

TALKING POINTS FOR  
SECRETARY OF TRANSPORTATION ELIZABETH HANFORD DOLE  
TO GREATER SIOUXLAND, INC., AND THE SIOUX CITY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE  
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THANK YOU WILLIAM (DIBLE; PRESIDENT OF GREATER SIOUXLAND), FOR THAT VERY WARM WELCOME TO SIOUX CITY. WHAT A JOY IT IS TO BE HERE TONIGHT WITH TWO GROUPS (GREATER SIOUXLAND, INC., AND THE SIOUX CITY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE) SO STRONGLY INVOLVED IN THE TRANSPORTATION ISSUES OF THIS DYNAMIC AND THRIVING COMMUNITY.

- \* ALMOST FOURTH ANNIVERSARY
- \* PEOPLE MAGAZINE STORY
- \* WASHINGTON POST
- \* TESTIFYING

IT'S A JOY TO BE BACK ON IOWA SOIL. FOR FROM THIS SOIL COMES THE GRAIN AND CATTLE, THE HOGS AND SOYBEANS WHICH FEED A HUNGRY WORLD.

THERE WAS ONCE A TIME WHEN THE FARMER MIGHT HAVE TRIED TO GET BY ON FAITH, HOPE AND PARITY. BUT TIMES HAVE CHANGED. WHAT WORKED FOR OUR FATHERS AND MOTHERS MIGHT NO LONGER WORK FOR US, LET ALONE FOR OUR CHILDREN. TODAY, THERE ARE PEOPLE IN PAIN BECAUSE THEY FEAR THE LOSS OF ALL THEY HAVE KNOWN AND LOVED. THERE IS NO REASON TO DENY THAT FACT. BUT WE IN THIS COUNTRY BELIEVE STRONGLY IN THE DIGNITY OF INDIVIDUAL MEN, WOMEN AND CHILDREN. AND THAT DIGNITY IS UPHELD WHENEVER NATIONAL LEADERS ARISE TO MEET THEIR RESPONSIBILITIES AND RAISE THE SPIRITS OF THE PEOPLE AROUND THEM.

ANYWHERE YOU LOOK THESE DAYS, YOU'LL SEE CHANGE, NOWHERE MORE APPARENT THAN HERE. YOU HAVE BEEN ACTIVE PARTICIPANTS IN A NATIONAL RENEWAL THAT IS REKINDING THIS PRECIOUS COUNTRY OF OURS.

O AND SPEAKING OF CHANGE, MASSIVE DEFICITS AND THE GRAMM-RUDMAN LAW ARE FORCING US TO REASSESS THE PROPER FEDERAL ROLE IN TRANSPORTATION. OBVIOUSLY, DEFENSE AND FACILITATION OF INTERSTATE



COMMERCE VERY IMPORTANT FEDERAL ROLES, BUT IN OTHER AREAS WE WILL NOT BE ABLE TO DO ALL THAT WE'VE DONE IN THE PAST.

O 45 CONSECUTIVE MONTHS OF ECONOMIC GROWTH; INFLATION RATE JUST 1.6 PERCENT; CREATED 11 MILLION JOBS SINCE NOVEMBER 1982; PRIME INTEREST RATE, 7.5 PERCENT. (WILL UPDATE PRIOR TO SPEECH)

O TAX BILL -- PRESIDENT'S NUMBER ONE DOMESTIC PRIORITY; A TAX SYSTEM THAT WILL PROMOTE ECONOMIC GROWTH, SIMPLIFY TAX RETURNS FOR THE VAST MAJORITY OF AMERICANS, RETURN THE CODE TO A PROMISE OF FAIRNESS AND EQUITY AND, MOST IMPORTANT OF ALL, REDUCE RATES FOR MOST AMERICANS.

O TRANSPORTATION, \$800 BILLION INDUSTRY; 20 PERCENT OF OUR GROSS NATIONAL PRODUCT; \$28 BILLION BUDGET; 100,000 EMPLOYEES; RESPONSIBILITIES, QUITE LITERALLY, EVERYTHING THAT MOVES.

-- 70 PERCENT OF MY BUDGET SUPPORTED BY USER FEES.

O DOT, VOICE OF DEREGULATION.

-- THE 1980 MOTOR CARRIER ACT PROVIDED FOR SOME ECONOMIC FREEDOM, POSITIVE EFFECTS ON SHIPPERS AND TRUCKING INDUSTRY; -  
- NUMBER OF FIRMS WITH OPERATING AUTHORITY FROM ROUGHLY 18,000 FIRMS TO ALMOST 31,000 COMPANIES; NEW SERVICE AND PRICE OPTIONS OFFER SHIPPERS MORE OPPORTUNITY TO SELECT KIND OF SERVICE THEY NEED.

O ESTABLISHED CARRIERS HAVE BECOME MORE EFFICIENT: CAN RESTRUCTURE THEIR ROUTES; REDUCE EMPTY BACK-HAULS; PROVIDE SIMPLIFIED RATE STRUCTURES AND OFFER SHIPPERS INCENTIVES TO MOVE FREIGHT MORE EFFICIENTLY.



0 I SENT LEGISLATION TO THE CONGRESS, LEGISLATION THAT PROMISES TO FINALLY GET THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT OUT OF THE TRUCKING BUSINESS, RELEASE INDUSTRY TO OPERATE IN FREE MARKET WITHOUT FILING TARIFFS, REPORTING ENTRY, OR DEALING WITH RED TAPE OF ICC RATE REGULATION.

RAILROAD DEREGULATION -- CAPITAL INVESTMENT HAS INCREASED DRAMATICALLY; DEFERRED MAINTENANCE HAS BEEN VIRTUALLY ELIMINATED; 30,000 CONTRACTS NOW BETWEEN RAILROADS AND SHIPPERS SO THAT YOU, THE CONSUMER, CAN TAILOR YOUR NEEDS WITH A SPECIFIC CONTRACT; 1985 SAFEST YEAR IN HISTORY OF RAILROADS.

-- SUCCEEDED AFTER TWELVE YEARS OF EFFORT IN FINALIZING RULE ADDRESSING PROBLEM OF DRINKING AND DRUGS ON THE RAILROADS.

NINETY THREE PERCENT OF FATALITIES OCCUR ON OUR HIGHWAYS; 44,000 AMERICANS EACH YEAR.

IN 1985, THE FATALITY RATE ON THE NATION'S HIGHWAYS DECLINED TO THE LOWEST LEVEL IN HISTORY AND IN THE LAST FIVE YEARS THE NUMBER OF FATALLY INJURED DRIVERS WHO WERE LEGALLY INTOXICATED DECLINED BY 25 PERCENT.

-- KEEP WORKING UNTIL WE GET EVERY LAST DRUNK DRIVER OFF THE ROADS AND HIGHWAYS OF THIS COUNTRY.

3 PRONGED SOLUTION:

-- BETTER HIGHWAYS;

-- IMPROVED DESIGN OF VEHICLE, HIGH-MOUNTED STOP LIGHT, WHEN ALL CARS EQUIPPED, PREVENT ABOUT 900,000 ACCIDENTS INVOLVING REAR END CRASHES, AND SAVE ALMOST HALF A MILLION DOLLARS IN PROPERTY DAMAGE EVERY YEAR.



-- BEHAVIOR OF DRIVER -- SAFETY BELT RULE, (RULE 208) HAS SPAWNED 26 STATE SAFETY BELT LAWS.

o AIR SAFETY -- WHEN WE SPEAK OF "AIRLINE DEREGULATION," WE ARE TALKING ABOUT THE ELIMINATION OF ECONOMIC REGULATION.

o BENEFITS OF DEREGULATION UNQUESTIONABLE; TWELVE MAJOR CARRIERS FLYING, ANOTHER SCORE OR SO OF MEDIUM-SIZED CARRIERS, HOST OF REGIONAL AND COMMUTER AIRLINES.

-- BEFORE DEREGULATION OUR CHOICE WAS LIMITED TO FIRST CLASS OR COACH. -- AIR TRAVEL HAS BEEN BROUGHT WITHIN THE FINANCIAL REACH OF MILLIONS WHO OTHERWISE COULD NOT HAVE AFFORDED TO FLY.

-- DEREGULATION: AIR SERVICE TO IOWA IS UP 20 PERCENT.

o BENEFITS NOT AT THE EXPENSE OF AVIATION SAFETY; FLYING, ONE OF THE SAFEST FORMS OF TRANSPORTATION; AIR TRAVEL IN THE UNITED STATES STILL SAFEST IN THE WORLD.

-- 15,000 SCHEDULED AIRLINE FLIGHTS, ONE MILLION PASSENGERS, AND 99.999 PERCENT OF THESE FLIGHTS REACH THEIR DESTINATIONS WITHOUT SO MUCH AS A MINOR OPERATIONAL ERROR.

o COMPETITION PROMOTES SAFETY. IF A CARRIER ACQUIRES A REPUTATION FOR SLOPPY OPERATIONS AND MARGINAL PRACTICES, PASSENGERS WILL STAY AWAY IN DROVES.

o AS CONDITIONS HAVE CHANGED AND WOULD-BE HIJACKERS AND OTHER TERRORISTS HAVE TRIED NEW APPROACHES, OUR SECURITY PROGRAMS HAVE BEEN TAILORED TO MEET THESE NEW CHALLENGES.

-- TOUGH NEW SECURITY PROCEDURES LAST YEAR TO ENSURE THE SAFETY OF AMERICANS TRAVELING ABROAD.



-- MOVING AGGRESSIVELY AGAINST TERRORISM IN THE SKIES; FAA CONTINUALLY CONDUCTS SECURITY ASSESSMENTS OF MORE THAN 50 OF THE WORLD'S LARGEST FOREIGN AIRPORTS; NEW CHECKED BAGGAGE AND CARGO SECURITY MEASURES; EXPANDED RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT EFFORTS.

O PRIVATIZATION -- PRIME MINISTER MARGARET THATCHER'S PROGRAM, BRITAIN AND THE UNITED STATES ARE IN THE VANGUARD, BUT THE IDEA OF PRIVATIZATION IS REALLY GENERATING ENTHUSIASM FROM THE POTOMAC TO THE GANGES.

O CONRAIL, FLAGSHIP OF PRIVATIZATION IN THIS COUNTRY.

O FEDERAL GOVERNMENT NOT MEANT TO BE IN THE BUSINESS OF RUNNING FREIGHT RAILROADS ANY MORE THAN IT'S MEANT TO BE RUNNING AIRPORTS.

(NOTE: WILL UPDATE AIRPORT TRANSFER AND CONRAIL AS CHANGES OCCUR)

-- LEGISLATION BEFORE CONGRESS TO TRANSFER WASHINGTON NATIONAL AND DULLES INTERNATIONAL TO AN INDEPENDENT AUTHORITY; THEREBY, PUTTING THEM ON PAR WITH ALL OTHER MAJOR AIRPORTS IN THE UNITED STATES.

-- APPROXIMATELY \$550-\$700 MILLION WILL BE NEEDED FOR EXPANDING AND REFURBISHING THESE AIRPORTS; INDEPENDENT AUTHORITY CAN USE REVENUE BONDS; PARTICIPATE IN AIRPORT TRUST FUND; NO POSSIBILITY OF PUTTING SUCH LARGE AMOUNTS OF FEDERAL MONEY INTO THESE AIRPORTS.



O COMMERCIAL SPACE TRANSPORTATION -- PRESIDENT REAGAN ENDORSED PRIVATIZING THE UNMANNED ROCKET INDUSTRY AND DESIGNATED THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AS THE LEAD AGENCY.

-- COMMERCIAL SPACE DEVELOPMENT IS CRUCIAL TO MAINTAINING U.S. LEADERSHIP IN SPACE, EXPANDING OUR ECONOMIC HORIZONS AND PROVIDING NEW AND LIFE-SAVING SERVICES THAT CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE FOR PEOPLE THROUGHOUT THE WORLD.

O WHETHER WE'RE TALKING DEREGULATION, SAFETY, AIR SECURITY, SELLING A RAILROAD, TRANSFERRING AIRPORTS -- WE'RE STRIVING TO PROVIDE THE ANSWERS TO COMPLEX QUESTIONS THAT LITERALLY STRETCH YOU TO THE VERY LIMIT OF YOUR BEING AT TIMES.

O OPPORTUNITY TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE, A POSITIVE DIFFERENCE, FOR PEOPLE.

O PRESIDENT REAGAN RECALLED HOW HE FIRST LEARNED TO DEAL WITH STRESS AS THE NEWLY ELECTED GOVERNOR OF CALIFORNIA. 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 ANOTHER DAY IN THIS OFFICE IF I DIDN'T KNOW I COULD ASK GOD'S HELP AND IT WOULD BE GIVEN."

O WHOLEHEARTEDLY AGREE.

O 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.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH.