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
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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

February 21, 1992

MEMORANDUM FOR DAVID DEMAREST
KRIS DEE
TONY SNOW
SPEECHWRITERS
RESEARCHERS

FROM: MICHELE NIX 
SUBJECT: ALEC SPEECH

Jennifer mentioned in her memo re the African-American History Month speech that it was politely received, then promptly shown up. The ALEC event saw just the opposite: the President was promptly shown up before he ever got there -- then politely received.

I walked in as Jack Kemp was being introduced. He was all over this group. His jokes were funny, his quotes inspiring, his stories moving. He was on -- and he knew it. When the press came in to set up before the President, Kemp really came on full force (surprised?). He received two standing ovations and countless applause. He was a real cheerleader for POTUS, praising his issues and his plan -- but, unfortunately, he decided to bug out early, messing up POTUS' acknowledgement.

Skinner then stood up to say a few words. When a young man stepped up to the podium to hang the presidential seal in place, Skinner, in perfect form, asked: "Where's Jack? I know he wants to stand behind this thing."

POTUS -- bless his heart -- didn't get much time to go over the speech at all. And, so it showed. He ad libbed significantly -- embracing some lines verbatim, but mostly opening his arms to his own words. When he did look down to the lines on the cards, it sounded like bumper car met bumper car: lines ran head on into other lines, paragraphs into paragraphs. Transitions in almost every case were lost.

Lines that got the most response:

- "I say to Congress: Stop passing the buck. If you pass a mandate pay for it -- and don't raise taxes." (Applause)
- "It used to be a joke: You'd get upset and someone would say, 'Don't make a federal case out of it!' Now the joke's on us." (chortles)

- "Wouldn't it be nice to create a law that results in fewer lawsuits?" (Applause)
- "I've got a plan. It will protect today's jobs and create new jobs for tomorrow. Congressional leadership also has a plan -- it will protect today's Congressional seats -- and promise action tomorrow." (Once POTUS got past the word "seats," the audience broke up and drowned out the last phrase. But they laughed and gave it a big round of applause. Some guy in front of me leaned to his friend and said, "That's a good one.")
- "It's also been said that what happens in your house is more important than what happens in the White House." (POTUS gave the attribution, "out of the mouth of the Silver Fox" - - which got a good chuckle.)
- Re the Dem tax plan and the quarter a day factor. "Even the Tooth Fairy pays more than that." (Laughter and applause)
- POTUS ad libbed the last two or three minutes of the speech -- talking of cap gains; getting the little guy to feel confident enough to start a small business; federal spending caps, and the March 20 deadline. He got a couple more lines of applause with this.
- President's ad-libbed last line of speech: I wish I had a little more time with you, but I'm heading off to the South. (wink and wave) You guess why? (Laughter and applause)

When all was said and done: I played secret service for a moment and stood around staring at everyone -- hoping to overhear some reaction. I did: "Sounded like a candidate." "Kemp's a really good speaker." "What are we doing for lunch?" Is this the reaction we want after the President walks out of a room?

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

February 18, 1992

INFORMATION

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

THROUGH: DAVID DEMAREST ~~TS~~

FROM: TONY SNOW ^{TS}
BETH HINCHLIFFE ^{BH}

SUBJECT: AMERICAN LEGISLATIVE EXCHANGE COUNCIL

I. SUMMARY

On Friday, February 21, at 11:30 a.m., in Room 450, you will deliver remarks (10 minutes, on cards) to an audience of approximately 200 people gathered for a briefing with the American Legislative Exchange Council.

II. DISCUSSION

Your remarks highlight elements of your economic growth agenda and praise ALEC members for their leadership in domestic reform. Additionally, you call on these "citizen legislators" to urge Congress to pass your plan by the March 20 deadline.

(Snow/Hinchliffe/Nix)
February 19, 1992
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Draft Ten

PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: AMERICAN LEGISLATIVE EXCHANGE
COUNCIL
ROOM 450
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 1992
11:30 A.M.

Fred [Noye], Sam [Brunelli]. Greetings to HUD Secretary, Jack Kemp; [Sam Skinner, my chief of staff; Michael Boskin -- chairman of the Council of Economic Advisers]; Sherrie Rollins, Deb Anderson, Mary McClure. And greetings to all of you. [jokes]

Today I will talk about how to get things done -- the key to good government. Americans know that the federal government can't do everything -- and shouldn't try. It should do its job - - and let everybody else do theirs.

At ALEC, you get things done. And I want to help you do what you do best -- lead and innovate.

My Administration wants to take \$14.7 billion in federal program funds and turn them over to states as a bloc grant. That way, people who run programs can do what works -- rather than following some distant bureaucrat's notion of what works.

Consider welfare reform. Our welfare system too often promotes dependency, not independence. I've asked my departments and agencies to make it easier for you to obtain the waivers necessary to institute welfare reforms -- like workfare and learnfare. These reforms create the most important ingredients for success -- personal power and personal responsibility.

We're getting more money to states for the important things

-- programs that work. My budget increases spending on education, Head Start, Conservation Fund Grants and transportation. Don't think for a minute that we measure progress in terms of dollars. We don't. We measure progress by results -- and we fund these programs because they work.

The same goes for our HOPE program, which enables low-income families to own homes. I like HOPE for a simple reason. It makes sense. When you own a home you own a piece of your community. You look at the world differently. You have an interest in preserving and improving your assets. You have an interest in safer, cleaner, better communities. HOPE works.

Pork spending doesn't. I've asked Congress to get rid of 246 programs -- and put money where we can get results.

At the same time, I've asked Congress to take a few steps to bolster confidence in government and strengthen our economy.

First, I want real tools to cut spending. I want a line-item veto. And I want a balanced Budget Amendment. We've got to cut the deficit without raising tax rates. If that takes an amendment -- let's get the amendment, and then do the job.

Second, I want Congress to stop passing unfunded mandates. A federal mandate is a promise made on Capitol Hill -- and paid for on Main Street. I say to Congress: Stop passing the buck. If you pass a mandate pay for it -- and don't raise taxes.

Third, I want to put a lid on nuisance lawsuits. The law should foster progress, not hinder it. When fathers stop coaching Little League because they fear lawsuits, something's

wrong. When doctors stop delivering babies because they fear lawsuits, something's wrong. When people stop volunteering to help because they fear ambulance-chasing lawyers, something's wrong. This madness must stop.

I've drafted a model act to help people engage in voluntary service without fear of unfair suits. I hope your states will use this model to draft your own tort reform laws. Alabama put together such a statute and got it passed in less than 4 months. Perry Hooper, who sponsored the legislation, is with us today.

I've also asked Congress to act upon our Access to Justice Act, which encourages people to seek alternatives to court.

It used to be a joke: You'd get upset and someone would say, "Don't make a federal case out of it!" Now, the joke's on us. Today, people turn small squabbles into lawsuits. They sit in courtrooms listening to lawyers bicker about problems that should have been solved over a cup of coffee at home.

The Access to Justice Act provides alternatives to court, and puts an end to the madness. I'd like to challenge you to pass your own Access to Justice reforms. Lead the way -- and Congress may catch on. You'll find packets in the back of the room that contain two model state statutes. Take it home. Think it over. And craft your own anti-litigation laws. Wouldn't it be nice to create a law that results in fewer lawsuits?

While I'm asking your assistance, help me to push Congress to do its part to help the economy. I've got a plan. It will protect today's jobs and create new jobs for tomorrow.

Congressional leadership also has a plan -- it will protect today's Congressional seats -- and promise action tomorrow.

I've given Congress a long-term plan to build the foundations for the Next American Century: An America healthy, well-educated, confident and free.

My health care plan fits perfectly with yours. It improves our health care system -- which provides the highest quality care on earth. It gives everyone access to health insurance. It lets people choose where to get treatment, which doctors they like. When people make these choices, they feel more comfortable -- and they get treatment sooner. My plan provides something better than socialized medicine's false promises: Health care.

My Administration also understands that we must meet the challenges of the 21st Century. Our America 2000 education strategy encourages revolution -- a new generation of American schools. It stresses excellence. It stresses accountability. It stresses involvement. And it stresses choice. Choice closes the gap between the kitchen table and the teacher's desk. It gets families involved in education. It gives parents power over their children's schooling.

And yes, family is the key to our future. It's been said that the best department of health and human services is the family. It is. It's also been said that what happens in your house is more important than what happens in the White House. That's true, too.

I've asked the Commission on America's Urban Families to

find family policies that work. Our laws shouldn't encourage single-parent households -- or fail to punish men who abandon their children and the mothers. They should promote whole and healthy families.

That's my long-term proposal. I've also submitted a short-term economic plan that provides two essentials for families and our nation: jobs and security.

My plan stimulates investment. It energizes the real-estate industry. It cuts taxes that inhibit growth. I've asked Congress to pass it by March 20 -- four weeks from today.

So far, it doesn't look good. Democrat leaders want higher taxes and higher spending. They hope to buy off the public with a tiny temporary tax cut. If you belong to an average family of four, their scheme will give you about a quarter a day.

Even the Tooth Fairy pays more than that.

We Americans don't want someone to buy our loyalty. We want the security of knowing that if we work hard and produce -- we won't lose our jobs. We want the opportunity to be pushed to our limits. We want a large and expanding economy that offers new options and challenges. But Congress says: Wait.

Well, we're tired of waiting. Americans don't want excuses, they want action. Now! So let's demand passage of my plan -- and no later than 28 days from today.

Together, we will protect jobs, create jobs, and push America to new levels of greatness. Thank you. May God bless you and the United States of America.

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

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February 18, 1992

MEMORANDUM FOR TONY SNOW

FROM: ROGER B. PORTER *RBP*

SUBJECT: Presidential Remarks: American Legislative
Exchange Council - February 21, 1992

A memorandum to me from Charlie Kolb with several useful ideas about reorganizing the ALEC speech is attached. We also have a series of suggested changes on the current draft that are on the attached document.

If you have any questions, or we can help in any other way, please let me know.

cc: Phillip D. Brady
Charles E.M. Kolb

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

January 18, 1992

MEMORANDUM FOR ROGER B. PORTER

FROM: CHARLES E.M. KOLB *CEMK*

SUBJECT: ALEC Speech

This speech needs substantial rewriting. In my view, its major problem is that it lacks a coherent organizing theme. The President merely lists proposals at the outset -- block grants, welfare reform, higher spending, fewer programs and mandates, civil justice reform -- without any connecting message.

On page 3, however, a theme finally emerges with the message that "Washington can't solve every problem, and it shouldn't try." Nobody knows this better than ALEC which has been a major proponent of model State legislation in various areas, including school choice. Thus, I would begin this speech by complimenting ALEC for its efforts and launching into the message on page 3.

Also, the statements on page 1 are inaccurate. I assume the reference to \$14.6 billion is to the turnback proposal. If so, this money goes to States, not to ALEC. Likewise, the speech erroneously talks of granting ALEC the necessary welfare reform waivers. This language should be recast.

I would propose reorganizing the speech, beginning on page 3 as suggested, and then linking the turnback proposal, welfare reform, and laboratories of democracy under the theme of making government work better on behalf of people by making sure that relevant decisions about how to deploy resources are made closer to the people, not in faraway Washington. This theme reinforces and complements the opening message that Washington can't solve everything and, therefore, Washington needs to get out of the way when it comes to State innovation. Likewise, the President could emphasize that he would reduce spending for programs that don't work and target spending on programs that do work. Part of this message would include the need for a more responsive Congress that spends wisely, stops passing the buck to States through unfunded mandates, and is more fiscally

responsible through spending restraints, a balanced budget amendment, and the line-item veto.

Also, the civil justice reform message should be recast to solicit ALEC's support. The point here is that the President wants to make America more competitive by making America less litigious. Our model legislation is something that ALEC could play a major role in passing.

Finally, I believe ALEC recently published a book on economic opportunity ideas that mirrors our own proposals in the FY 93 budget as well as the work of the Economic Empowerment Task Force. The President should acknowledge their good work, thank them, and ask them to help (a quintessentially Porter approach) make these ideas become reality.

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DATE: 2/13/92 ACTION/CONCURRENCE/COMMENT DUE BY: NOON TUESDAY, 2/18/92

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REMARKS:

Please forward your remarks directly to Tony Snow, RM 122, Ext. 2930, NO LATER THAN NOON TUESDAY, 2/18/92, with a copy to this office.

Thank you.

RESPONSE:

PHILLIP D. BRADY
 Assistant to the President
 and Staff Secretary
 Ext. 2702

(Hinchliffe/Nix)
February 13, 1992
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**PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: AMERICAN LEGISLATIVE EXCHANGE
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And greetings to all of you. It's a pleasure to be with you today.

[jokes]

At ALEC, you promote progress. You promote growth. You promote family and responsibility. And I want to help you do what you do best -- lead and innovate.

this is an odd, themeless beginning.

My Administration has turned \$14.6 billion in federal bloc grant money over to you. I want you to have greater flexibility in using this money -- spending it to meet your needs, rather than to follow some Washington blueprint.

Consider welfare reform. It's obvious that our welfare system too often promotes dependency, not independence. Rather than standing in your way, the federal government ought to let you find better ways to get people out of welfare offices and back to work. Therefore, I've asked my departments and agencies to grant you the waivers necessary to get your welfare reforms - - workfare, learnfare, and so on -- up and running.

If states are laboratories of democracy, as Jefferson said,

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you do the R&D. We should encourage you every step of the way.

We're also getting more money to you for the important things. My budget increases education funding 15 percent and Head Start funding 27 percent -- to the highest levels ever. It raises Conservation Fund Grants 158 percent; and it increases highway funding 15 percent. Don't think for a minute that we measure progress in terms of dollars. We don't. We measure progress by what works.

← contradicted by previous 3 sentences.

I've asked Congress to get rid of 246 programs that we just can't justify -- and I've asked it to put money where you get results. I've asked Congress to put the people before the special interests.

At the same time, I've asked Congress to do several other things that will make a difference in your lives.

First, I want to cut spending. I've asked for a line-item veto, and I'd like your help in getting it.

And I still want a balanced Budget Amendment. We've got to cut the deficit without raising tax rates -- and we will.

Second, I want Congress to stop passing unfunded mandates. A federal mandate is nothing more than a promise made in Washington -- a promise that you pay for. I say to Congress: Stop passing the buck. If you pass a mandate, [↑] pay for it -- without raising taxes.

Third, put a lid on nuisance lawsuits.

The law should foster progress, not hinder it.

When fathers stop coaching little league because they fear

lawsuits, something's wrong. When doctors stop delivering babies because they fear lawsuits, something's wrong. When people stop volunteering to help because they fear ambulance-chasing lawyers, something's wrong.

This madness must stop.

I've drafted a model act that reforms tort laws so that people may serve without fear of unfair suits. States can adapt the Model Act to their own statutes. Alabama was the first to enact it. It passed in 4 months.

I've also introduced the Access to Justice Act, which encourages people to seek alternatives to court. If you have a problem, don't sue. Seek arbitration. Look for other remedies. It used to be a joke: You'd get upset and someone would say, "Don't make a federal case out of it!" Today, too many people do make federal cases out of problems that shouldn't even go to court.

I know Washington can't solve every problem, and it shouldn't try. It shouldn't create new problems for you, either. Let me assure you: This White House appreciates your work, and I want to make it easier for you to serve the people.

But I need your help in a very important enterprise. I want to get our economy moving, and I've got a plan. The Congressional leadership also has a plan -- to stall progress.

I've given Congress a long-term plan to build the foundations for the Next American Century: An America healthy, well-educated, confident and free.

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My health care plan fits in very nicely with yours. The key: choice. I don't want ^{nationalized} ~~socialized~~ health care. I want effective health care. Nationalized health care is like nationalized weather: You can promise sunny skies, but you can't deliver. Well, promises won't ^{contain health care costs} ~~help poor people who need medical care~~. They won't help people between jobs, who face a sudden emergency. And they won't help gravely ill citizens, ^{whose employers can't} ~~denied the~~ ~~benefit of~~ health insurance. My plan gives everyone access to ^{get} ~~health insurance~~. ^{My plan} ~~It~~ improves our health care system -- which provides the highest quality care on earth. In other words, we ^[ACTUALLY INACCURATE - only access for all workers] ~~don't offer promises -- we offer health care.~~ ~~And we accomplish~~ There's

^{plenty in my plan for states to do.} ~~Under my plan, reform will happen~~ ^{depend on action} My Administration also understands that we need literally to ^{by the States,} ~~recreate the American school --~~ ^{And that's} ~~meet the challenges of the 21st~~ ^{Why we need your help} Century. Our America 2000 education strategy encourages ^{to make} ~~of states already has enlisted in our campaign.~~ ^{not reform happen.}

America 2000 stresses accountability. It stresses excellence. It stresses involvement. And it stresses choice. In the end, we want an America where learning can happen -- throughout people's lives. And we want to shorten the difference between the living room and the classroom -- so that families play a pivotal role in building educational excellence.

And of course, family is the key to our future. It's been ^{FIRST AND} said that the best department of health and human services is the family. It is.

I've ^{called for} ~~convened~~ the Commission on America's Urban Families. ^{announced}

I've called for an increased personal income tax exemption of \$500 per child. And I've outlined plans that let families make the important decisions about schools, health, child care -- the important things.

As you know, I've submitted a short-term economic plan that provides another essential: jobs.

My plan stimulates investment. It energizes the real-estate industry. And it cuts taxes that inhibit growth. I've asked Congress to pass it by March 20 -- one month from today.

I've asked Congress to suspend normal election-year combat until March 20 -- one month from today.

Everyone in America wants action now. Congress says no.

Everyone wants lower spending and lower taxes. Congress says no.

Everyone wants growth. But Congress says no.

It's time the people told Congress to act -- Now!

Americans don't want excuses, they want action.

So let's demand action. Let's demand passage of my plan -- and no later than 29 days from now.

Together, we will do great things -- and no one will stop us.

Thank you. May God bless you and the United States of America.

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See comments Thanks.
 PK
 Paul Korfonta
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PHILLIP D. BRADY
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1. Generally pretty weak for this cons. crowd.

2. Expand welfare reform section (Kaufman)

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And greetings to all of you. It's a pleasure to be with you today.

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~~I know~~ Washington can't solve every problem, and ~~it~~ *that's why I need your help. The Council on Competitiveness* shouldn't try. It shouldn't create new problems for you, either. *Under the leadership of VP D.Q. has prepared two model state* ~~Let me assure you: This White House appreciates your work, and I~~ *statutes that apply these important reforms to the state courts* ~~want to make it easier for you to serve the people.~~

But I need your help in a very important enterprise. I want to get our economy moving, and I've got a plan. The Congressional leadership also has a plan -- to stall progress.

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→ Court system too. We need your help introducing these bills in every state in the country. (OVP)

And we are proposing Civil Justice Reforms w/ model acts available for you to take the lead on in your own states, this yr. I urge you to help us get the ball rolling. (Rollins)

** see HHS insert*

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Not only can't Washington solve every problem, it shouldn't even try to. There is a time to lead and a time to get out of the way. Let me assure you: this Administration needs to enlist and rely on your talents and abilities, recognizing that your vantage point is so much closer to the problem than ours.

Together, we must pursue a very important enterprise. I have spelled out a plan to get our economy moving; Congressional leadership also has a plan-to stall progress. My plan will build the foundations for the Next American Century: An America healthy, well-educated, confident and free. Their plan will focus us into a paternalist and bureaucratic mire.

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Quality healthcare and a sense of well being is
a necessary foundation for any community. (Peters)

My health care plan fits in very nicely with yours. The
empowering individuals + families (Peters)
key: ~~choice.~~ I don't want socialized health care. I want
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nationalized weather: You can promise sunny skies, but you can't
deliver. Well, promises won't help poor people who need medical
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emergency. And they won't help gravely ill citizens, denied the
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don't offer promises -- we offer health care.

My Administration also understands ^{the importance of excellent schools +} that we need literally to ^{faster}
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^{To achieve this}
^(Peters)
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not well
explained
(Kauf.)

America 2000 ~~stresses accountability. It stresses~~
will make our schools better + more accountable. It
will encourage them to draw on the resources of their communities,
~~excellence. It stresses involvement. And it stresses choice. and it will~~
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I've convened the Commission on America's Urban Families. ^(Peters)

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As far as health care goes, we agree on the central ingredient - a market-based system with individual choice. We both want effective health care. Nationalized health care is like a nationalized phone system: it doesn't help to have a telephone, if none of your calls can go through. Promises won't help poor people who need medical care. They won't help people between jobs, who face a sudden emergency. And they won't help gravely ill citizens, denied the benefit of health insurance. My plan ensures that all the calls go through, that everyone has access to health care when they need it. It improves our health care system -- which provides the highest quality care on earth.

My Administration also understands that we need literally to redesign the American school to meet the challenges of the 21st Century. Our America 2000 education strategy encourages reform not revolution -- and I'm proud to say that the overwhelming majority of states already has enlisted in our campaign.

America 2000 stresses accountability. It stresses excellence. It stresses family involvement. And it stresses choice. In the end, we want an America where learning happens throughout people's lives. And we want to shorten the distance between the living room and the classroom -- so that families and schools can collaborate to produce a revitalized generation of responsible and successful citizens, workers and parents.

For, the health of our families is the key to our future. They are, in fact, the best department of health and human services.

(HHS)

Healthy families need resources and opportunities.
I've called for an increased personal income tax exemption of \$500 per child. And I've outlined plans that let families make the important decisions about schools, health, child care -- the important things.

(HHS)

As you know, I've submitted a short-term economic plan that provides another ^{family} essential: jobs. *All Americans deserve meaningful employment opportunities and the hope of economic advancement.*
My plan stimulates investment. It energizes the real-estate industry. And it cuts taxes that inhibit growth. I've *(Peter)* asked Congress to pass it by March 20 -- one month from today.

I've asked Congress to suspend normal election-year combat until March 20 -- one month from today.

(HHS)

America demands (Peter)
~~Everyone in America wants action now. Congress ^{hesitates} says no.~~
Americans believe in (Peter)
~~Everyone wants lower spending and lower taxes. Congress says no.~~
MENTION DEM. TAX INCREASE PLAN. (D. Smith)
America needs (Peter)
~~Everyone wants growth. But Congress says no.~~

It's time the people told Congress to act -- Now!
Americans don't want ^{timidity or} excuses, they want action.

So let's demand action. Let's demand passage of my plan -- and no later than 29 days from now.

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Thank you. May God bless you and the United States of America.

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WHITE HOUSE STAFFING MEMORANDUM

92 FEB 13 P5:12

DATE: 2/13/92 ACTION/CONCURRENCE/COMMENT DUE BY: NOON TUESDAY, 2/18/92

SUBJECT: PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: AMERICAN LEGISLATIVE EXCHANGE COUNCIL ROOM 450

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 1992 - 11:30 A.M.

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Thank you.

RESPONSE:

PHILLIP D. BRADY
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 and Staff Secretary
 Ext. 2702

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**PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: AMERICAN LEGISLATIVE EXCHANGE
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And greetings to all of you. It's a pleasure to be with you today.

[jokes]

At ALEC, you promote progress. You promote growth. You promote family and responsibility. And I want to help you do what you do best -- lead and innovate.

My Administration ^{wants to} has turned ~~ed~~ \$14.6 billion in federal bloc grant money over to you. I want you to have greater flexibility in using this money -- spending it to meet your needs, rather than to follow some Washington blueprint.

Consider welfare reform. It's obvious that our welfare system too often promotes dependency, not independence. Rather than standing in your way, the federal government ought to let you find better ways to get people out of welfare offices and back to work. Therefore, I've asked my departments and agencies to grant you the waivers necessary to get your welfare reforms -- workfare, learnfare, and so on -- up and running.

If states are laboratories of democracy, as Jefferson said,

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We're also getting more money to you for the important things. My budget increases education funding 15 percent and Head Start funding 27 percent -- to the highest levels ever. It raises Conservation Fund Grants 158 percent; and it increases highway funding 15 percent. Don't think for a minute that we measure progress in terms of dollars. We don't. We measure progress by what works.

I've asked Congress to get rid of 246 programs that we just can't justify -- and I've asked it to put money where you get results. I've asked Congress to put the people before the special interests.

At the same time, I've asked Congress to do several other things that will make a difference in your lives.

First, I want to cut spending. I've asked for a line-item veto, and I'd like your help in getting it.

And I still want a balanced Budget Amendment. We've got to cut the deficit without raising tax rates -- and we will.

Second, I want Congress to stop passing unfunded mandates. A federal mandate is nothing more than a promise made in Washington -- a promise that you pay for. I say to Congress: Stop passing the buck. If you pass a mandate pay for it -- without raising taxes.

Third, put a lid on nuisance lawsuits.

The law should foster progress, not hinder it.

When fathers stop coaching little league because they fear

lawsuits, something's wrong. When doctors stop delivering babies because they fear lawsuits, something's wrong. When people stop volunteering to help because they fear ambulance-chasing lawyers, something's wrong.

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I've drafted a model act that reforms tort laws so that people may serve without fear of unfair suits. States can adapt the Model Act to their own statutes. Alabama was the first to enact it. It passed in 4 months.

Thanks to Rep. Perry O. Hooper Jr., who sponsored the legislation, and is here today.

I've also introduced the Access to Justice Act, which encourages people to seek alternatives to court. If you have a problem, don't sue. Seek arbitration. Look for other remedies. It used to be a joke: You'd get upset and someone would say, "Don't make a federal case out of it!" Today, too many people do make federal cases out of problems that shouldn't even go to court. — challenge state legislatures to do same. *And we're proposing get the ball rolling.*

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 SUBJECT: FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 21

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REMARKS:

The attached has been forwarded to the President.

RESPONSE:

PHILLIP D. BRADY
 Assistant to the President
 and Staff Secretary
 Ext. 2702

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

92 FEB 19 P5:31

February 18, 1992

INFORMATION

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

THROUGH: DAVID DEMAREST ~~TS~~

FROM: TONY SNOW ^{TS}
BETH HINCHLIFFE ^{BH}

SUBJECT: AMERICAN LEGISLATIVE EXCHANGE COUNCIL

I. SUMMARY

On Friday, February 21, at 11:30 a.m., in Room 450, you will deliver remarks (10 minutes, on cards) to an audience of approximately 200 people gathered for a briefing with the American Legislative Exchange Council.

II. DISCUSSION

Your remarks highlight elements of your economic growth agenda and praise ALEC members for their leadership in domestic reform. Additionally, you call on these "citizen legislators" to urge Congress to pass your plan by the March 20 deadline.

(Snow/Hinchliffe/Nix)
February 19, 1992
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COUNCIL
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Today I will talk about how to get things done -- the key to good government. Americans know that the federal government can't do everything -- and shouldn't try. It should do its job -- and let everybody else do theirs.

At ALEC, you get things done. And I want to help you do what you do best -- lead and innovate.

My Administration wants to take \$14.7 billion in federal program funds and turn them over to states as a bloc grant. That way, people who run programs can do what works -- rather than following some distant bureaucrat's notion of what works.

Consider welfare reform. Our welfare system too often promotes dependency, not independence. I've asked my departments and agencies to make it easier for you to obtain the waivers necessary to institute welfare reforms -- like workfare and learnfare. These reforms create the most important ingredients for success -- personal power and personal responsibility.

We're getting more money to states for the important things

-- programs that work. My budget increases spending on education, Head Start, Conservation Fund Grants and transportation. Don't think for a minute that we measure progress in terms of dollars. We don't. We measure progress by results -- and we fund these programs because they work.

The same goes for our HOPE program, which enables low-income families to own homes. I like HOPE for a simple reason. It makes sense. When you own a home you own a piece of your community. You look at the world differently. You have an interest in preserving and improving your assets. You have an interest in safer, cleaner, better communities. HOPE works.

Pork spending doesn't. I've asked Congress to get rid of 246 programs -- and put money where we can get results.

At the same time, I've asked Congress to take a few steps to bolster confidence in government and strengthen our economy.

First, I want real tools to cut spending. I want a line-item veto. And I want a balanced Budget Amendment. We've got to cut the deficit without raising tax rates. If that takes an amendment -- let's get the amendment, and then do the job.

Second, I want Congress to stop passing unfunded mandates. A federal mandate is a promise made on Capitol Hill -- and paid for on Main Street. I say to Congress: Stop passing the buck. If you pass a mandate pay for it -- and don't raise taxes.

Third, I want to put a lid on nuisance lawsuits. The law should foster progress, not hinder it. When fathers stop coaching Little League because they fear lawsuits, something's

wrong. When doctors stop delivering babies because they fear lawsuits, something's wrong. When people stop volunteering to help because they fear ambulance-chasing lawyers, something's wrong. This madness must stop.

I've drafted a model act to help people engage in voluntary service without fear of unfair suits. I hope your states will use this model to draft your own tort reform laws. Alabama put together such a statute and got it passed in less than 4 months. Perry Hooper, who sponsored the legislation, is with us today.

I've also asked Congress to act upon our Access to Justice Act, which encourages people to seek alternatives to court.

It used to be a joke: You'd get upset and someone would say, "Don't make a federal case out of it!" Now, the joke's on us. Today, people turn small squabbles into lawsuits. They sit in courtrooms listening to lawyers bicker about problems that should have been solved over a cup of coffee at home.

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While I'm asking your assistance, help me to push Congress to do its part to help the economy. I've got a plan. It will protect today's jobs and create new jobs for tomorrow.

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 SUBJECT: FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 21

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The attached has been forwarded to the President.

RESPONSE: _____

PHILLIP D. BRADY
 Assistant to the President
 and Staff Secretary
 Ext. 2702

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

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February 18, 1992

INFORMATION

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

THROUGH: DAVID DEMAREST ~~TS~~

FROM: TONY SNOW ^{TS}
BETH HINCHLIFFE ^{BH}

SUBJECT: AMERICAN LEGISLATIVE EXCHANGE COUNCIL

I. SUMMARY

On Friday, February 21, at 11:30 a.m., in Room 450, you will deliver remarks (10 minutes, on cards) to an audience of approximately 200 people gathered for a briefing with the American Legislative Exchange Council.

II. DISCUSSION

Your remarks highlight elements of your economic growth agenda and praise ALEC members for their leadership in domestic reform. Additionally, you call on these "citizen legislators" to urge Congress to pass your plan by the March 20 deadline.

(Snow/Hinchliffe/Nix)
February 19, 1992
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COUNCIL
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Today I will talk about how to get things done -- the key to good government. Americans know that the federal government can't do everything -- and shouldn't try. It should do its job - and let everybody else do theirs.

At ALEC, you get things done. And I want to help you do what you do best -- lead and innovate.

My Administration wants to take \$14.7 billion in federal program funds and turn them over to states as a bloc grant. That way, people who run programs can do what works -- rather than following some distant bureaucrat's notion of what works.

Consider welfare reform. Our welfare system too often promotes dependency, not independence. I've asked my departments and agencies to make it easier for you to obtain the waivers necessary to institute welfare reforms -- like workfare and learnfare. These reforms create the most important ingredients for success -- personal power and personal responsibility.

We're getting more money to states for the important things

-- programs that work. My budget increases spending on education, Head Start, Conservation Fund Grants and transportation. Don't think for a minute that we measure progress in terms of dollars. We don't. We measure progress by results -- and we fund these programs because they work.

The same goes for our HOPE program, which enables low-income families to own homes. I like HOPE for a simple reason. It makes sense. When you own a home you own a piece of your community. You look at the world differently. You have an interest in preserving and improving your assets. You have an interest in safer, cleaner, better communities. HOPE works.

Pork spending doesn't. I've asked Congress to get rid of 246 programs -- and put money where we can get results.

At the same time, I've asked Congress to take a few steps to bolster confidence in government and strengthen our economy.

First, I want real tools to cut spending. I want a line-item veto. And I want a balanced Budget Amendment. We've got to cut the deficit without raising tax rates. If that takes an amendment -- let's get the amendment, and then do the job.

Second, I want Congress to stop passing unfunded mandates. A federal mandate is a promise made on Capitol Hill -- and paid for on Main Street. I say to Congress: Stop passing the buck. If you pass a mandate pay for it -- and don't raise taxes.

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I've also asked Congress to act upon our Access to Justice Act, which encourages people to seek alternatives to court.

It used to be a joke: You'd get upset and someone would say, "Don't make a federal case out of it!" Now, the joke's on us. Today, people turn small squabbles into lawsuits. They sit in courtrooms listening to lawyers bicker about problems that should have been solved over a cup of coffee at home.

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THE WHITE HOUSE
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DEPUTY ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT
FOR COMMUNICATIONS AND DIRECTOR OF
SPEECHWRITING

FROM: NELSON LUND 
ASSOCIATE COUNSEL TO THE PRESIDENT

SUBJECT: Presidential Remarks: American Legislative
Exchange Council

At the request of Phillip D. Brady, Counsel's office has reviewed the captioned remarks. Comments and suggestions are marked on the attached hard copy.

We appreciate the opportunity to review these remarks.

Attachment

cc w/a: Phillip D. Brady

(Hinchliffe/Nix)
February 13, 1992
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Draft Six

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And greetings to all of you. It's a pleasure to be with you today.

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At ALEC, you promote progress. You promote growth. You promote family and responsibility. And I want to help you do what you do best -- lead and innovate.

My Administration has turned \$14.6 billion in federal bloc grant money over to you. I want you to have greater flexibility in using this money -- spending it to meet your needs, rather than to follow some Washington blueprint.

Consider welfare reform. It's obvious that our welfare system too often promotes dependency, not independence. Rather than standing in your way, the federal government ought to let you find better ways to get people out of welfare offices and back to work. Therefore, I've asked my departments and agencies to grant you the waivers necessary to get your welfare reforms -- workfare, learnfare, and so on -- up and running.

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At the same time, I've asked Congress to do several other things that will make a difference in your lives.

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→ So this something Congress has been asked to address?



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I know Washington can't solve every problem, and it shouldn't try. It shouldn't create new problems for you, either. Let me assure you: This White House appreciates your work, and I want to make it easier for you to serve the people.

But I need your help in a very important enterprise. I want to get our economy moving, and I've got a plan. The Congressional leadership also has a plan -- to stall progress.

I've given Congress a long-term plan to build the foundations for the Next American Century: An America healthy, well-educated, confident and free.

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NOTICE:

Enclosed are comments from staff members of the Office of Management and Budget (OMB). Such comments do not necessarily represent the official position of the Director of OMB or of the Office of Management and Budget. If you wish to have the Director's personal comments, please let me know -- and contact me if you have any questions.



James C. Murr
Associate Director for
Legislative Reference
and Administration

WHITE HOUSE STAFFING MEMORANDUM

DATE: 2/13/92 ACTION/CONCURRENCE/COMMENT DUE BY: NOON TUESDAY, 2/18/92

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REMARKS:

Please forward your remarks directly to Tony Snow, RM 122, Ext. 2930, NO LATER THAN NOON TUESDAY, 2/18/92, with a copy to this office.

Thank you.

RESPONSE:

See comments

PHILLIP D. BRADY
 Assistant to the President
 and Staff Secretary
 Ext. 2702

(Hinchliffe/Nix)
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FROM: MARY McCLURE
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RESPONSE:

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 Assistant to the President
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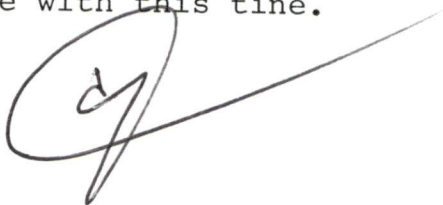
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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

Feb. 19, 1992

To Tony Snow

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We need more with this time.

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WHITE HOUSE STAFFING MEMORANDUM

DATE: 2/13/92 ACTION/CONCURRENCE/COMMENT DUE BY: NOON TUESDAY, 2/18/92

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Thank you.

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And greetings to all of you. It's a pleasure to be with you today.

[jokes]

At ALEC, you promote progress. You promote growth. You promote family and responsibility. And I want to help you do what you do best -- lead and innovate.

My Administration has turned \$14.6 billion in federal bloc grant money over to you. I want you to have greater flexibility in using this money -- spending it to meet your needs, rather than to follow some Washington blueprint.

Consider welfare reform. It's obvious that our welfare system too often promotes dependency, not independence. Rather than standing in your way, the federal government ought to let you find better ways to get people out of welfare offices and back to work. Therefore, I've asked my departments and agencies to grant you the waivers necessary to get your welfare reforms -- workfare, learnfare, and so on -- up and running.

If states are laboratories of democracy, as Jefferson said,

you do the R&D. We should encourage you every step of the way.

We're also getting more money to you for the important things. My budget increases education funding 15 percent and Head Start funding 27 percent -- to the highest levels ever. It raises Conservation Fund Grants 158 percent; and it increases highway funding 15 percent. Don't think for a minute that we measure progress in terms of dollars. We don't. We measure progress by what works.

I've asked Congress to get rid of 246 programs that we just can't justify -- and I've asked it to put money where you get results. I've asked Congress to put the people before the special interests.

At the same time, I've asked Congress to do several other things that will make a difference in your lives.

First, I want to cut spending. I've asked for a line-item veto, and I'd like your help in getting it.

And I still want a balanced Budget Amendment. We've got to cut the deficit without raising tax rates -- and we will.

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Remarks to the American Legislative Exchange Council
February 21, 1992

Thank you for the welcome. May I thank Fred Noye and Sam Brunelli and all the others assembled here. This has become an annual ritual, one that I look forward to very, very much. I don't know whether Jack Kemp is here—he was going to be—been here. And Sam spoke. I have great confidence in both of them. But I really want to just come over and say a few words, express my greetings to all of you.

Thinking of ALEC, I wanted to talk here about how you get things done, the key to good government. And Americans, I think, sensible ones, know that the Federal Government simply cannot do everything and shouldn't even try. It could get the job done and then let everybody else do his or her job. At ALEC, you get things done. And I want to help you do what you do best, and that is to lead and to innovate.

So, we want to take \$14.7 billion, maybe Sam talked to you about this, in Federal program funds and turn them over to the States as a block grant. And that way people who run the programs can do what works rather than following some distant bureaucrat's notion of what works. We tried it last year; didn't get it. We're trying it again this year. I hope we can make some headway, even though it is an election year.

Another one, welfare reform. Our system too often promotes dependency and not

independence. And so we've asked the departments to go back and the agencies to go back and make it easier to obtain the waivers that are necessary to institute welfare reform. Work Fair's a good example. Learn Fair, like they're doing in Wisconsin, is a good example. And the States are innovating. It is their responsibility, and we are trying to give them the support through waivers. So, I would suggest where you see hangups on it, let us know because we are trying to see that there is not bureaucratic opposition to moving forward with these flexible approaches that require waivers.

These reforms create, actually, the most important ingredients for success, and that is personal power and personal responsibility. We're getting more money to States for the important things, programs that work. We've increased spending on education, on Head Start, conservation fund grants, and I'm sure Sam mentioned this, transportation. And don't think for a minute that we measure progress simply in terms of dollars; we do not. We measure it by results, and we fund these programs because they work. Head Start helps us achieve our six educational goals. Kids starting school ready to learn—this year we funded it so that every 4-year-old will have that opportunity.

So, we're moving forward on what we feel works. Jack's program, that I'm supporting him on and have been trying to get through Congress, the HOPE program, H-O-P-E, enabling low-income families to own homes. And I like HOPE for a simple reason: It is a sensible program, and it makes good sense. And when you own a home, I think we all understand, you own a piece of the community. And you have a dignity and a self-respect that simply cannot be equaled in any other way. You all look at the world differently. You have an interest in improving your assets and you have an interest in safer, cleaner, better communities. And let me simply say, HOPE works.

And this pork-barrel spending—there was an amazing article on that in the paper today—doesn't, and we've asked Congress to eliminate, totally eliminate 246 programs. All of them have noble titles. All of them have wonderful titles, and all of them have sponsors in Congress. But they are not needed.

And we are in tough financial times, and so we're trying to get rid of 246 of them and put the money where it gets results.

And at the same time, we've asked Congress to take a few steps to bolster confidence in Government and to strengthen the economy. We need real tools to cut spending. And I want that line-item veto. We're going to keep on pressing for it. We have, in signing statements, I have said that we'll refute, we just are not going to accept some of the language, and so far that's gone on through in the bills that I have signed.

But we want a line-item veto, and again, I'm going to take the case to the people for this in the fall. I want a balanced budget amendment. We couldn't do it overnight, obviously. But if we got it, it would discipline not just the executive branch, but it would discipline the United States Congress which appropriates every dime and tells us how to spend every single dime. We've got to cut the deficit without raising taxes, and if that takes an amendment, let's get the amendment and get the job done.

Secondly, I want Congress to stop passing these unfunded mandates. If there is one thing we hear the most about from States, from Governors or State reps or State senators, it is unfunded mandates. And a Federal mandate is a promise that's made up there on Capitol Hill and then paid for back on Main Street. But the subcommittee chairmen up there have not changed their thinking at all. One program after another is mandated, and thus a big burden placed on the States. And so we say to Congress: Stop passing the buck back. And if you pass a mandate, pay for it, and don't go and raise taxes.

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And we have legislation up there in the Congress sitting dormant. And here's one where we can take the case to the American

people in the fall. It transcends party lines. It transcends ideology—liberal, conservative. It just does not make sense to have so many of these lawsuits settled in such an outrageous fashion. So, we are going to take that case clearly and loudly to the American people this fall. The madness has got to stop.

We've drafted a model act to help people engage in voluntary service without fear of unfair suits. And I hope your States will use this model to draft your own tort reform laws. Alabama, as Perry was telling me and reminding me because I've known it, put together such a statute, got it passed in less than 4 months. Perry Hooper—where is he, he was here right a minute ago—right over here, sponsored the legislation, and we're very proud of what he's done. It's a model for other States, and it makes me redouble our efforts here to get something done on the Federal level.

I've asked Congress to act upon our "Access to Justice Act" which encourages people to seek alternatives to court. And it used to be a joke; you'd get upset and someone would say, "Don't make a Federal case out of it." Now the joke's on us, and we've got to turn that around. People still turn small squabbles into lawsuits, and they sit in courtrooms listening to lawyers bicker about problems that should have been solved some way, over a cup of coffee at home maybe.

The "Access to Justice Act," and I urge you to take a look at it, provides alternatives and puts an end to this madness. And I'd like to challenge you to pass your own "access to justice" reforms. Lead the way. And then I think that will send a powerful message to the United States Congress.

The Council on Competitiveness here, under the able leadership of Vice President Dan Quayle, has prepared two model State statutes which are outlined for you in the packets that I am told you were given today. Take it home, and think it over, and craft your own antiligation laws. And wouldn't it be nice to create a law that results in fewer lawsuits.

And I don't like to have this many influential people gathered here without soliciting your support, for you to ask Congress to do its part to help the economy. We've got a

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Congressional leadership also has a plan. And it will protect today's congressional seats, and it'll promise action tomorrow. So, we are locked in a real fight up there. We're short on numbers, but we've got the facts and we've got the merits on our side.

So I've given Congress a long-term plan, longer—I'd like to see it pass this year—to build the foundations for the next American century. An America that is healthy and well-educated and confident and free and better in research and technology, all of these things.

The health care plan, incidentally, that I came out with fits perfectly with yours. It improves our health care system, which provides the highest quality care on Earth. We've got health care problems, but one of them is not the quality of American health care. It is the best in the entire world.

And so, our program doesn't knock that aside to pass some mandated nationalized program. It gives everybody access to health insurance. And it lets people choose where to get treatment, which doctors they like. And when people make these choices, they feel more comfortable; they get treatments sooner, much sooner than under these nationalized programs. And our plan provides something better than socialized medicine's false promises: health care itself. So I urge you to take a look at this one. I think philosophically it will be right in tune with what we all believe.

My administration also understands that we've got to meet the challenges that lie over the horizon, the challenges of the 21st century. And our America 2000 education strategy encourages revolution, a new generation, literally, a new generation of American schools. It stresses excellence. It stresses accountability. It stresses involvement. It stresses choice. And choice closes the gap between the kitchen table and the teacher's desk. It gets families involved in education. And it gives parents power over their children's schooling. And I urge you to take a look at that program again. A lot of it does not have to be enacted in Federal legislation.

A lot of it can be done simply through innovation at the State and certainly at the local level.

The family really, when you look at the problems, is the key to our future. The mayors of cities in the National League of Cities, their executive board came in to see me. I mentioned this in the State of the Union. And all of them—Mayor Bradley of Los Angeles, a great, big city; the Republican mayor of a small town in North Carolina of about 2,000; and in between, mayor of Plano, Texas, and cities of that size—all came together, and they said, "The biggest worry we've got that clearly works against these problems in the cities is the decline of the American family."

And family is a key to our future. And it's been said that the best Department of Health and Human Services is the family. And it is. And it's also been said that what happens in your house—this was a quote by the famous Silver Fox that lives with me over in the White House, Barbara Bush—it's also been said that what happens in your house—and this is the way she put it, and I think it's very relevant—is more important than what happens in the White House.

And it's true. It is very, very true. And so I've asked this Commission that these mayors suggest we set up, this Commission on Urban Families, to find family policies that work, to ferret out Federal legislation that works against the family, to suggest Federal legislation that might bring the family together and might make an errant parent more responsible.

And our laws shouldn't encourage a single-parent household or fail to punish men who abandon their children and the mothers. They should promote whole and healthy families. And that's what the purpose of that Commission is. And then when we get its suggestions, I really want to share them with ALEC and other groups because I believe you'll find some real merit in what this Commission will come up with. I'm confident I know the direction they're going to take.

So, these are in the longer term proposal. But I've also submitted a short-term economic plan. And that provides two essentials for families in our Nation, jobs and security. And this plan—I've challenged the Congress

to move on it by March 20—stimulates investment. It energizes the real estate industry, and it cuts taxes that inhibit growth. And I've asked Congress, as I say, to pass it by March 20th, 4 weeks from today.

Now, very candidly, we're caught up in a political season here. And I have not been happy with what's come out of the Ways and Means Committee so far. The Democratic leaders have come up with a sorry plan. They want higher taxes, and they want higher spending. And they hope to buy off the people with a tiny, temporary tax cut. If you belong to an average family of four, their scheme will give you about a quarter a day. And even the tooth fairy pays more than that in there. [Laughter.]

And we Americans, we want a large and expanding economy that offers new options and challenges and that holds the promise of job security and employment opportunity. And frankly, I think the country has a reason to join me in being tired of the games being played. For 3 straight years we've tried to get a capital gains tax reduction. It would stimulate jobs. And all the people that control Congress do is say, "Well, it's a tax sop for the rich. This is a break for the rich." It isn't. When the Steiger amendment was passed in '78, new businesses were created; new jobs were created. And it would have the same effect now.

And we're competing in this world. And Japan has a capital gains tax, an effective tax of about one percent; Germany, I think it's zero. And we're asked to compete then with two hands tied behind our back in this important world competitive market which we cannot turn our back on.

And so, we're going to keep fighting for these things that stimulate this economy and get it moving. It is my conviction that if our first-time homebuyer credit is passed, and if our incentive through rapid depreciation is passed, and if our capital gains cut is passed—these are three of our seven points in this short-time program—it would send a signal of confidence to this economy. You don't have to see the effect of it when tax time rolls around. It will give us stimulation of confidence to the small business guy that might just say, "I'm going to take a chance. I'm going to open a business here."

And so, we really need help now trying to encourage the Congress to pass this program by March 20th. And out of the budget agreement of 1990, which had things in there I didn't like, there was one good thing in it. There were a couple of things that were pretty good. But there was one good thing in it: For the first time in history, we put caps, meaningful caps, on discretionary Federal spending. The critics forget that. Those caps are in place. They can work. Federal spending's up because you have S&L's, you've had bank problems, enormous problems outside of this. You've had the entitlements going up; they're outside of the caps. But the caps are the only protection the taxpayer has against the growth of discretionary Federal spending.

And now, as the election approaches, you hear a lot of talk by the Democrats, "We want to change it. We want to change the caps, knock down the walls." Please help me keep those caps in place. I will veto any attempt to change it, but we're going to need help to keep those caps in place to protect the taxpayer as best we can until we can get some Members of Congress on both sides of the aisle to share the values that you certainly epitomize and advocate.

So we're in a fight here. And I am going to take this one all the way. After March 20th they say, "Well, what are you going to do?" I say, "Well, I don't know," because I'm not going to give up until March 20th on trying to get this sensible, short-term, stimulative program through the Congress. But I guarantee you, if we fail, the message is going to be loud and clear. And we'll put it in very clear focus so the voters next fall are going to be able to make their determination as to what should have been done and those who stood against it.

So again, I would solicit your help in the time that remains between now and March 20. Help us on the short-term program. Advocate the things you agree with us on on the longer term program, all the things I've mentioned on education and research and family credits. These things are very, very helpful for the future.

So, thank you for what you're doing. I'm glad you came by. I wish we had a little more

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