

TALKING POINTS PREPARED FOR
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REGIONAL REPRESENTATIVES LUNCHEON
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* I AM DELIGHTED TO HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO THANK YOU PERSONALLY FOR THE OUTSTANDING JOB YOU DO IN REPRESENTING ME AND PROMOTING MY PRIORITIES.

* I WANT YOU TO KNOW I DO KEEP AN EYE ON ALL OF YOU AND I AM VERY PROUD OF YOUR WORK, NOT ONLY IN THE DEPARTMENT BUT IN YOUR COMMUNITIES.

-- PAT KEYES WAS THE FIRST WOMAN TO RECEIVE THE ADMINISTRATOR OF THE YEAR AWARD FROM BRIGHAM YOUNG UNIVERSITY'S DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS.

-- WHAT A JOY IT IS FOR ME TO WELCOME BEN BLACKBURN, FORMER MEMBER OF CONGRESS, AND FORMER CHAIRMAN OF THE HERITAGE FOUNDATION, TO REPRESENT US IN THE SOUTHERN REGION.

- MIKE KITSOCK PASSED A MILESTONE, ATTENDED HIS 26TH COLLEGE REUNION IN RHODE ISLAND LAST WEEK.
- DON SHELTON'S WIFE, JO ANN, WAS ELECTED TO THE HALTOM CITY (TEXAS) CITY COUNCIL.
- BOB MAYER, EARLIER THIS WEEK, WAS ACCEPTED TO PRACTICE BEFORE THE SUPREME COURT. AS A LAWYER I KNOW WHAT AN ACHIEVEMENT AND HONOR THAT IS.
- RUSS OLSEN CAUSED A STIR WHEN HE WENT TO MADISON, WISCONSIN, TO SUPPORT ONE OF MY PRIORITY PROJECTS --SAFETY BELT LEGISLATION. IT SEEMS RUSS HAD BEEN AGAINST SAFETY BELT LEGISLATION WHEN HE SERVED IN THE LEGISLATURE AND HE TOOK QUITE A BIT OF GOOD-NATURED KIDDING FROM HIS FORMER

COLLEAGUES FOR HAVING "SEEN THE LIGHT." RUSS, THANKS FOR YOUR TESTIMONY ON SAFETY BELTS IN MADISON.

* NOW, I WANT TO TAKE JUST A MOMENT TO REVIEW OUR PRIORITIES IN THE YEAR AHEAD.

-- YOU ARE THE ONES WHO HAVE TO SELL THE PROGRAMS TO THE PUBLIC.

* SAFETY REMAINS OUR HIGHEST PRIORITY AND I WANT YOU TO CONTINUE TO WORK HARD TO "SELL SAFETY" ACROSS ALL MODES OF TRANSPORTATION.

-- 34 STATES HAVE ENACTED 21-YEAR-OLD DRINKING LAWS.

-- 13 STATES HAVE ENACTED SAFETY BELT LEGISLATION.

-- AIRLINES -- GENERAL AVIATION INSPECTIONS.

-- RAILROADS -- ALCOHOL AND DRUG ABUSE; GRADE CROSSINGS.

-- COAST GUARD -- BOATING SAFETY.

* CONRAIL.

-- WE ARE COMMITTED TO GETTING THE GOVERNMENT OUT OF THE RAILROAD BUSINESS; TRANSFERRED ALASKA RAILROAD TO STATE, ASKING CONGRESS TO APPROVE LOCAL CONTROL OF WASHINGTON NATIONAL AND DULLES AIRPORTS.

-- NORFOLK SOUTHERN -- \$1.2 MILLION -- COVENANTS PROTECT PUBLIC INTEREST; POSSESSES SKILL AND COMMITMENT TO RUN A RAILROAD; NEED PROMPT ACTION BY CONGRESS.

* PROCEEDING WITH NAS PLAN.

* AGAIN, THANK YOU FOR THE GOOD JOB YOU ARE DOING, AND I LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING WITH YOU TOWARD NEW GOALS AND NEW CHALLENGES.