

TALKING POINTS PREPARED FOR DELIVERY BY
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TO THE
DES MOINES TRANSPORTATION CLUB
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DES MOINES, IOWA

THANK YOU, KEITH (KIRKPATRICK, RADIO PERSONALITY) FOR THOSE KIND WORDS OF INTRODUCTION. I ALSO WANT TO THANK CAL CHAPLIN (PRONOUNCED: CHAP'LYN RETIRING CLUB PRESIDENT) FRANK KOEPPL, (INCOMING PRESIDENT: PRONOUNCED LIKE TED KOPPEL) AND ALL THE MEMBERS OF THE DES MOINES TRANSPORTATION CLUB FOR INVITING ME TO SHARE YOUR 34TH ANNUAL DINNER. MAY I BEGIN BY SAYING HOW PLEASED I AM TO BE BACK IN IOWA --AMERICA'S BREADBASKET -- NEIGHBOR TO MY ADOPTED HOME STATE OF KANSAS --AND JUST ABOUT "THE BEST PLACE I KNOW TO GET AWAY FROM THE HEADLINES, HYPE AND HYSTERIA OF WASHINGTON, D. C.

NO ONE CAN VISIT THIS STATE WITHOUT EXPERIENCING FOR HIMSELF SOME OF THAT HOSPITALITY MADE FAMOUS BY MERIDITH WILSON'S "THE MUSIC MAN." "YOU REALLY OUGHT TO GIVE IOWA A TRY," SANG THE GOOD CITIZENS OF RIVER CITY TO PROFESSOR HAROLD HILL. AND HE DID. AND SOON, HE FOUND HIMSELF UNABLE TO LEAVE THIS MAGNIFICENT LANDSCAPE OF CORN AND

CATTLE, OF GRANT WOOD PAINTINGS AND WELLS FARGO WAGONS. THE BARBERSHOP QUARTETS MAY BE SCARCER NOW, BUT IOWANS REMAIN JUST AS GENEROUS, JUST AS WARMHEARTED. AND I'M GLAD TO BE BACK.

SPEAKING OF MY ADOPTED HOME STATE AND THE MIDWESTERN HOSPITALITY REMINDS ME OF MY HUSBAND.

-- BOB DOLE ADMIRING HIMSELF IN THE PAPER

-- BOB'S A LITTLE JEALOUS OF ME. SAID, I SAID "NO, BOB, I DON'T, BUT I DO KNOW THERE'S ONE LESS THAN YOU THINK!"

SERIOUSLY, THOUGH, ANYWHERE YOU LOOK THESE DAYS, CERTAINLY YOU SEE A GREAT DEAL OF CHANGE AND THAT'S WHAT I'D LIKE TO DISCUSS TODAY AS WE LOOK AT TRANSPORTATION ISSUES. NOWHERE IS CHANGE MORE APPARENT THAN HERE IN THE HEART OF IOWA. THE ENERGY OF YOUR DOWNTOWN CONSTRUCTION (\$3/4 BILLION IN FIVE YEARS) WHICH HAS CHANGED

THE FACE OF DES MOINES, THE STRENGTH OF YOUR INSURANCE INDUSTRY (2ND LARGEST INSURANCE CENTER IN THE COUNTRY -- ACCOUNTS FOR ECONOMIC BOOM, 5 PERCENT UNEMPLOYMENT) AND THE UNIQUENESS OF YOUR SKYWALK SYSTEM WHICH GIVES DES MOINES THE EFFECT OF BEING AN ALL WEATHER CITY -- ALL THESE THINGS SIGNAL YOU ARE PART OF A NATIONAL RENEWAL AS WELCOME AS THE WILD ROSES AND GOLDFINCH TO AN IOWA LANDSCAPE. ALL THIS ECONOMIC PROGRESS HAS BEEN BUILT ON GOOD TRANSPORTATION SYSTEMS. AND YOUR ACHIEVEMENTS ARE AN INSPIRATION TO ME AS I TRY THROUGH MY PUBLIC SERVICE TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE --A POSITIVE DIFFERENCE FOR PEOPLE.

* TRANSPORTATION, AS YOU ALL KNOW IS NO SMALL BUSINESS...AN \$800 BILLION DOLLAR INDUSTRY; 20 PERCENT OF THE GROSS NATIONAL PRODUCT; MY DEPARTMENT RESPONSIBLE FOR EVERYTHING THAT MOVES.

-- MY HIGHEST PRIORITY IS SAFETY ACROSS ALL MODES -- AIR, RAIL, WATERWAYS AND HIGHWAYS.

-- FOOTNOTE IN HISTORY AS THE FIRST WOMAN TO HEAD A BRANCH OF THE ARMED SERVICES -- THE U. S. COAST GUARD.

-- I'M SO PROUD OF THE HUMANITARIAN WORK THEY DO ON A DAILY BASIS --SEARCH AND RESCUE AND DRUG INTERDICTION.

* I ALSO HOPE TO LEAVE A LEGACY OF BETTER GOVERNMENT ORGANIZATION --REDEFINING GOVERNMENT IF YOU WILL.

* CONRAIL -- WILL BE THE BIGGEST STOCK OFFERING IN U.S. HISTORY -- A VICTORY AND A CHALLENGE FOR THE FUTURE.

* AIRPORT TRANSFER

* OIL SPILL LIABILITY

AS WE LOOK DOWN THE ROAD TO THE FUTURE, THE CHALLENGES INCREASE.

* COMMERCIAL SPACE: WE WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR DEVELOPING NEW REGULATIONS ON SPACE LAUNCH SITE SAFETY.

-- PRESIDENT GAVE GREEN LIGHT TO PRIVATE SECTOR; ROUTINE COMMERCIAL SATELLITES WILL NO LONGER BE LAUNCHED BY THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

-- OPENS UP A MARKET...PRIVATIZATION AMONG THE PLANETS.

-- TOP PRIORITY FOR ME AND THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION. AND IT REPRESENTS THE FARTHEST ADVANCE YET ON THE NEWEST OF ALL FRONTIERS.

* DRUGS: THE PRESIDENT HAS SET SOME TOUGH GOALS IN THE NATIONAL CRUSADE AGAINST DRUG ABUSE. I AM PERSONALLY COMMITTED TO MEETING

THOSE GOALS BY MOVING AHEAD ON A COMPREHENSIVE PACKAGE THAT WOULD ENSURE EVERY AMERICAN DRUG FREE TRANSPORTATION. OF COURSE, OUR COAST GUARD IS ON THE FRONT LINES DAILY THROUGH ITS INTERDICTION EFFORTS, AND WE ARE CURRENTLY WORKING WITH INDUSTRY TO LOOK AT WAYS TO FILL ANY REGULATORY GAPS.

* FAA REAUTHORIZATION: ANOTHER CHALLENGE IN THE YEAR AHEAD WILL BE REAUTHORIZATION OF THE FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION. AUTHORIZATION FOR OUR NATION'S FEDERAL AVIATION PROGRAM EXPIRES NEXT OCTOBER 1 AND IT'S UP TO ME TO SUBMIT A NEW PROPOSAL TO CONGRESS EARLY NEXT YEAR. OUR PROPOSAL WILL ENSURE THE SAFETY OF TODAY'S AIRPORT AND AIRWAY SYSTEM AND WILL PROVIDE THE RESOURCES NECESSARY SO THE SYSTEM CAN GROW TO MEET THE AVIATION NEEDS OF THE FUTURE. ALTHOUGH IT HASN'T COMPLETED ADMINISTRATION REVIEW, I CAN TELL YOU

OUR PROPOSAL REFLECTS A COMMITMENT TO MODERNIZE THE AIRSPACE SYSTEM BY THE EARLY 1990S. IT ADDRESSES THE PROBLEM OF DELAYS CAUSED BY INCREASING CONGESTION AT THE NATION'S MAJOR AIRPORTS. IT ENSURES THAT WE HAVE AN ADEQUATE NUMBER OF AIR TRAFFIC CONTROLLERS AND SAFETY AND SECURITY PERSONNEL TO KEEP THE SYSTEM OPERATING EFFICIENTLY AND SAFELY.

* OUR AVIATION SAFETY INITIATIVES HAVE INSTITUTIONALIZED SAFETY AT THE FAA.

-- INCREASED INSPECTOR WORK FORCE AND TIGHTENED INSPECTION PROCEDURES; IMPLEMENTING BETTER AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL PROCEDURES.

TO REVOLUTIONIZE NOT ONLY THE AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL SYSTEM, BUT PROVIDE THE TECHNOLOGY TO LEAD US INTO THE 21ST CENTURY, WE HAVE UNDERTAKEN A \$12.2 BILLION PROGRAM TO COMPLETELY MODERNIZE THE

NATIONAL AIRSPACE SYSTEM. IT IS FUNDED THROUGH USER FEES AND WILL SAVE MORE THAN \$63 BILLION OVER THE LIFECYCLE OF THE EQUIPMENT THAT WE ARE PURCHASING. THE NAS PLAN WILL MEAN INCREASED SAFETY, PRODUCTIVITY AND ECONOMY AS A RESULT OF MOVING TO THE HIGHEST LEVELS OF AUTOMATION, AND IT WILL DOUBLE OUR CAPACITY IN THE AIR. FOR EXAMPLE, THE MICROWARE LANDING SYSTEM IS THREE TIMES MORE ACCURATE...

- * NEW RULE REQUIRING RAILROAD EMPLOYEES NOT TO DRINK OR USE DRUGS ON THE JOB; 12 YEARS IN THE MAKING.
- * AND I'M DETERMINED THAT TRAVELERS HAVE THE RIGHT TO EXPECT AND RECEIVE A DRUG-FREE TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM.
- * THREE-PRONGED APPROACH TO HIGHWAY SAFETY.
 - BEHAVIOR OF THE DRIVER.

- REHABILITATING OUR HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES TO MAKE THEM SAFER.
- DESIGN OF CARS...HIGH MOUNTED STOP LIGHT... WILL CUT THE NUMBER OF REAR-END COLLISIONS SIGNIFICANTLY, ELIMINATE 40,000 INJURIES, SAVE \$434 MILLION IN PROPERTY DAMAGE AND PREVENT 900,000 ACCIDENTS.

IN CONCLUSION, LET ME JUST SAY THAT WHETHER WE'RE TALKING SAFETY, AIR SECURITY, SELLING A RAILROAD, DRUG INTERDICTION -- WE'RE STRIVING TO PROVIDE THE ANSWERS TO COMPLEX QUESTIONS THAT LITERALLY STRETCH YOU TO THE VERY LIMITS OF YOUR BEING AT TIMES. I GUESS THAT'S THE CHALLENGE AND THE ENJOYMENT OF IT, TOO.

AND IT CAN GET PRETTY CHALLENGING. IT IS THEN THAT I THINK OF SOMETHING THAT PRESIDENT REAGAN SAID TO ME. HE RECALLED HOW HE FIRST LEARNED TO DEAL WITH STRESS AS THE NEWLY ELECTED GOVERNOR OF

CALIFORNIA. AND, HE SAID, "EACH MORNING BEGAN WITH SOMEONE STANDING BEFORE MY DESK DESCRIBING YET ANOTHER NEWLY DISCOVERED DISASTER. THE FEELING OF STRESS BECAME UNBEARABLE. I HAD THE URGE TO LOOK OVER MY SHOULDER FOR SOMEONE I COULD PASS THE PROBLEM TO. SUDDENLY, ONE DAY IT CAME TO ME THAT I WAS LOOKING IN THE WRONG DIRECTION. I LOOKED UP INSTEAD OF BACK, AND I'M STILL LOOKING UP. I COULDN'T FACE ONE DAY IN THIS OFFICE IF I DIDN'T KNOW I COULD ASK GOD'S HELP AND IT WOULD BE GIVEN."

AND, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, WITH ALL MY HEART, I AGREE WITH THAT STATEMENT. I THINK THAT'S WHAT IT TAKES IN THIS DAY AND AGE WITH THE CHALLENGES THAT WE ALL FACE...

I ASK YOU TO JOIN ME IN THE JOURNEY THAT LEADS TO AN EVER-BETTER, SAFER SYSTEM OF TRANSPORTATION -- THE FINEST IN OUR

HISTORY. I SENSE FROM THE SPIRIT EVIDENT HERE TODAY THAT THE TRANSPORTATION COMMUNITY OF DES MOINES DOES NOT NEED TO BE CONVINCED. THE TRADITION OF THIS CITY AS A TRANSPORTATION HUB IS WELL-ESTABLISHED, AND MUCH OF YOUR ECONOMY HAS BEEN BUILT ON THE QUALITY OF YOUR RAIL, HIGHWAY AND AVIATION FACILITIES. THERE IS NO DOUBT IN MY MIND THAT DES MOINES WILL MORE THAN MEET THE CHALLENGES. I LOOK FORWARD TO MAKING THIS JOURNEY WITH YOU.

OURS IS NEITHER THE TIME NOR IS THE PLACE FOR MEN OR WOMEN WITH FAINT HEARTS, FEEBLE COURAGE, WEAK COMMITMENT OR SELFISH MOTIVES. WITH YOUR HELP AND YOUR SUPPORT WE WILL REACH OUR GOAL OF A BETTER LIFE FOR ALL OUR PEOPLE. AMERICA DESERVES IT; HISTORY DEMANDS IT; AND, OUR CHILDREN WILL REWARD IT.