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PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: FUNDRAISER RECEPTION FOR SENATOR MATTINGLY
ATLANTA, GEORGIA
THURSDAY, JUNE 6, 1985

Thank you. It's always a pleasure for me to lend my support to elected officials who have done a good job and have been helpful in accomplishing Administration goals. But I've come to do more than that today.

Today I'm here to tell you that Mack Mattingly is not a good Senator. He's a great Senator. He's not just helpful. He's played a crucial role in our efforts to invigorate the economy, to get Federal spending and taxing under control, and strengthen America's defenses. I want to thank you all for sending him to Washington. I have one favor to ask. Can I count on you to send him back for another term? I was hoping you'd say that.

I have a special place in my heart for Mack. We both came to Washington in 1981; so you might say we're both in the same class. And we both came for the same purpose. Our country was plagued by serious problems, and government-as-usual was not the answer. The type of fundamental changes needed to turn the situation around required a team effort. Mack has not just been a member of the team. He's been a star player.

On our way here in Air Force One I was looking over the Georgia countryside, and it reminded me of the city fellow who was driving on a country road and noticed a chicken running beside the car. ~~HE WAS DRIVING ABOUT 45.~~ He could hardly believe his eyes. It looked like the chicken had three legs. Well, he sped up and the

chicken sped up and finally at about 60 m.p.h. the chicken passed him, rocketed down a side road and into a barnyard.

The driver followed and screeched to a stop. A farmer was standing there and he asked the farmer if his eyes had deceived him or was that really a three-legged chicken he'd just been following. The farmer said it was. He'd bred it with three legs.

"You see," said the farmer. "Ma likes the drumstick, I like the drumstick, and junior likes the drumstick. I got tired of fighting over it."

The driver asked, "Well, how does it taste?"

"Don't know," the farmer replied. "Never been able to catch one."

Seriously, though, since coming to Washington we've made some changes and, unlike the farmer who raised that three-legged chicken, the American people are enjoying the benefits. I hope you will remind your fellow Georgians that Senator Mack Mattingly was a star player on the team that licked inflation. We can't let people forget those dark days when prices were shooting through the roof. They say that money talks. Well, back in those days all it said was, goodbye.

With Senators like Mack in the majority, we averted an economic catastrophe. It took all of us working together to overcome entrenched irresponsible spending, taxing, and regulatory policies. I'd like to take this opportunity to thank Congressmen Newt Gingrich and Pat Swindall for all they've done in this effort as well.

When I say all of us working together I don't just mean those of us in public office. I know State Chairman of the 1984 Reagan-Bush campaign, Macon Mayor George Israel, is here and so is Republican State Chairman and State Senator Paul Coverdell. They and all of you are essential to our success in Washington. With you behind us, we don't have to make the opposition see the light; we just have to make 'em feel the heat. Together, we represent a new force in this country.

I think what we are witnessing is a realignment of Southern politics. A new coalition is being built, a coalition dedicated to the ideals of individual freedom, family values, free enterprise, and a strong America. We're reaching out to Americans of every race and religion. The doors are open. The welcome mat is out. Our agenda is opportunity and freedom for all.

More and more of our Democrat friends and neighbors are recognizing that old political labels no longer apply. I think it is a sign of the times when a political pro like State Senator Frank Albert from Augusta can switch labels and be backed up by the voters. We have to reach out to all people who share our vision of the future.

Today we are on the cutting edge of change. Joined by concerned members of the other party, we are laying the foundation for a new era of prosperity and good will. Getting there will take some doing.

Last week I spoke to the Nation about taxes. I hope you agree with me that an overhaul of the tax system in this country is long overdue.

Our taxes are too high, unfair, and overly complicated. The tax code works against the best interest of working people, families, and a healthy economy. It distorts the decisions of businessmen and investors, often encouraging them to direct resources into useless tax dodges rather than encouraging them to invest in the future. It stifles incentive and promotes nonproductive investment. It's time for a change and, as I said the other night, I think America should go for it.

Our proposal would cut out complications and bring down the rates. The core of the idea is to reduce the number of tax rates from 14 to 3: 15 percent, 25 percent, and 35 percent. A majority of Americans would be paying at a lower tax rate than they do now. The complex system of itemized deductions, exclusions, and special credits would go through a major simplification and reform. Average Americans will end up with a lower tax burden. And in the new system they won't have to hire a tax lawyer to do it.

Yes, a few will pay more. Some of these will be individuals and corporations who have been manipulating the system, using loopholes to avoid paying their fair share. That can no longer be tolerated. Teddy Roosevelt once said, "The first requisite of a good citizen in this Republic of ours is that he shall be able and willing to pull his own weight."

We're not judging those who've used every legal means to reduce their tax obligation. But we are plugging up the holes.

The days of the free ride are over. *Let me say however it is only right to do this at the same time we eliminate the unfair punishment the tax*

We've included in our plan elements designed to help the American family and our less fortunate citizens as well. It lowers the top rate on capital gains from 20 to 17-1/2 percent to encourage investment. It contains incentives for new businesses to get off the ground and create jobs.

It's a plan to help all of us better our lives and our future, and that's why we call it America's Tax Plan. Now there are cynics who suggest that democracy has become so partisan that such fundamental reform is impossible. Well, I've heard it all before. Pardon me for bringing back a line, but I have a message for the naysayers: you ain't seen nothin' yet.

A tax overhaul will help, but we must keep making progress on the spending side as well. Senator Mattingly has been in the forefront of much of what we've accomplished already, but he'll tell you there is a long way to go.

One reform that would help is a change Mack has long advocated. The Chief Executive of the United States should have the same tool to control spending as do 43 Governors. It will provide leverage against pork barreling at the taxpayers' expense. The only ones threatened by it are the big spenders and the special interests. The line-item veto is long overdue.

While we're at it, and I know Mack supports this as well, let's pass a constitutional amendment requiring the Government to

do exactly what each and every family in America has to do, balance its budget.

What we are doing will determine the kind of land our children will inherit. A major commitment of this Administration, which again has had more than full support from Mack, has been our war against drug abuse. I'd like to thank Mack for what he's done and also his wife, Carolyn, for her marvelous support. Nancy has taken such an active role in the fight against drug abuse, and she tells me that Carolyn has been a real trooper.

In 1984, with a Republican majority in the Senate, we passed legislation that will go a long way to help in the battle against drug peddlers and other criminals. The Comprehensive Crime Control Act was a big step in the right direction. It is about time our criminal justice system returns to serving as a pathway to justice instead of a roadblock to removing the guilty from our streets.

These are not Republican issues or Democrat issues. The security of the family and the security of our country should not be the focus of partisan debate. I'd like to thank Mack and the other responsible elected Representatives you've sent to Washington, from both parties, who've supported our efforts to rebuild America's defenses and keep our country strong, safe, and at peace.

If our country is not secure, nothing else we do has meaning. Today, we as a Nation face a challenge to the South. If we have the courage to do what is right, we can avoid a

crisis. Inaction and lack of resolve are not the answer. The Soviet Union has poured hundreds of millions of dollars in military arms and equipment down there. We must assist those friendly governments under attack, help them defend themselves. And we must lend our support to those Freedom Fighters struggling for democracy in Nicaragua.

This is a matter of the freedom of our friends and neighbors and the security of our country. We cannot and will not permit the communists to impose their will on the people of Central America.

People all over the world look to us for leadership. If we falter, they know there is no hope. Five years ago America seemed to be faltering. People were believing those naysayers I spoke about a few minutes ago. For the first time in my life, I heard people talking about our country as if we were a Nation in decline.

Well, in 1981, a new team arrived in Washington. I think Mack and I, and the other members of the team, understand the puzzle palace on the Potomac a bit more now than we did. But we are just as optimistic about what can be accomplished. Once America has made up its mind, there is nothing we can't do. I told the people in Europe during my recent visit and I firmly believe: the future is on the side of the free. And with God's help and support of good people like yourselves, we'll keep America the land of the free and the home of the brave. Thank you for letting me be here today. Good luck and God bless you.

(ROHRABACHER)

JUNE 5, 1985

RECEPTION PRECEDING FUNDRAISER FOR
SENATOR MATTINGLY

ATLANTA, GEORGIA

THANK YOU. DURING THESE LAST
4-1/2 YEARS, MACK HAS BEEN SOMEONE I COULD
COUNT ON THROUGH THICK AND THIN. SOON AFTER
MY INAUGURATION AN OLD PRO SHOOK MY HAND AND
TOLD ME, "MR. PRESIDENT, YOU CAN COUNT ON ME
THROUGH THICK." I ASKED HIM, "WHAT ABOUT
THIN?" ALL HE SAID WAS, "WELCOME TO
WASHINGTON."

I AM PROUD TO BE HERE SUPPORTING A
SENATOR WHO HAS STOOD FIRMLY THROUGH GOOD
TIMES AND WHEN THE PRESSURE WAS ON.

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I JUST HOPE ALL OF YOU WILL BE DOING YOUR
BEST TO MAKE CERTAIN HE IS RETURNED TO THE
SENATE. MACK HAS EARNED IT.
GEORGIA DESERVES IT, AND THE COUNTRY NEEDS
IT.

BEING A UNITED STATES SENATOR IS NOT
LIKE ^{SOME} ~~OTHER~~ JOBS. YOU CAN'T JUST RUN OFF AND
PLAY A GAME OF GOLF. THAT, OF COURSE,
REMINDS ME OF A LITTLE STORY I HEARD
RECENTLY.

~~APPARENTLY~~ AN AVID GOLFER TOOK HIS NEW
SON-IN-LAW OUT TO THE GOLF COURSE.
HE PUT THE BALL IN FRONT OF THE STRAPPING
YOUNG MAN. HAVING NEVER HAD A CLUB IN HIS
HANDS BEFORE, THE YOUNG MAN TOOK A HEAVY
SWING, TOTALLY MISSING THE BALL.
INSTEAD, HE HIT AN ANTHILL, SPRAYING
THOUSANDS OF ANTS IN THE AIR.

THE YOUNG FELLOW TOOK ANOTHER MIGHTY SWING. AGAIN, HE TOTALLY MISSED THE BALL. THIS TIME THERE WAS NOTHING LEFT OF THE ANTHILL BUT A CRATER. AS HE WAS REVVING UP FOR A THIRD TRY, TWO ANTS STUCK THERE HEAD OUT OF WHAT WAS LEFT OF THE ANTHILL AND ONE SAID TO THE OTHER, "YOU KNOW IF WE'RE GOING TO MAKE IT, WE BETTER GET ON THE BALL."

WELL, I CAN CONFIRM THAT YOU AND THE STATE OF GEORGIA HAVE BEEN REPRESENTED IN WASHINGTON BY AN INDIVIDUAL WHO IS ON THE BALL AND WHOSE VOTING HAS BEEN ON TARGET. I PERSONALLY APPRECIATE THE HELP YOU'RE GIVING HIM. YOUR COMMITMENT AND YOUR GENEROSITY MAKE ALL THE DIFFERENCE.

BEING IN THE PROFESSION WE'RE IN, MACK AND I INTERACT WITH REPORTERS ON A DAILY BASIS. AND DO YOU KNOW WHAT -- THAT'S A LEAD INTO ANOTHER STORY.

IT HAS TO DO WITH A CUB REPORTER WHOSE FIRST
SOLO ASSIGNMENT WAS TO INTERVIEW THE OLDEST
MAN IN TOWN. HE WENT TO THE ADDRESS,
A TWO-STORY DWELLING ON THE OUTSIDE OF TOWN.
HE KNOCKED ON THE DOOR AND AN OLD FELLOW
ANSWERED.

"MR. BROWN?" THE YOUNG REPORTER ASKED.

"YEP, WHAT CAN I DO FOR YA SONNY?"

THE REPORTER EXPLAINED HE WAS THERE FOR
AN INTERVIEW. THE OLD MAN INVITED HIM IN
AND AS THEY WERE SITTING DOWN ON THE SOFA,
THE JOURNALIST GOT RIGHT TO THE HEART OF THE
MATTER.

"MR. BROWN, JUST HOW OLD ARE YOU?"

"97."

"AND TO WHAT DO YOU ATTRIBUTE YOUR
LONGEVITY?"

"WELL," SAYS THE OLD GEEZER.

"I DON'T DRINK. I DON'T SMOKE AND I DON'T
CAROUSE AROUND WITH WOMEN."

BEFORE HE COULD EVEN FINISH HIS SENTENCE THERE WAS A BANG AND THUD FROM UPSTAIRS AND THE YOUNG REPORTER LOOKED UP AND ASKED, "WHAT THE HECK WAS THAT?"

"OH, THAT'S JUST DAD," SAID THE OLD MAN. "HE'S DRUNK AGAIN."

THAT REPORTER HAD THE WRONG MAN, BUT YOU'VE BEEN SUPPORTING THE RIGHT ONE. THANKS FOR ALL YOU'VE DONE FOR OUR CAUSE OVER THE YEARS. AND THANKS FOR ALL YOU'RE DOING FOR MACK. NOW I THINK IT PROBABLY IS TIME WE HEADED FOR THE OTHER ROOM. SEE YOU THERE.

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The President has seen _____

(Rohrabacher/BE)

June 3, 1985

4:30 p.m.

PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: RECEPTION PRECEDING FUNDRAISER FOR
SENATOR MATTINGLY
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 5, 1985

Thank you. During these last 4-1/2 years, Mack has been someone I could count on through thick and thin. Soon after my inauguration an old pro shook my hand and told me, "Mr. President, you can count on me through thick." I asked him, "What about thin?" All he said was, "Welcome to Washington."

I am proud to be here supporting a Senator who has stood firmly through good times and when the pressure was on. I just hope all of you will be doing your best to make certain he is returned to the Senate. Mack has earned it. Georgia deserves it, and the country needs it.

Being a United States Senator is not like other jobs. You can't just run off and play a game of golf. That, of course, reminds me of a little story I heard recently.

Apparently an avid golfer took his new son-in-law out to the golf course. He put the ball in front of the strapping young man. Having never had a club in his hands before, the young man took a heavy swing, totally missing the ball. Instead, he hit an anthill, spraying thousands of ants in the air.

The young fellow took another mighty swing. Again, he totally missed the ball. This time there was nothing left of the anthill but a crater. As he was revving up for a third try, two ants stuck their head out of what was left of the anthill and one said to the other, "You know if we're going to ^{MAKE IT} ~~survive~~, we better get on the ball."

Well, I can confirm that you and the State of Georgia have been represented in Washington by an individual who is on the ball and whose voting has been on target. I personally appreciate the help you're giving him. Your commitment and your generosity make all the difference.

~~Pardon me, I heard a story the other day you might enjoy.~~

Being in the profession we're in, Mack and I interact with reporters on a daily basis. ~~And do you know what - that's a lead into another story. There's a story about a cub reporter whose first solo assignment was to interview the oldest man in town. He went to the address, a two-story dwelling on the outside of town. He knocked on the door and an old fellow answered.~~

"Mr. Brown?" the young reporter asked.

"Yep, what can I do for ya sonny?"

The reporter explained he was there for an interview. The old man invited him in and as they were sitting down on the sofa, the journalist got right to the heart of the matter.

"Mr. Brown, just how old are you?"

"97."

"And to what do you attribute your longevity?"

"Well," says the old geezer. "I don't drink. I don't smoke and I don't carouse around with women."

Before he could even finish his sentence there was a bang and thud from upstairs and the young reporter looked up and asked, "What the heck was that?"

"Oh, that's just dad," said the old man. "He's drunk again."

That reporter had the wrong man, but you've been supporting the right one. Thanks for all you've done for our cause over the years. And thanks for all you're doing for Mack. Now I think it probably is time we headed for the other room. See you there.

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JUNE 5, 1985

FUNDRAISER FOR SENATOR NICKLES
OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA

WELL, SENATOR AND MRS. NICKLES/
CONGRESSMAN MICKEY EDWARDS/ AND ALL OF YOU
VERY DISTINGUISHED LADIES AND GENTLEMEN.

THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR YOUR WARM WELCOME.

AND THANK YOU FOR WELCOMING ME TO ONE OF THE
MOST INDUSTRIOUS/ ENERGETIC/ BEST ALL-AROUND
SUCCESS STORIES IN AMERICA TODAY/--

YOU'RE DOING FINE, OKLAHOMA, OKLAHOMA'S O.K.

I'LL HAVE TO BE CAREFUL OR I MIGHT GET
CARRIED AWAY AND START SINGING,

"BOOMER SOONER." OR SHOULD I HAVE SAID,

"RIDE 'EM COWBOYS"?

I ALWAYS GET A THRILL OUT OF COMING
BACK TO THE HOME OF THE NATIONAL COWBOY HALL
OF FAME. I SEEM TO REMEMBER A FAMOUS
COUNTRY AND WESTERN SONG WARNING MOTHERS NOT
TO LET THEIR BABIES GROW UP TO BE COWBOYS.

THE SONG FORGOT TO SAY THAT COWBOYS CAN
SOMETIMES GROW UP TO BE PRESIDENT.

WELL, AS ONE COWBOY WHO'S BEEN AROUND
ALMOST AS LONG AS YOUR STATE /
IT'S A PRIVILEGE TO COME AND SPEAK FOR A
FELLOW MEMBER OF THE YOUTH GENERATION /--
THE YOUNGEST MEMBER OF THE U.S. SENATE /
YOUR OWN DON NICKLES.

WHEN I MENTION DON IS THE YOUNGEST,
(LET ME ADD,) HE'S ALSO ONE OF THE BRIGHTEST
AND THE BEST. THAT'S WHY I ASK YOU RIGHT
NOW: / PLEASE SEND DON NICKLES BACK TO THE
SENATE FOR 6 MORE YEARS. OKLAHOMA NEEDS
HIM, / I NEED HIM, / AND BELIEVE ME /--
AMERICA NEEDS DON NICKLES, TOO.

HE IS CARRYING ON IN THE FINE TRADITION
OF DEWEY BARTLETT AND HENRY BELLMON /
TWO OTHER GREAT SOONERS. I ENJOY YOUR
ACCENT HERE IN THE SOUTHWEST /-- YOUR ACCENT
ON OPPORTUNITY.

AND I HAVE TO BELIEVE THAT YOUR YOUNG
SENATOR, AND THIS STATE ~~/~~ STILL BRAND-NEW,
WITH PLENTY OF HEART AND PLENTY OF HOPE ~~/~~--
WERE A MATCH MADE FOR EACH OTHER.

YOU ELECTED DON NICKLES AS ONE OF THE
MEMBERS OF THAT REPUBLICAN POSSE THAT RODE
INTO THE SENATE IN 1981 TO HELP RESCUE A
NATION BESIEGED. YOU ELECTED A MAN OF
INTEGRITY ~~/~~ A MAN OF DEEP COURAGE AND
CONVICTION WHO HAS BEEN A CHAMPION FOR
FREEDOM AT HOME AND ABROAD.

DON NICKLES HAS NOT BEEN AFRAID TO
STAND UP FOR THE TAXPAYERS OF OKLAHOMA
AGAINST THE FEDERAL ESTABLISHMENT IN
WASHINGTON, D.C. HE HAS BEEN A FIRM VOICE
AND DEFENDER FOR THE RIGHTS OF THE FAMILY.

HE HAS A KEEN UNDERSTANDING OF THE
GREAT TRUTHS OF OUR AGE. HE UNDERSTANDS
THAT FREEDOM IS AMONG THE GREATEST OF ALL
BLESSINGS ~~/~~ AND THAT FREEDOM IS A GIFT OF
GOD.

HE UNDERSTANDS THAT COMMUNISM POSES A GRAVE
AND MORTAL THREAT TO HUMAN LIBERTY.

AND HE UNDERSTANDS THAT WE CANNOT PRESERVE
PEACE BY APPEASING THE COMMUNIST BLOC/
WE MUST PRESERVE PEACE BY BLOCKING
COMMUNISM.

BECAUSE HE HAS STOOD FOR THESE THINGS/
BECAUSE HE HAS NOT BOWED TO PREVAILING
PRESSURES TO GET ALONG BY GOING ALONG/
DON NICKLES HAS DONE HIS JOB WELL.

WHEN IT COMES TO GETTING CREDIT FOR HELPING
BREAK THE BACK OF RUNAWAY PRICES/
FOR HELPING BRING DOWN INTEREST RATES/
AND FOR CREATING SOME 8 MILLION NEW JOBS/
DON, YOU'VE NOT ONLY EARNED YOUR SPURS/
YOU'RE A MEMBER OF THE A-TEAM.

YOU'VE EARNED OKLAHOMA'S SUPPORT.

DON IS ONE OF THE STRONGEST ADVOCATES FOR ENERGY INDEPENDENCE IN THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS. SO WHEN I SAY, YOU'VE EARNED OKLAHOMA'S SUPPORT, I DON'T MIND ADDING, YOU HAVE MY SUPPORT FOR THE DEREGULATION OF NATURAL GAS.

THAT POSSE I MENTIONED NOT ONLY HELPED RESCUE US FROM ECONOMIC DANGER, THEY'RE LEADING US ON A FAST GALLOP TOWARD A WIDE-OPEN FUTURE OF OPPORTUNITY, PROGRESS, AND STRENGTH FOR AMERICA. WE MUST HOLD ON TO OUR REPUBLICAN MAJORITY.

YOUR SENATOR AND I AGREE ON A GOOD MANY THINGS. WE AGREE THAT THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT IS NOT OUR GREATEST NATIONAL RESOURCE. IT'S NO GREAT GUSHER OF BLACK GOLD. THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT IS THE SINGLE GREATEST OBSTACLE TO OUR SUCCESS.

THE LAST THING WE NEED IS ANOTHER POLITICIAN TELLING US WE HAVE BIG DEFICITS BECAUSE YOU'RE NOT BEING TAXED ENOUGH.

THOSE DEFICITS BALLOONED FROM 50 YEARS OF
GOVERNMENT TAXING AND SPENDING TOO MUCH.

SOME PEOPLE HAVE LABORED SO LONG TO
MAKE GOVERNMENT BIGGER, / THEY'VE DEVELOPED A
KNEE-JERK ADDICTION TO TAX INCREASES.

AND, EVERY TIME THEIR KNEE JERKS,
WE GET KICKED.

WE NEED SENATOR NICKLES BECAUSE HE IS
ONE OF THOSE PUSHING HARDEST FOR A SOLUTION
TO OVER-SPENDING / - A CONSTITUTIONAL
AMENDMENT MANDATING GOVERNMENT MAY SPEND NO
MORE THAN GOVERNMENT TAKES IN. / HE IS ONE OF
THOSE PUSHING HARDEST FOR A REFORM THAT
OKLAHOMA'S CONSTITUTION CONTAINS /
BUT THAT THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES
STILL DOES NOT HAVE / - THE AUTHORITY TO
LINE-ITEM VETO INDIVIDUAL ITEMS OF BLOATED
SPENDING IN APPROPRIATION BILLS.

I DON'T QUESTION OTHERS' GOOD
INTENTIONS. I'VE SIMPLY NOTICED THERE IS A
WELL-KNOWN ROAD PAVED WITH GOOD INTENTIONS,
BUT NO ONE WANTS TO GO WHERE IT LEADS.

YOU KNOW, I'VE BECOME CONVINCED OVER
THE YEARS THAT THE DISTINCTION BETWEEN RIGHT
AND LEFT IS FALSE. THERE IS NO REAL RIGHT
AND LEFT. THERE IS ONLY UP OR DOWN.
UP, TO THE ULTIMATE IN INDIVIDUAL FREEDOM
CONSISTENT WITH AN ORDERLY SOCIETY,
OR DOWN, TO THE DARKNESS OF TOTALITARIAN
TYRANNY AND HUMAN MISERY.

THE TAX SYSTEM IS PERHAPS OUR MOST
ACUTE BAROMETER OF HOW FREE WE ARE
THE DEGREE TO WHICH SOCIETY REWARDS OR
SUPPRESSES OUR THRIFT, RISK-TAKING,
AND HARD WORK. FOR TOO MANY YEARS,
WE SAT BACK AND ALLOWED THE HAND OF GOLIATH
TO SWEEP AWAY MORE AND MORE FROM OUR
NATIONAL TABLE, LEAVING US WITH CRUMBS FROM
THE FOOD WE OURSELVES PRODUCED.

WE ALLOWED GOVERNMENT TO TURN OUR TAX
SYSTEM INTO A BUREAUCRATIC NIGHTMARE THAT
COULD BEFUDDLE AN EINSTEIN AND BULLDOZE
AMERICA / FLATTENING OUR DRIVE AND OUR
DREAMS. AS OUR TAX SYSTEM GREW WORSE,
WE, TOO, BEGAN TO CHANGE. CHEATING BECAME
COMMONPLACE / INDUSTRIES RETREATED FROM
FRONTIERS OF COMPETITION TO SAFE HAVENS OF
SUBSIDIES / AND A FEVER OF ENVY / SUSPICION /
AND STRIFE AROSE AMONG A ONCE UNITED PEOPLE.

DON NICKLES AND I WENT TO WASHINGTON TO
TRY TO BEGIN CHANGING ALL THAT /
TO BUILD WITH YOU A NEW FUTURE OF FREEDOM,
FAIRNESS, AND HOPE. WE TOOK OUR FIRST STEP
IN 1981, BY LOWERING TAX RATES FOR EVERY
INDIVIDUAL. STILL, WE'RE NOT HOME YET.
I MAY BE GETTING UP THERE IN YEARS /
~~I'LL CONCEDE JUST A FEW.~~ *Die Green*

39 for 35 yrs. now,

BUT I PROMISE YOU TODAY, I'M NOT TURNING
BACK UNTIL WE CAN PASS ON TO DON'S
GENERATION, AND HOPEFULLY, HE AND HIS
GENERATION WILL PASS ON TO THE NEXT
A GOVERNMENT AND TAX SYSTEM OF, BY,
AND FOR THE PEOPLE -- NOT THE OTHER WAY
AROUND.

WELL, LIKE THE SURREY WITH THE FRINGE
ON TOP, OUR TAX SYSTEM HAS SEEN ITS DAY.

WE NEED A PLAN FOR AMERICA'S FUTURE
AND THAT'S WHAT AMERICA'S TAX PLAN IS
FAIRNESS, OPPORTUNITY, AND HOPE FOR OUR
FUTURE FOR EVERY PERSON AND EVERY FAMILY.

AND MAKE NO MISTAKE, A PLAN THAT
CHANGES A 14-BRACKET SYSTEM INTO A 3-BRACKET
SYSTEM, DROPS THE TOP PERSONAL RATE TO
35 PERCENT FROM 70 PERCENT JUST 5 YEARS AGO,
CUTS TAX BURDENS FOR EVERY INCOME GROUP,
CUTS CORPORATE RATES FROM 46 TO 33 PERCENT
WITH LOWER RATES FOR MANY SMALL
CORPORATIONS.

CUTS THE TOP CAPITAL GAINS RATE TO
17-1/2 PERCENT / PROVIDES RELIEF FROM DOUBLE
TAXATION OF DIVIDENDS / NEARLY DOUBLES THE
PERSONAL EXEMPTION / NEARLY DOUBLES THE
LIMITS ON I.R.A.'s FOR MANY COUPLES /
REMOVES OR CURTAILS SOME 65 CATEGORIES OF
PREFERENTIAL TAX TREATMENT / AND INSISTS THAT
EVERY INDIVIDUAL AND BUSINESS PAY THEIR FAIR
SHARE / - ^{THAT PLAN} WILL BE A SECOND AMERICAN
REVOLUTION THAT CHANGES THIS NATION FOR THE
BETTER AND FOREVER.

A REVOLUTION FOR FAIRNESS /

BECAUSE EVERYBODY WILL HAVE TO PUT THEIR
SHOULDER TO THE WHEEL / FOR OPPORTUNITY /
BECAUSE LOWER TAX RATES WILL ENCOURAGE
CAPITAL FORMATION, OVERTIME WORK, SAVINGS,
AND RISK-TAKING IN NEW VENTURES /

AND, YES, A REVOLUTION FOR HOPE, / BECAUSE A
MORE PRODUCTIVE, COMPETITIVE, DYNAMIC
ECONOMY WILL MEAN LOWER INFLATION / STRONGER
GROWTH, / AND MORE JOBS FOR ALL AMERICANS IN
THE 1990'S AND INTO THE 21ST CENTURY.

I WANT TO SEE AMERICA'S ECONOMY
BREAKING FREE. I WANT TO SEE AMERICAN
TECHNOLOGY WIN THAT RACE INTO THE
21ST CENTURY. / AND THAT'S WHY I WANT TO SEE
OUR TAX PLAN PASS THIS YEAR. ~~TELL ME,~~
ARE YOU WITH ME, CAN I COUNT ON YOUR
SUPPORT? WELL, THANK YOU. / MARK MY WORDS, /
IF WE PASS THIS PLAN, (AMERICA'S TAX PLAN,) /
WE CAN IGNITE THIS ECONOMY, / AND, YES,
WE CAN OUT-PRODUCE, OUT-COMPETE,
AND OUT-SELL ANYBODY, ANYWHERE IN THE WORLD.
AMERICA IS GOING TO RUN UP THE SCORE FOR
GROWTH LIKE OKLAHOMA'S TEAMS RUN UP THE
SCORE WITH TOUCHDOWNS ON A SATURDAY
AFTERNOON.

AS WE WORK TOGETHER TO STRENGTHEN OUR
ECONOMIC FUTURE, WE'RE DETERMINED TO MOVE
FORWARD WITH OUR DEFENSE REBUILDING PROGRAM.
A WEAKER AMERICA WILL NOT BE A SAFER
AMERICA. OUR PROGRAM IS PEACE THROUGH
STRENGTH.

AND PEACE THROUGH STRENGTH RESTS ON A
SECURE FOUNDATION OF VALUES.

DON'T LET ANYONE TELL YOU WE ARE MORALLY
EQUIVALENT TO THE SOVIET UNION. THIS IS A
DEMOCRATIC COUNTRY OF FREE PEOPLE.
A DEMOCRATIC COUNTRY WHERE ALL OF US ENJOY
THE RIGHT TO SPEAK, TO WORSHIP GOD AS WE
CHOOSE, AND TO LIVE WITHOUT FEAR.

WE ARE NOT EQUIVALENT. WE ARE FAR SUPERIOR
TO ANY TOTALITARIAN REGIME, AND WE SHOULD BE
DARN PROUD OF IT.

JUST SOUTH OF OUR BORDER,
WE FACE A MAJOR CHALLENGE TO DEMOCRACY AND
OUR OWN SECURITY FROM SOVIET-SPONSORED
SUBVERSION AND AGGRESSION.

I AM HAPPY TO REPORT THAT DON NICKLES IS ONE SENATOR WHO DID NOT HAVE TO WAIT UNTIL THE DICTATOR OF NICARAGUA WENT TO MOSCOW BEFORE REALIZING HE IS A COMMUNIST.

CONGRESS CAN NO LONGER IGNORE THE OBVIOUS/ THE SOVIET BLOC NATIONS AND THEIR TERRORIST ALLIES (~~LIBYA AND IRAN~~) ARE POURING IN WEAPONS AND AMMUNITION TO ESTABLISH A BEACHHEAD ON OUR OWN DOORSTEP.

TOP DEFECTORS FROM THE EL SALVADORAN GUERRILLAS HAVE GIVEN US DETAILED INFORMATION ABOUT THE GUIDANCE/ TRAINING/ FUNDS/ AND AMMUNITION THEY RECEIVE FROM THE COMMUNISTS IN NICARAGUA. IT WAS A DARK DAY FOR FREEDOM WHEN, (AFTER THE SOVIET UNION SPENT \$500 MILLION TO IMPOSE COMMUNISM IN NICARAGUA,) THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS COULD NOT SUPPORT A MEAGER \$14 MILLION FOR FREEDOM FIGHTERS IN NICARAGUA.

THOSE WHO PUT THEIR LIVES ON THE LINE
FOR DEMOCRACY LOOK TO US AS THEIR LAST,
BEST HOPE. WE FAILED THEM ONCE.
WE DARE NOT FAIL THEM AGAIN.

LINCOLN'S WORDS RING AS TRUE TODAY AS THEY
DID OVER 100 YEARS AGO. "OUR DEFENSE,"
HE SAID, "IS IN THE SPIRIT WHICH PRIZED
LIBERTY AS THE HERITAGE OF ALL MEN,
IN ALL LANDS EVERYWHERE. DESTROY THIS
SPIRIT AND YOU HAVE PLANTED THE SEEDS OF
DESPOTISM AT YOUR OWN DOORS."

EVERYTHING WE DO IS A FRAGMENT OF
HISTORY. A PASSING MOMENT IN TIME.

THE TIME IS NOW TO UNDERSTAND THAT HISTORY
WILL NOT WAIT UPON A PASSIVE AMERICA.

THE TIME IS NOW TO UNDERSTAND THAT COMMUNISM
HAS ALREADY MADE ITS CHOICE. IT IS AN
AGGRESSIVE, IMPLACABLE FOE OF FREEDOM.

THE LITTLE DICTATOR WHO WENT TO MOSCOW IN HIS GREEN FATIGUES TO RECEIVE A BEAR HUG DID NOT FORSAKE THE DOCTRINE OF LENIN WHEN HE RETURNED TO THE WEST AND APPEARED IN A TWO-PIECE SUIT.

HE MADE HIS CHOICE ~~/~~ LONG AGO.

HISTORY WILL NOT WAIT ON US.

~~TODAY AND TOMORROW~~ ^{SOON}, THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS MUST ALSO MAKE A CRUCIAL CHOICE FOR OUR FUTURE.

WE HAD BETTER HOPE THAT THIS

TIME THEY CHOOSE WISELY. WE HAD BETTER HOPE

THEY REMEMBER ONE SIMPLE TRUTH/
FREEDOM ISN'T FREE/
AND IF FREEDOM IS TAKEN
FROM OUR NEIGHBORS/
FREEDOM WILL BE TAKEN
FROM YOU AND FROM ME.

LIKE IT OR NOT/
FREEDOM DEPENDS ON US.

LIKE IT OR NOT/
PEACE IN CENTRAL AMERICA
ULTIMATELY DEPENDS ON OUR COMMITMENT/
OUR COURAGE, AND OUR FAITH.

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HELP AMERICA AND HER FRIENDS MEET THIS
CHALLENGE; STICK WITH US IN THIS NOBLE
EFFORT; AND FUTURE GENERATIONS WILL THANK US
FOR THE MOST PRECIOUS GIFT OF ALL /-
THE GIFT OF LIFE IN LANDS OF LIBERTY.

LITTLE OR NONE OF WHAT WE HAVE
ACCOMPLISHED IN THESE 4-1/2 YEARS WOULD HAVE
BEEN POSSIBLE IF WE HAD NOT HAD A MAJORITY
IN THE UNITED STATES SENATE. WE MUST HOLD
THAT MAJORITY. SEND DON NICKLES BACK TO THE
SENATE FOR ALL OUR SAKES.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR WARM AND WONDERFUL
WELCOME. GOD BLESS YOU ALL.

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The President has seen _____
(Elliott)
May 31, 1985
6:00 p.m.

PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: FUNDRAISER FOR SENATOR NICKLES
OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 5, 1985

Well, Senator and Mrs. Nickles, Congressman Mickey Edwards, and all of you very distinguished ladies and gentlemen. Thank you so much for your warm welcome. And thank you for welcoming me to one of the most industrious, energetic, best all-around success stories in America today -- you're doing fine, Oklahoma, Oklahoma's O.K. I'll have to be careful or I might get carried away and start singing, "Boomer Sooner." Or should I have said, "Go Cowboy."

I always get a thrill out of coming back to the home of the National Cowboy Hall of Fame. I seem to remember a famous Country and Western song warning mothers not to let their babies grow up to be cowboys. The song forgot to say that cowboys can sometimes grow up to be President.

Well, as one cowboy who's been around almost as long as your State, it's a privilege to come and speak for a fellow member of the youth generation -- the youngest member of the U.S. Senate, your own Don Nickles.

When I mention Don is the youngest, let me add, he's also one of the brightest and the best. That's why I ask you right now: please send Don Nickles back to the Senate for 6 more years. Oklahoma needs him, I need him, and believe me -- America needs Don Nickles, too.

He is carrying on in the fine tradition of Dewey Bartlett and Henry Bellmon, two other great Sooners. I enjoy your accent

here in the Southwest -- your accent on opportunity. And I have to believe that your young Senator, and this State -- still brand-new, with plenty of heart and plenty of hope -- were a match made for each other.

You elected Don Nickles as one of the members of that Republican posse that rode into the Senate in 1981 to help rescue a Nation besieged. You elected a man of integrity, a man of deep courage and conviction who has been a champion for freedom at home and abroad.

Don Nickles has not been afraid to stand up for the taxpayers of Oklahoma against ~~bullies in~~ the Federal establishment in Washington, D.C. He has been a firm voice and defender for the rights of the family.

He has a keen understanding of the great truths of our age. He understands that freedom is the greatest of all blessings, and that freedom is the cause of God. He understands that communism poses a grave and mortal threat to human liberty. And he understands that we cannot preserve peace by appeasing the communist bloc; we must preserve peace by blocking communism.

Because he has stood for these things, because he has not bowed to prevailing pressures to get along by going along, Don Nickles has done his job well. When it comes to getting credit for helping break the back of runaway prices, for helping bring down interest rates, and for creating some 8 million new jobs, Don, you've not only earned your spurs, you're a member of the A-Team. You've earned Oklahoma's support.

Don is one of the strongest advocates for energy independence in the United States Congress. So when I say, you've earned Oklahoma's support, I don't mind adding, you have my support for the deregulation of natural gas.

That posse I mentioned not only helped rescue us from economic danger, they're leading us on a fast gallop toward a wide-open future of greater opportunity, progress, and strength for America. We must hold on to our Republican Majority.

Your Senator and I agree on a good many things: we agree that the Federal Government is not our greatest national resource; it's no great gusher of black gold; the Federal Government is the single greatest obstacle to our success. The last thing we need is another politician telling us we have big deficits because you're not being taxed enough. Those deficits ballooned from 50 years of Government taxing and spending too much.

Some people have labored so long to make Government bigger, they've developed a knee-jerk addiction to tax increases. And, every time their knee jerks, we get kicked.

We need Senator Nickles because he is one of those pushing hardest for a solution to over-spending -- a constitutional amendment mandating Government may spend no more than Government takes in. He is one of those pushing hardest for a reform that your Governor has, that 43 Governors have, but that the President of the United States still does not have -- the authority to line-item veto individual items of bloated spending in appropriation bills.

I don't question others' good intentions. I've simply noticed there is a well-known road paved with good intentions, but no one wants to go where it leads.

You know, I've become convinced over the years that the distinction between right and left is false. There is no real right and left. There is only up or down: up, to the ultimate in individual freedom consistent with an orderly society; or down, to the darkness of totalitarian tyranny and human misery.

The tax system is perhaps our most acute barometer of how free we are -- the degree to which society rewards or suppresses our thrift, risk-taking, and hard work. For too many years, we sat back and allowed the hand of Goliath to sweep away more and more from our national table, leaving us with crumbs from the food we ourselves produced.

We allowed Government to turn our tax system into a bureaucratic nightmare that could befuddle an Einstein and bulldoze America, flattening our drive and our dreams. As our tax system grew worse, we, too, began to change. Cheating became commonplace; industries retreated from frontiers of competition to safe havens of subsidies; and a fever of envy, suspicion, and strife arose among a once united people.

Don Nickles and I went to Washington to try to begin changing all that -- to build with you a new future of freedom, fairness, and hope. We took our first step in 1981, by lowering tax rates for every individual. Still, we're not home yet. I may be getting up there in years -- I'll concede just a few. But I promise you today, I'm not turning back until we can pass on to

Don's generation, and hopefully, he and his generation will pass on to the next -- a Government and tax system of, by, and for the people -- not the other way around.

That's what America's Tax Plan is all about: fairness, opportunity, and hope for our future for every person and family. And make no mistake, a plan that: changes a 14-bracket system into a 3-bracket system; drops the top personal rate to 35 percent from 70 percent just 5 years ago; cuts tax burdens for most individuals; cuts corporate rates from 46 to 33 percent with lower rates for many small corporations; cuts the top capital gains rate to 17-1/2 percent; provides relief from double taxation of dividends; nearly doubles the personal exemption; nearly doubles the limits on I.R.A.'s for many couples; removes some 65 categories of preferential tax treatment from the code; and insists that every individual and business pay their fair share -- will be a Second American Revolution that changes this Nation for the better and forever.

A revolution for fairness, because everybody will have to put their shoulder to the wheel; for opportunity, because lower tax rates will encourage capital formation, overtime work, savings, and risk-taking in new ventures; and, yes, a revolution for hope, because a more productive, competitive, dynamic economy will mean lower inflation, stronger growth, and more jobs for all Americans in the 1990's and into the 21st century.

I want to see America's economy break free. I want to see American technology win that race into the 21st century. And that's why I want to see our tax plan pass this year. Tell me,

are you with me, can I count on your support? Well, thank you. Mark my words: If we pass America's Tax Plan, we can ignite this economy; we can out-produce, out-compete, and out-sell anybody, anywhere in the world. America can run up the score for growth like Oklahoma runs up the score ^{on a} ~~every~~ Saturday with touchdown after touchdown.

As we work together to strengthen our economic future, we're determined to move forward with our defense rebuilding program. A weaker America is not a safer America; our program is peace through strength.

And peace through strength rests on a secure foundation of values. Don't let anyone tell you we are morally equivalent with the Soviet Union. This is a democratic country of free people, a democratic country where all of us enjoy the right to speak, to worship God as we choose, and to live without fear. We are not equivalent, we are far superior to any totalitarian regime, and we should be darn proud of it.

Just south of our border, we face a major challenge to democracy and our own security from Soviet-sponsored subversion and aggression. I am happy to report that Don Nickles is one Senator who did not have to wait until the dictator of Nicaragua went to Moscow before realizing he is a communist.

Congress can no longer ignore the obvious: the Soviet bloc nations and their terrorists allies Libya and Iran are pouring in weapons and ammunition to establish a beachhead on our own doorstep. Top defectors from the El Salvadoran guerrillas have given us detailed information about the guidance, training,

funds, and ammunition they receive from the communists in Nicaragua. It was a dark day for America when, after the Soviet Union spent \$500 million a year to destroy freedom in Central America, the United States Congress could not support a meager \$14 million for freedom fighters in Nicaragua.

Those who put their lives on the line for democracy still look to us as their last, best hope. We failed them once. We dare not fail them again. Lincoln's words ring as true today as they did over 100 years ago: "Our defense," he said, "is the spirit which prized liberty as the heritage of all men in all lands everywhere. Destroy this spirit and you have planted the seeds of despotism at your own doors."

Everything we do is a fragment of history, a passing moment in time. The time is now to understand that history will not wait upon a passive America. The time is now to understand that communism has already made its choice -- it is an aggressive, implacable foe of freedom. The little dictator who went to Moscow in his green fatigues to receive a bear hug did not forsake the doctrine of Lenin when he later toured the West in a two-piece suit.

He made his choice -- long ago. History will not wait on us. Today and tomorrow, the United States Congress must make another choice, and we had better hope that this time they choose wisely. We had better hope they remember one simple truth: freedom isn't free; and if freedom is taken from our neighbors, freedom will be taken from you and from me.