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11:04 ~~EM, JB - OVAL - MKD LATER~~

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(15 min) (Richard V. Allen)

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(2 hours) (Max Friedersdorf), BUSH,

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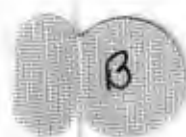
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DATE: Tuesday, May 5, 1981
LOCATION: The Oval Office
TIME: 1:00 p.m. - 1:45 p.m. (45 minutes)
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SUGGESTED TALKING POINTS FOR MEETING
WITH SELECTED DEMOCRATIC MEMBERS OF THE
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- Mention your experience in both political parties.
- Acknowledge the pressure that many Democratic Congressmen are receiving from the House Democratic Leadership.
- Stress the need for a bipartisan coalition in the Congress to work on your highest priority, the economic recovery package.
- Indicate that the vote Wednesday is the first key vote on our economic recovery program.
- Solicit advice on anything the Administration should be doing to ensure victory on the Bipartisan Budget Resolution (Gramm-Latta).
- Thank the Congressional participants who have been actively involved in the development and advocacy of the Bipartisan Budget Resolution; and express the hope that you can count on the strong support of the other Democratic Congressmen attending the meeting.

HOUSE BUDGET COMMITTEE (JONES) VS. REAGAN BIPARTISAN BUDGET
(GRAMM-LATTA)

- Jones Bill spends more -- \$25.4 billion more than the Reagan Bipartisan in fiscal year 1982; \$47.2 billion more in fiscal year 1983; and \$68.6 billion more in fiscal year 1984. This totals \$141.2 billion more in three years.
- Jones bill cuts \$6.7 billion from defense budget authority for FY 82 -- while spending \$21.9 billion more for social programs (compared with Reagan Bipartisan).
- Jones bill provides less tax relief -- \$20 billion less for FY 82. (And it doesn't provide relief for individuals until 1982, whereas Reagan Bipartisan commences July 1981.) By 1984, the Jones cuts for individuals would be only one-third the Reagan Bipartisan's.
- Jones bill resorts to double-counting and illusory administrative savings. Over 1.8 billion is double counted. And, for example, "savings" of \$1.5 billion from unresolved audits are claimed, but highly unlikely to be achieved.
- The Jones bill is business-as-usual in disguise: more taxing, more spending, continued "stagflation."

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1:00 P.M. MEETING

Congressman Andy Ireland (D-Fla.)

Congressman Jack Hightower (D-Tex.)

Congressman Jerry Huckaby (D-La.)

Congressman Billy Tauzin (D-La.)

Congressman Ike Skelton (D-Mo.)

Congressman Doug Barnard (D-Ga.)

Congresswoman Marilyn Bouquard (D-Tenn.)

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Andy Ireland - D

Winter Haven, Florida, mid-Florida including Lakeland and Sarasota, 8th District. 3rd term. He serves on the Foreign Affairs and Small Business Committees.

Ireland is a member of the Conservative Democratic Forum and was with the group at the White House Breakfast.

He has been very supportive of the Administration's economic package and was one of the first Democrats to publicly support the bipartisan Gramm-Latta substitute. He was also pleased at the lifting of the grain embargo, primarily because of the phosphate that is exported from his District.

Jack Hightower - D

Vernon, Texas, north Texas including Amarillo, 13th District. 4th term. He serves on the Appropriations Committee.

Hightower is a member of the Conservative Democratic Forum and is firmly committed to supporting the Gramm-Latta bipartisan substitute for the budget resolution. He has also indicated his willingness, as a Member of the Appropriations Committee, to continue to support the Administration's efforts to reduce federal spending. You spoke with Jack during the recess and he indicated his support at that time.

Jerry Huckaby - D

Ringgold, Louisiana, northwest part of state including Shreveport, 3rd District, 3rd term. He serves on the Agriculture and Interior and Insular Affairs Committees.

Huckaby is firmly committed to supporting Gramm-Latta. He is a Member of the Conservative Democratic Forum and was at the White House for your breakfast with that group. He is a dairy farmer and has some problems with the proposed farm bill (he voted against us in committee on the dairy price support legislation). Politically and philosophically he should be able to continue to vote to support your efforts to reduce the growth of federal spending.

Billy Tauzin - D

Thibodaux, Louisiana (central gulf region including New Iberia), 3rd District, 2nd term (elected in 1980 special election). Serves on the Energy and Commerce Committee and the Merchant Marine and Fisheries Committee. Member of the House Conservative Democratic Forum and attended the President's March 5th breakfast meeting with Forum members.

Presently recorded as supporting the bipartisan Budget Resolution (Gramm-Latta). Has been contacted by White House staff.

Ike Skelton - D

Lexington, Missouri, west central Missouri including Independence, 4th District. 3rd term. Serves on the Armed Services and Small Business Committees.

Skelton is a strong supporter of the increased spending for defense. He is undecided on the budget resolution vote and was insistent that the Democrats agree to add back the budget authority for defense. He is comfortable with the basic approach of the economic package but is troubled by some of the underlying economic assumptions. Skelton is undecided but, philosophically and politically able to support the Gramm-Latta substitute.

You talked with Skelton during the recess and he was noncommittal at that time.

Doug Barnard - D

Augusta, Georgia (east-central part of state), 10th District, 3rd term. Former banker. Serves on the Banking Finance and Urban Affairs Committee and the Government Operations Committee. Member of the House Conservative Democratic Forum and attended the President's March 5 breakfast meeting with Forum members. Additionally, he arranged for and brought the National Cystic Fibrosis poster children to visit with the President on March 5.

Spoke on the House Floor in favor of the Administration's spending proposals the day after the President's February 18 address to a Joint Session of Congress. Presently recorded as supporting the bipartisan Budget Resolution (Gramm-Latta). Spoke with the President by phone, and said that his District is solidly behind the President and that he would work hard for the passage of the Gramm-Latta proposal. Also, has been contacted by White House staff.

Marilyn Lloyd Bouquard - D

Chattanooga, Tennessee, district includes southeast part of the state, including Oak Ridge, 2nd District. 4th term. She serves on the Public Works and Transportation and Science and Technology Committees.

Mrs. Bouquard is undecided on how she will vote on the Gramm-Latta substitute. Her Democratic Senator, Sasser (D-Tenn), voted for the Senate budget resolution and her Republican Senator, Howard Baker, is a strong supporter of the economic program. She is very supportive of the Clinch River Breeder Reactor which was included in your budget. Her concerns about cuts in certain social programs and her opposition to Kemp-Roth have kept her undecided on the budget substitute despite considerable constituent pressure.

1:45 P.M. MEETING

Congressman Jack Brinkley (D-Ga.)
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Congressman Chick Kazen (D-Tex.)
Congressman Billy Lee Evans (D-Ga.)

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Jack Brinkley - D

Columbus, Georgia, west central part of State, 4th District, 8th term. Fifth ranking Democrat on the Armed Services Committee and Chairman of the Military Installations and Facilities Subcommittee. Third ranking Democrat on the Veterans' Affairs Committee.

Advocate for increased Defense spending. District includes Fort Benning, Georgia. Has been a fiscal conservative.

Supports Bipartisan Budget Resolution. Because he is the Representative of former President Carter, Brinkley has been discreet in his support so as not to embarrass the former President.

Ralph Hall - D

Rockwall, Texas (Denton and Grayson Counties), 4th District, 1st term. Serves on the Energy and Commerce Committee and the Science and Technology Committee. Member of the House Conservative Democratic Forum and attended the President's March 5th breakfast meeting with Forum members.

Presently recorded as supporting the bipartisan Budget Resolution (Gramm-Latta). Has been contacted by White House staff.

Buddy Roemer - D

Freshman Democrat from Bossier City, Georgia, 4th District. Serves on the Public Works and Transportation, and Small Business Committees.

Earlier this year, there was speculation that Roemer would switch parties and become a Republican. He has not done that but he has been actively speaking out in behalf of the President's budget proposals to both adversary and supportive groups in his state. He specifically wanted the President to know of these efforts. He will, of course, support Gramm-Latta.

Buddy is a member of the Conservative Democratic Forum and attended the March 5 breakfast for that group.

Beryl Anthony - D

El Dorado, Arkansas (southern part of state), 4th District, 2nd term. Serves on the Agriculture Committee and the Budget Committee. Recently joined the House Conservative Democratic Forum but did not attend the President's March 5th breakfast meeting with Forum members.

Presently recorded as undecided on the bipartisan Budget Resolution (Gramm-Latta), although he consistently supported Chairman Jones in the House Budget Committee. Spoke with the President by phone, and said that he supports the concept of what the President is trying to do and would look at Gramm-Latta proposal again. Also has been contacted by White House staff.

Dick White - D

El Paso, Texas, far west part of State adjoining Mexico and New Mexico, 16th District, 9th term. Serves on the Armed Services Committee as third ranking Democrat and Chairman of the Investigations Subcommittee and on the Science and Technology Committee.

White is a member of the Conservative Democratic Forum and attended the Presidential Breakfast with the Forum.

Keenly interested in Mexican/American relations, specifically the upcoming Presidential meeting with President Lopez Portillo.

Advocate for increased Defense spending. Supports Bipartisan Budget Resolution.

During Presidential phone call, expressed concern about cuts in Veterans' budget -- which Bipartisan Budget rectifies -- and indicated constituents favor spending cuts.

Abraham "Chick" Kazen - D

Laredo, Texas, southwest part of state including part of the San Antonio area, 23rd District. 8th term. Kazen serves on the Armed Services and Interior and Insular Affairs Committees.

Kazen's district is substantially impacted by defense spending and he has been a strong supporter of spending for national defense. His past voting record would indicate that Kazen would have serious reservations about many of the proposed spending reductions. However, Kazen is very aware that there is strong support in his district for you personally and for your efforts to relieve federal spending. Kazen has been very close to Jim Wright and has historically followed the Democratic leadership, but he claims to be undecided on how he will vote on the budget resolution issues.

Billy Lee Evans - D

Macon, Georgia, south-central part of Georgia, 8th District. 3rd Term. He serves on the Judiciary, Public Works and Transportation, and the Small Business Committees.

Evans supports the bipartisan Gramm-Latta substitute. He is a member of the Conservative Democratic Forum and has consistently expressed his interest in supporting the Administration's efforts to reduce spending. Mr. Evans attended the March 5 breakfast for that group.

The President talked by telephone to Billy Lee during the recess and he subsequently has indicated his support for Gramm-Latta.

2:30 P.M. MEETING

Congressman Tom Bevill (D-Ala.)

Congressman William Natcher (D-Ky.)

Congressman Romano Mazzoli (D-Ky.)

Congressman Don Fuqua (D-Fla.)

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Tom Bevill - D

Jasper, Alabama, northern section of the state, 4th District. 8th term. He is Chairman of the Appropriations Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development.

Bevill is a Member of the Conservative Democratic Forum and was with the group at the White House breakfast. He is philosophically comfortable with the efforts to reduce federal spending but does have reservations regarding EDA, certain energy programs, and selected water projects. The Tennessee Tombigbee project is of major interest and was not adversely impacted by our budget proposal.

Bevill is undecided on the budget resolution vote but is a definite potential supporter for Gramm-Latta. His Appropriations Subcommittee Chairmanship makes him an important player in the subsequent appropriations process.

When you were making calls to Members asking for support for the bipartisan substitute, the White House operator connected you with Congressman Bevill at 4:00 a.m. in New Zealand.

Bill Natcher - D

Bowling Green, Kentucky, west central part of the state, 2nd District. 15th term. He is Chairman of the Appropriations Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies.

Natcher is one of the most respected Members of Congress. His Appropriations Subcommittee will be a major battleground for efforts to cut spending. During the recent markup on the 1981 rescissions Natcher was supportive of major spending reductions. Natcher's subcommittee has been the source of tremendous increases in spending for various federal programs, but Natcher is comfortable with the Administration's efforts to reduce the growth of spending. He will be a very important member to have as an ally on the Appropriations Committee. Although he is undecided about his vote on the budget resolution, Natcher will probably support the Administration's basic efforts to hold down spending.

Roman Mazzoli - D

Louisville, Kentucky (Louisville and surrounding area), 3rd District, 6th term. Serves on the District of Columbia Committee, the Judiciary Committee and the Small Business Committee. Chairman of the Judiciary Subcommittee on Immigration, Refugees and International Law.

Presently recorded as undecided on the bipartisan Budget Resolution (Gramm-Latta). Has been contacted by White House staff.

Don Fuqua - D

Altha, Florida, north central part of State (Panhandle), 2nd District, 10th term. Serves as Chairman of the Science and Technology Committee and as a member of the Government Operations Committee.

District has State's largest black population and two of the largest universities which form a substantial liberal voting block.

Fuqua is leaning heavily to supporting the Bipartisan Budget Resolution. In so doing, he is bucking his fellow House leaders.

During Presidential phone call, Fuqua recommended Astronaut John Young receive the Congressional Medal of Space, which is under consideration; space shuttle Astronauts are scheduled for White House Presidential visit and luncheon on May 19th -- and indicated he favors spending cuts but is skeptical about income tax reductions -- thinks it will be inflationary.