas Republicans who built this great Party. Together, we can build a better America. //

Thank you for being here tonight -- it means a great deal to Barbara and me -- and God bless each one of you. Thank you.

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PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: BUSH-QUAYLE EVENT  
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Thank you, Ray Hunt, for that introduction. I also want to salute my good friends Bobby Holt and Perry Bass. / A special thanks to RNC Chairman Clayton Yeutter, who could not be with us. Bill Clements, along with Phil Gramm, Tom Loeffler and Bob Mosbacher, are here -- and they, too, have my appreciation. / It's great to have our strong statewide team here: State Chairman Fred Meyer, state treasurer Kay Bailey Hutchison, and Agriculture Commissioner Rick Perry. Reverend Don Benton. The Texas Boys Choir (national anthem). Most of all, hello to my fellow Texans, and friends. //

((I want to thank you for that outstanding welcome. I don't think your enthusiasm could have been warmer if I had changed my name to "Troy Aikman.")) //

We are here tonight to talk about America's bright hopes for the future -- a future built upon the special values that Americans have always held dear.

This quest is founded upon a commitment to economic growth, a steadfast respect for the individual, and a proud determination to carry faith in democracy to the rest of the world.

Phil Gramm knows what I'm talking about. So do thousands of other Texans -- and millions of Americans. We have an

extraordinary opportunity before us. Together we can cement the gains we have made these last few years. Let me tell you why: Everyday the difference between the liberals' agenda and ours becomes clearer and clearer. They are the crowd asking questions about the last century when we should be finding solutions for the next. //

It's about what we believe as human beings -- what we are as a nation. // Liberal Democrats want to burden people for the benefit of government. // We want to use government to ease burdens on people. // They believe America's finest hours are behind us. We believe our finest hours are still ahead. //

We believe that because we have an abiding faith in the American people. We understand that when we talk about issues, what we're really talking about are people. For example, too often we talk of the economy as if it were some dusty inhuman thing, rather than the canvas on which we paint our lives and dreams.

Years ago I learned that economics focuses mostly on people, not numbers. I remember driving a red Studebaker from the East with Barbara and the kids. When I got to Texas, I saw people working hard to achieve their dreams. They started in small homes, they scrimped, they saved. They sent their children to school, and they taught them to love their country.

It doesn't take long for anyone to understand that the great strength of the Nation lies not on Capitol Hill in Washington,

D.C. It rests in the main streets of Dalhart and Dallas and Weslaco and Wichita Falls.

America's strength comes from a simple source, freedom. / Let liberal Democrats pursue programs that enlarge government. We'll pursue policies that enlarge opportunity. //

We've tried to do just that for years. Right now, we're working to energize a sluggish economy. An economy that did grow last quarter at 2.4 percent, but an economy in which a lot of people are still hurting. The liberals whose tired programs of government mandates has failed now have discovered "growth initiatives". Let me remind you that I have been urging empowerment and growth for sometime. Here, again are my views of what would help the economy's growth to become far more vigorous: 1) a capital gains tax cut, 2) personal savings incentives, 3) the creation of a permanent R&D tax credit, 4) increased investment in science, technology, and infrastructure. 5) cutting needless government red tape, 6) transportation bill, 7) and now one more -- stop passing needless mandates that \_\_\_\_\_ . Texans know that you don't unleash the genius of the American system by weighing it down with unnecessary regulations. In short, we're trying to give this economy a shot in the arm. What's happened? Our efforts have been blocked by a Congress controlled by liberal Democrats. [ Some people ask why we can't take the kind of action, get the kind of results with the economy, that we were able to do in Desert Storm. The answer is easy: In Desert Storm, I didn't

have to get an OK from Secretary of State Ted Kennedy or Sec. of Defense George Mitchell when I wanted to make something happen! When I wanted to Norm Schwarzkopf to move Saddam Hussein out of Kuwait, Secretary of Everything Howard Metzenbaum wasn't standing in the way! ]]

The liberals in Congress have a simple agenda: to block ours. The Democratic leaders in the Senate won't even permit a vote on our capital gains tax cut to unleash a new wave of opportunity. Important appointments to key economic positions have gone unfilled because the Senate won't vote on them.

Speaking of the economy, let me say a few words about the unemployment issue. First, I want to help those whose unemployment check has dried up. Families are hurting, and I have said for months I want to help them. I want a bill that does not break the budget agreement.

Second, the only safeguard we have against more and more federal spending is last year's budget agreement. Every time I turn the liberal democrats want to bust the agreement -- add to the deficit and thus eventually add to the tax burden of present generations and the debt burden of future generations. We have a proposal before Congress that extends benefits -- gets the checks going to those families that are hurting and does it within the budget agreement.

Third, the Democrat leaders of Congress can try to play political games all they want. I will veto any compensation bill that comes down busting the agreement. Finally, I challenge

Congress again tonight -- send me a bill that will help those families and send me a bill that also protects the taxpayers.

Congress talks a lot about unemployment, but they ought to be doing something about economic growth. Disappointed to read that the Democratic leaders have agreed to work with us to get money now, but that George Mitchell for pure partisan governmentship was holding them back. This is not the time for partisan government. Let's get the checks moving now -- but let's me clear. I will not hesitate to again veto any bill that \_\_\_\_\_ . The time has come for Washington to put aside partisan, inside-the-Beltway disputes. I call on Congress to stop doing business as usual, and start doing the people's business. If they can't do that, then it's time we got ourselves a new Congress. //

All of us know that there's more to do. But we can't do it when the Congress won't deliver. Last March 6, I challenged Congress to pass a bill to take criminals off the street -- including a workable federal death penalty. I still don't have a bill. // That same day I asked Congress for a job-creating transportation bill. Same answer -- still no bill. For two years, we have prodded Congress to pass legislation to help make us No. 1 in education by the year 2000. // Liberal Democrats want to throw money at the problem -- keep the status-quo. That answer won't do either. We need education reform to get the most out of our schools -- and prepare ourselves for a better future. If we're going to teach democracy in our schools, let's practice

more of it in our education system. That means more local control and parents being allowed to choose where their kids go to school. //

Yes, like most Presidents, I've had my share of problems with the Congress. But I believe the American people are smart enough to see through all the bluster and bravado that's come to symbolize Capitol Hill. A few days ago I nudged Congress to pay a little more attention to its own backyard.

I would wager that most Americans don't know that Congress regularly exempts itself from those same laws Congress passes for everyone else. Laws like the Equal Pay Act of 1963 or Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 -- that's the title that prohibits sexual harassment, as well as discrimination on the basis of race, color, sex, religion and national origin. And the list goes on. Just recently, we heard an extraordinary chorus about sexual harassment up on Capitol Hill, and yes, we all should do more to stamp out this ugly and obscene practice. But as we do that, let's also resolve that those who make the laws, live by the laws they make.

Finally, Thomas Jefferson once said the price of freedom is eternal vigilance. // I say: We must be vigilant, we must be strong, we must be principled.

We have a record to be proud of in that regard. When a dictator crushed hopes for democracy in his homeland and endangered the Western Hemisphere -- we helped the Panamanian people restore free elections and the rule of law. //

When a brutal tyrant invaded and plundered Kuwait -- we helped build an international coalition that rolled back his aggression and liberated a nation. //

As Communism crumbled, we extended a helping hand and made it clear that America will support those who promote democracy, free enterprise, and individual liberty. // We who are free to live our dreams, must support those who dream of living free. Everyday the world becomes a little bit smaller. The line between foreign policy and domestic policy becomes almost invisible.

When I hear some liberal Democrat carping about our engagement in world affairs, I have to ask the question, when I sit down with Latin and South American leaders to keep crack cocaine off our streets, is that foreign policy or domestic policy? When I sit across the table from the best customers for America's farmers, is that foreign policy or domestic policy? Or when Desert Storm reignited America's faith in itself was that just foreign policy? I have a responsibility to advance and promote America's interests -- at home, and abroad. And America has a special responsibility to lead, and lead we will.

One hundred and thirty years ago, Abraham Lincoln left Springfield, Illinois, to assume the Presidency. He addressed his home people at the Great Western Railway Station. Here is what he said: "To this place, and the kindness of these people, I owe everything. // I now [go to assume] a task...greater than that which rested on Washington. Without the assistance of that

Divine Being who ever attended him, I cannot succeed. With that assistance, I cannot fail."

What Lincoln felt about Illinois, I feel about Texas. Without God's help, we cannot succeed. With it, we cannot fail. Thank you for this occasion, and for your loyalty and love. God bless the United States of America.

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In my view, the Election of 1992 will revolve around this type of leadership -- moral leadership, economic leadership, international leadership. // We need to provide that leadership -- leadership committed to the general interest, not the special interest. // We need leadership which talks not of hate, but of heroism; indulges not in character assassination, but builds character. //

But we must begin by recognizing that a Grand Canyon divides what we stand for and what our competition espouses. / We want to unite America -- not divide it into competing camps. // We want to build a nation united in a quest for fairness and opportunity -- not one divided in a fruitless scramble for special benefits. //