

TALKING POINTS PREPARED FOR  
SECRETARY ELIZABETH HANFORD DOLE  
MAUREEN REAGAN EVENT\*  
JULY 13, 1984

\*Women from the states of:  
California, Oregon, Idaho,  
New Mexico, Montana, Nebraska,  
North Dakota, South Dakota, Texas.

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INTRODUCTION

\* IT'S A JOY TO GREET SO MANY OUTSTANDING REPUBLICAN WOMEN LEADERS. MEETING YOU, I UNDERSTAND "HOW THE WEST WAS WON" FOR RONALD REAGAN IN 1980; AND WILL BE WON AGAIN IN 1984! I BELIEVE IT'S GOING TO BE A GREAT YEAR FOR REPUBLICAN CANDIDATES.

\* THE OFFICES YOU HOLD OR SEEK ARE AS DIVERSE AS THE STATES AND REGIONS YOU REPRESENT. YOUR PRESENCE HERE SIGNALS SOMETHING GOOD FOR WOMEN, GREAT FOR THE REPUBLICAN PARTY AND WONDERFUL FOR OUR NATION. FOR THOSE OF YOU WHO WILL BE ON THE BALLOT IN NOVEMBER, I WISH YOU VICTORY AND MUCH SUCCESS DURING YOUR TERM OF OFFICE.

\* (HALF A GRAPEFRUIT)

WOMEN'S ISSUES

\* WE SHARE AN EXPERIENCE I CALL THE "QUIET REVOLUTION."



\* LITTLE DID I REALIZE IN 1962 WHEN I ENTERED HARVARD LAW SCHOOL THAT I WAS ON THE CUTTING EDGE OF SOCIAL REVOLUTION.

-- 1 OF 25 WOMEN IN A CLASS OF 550; NOW 40%

-- FIRST DAY: "WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?"

\* THE IMPACT OF THE TIDAL WAVE OF WOMEN ENTERING THE WORK FORCE HAS NOT YET BEEN FULLY PERCEIVED.

\* (\$13,000 MEDIAN INCOME.)

\* STATE OF THE UNION PROMISES:

-- LAST YEAR: HELP ASSURE ECONOMIC AND LEGAL EQUITY FOR WOMEN; STRENGTHEN ENFORCEMENT OF CHILD SUPPORT LAWS AND REMEDY INEQUITIES IN PENSION LAWS.

-- THIS YEAR; REINFORCED COMMITMENT TO ENSURE WOMEN'S RIGHTS

-- INCLUDING FACILITATING CHILD CARE AND INCREASING

#### INDIVIDUAL RETIREMENT ACCOUNTS FOR HOMEMAKERS.

\* PRESIDENT HAS PROMOTED LEGISLATION TO STRENGTHEN GOVERNMENTAL ACTION AGAINST FATHERS WHO FAIL TO PAY COURT-ORDERED SUPPORT --HIS EFFORTS SHOULD SUBSTANTIALLY INCREASE DELINQUENT PAYMENTS TO MILLIONS OF MOTHERS TRYING TO RAISE CHILDREN ALONE.

\* HELPED TO EQUALIZE SOCIAL SECURITY BENEFITS FOR WIDOWS AND WIDOWERS.

\* PROPOSALS ON PENSION REFORM WOULD:

-- GUARANTEE THAT WOMEN DEPENDENT UPON SPOUSE'S PENSION FOR ADEQUATE RETIREMENT WILL NO LONGER BE SURPRISED BY TERMINATION OF PENSION.

-- HUSBAND CANNOT WAIVE PENSION RIGHTS WITHOUT WIFE'S AGREEMENT IN WRITING.



- COURTS COULD ORDER SOME PENSION RIGHTS TO GO TO A DIVORCED HOMEMAKER, WHICH IS SIMILAR TO LAW SIGNED BY THE PRESIDENT FOR SPOUSES OF THE MILITARY.
- PENSION PARTICIPATION MAY BEGIN AT 21 RATHER THAN 25, TO COMPENSATE FOR EARLIER WORK AGE OF WOMEN.
- WOULD ALLOW WOMEN TO RETURN AFTER A YEAR'S MATERNITY LEAVE WITHOUT LOSING ACCUMULATED BENEFITS.
- \* PRESIDENT HAS DETERMINED TO ENFORCE LAWS WHICH CAN ENSURE ECONOMIC EQUITY FOR WOMEN:
  - WON LARGEST RECOVERY EVER (\$2.7 MILLION) IN AN ANTI-DISCRIMINATION COMPLAINT AGAINST A PUBLIC EMPLOYER.
  - ARGUED THAT LAW FIRMS MUST CONSIDER WOMEN FOR PARTNERSHIPS ON AN EQUAL BASIS WITH THE MEN.

- FILED SUIT AGAINST THE TENTH LARGEST POLICE FORCE IN THE COUNTRY FOR ITS ALLEGED REFUSAL TO RECRUIT, HIRE, ASSIGN, AND PROMOTE BLACKS, HISPANICS, AND WOMEN ON AN EQUAL BASIS WITH WHITE ANGLO MEN.
- FILED SUIT AGAINST ONE OF THE LARGEST CONSUMER LOAN COMPANIES FOR ALLEGED SEX DISCRIMINATION IN GRANTING OF CREDIT.
- HAS PRESSED EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY COMMISSION TO SECURE NEARLY TWICE AS MUCH BACK PAY FOR VICTIMS OF DISCRIMINATION AS THE PREVIOUS ADMINISTRATION.
- ARGUED THAT WOMEN EMPLOYEES MUST HAVE PENSION BENEFITS EQUAL TO MEN'S.
- \* PRESIDENT IS RESPONSIBLE FOR:



- 50 STATES PROJECT -- TO WORK WITH GOVERNORS TO IDENTIFY AND CORRECT VESTIGES OF DISCRIMINATION IN STATE LAWS AND REGULATIONS.
- TASK FORCE ON LEGAL EQUITY FOR WOMEN -- RECOMMENDATIONS ADOPTED IN SOCIAL SECURITY PACKAGE.

\* TAX REFORM:

- STRUCK HARD AT "MARRIAGE TAX"; WILL GIVE TWO-WAGE EARNER FAMILIES WITH A COMBINED INCOME OF \$30 THOUSAND AN EXTRA \$375 THIS YEAR ALONE.
- VIRTUAL ELIMINATION OF ESTATE TAX WILL ALLOW A SPOUSE TO KEEP A FARM OR SMALL BUSINESS RATHER THAN HAVING TO SELL IT TO PAY THE TAXES.
- IMPROVED IRA ACCOUNTS FOR HOMEMAKERS, SUBSTANTIAL

INCREASES IN TAX CREDITS FOR CHILD CARE EXPENSES TARGETED TO BENEFIT LOW AND MIDDLE INCOME FAMILIES.

- THE 1040A SHORT TAX FORM THIS YEAR CONTAINS AN ADDITIONAL LINE FOR DEDUCTING CHILD CARE COSTS.
- ADMINISTRATION IS WORKING HARD TO ENCOURAGE EMPLOYERS IN THE PRIVATE SECTOR TO PROVIDE MORE CHILD CARE SERVICES FOR WORKING MOTHERS.

\* THIS IS AN IMPRESSIVE RECORD. WE MUST GET THE MESSAGE OUT.

\* YOU CAN HELP US. LET THE WOMEN IN YOUR STATES KNOW THAT THE ADMINISTRATION'S RECORD SUPPORTS WOMEN WHERE IT COUNTS THE MOST --ON ISSUES OF ECONOMIC EQUITY.

\* WE ALSO WANT TO WORK VERY CLOSELY WITH YOU IN PROMOTING TRANSPORTATION PROGRAMS IN YOUR STATES.



## TRANSPORTATION ISSUES

- \* NO HIGHER PRIORITY THAN SAFETY -- ACROSS ALL MODES. EVERYTHING THAT MOVES.
- \* AVIATION: JUST COMPLETED COMPREHENSIVE "WHITE GLOVE" INSPECTION PROGRAM, COVERING 350 AIR CARRIERS AND INVOLVING MORE THAN 14,000 SEPARATE INSPECTIONS.
- \* FOLLOW-UP: GENERAL AVIATION INSPECTION PROGRAM. THIS "SAFETY AUDIT" WILL COVER ALL ASPECTS OF GENERAL AVIATION, FROM HOT-AIR BALLOONS TO CROP DUSTERS, AND FROM ON-DEMAND AIR TAXIS TO TRAVEL CLUBS. IT WILL INCLUDE FLIGHT SCHOOLS, REPAIR STATIONS AND MECHANICS.
- \* WE ARE ALSO EMPHASIZING SAFETY AT SEA, ON THE RAILROADS AND MOST ESPECIALLY ON THE HIGHWAYS.

- 92 PERCENT OF ALL TRANSPORTATION FATALITIES OCCUR ON OUR HIGHWAYS.
- REVIEW OF CERTIFICATION, LICENSING ENFORCEMENT, INSPECTION, INTERFACE WITH STATES.
- EFFORTS ARE WORKING...1983 LOWEST NATIONWIDE TRAFFIC DEATH TOLL IN 20 YEARS;
- FATALITY RATE IMPROVED 6 PERCENT OVER 1982 RATE...
- 23 STATES NOW HAVE A 21-YEAR-OLD DRINKING AGE LAW. OTHERS PERMIT DRINKING AT 18, 19, OR 20.
- THE RESULTING CHECKERBOARD OF DIFFERENT STATE DRINKING AGES CREATES "BLOOD BORDERS," WHERE YOUNG PEOPLE DRIVE ACROSS STATE LINES TO DRINK.
- IN EARLY JUNE I ANNOUNCED ADMINISTRATION SUPPORT FOR



LEGISLATION TO ENCOURAGE THE STATES TO SET 21 AS THE LEGAL DRINKING AGE. THE CONGRESS ACTED QUICKLY, APPROVING THE MEASURE OVERWHELMINGLY. THE LAW WILL AUTHORIZE ME TO WITHHOLD FIVE PERCENT OF A STATE'S HIGHWAY FUNDS IF IT HAS NOT ENACTED A 21-YEAR-OLD MINIMUM DRINKING AGE LAW BY OCTOBER 1986.

\* WE'RE REINFORCING SAFETY REGULATIONS BUT RELAXING OR ELIMINATING ECONOMIC REGULATION OF THE TRANSPORTATION INDUSTRIES.

\* DEREGULATION REPRESENTS A LANDMARK MOVE TOWARD GREATER EMPHASIS ON FREE ENTERPRISE. THE REAL BENEFICIARIES UNDER DEREGULATION ARE CONSUMERS, BECAUSE DEREGULATION GIVES TRAVELERS AND SHIPPERS ACCESS TO CHEAPER, BETTER TRANSPORTATION.

-- AS A RESULT OF ECONOMIC DEREGULATION NEW AIRLINES ARE FLYING OUR SKIES, THOUSANDS OF NEW TRUCK COMPANIES ARE DELIVERING

GOODS AND VANS AND SMALL BUSES ARE OFFERING SERVICE TO COMMUNITIES THAT HAD NONE BEFORE.

-- THE ONCE STAGNANT RAILROAD FREIGHT INDUSTRY IS ENJOYING NEW PROFITS AND OFFERING NEW SERVICES.

-- TRUCKING -- MORE FIRMS IN BUSINESS THAN EVER; FROM 18,000 THREE YEARS AGO TO 33,000. WE ARE ALSO SEEKING UNIFORMITY OF STATE REGULATIONS AND LICENSING, WHICH IS A FORM OF DEREGULATION IN THAT IT REDUCES ADMINISTRATIVE BURDENS.

-- AIRLINES -- DEREGULATION BROADENED CHOICES -- MORE CARRIERS IN OPERATION AND MORE AIRLINES FLYING TO MORE PLACES -- SMALL COMMUNITIES ARE BEING SERVED.

\* AND SPEAKING OF THE SKIES, I HAVE A NEW DEREGULATION ASSIGNMENT  
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-- ENTREPRENEURS ALREADY HAVE BEGUN TO LAY THE GROUNDWORK FOR THIS ENTIRELY NEW INDUSTRY. AND PRESIDENT REAGAN QUICKLY GRASPED THE POTENTIAL OF SUCH AN INDUSTRY FOR THE U. S. ECONOMY AND U. S. LEADERSHIP IN SPACE.

-- TO SPEED ITS DEVELOPMENT THE PRESIDENT DESIGNATED THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AS THE LEAD AGENCY FOR COMMERCIAL SPACE TRANSPORTATION USING EXPENDABLE LAUNCH VEHICLES.

-- THIS IS NO SMALL RESPONSIBILITY. WE ARE TALKING ABOUT A WHOLE NEW INDUSTRY --WITH GROWTH PROSPECTS ESTIMATED AT PERHAPS \$10 BILLION OVER THE NEXT DECADE.

\* NAS PLAN -- MODERNIZATION OF NATION'S AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL AND NAVIGATION SYSTEM --WEATHERPROOF OUR AIRWAYS --- APOLLO -- PAID FOR BY USERS OF THE SERVICES.

\* STAA OF 1982 - MEANT 50% MORE FOR HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES.

-- WE ARE PROPOSING OBLIGATIONS OF \$14.8 BILLION IN FY'85 TO MAINTAIN THE MOMENTUM IN OUR HIGHWAY CONSTRUCTION PROGRAM. THAT REPRESENTS AN INCREASE OF MORE THAN THREE-QUARTERS OF A BILLION DOLLARS FOR ROAD AND BRIDGE PROJECTS OVER FY 1984.

-- FOR TRANSIT, THE PENNY FROM THE GAS TAX PROVIDES \$1.25 BILLION IN IMPROVEMENTS THIS YEAR FOR TRANSIT, IN ADDITION TO THE \$2.4 BILLION ALREADY AVAILABLE UNDER THE FORMULA GRANTS PROGRAM.

\* I AM PROCEEDING WITH THE SALE OF CONRAIL, THE GOVERNMENT-OWNED FREIGHT RAILROAD FORMED IN 1976 FROM THE PENN CENTRAL AND SIX OTHER BANKRUPT EASTERN AND MIDWESTERN RAILROADS. AFTER LOSING MONEY FOR YEARS, CONRAIL IS NOW PROFITABLE: EARNED \$313 MILLION LAST YEAR.

-- WE RECEIVED 14 BIDS FOR CONRAIL. THIS IS ELOQUENT TESTIMONY



TO THE SUCCESS OF ITS EMPLOYEES AND MANAGEMENT IN TRANSFORMING CONRAIL INTO THE VIABLE, COMPETITIVE COMPANY IT IS TODAY.

-- GOLDMAN, SACHS & CO., DOT'S FINANCIAL ADVISOR, IS REVIEWING THE BIDS.

-- AT THE SAME TIME I AM CONDUCTING MY REVIEW, AND WILL CONSULT WITH THE WHITE HOUSE, CONGRESS AND OTHERS BEFORE MAKING A FINAL DECISION ON RETURNING CONRAIL TO THE PRIVATE SECTOR.

\* WE ARE ALL PRIVILEGED TO SERVE.

-- WEST VIRGINIA FARM CHILD: LET US JOIN HANDS TO DO SOMETHING GREAT FOR THIS COUNTRY AND THE WORLD.

-- VERY IMPORTANT ELECTION COMING UP.

-- JOIN TOGETHER IN GETTING THE MESSAGE OUT TO THE PUBLIC; IN ELECTING MORE REPUBLICANS; IN ELECTING MORE WOMEN.

\* CLOSE WITH WORDS OF GREAT AMERICAN WOMAN, HELEN KELLER: "ONE CAN NEVER CONSENT TO CREEP WHEN ONE FEELS AN IMPULSE TO SOAR." HALF CENTURY LATER, AMERICAN WOMEN ARE BEGINNING TO SOAR. A SHARE OF THE CREDIT GOES TO PRESIDENT REAGAN AND THE REPUBLICAN PARTY.

\* FROM NOW UNTIL NOVEMBER WE CANNOT CONSENT TO CREEP...MUST SOAR...MUST REDOUBLE OUR EFFORTS...THE PRESIDENT DESERVES IT. HISTORY DEMANDS IT. AND OUR CHILDREN WILL REWARD IT.

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