

BUSH\QUAYLE RALLY \ CANTON, MI
TUESDAY, AUG. 25, 1992 \ 3:00 P.M.

THANK YOU AND GOOD AFTERNOON EVERYONE. GOV. ENGLER
THANK YOU FOR THAT KIND INTRODUCTION. I'M PLEASED TO
SEE MICHIGAN SENATE MAJORITY LEADER, DICK POSTHUMUS,
AND I HOPE SOON TO BE HOUSE MAJORITY LEADER, PAUL
HILLEGONDS. THE REPRESENTATIVES FROM YOUR NATIONAL
COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN DAVE DOYLE, BETSY DEVOS AND CHUCK
YOB. AND LET ME CONGRATULATE KEITH BUTLER ON HIS SUPER
CONVENTION ADDRESS. LAST BUT NOT LEAST, CONGRESSMAN
CARL PURCELL.

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IT'S GREAT TO BE IN CANTON -- A BOOMING TOWN, A
DYNAMIC TOWN -- A TOWN THAT HAS FACED CHALLENGES AND
OVERCOME THEM.

CANTON PROVES WHAT WE ALL KNOW IN OUR HEARTS --
AMERICA'S BEST DAYS ARE AHEAD OF US.

LAST THURSDAY AT THE REPUBLICAN CONVENTION IN
HOUSTON, I LAID OUT A CENTRAL CHALLENGE TO OUR NATION
-- TO WIN THE GLOBAL ECONOMIC COMPETITION -- TO WIN THE
PEACE.

AMERICA MUST BE A MILITARY SUPERPOWER -- AN ECONOMIC SUPERPOWER -- AND AN EXPORT SUPERPOWER.

IN THIS ELECTION, YOU'LL HEAR TWO VERSIONS OF HOW TO DO THIS. THEIRS IS TO LOOK INWARD, AND PROTECT WHAT WE ALREADY HAVE. OURS IS TO LOOK FORWARD -- TO OPEN NEW MARKETS, TO PREPARE OUR PEOPLE TO COMPETE, TO RESTORE OUR SOCIAL FABRIC, TO SAVE AND INVEST AS A NATION -- SO THAT WE CAN WIN.//

LOOK AT ONE ISSUE -- HOW TO BALANCE THE DEMANDS OF OUR ECONOMY WITH THE DEMANDS OF OUR ENVIRONMENT? SEE WHAT BOTH CANDIDATES HAVE TO OFFER.

IN ARKANSAS, GOVERNOR CLINTON'S RECORD ON THE ENVIRONMENT IS -- TO BE CHARITABLE -- A LITTLE LESS THAN STELLAR. LISTEN TO HIS OWN CHAIRMAN OF THE ARKANSAS POLLUTION CONTROL AND ECOLOGY COMMISSION -- WHO SAID THAT THE ARKANSAS LAWS ARE SO LENIENT THAT:

"IF CALIFORNIA WAS OPERATING ON THE LAWS OF ARKANSAS, YOU'D PROBABLY HAVE TO HAVE A GAS MASK."

IS IT ANY WONDER -- THAT ARKANSAS RANKS 50TH -- DEAD LAST -- IN THE NATION IN POLICIES TO PROTECT THE ENVIRONMENT -- ACCORDING TO A STUDY BY THE INSTITUTE FOR SOUTHERN STUDIES?

BUT IN HIS ZEAL TO CAPTURE HIS PARTY'S NOMINATION, GOVERNOR CLINTON HAS GONE ALL THE WAY TO THE OTHER EXTREME -- HE HAS TURNED A BRIGHT SHADE OF GREEN.

BUT IF GOVERNOR CLINTON HAS HIS WAY, MICHIGAN AUTO WORKERS WILL BE TURNING GREEN WITH ILLNESS.

IN A SPEECH AT DREXEL UNIVERSITY ON APRIL 22, GOVERNOR CLINTON TALKED ABOUT A MORE AMBITIOUS FEDERAL REGULATION HE SUPPORTS, INVOLVING FUEL STANDARDS FOR CARS. HE SAID: "IN MY ADMINISTRATION . . . WE'LL ACCELERATE OUR PROGRESS TOWARD FUEL EFFICIENT CARS AND SEEK TO RAISE THE AVERAGE GOAL FOR AUTO-MAKERS TO 40 MILES PER GALLON BY THE YEAR 2,000, 45 MILES BY THE YEAR 2020."

REMEMBER, THIS IS NOT GEORGE BUSH PARAPHRASING.
THIS IS BILL CLINTON -- EXACT QUOTES.

WHAT WILL HAPPEN IF WE RAISE THESE SO-CALLED CAFE
STANDARDS THIS HIGH? WELL, A COUPLE THINGS. ACCORDING
TO THE NATIONAL HIGHWAY TRAFFIC SAFETY ADMINISTRATION,
FATALITIES AND SERIOUS INJURIES WILL INCREASE, AS
MANUFACTURERS MOVE TO MAKE SMALLER AND LIGHTER CARS.
FOREIGN CAR COMPANIES -- WHO DON'T FACE THESE STIFF
REGULATIONS -- WILL GAIN A COMPETITIVE EDGE ON THEIR
U.S. COUNTERPARTS.

AND AS A RESULT, COMPANIES WILL PULL UP STAKES, AND
TAKE THEIR FACTORIES AND THEIR JOBS OVERSEAS.

ACCORDING TO THE AUTO MANUFACTURERS ASSOCIATION --
IN MICHIGAN ALONE -- 40,000 WORKERS WOULD GO FROM THE
ASSEMBLY LINE -- TO THE UNEMPLOYMENT LINE.//

THESE WORKERS WILL HAVE SOMEONE TO TALK TO WHILE
THEY WAIT.

BECAUSE THEY'LL BE JOINED BY THE MORE THAN TWO AND A HALF MILLION AMERICANS PUT OUT OF WORK BY THE GOVERNOR'S NEW ECONOMIC PLAN, INCLUDING 700,000 WORKERS PUT THERE BY THE PAYROLL TAX TO PAY FOR HIS BACKDOOR GOVERNMENT TAKEOVER OF OUR HEALTH CARE SYSTEM.

THE GOVERNOR LIKES TO SAY HE "PUTS PEOPLE" FIRST. HE DOESN'T MENTION THAT IT'S FIRST ON THE UNEMPLOYMENT LINE.

BUT IT'S EVEN WORSE THAN IT SOUNDS. IN THAT SAME DREXEL SPEECH -- GOVERNOR CLINTON HAD EFFUSIVE PRAISE FOR A CERTAIN BOOK -- BY SENATOR AL GORE. SINCE THEN, OF COURSE, SENATOR GORE HAS GONE ON TO TAKE A PROMINENT ROLE IN THE CLINTON CAMPAIGN.

NOW, WHAT DOES SENATOR GORE SAY IN HIS BOOK THAT GOVERNOR CLINTON LOVES SO MUCH?

WELL, ON PAGE 325, HE MAKES AN INTERESTING COMPARISON -- HE SAYS THAT THE AUTOMOBILE INDUSTRY -- AND I QUOTE -- "POSES A MORTAL THREAT TO THE SECURITY OF EVERY NATION, THAT IS MORE DEADLY THAN THAT OF ANY MILITARY ENEMY WE ARE EVER AGAIN LIKELY TO CONFRONT."

THINK HE'S KIDDING? ONE PAGE LATER, HE CALLS FOR THE "ELIMINATION OF THE INTERNAL COMBUSTION ENGINE."

NOW I'M NOT MAKING THIS UP. STEPHEN KING ONCE WROTE A BEST-SELLING NOVEL -- CALLED CHRISTINE.

IN THIS BOOK, A CAR BECOMES INHABITATED BY EVIL SPIRITS -- AND DEVOURS A TOWN. THE CLINTON-GORE TEAM APPEAR TO LOOK AT EVERY CAR AS A HAUNTED THREAT TO HUMANITY.

THIS WOULD BE FUNNY, IF IT WEREN'T SO SERIOUS. IF ONE OUT OF SIX JOBS IN AMERICA TODAY WEREN'T IN SOMEWAY TIED TO THE CAR INDUSTRY. IF THIS PHILOSOPHY -- OF TAX AND SPEND, REGULATE AND REGULATE -- WASN'T GOING TO MAKE IT IMPOSSIBLE FOR US TO WIN THE ECONOMIC COMPETITION.

WE HAVE A SOUND AND POSITIVE ENVIRONMENTAL RECORD.
AS PRESIDENT -- I FOUGHT FOR AND WON REVISION OF THE
CLEAN AIR ACT -- SO THAT OUR CHILDREN CAN BREATHE
EASIER.

I'VE EXPANDED OUR PARKS AND WILDLIFE REFUGEES --
CURTAILED DRILLING OFF THE COAST OF CALIFORNIA AND NEW
ENGLAND -- ENFORCED OUR ENVIRONMENTAL LAWS SO WE'VE
COLLECTED RECORD AMOUNTS OF FINES.

I'VE BEEN CRITICIZED BY BIG BUSINESS -- AND BY
ENVIRONMENTALISTS. BUT I BELIEVE I FOUND THE MIDDLE
THAT WORKS.

THE CLINTON-GORE TEAM MAY CLAIM THEY ARE IN THE
MIDDLE OF THE ROAD -- BUT THEIR BUS IS CAREENING TOWARD
THE LEFT SHOULDER.

I'M NOT GOING TO LET THIS HAPPEN TO AMERICA.

I STAND FOR SOMETHING DIFFERENT.

FOR A PROGRAM THAT BEGINS WITH A FREEZE ON ALL UNNECESSARY FEDERAL REGULATIONS -- SO THAT BUSINESSES CAN CREATE JOBS AND GET THIS ECONOMY MOVING AGAIN.

THE FEDERAL DEFICIT IS THREATENING OUR CHILDREN'S FUTURE -- WE MUST GET IT DOWN. SO I'M FIGHTING FOR A LINE-ITEM VETO -- AND A BALANCED BUDGET AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION. AND I'VE SUBMITTED PROPOSAL AFTER PROPOSAL TO CUT FEDERAL SPENDING, ONLY TO HAVE CONGRESS SAY -- "NO."

SO LAST WEEK, I UNVEILED A NEW IDEA -- TO GIVE YOU THE RIGHT TO CHECK YOUR TAX RETURN -- TO USE UP TO 10 PERCENT OF YOUR INCOME TAX FOR JUST ONE PURPOSE -- TO REDUCE THE BUDGET DEFICIT.

CONGRESS WON'T LIKE IT. THE EDITORIAL WRITERS MIGHT CALL IT A "GIMMICK." BUT I THINK THE AMERICAN PEOPLE WANT THE POWER TO SAY TO CONGRESS -- IF YOU WON'T CUT THE DEFICIT, WE'LL DO THE JOB FOR YOU.//

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OUR ECONOMY IS IN TRANSITION -- I KNOW MANY WORKERS IN MICHIGAN AND OTHER PLACES ARE CONCERNED ABOUT WHETHER THEY WILL HAVE A JOB NEXT YEAR. THEY WANT TO LEARN NEW SKILLS, BUT THEY CAN'T AFFORD THE COST OF TRAINING.

JUST YESTERDAY, I UNVEILED A NEW PROGRAM -- CALLED SKILL GRANTS -- WHICH WOULD GIVE WORKERS IN CERTAIN INDUSTRIES \$3,000 -- TO GO OUT AND BUY TRAINING ON THEIR OWN.

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THE PHILOSOPHY HERE ISN'T TO EMPOWER BUREAUCRACIES -- BUT EMPOWER PEOPLE -- SO YOU CAN STAY AHEAD OF ECONOMIC CHANGE.

AND SPEAKING OF EMPOWERING PEOPLE, WE MUST REFORM OUR WELFARE SYSTEM -- TO GIVE PEOPLE A CHANCE IN LIFE. LATER TODAY WE WILL SIGN A WELFARE WAIVER -- GIVING MICHIGAN THE AUTHORITY TO EXPERIMENT WITH WELFARE PROGRAMS THAT WILL KEEP FAMILIES TOGETHER -- AND GET PEOPLE OFF THE DOLE -- AND INTO JOBS.

AND LET'S GET RID ON ALL THESE RECKLESS LAWSUITS THAT ARE CHOKING OUR ECONOMY AND SOURING OUR NATION.

I HAVE PUT MANY OF THESE REFORMS BEFORE THE CONGRESS --AND THAT'S EXACTLY WHERE THEY'VE STAYED. BECAUSE THE U.S. CONGRESS HAS BECOME THE "GRIDLOCK CONGRESS."

THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES HAS BEEN CONTROLLED BY THE SAME PARTY FOR 38 YEARS -- AND IT IS BLOCKING THE CHANGE THAT CAN MOVE THIS COUNTRY FORWARD.

LET ME GIVE YOU JUST ONE EXAMPLE.

WE KNOW OUR SCHOOLS HAVE TO IMPROVE -- IF OUR KIDS ARE GOING TO COMPETE WITH THE JAPANESE, THE GERMANS AND THE BRITISH.

I BELIEVE COMPETITION CAN BE A FORCE FOR GOOD IN EDUCATION, JUST AS IT HAS BEEN A FORCE FOR GREATNESS IN AMERICAN INDUSTRY.

EARLIER THIS YEAR, I SENT A PROPOSAL TO CAPITOL HILL -- MY GI BILL FOR KIDS -- TO GIVE STATES AND LOCALITIES THE FLEXIBILITY TO ALLOW PARENTS, NOT THE GOVERNMENT, TO CHOOSE THE SCHOOLS THEIR KIDS ATTEND -- WHETHER PUBLIC, PRIVATE OR RELIGIOUS.

A FEW OF WEEKS AGO, THIS PROPOSAL CAME BEFORE CONGRESS, AND THEY KILLED IT.

WHY DID THIS NOBLE IDEA FAIL? IT FAILED, ACCORDING TO NEWS REPORTS, BECAUSE THE DEMOCRATIC LEADERSHIP DIDN'T WANT TO GIVE ME CREDIT FOR A NEW IDEA IN EDUCATION.

ONE OF THOSE DEMOCRATIC LEADERS REPRESENTS THIS DISTRICT -- HIS NAME IS CONGRESSMAN BILL FORD.

CONGRESSMAN FORD HAS STOOD AGAINST SCHOOL CHOICE -- AND JUST ABOUT EVERY EDUCATION REFORM I HAVE PUT FORWARD -- WHAT'S WORSE -- BILL CLINTON AGREES WITH HIM.

WANT PARENTS TO HAVE REAL CHOICE IN WHERE TO SEND THEIR KIDS TO SCHOOL? GOVERNOR CLINTON AND CONGRESSMAN FORD SAY NO -- I SAY YES.

WANT TO STAND UP TO A BAGDAD BULLY LIKE SADDAM HUSSEIN. GOVERNOR CLINTON AND CONGRESSMAN FORD SAID NO -- I SAY YES.

WANT A BALANCED BUDGET AMENDMENT? GOVERNOR CLINTON AND CONGRESSMAN FORD SAY NO -- I SAY YES.

WANT TO LIMIT THE TERMS OF CONGRESS? GOVERNOR CLINTON AND CONGRESSMAN FORD SAY NO -- I SAY YES.

AND MOST IMPORTANT, DO YOU WANT TO CUT FEDERAL SPENDING, AND GIVE AMERICANS RELIEF FROM HIGHER TAXES?

GOVERNOR CLINTON AND CONGRESSMAN FORD SAY NO -- I
SAY YES.

WE KNOW WHAT WE NEED TO DO. GET GOVERNOR CLINTON
PLAYING AN OLD ELVIS PRESLEY SONG -- "RETURN TO
SENDER," RETURN TO ARKANSAS. AND THEN IT'S TIME TO
TAKE BILL FORD AND THE WHOLE LEADERSHIP OF THE GRIDLOCK
CONGRESS: AND DO WHAT THOSE BROOMS SAY -- CLEAN THE
HOUSE!

SEND BOB GEAKE [GEEK] TO WASHINGTON, AND GET THIS
COUNTRY MOVING AGAIN.

AND WHILE WE'RE AT IT -- LET'S SEND CHARLES
VINCENT, DICK CHRYSLER, MEGAN O'NEILL, AND JOHN GORDON,
AND FRANK BEAUMONT, AND DON'T FORGET JOE KNOLLENBERG
AND JOHN PAPPAGEORGE [PAPPA GEORGE]. GIVE ME SOME
MEMBERS OF CONGRESS WHO SHARE OUR FAITH IN PROGRESS,
NOT POLITICS. CLEAN HOUSE.

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THIS ELECTION IS ABOUT CHOICES, BUT ULTIMATELY IT IS ABOUT THE FUTURE.

THE OTHER DAY -- WE WERE IN ALABAMA -- A CROWD OF ABOUT 20,000 PEOPLE WAITING IN THE RAIN. MY FRIEND LEE GREENWOOD WAS WITH US. AND AS LEE STARTED TO SING -- "I'M PROUD TO BE AN AMERICAN" -- I LOOKED OUT IN THE CROWD -- AND SAW A LITTLE GIRL -- COULDN'T BE MORE THAN FOUR OR FIVE -- PERCHED ON HER DAD'S SHOULDERS, WAVING A LITTLE AMERICAN FLAG AND SINGING.

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THIS ELECTION IS ABOUT THAT LITTLE GIRL, AND ALL THE KIDS IN THIS CROWD, AND ALL THE KIDS ACROSS AMERICA.

DO WE WANT THEM TO GROW UP IN AN AMERICA THAT IS STRONGER, SAFER, AND MORE SECURE. YOU BET WE DO. AND WITH MY IDEAS, AND A NEW CONGRESS, WE CAN MAKE IT HAPPEN.

GOD BLESS MICHIGAN AND GOD BLESS THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

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