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REMARKS BY VICE PRESIDENT GERALD R. FORD  
AT A TRUNK 'N TUSK CLUB DINNER  
PHOENIX, ARIZONA  
7:00 P.M. FRIDAY, MARCH 1, 1974

WHEN YOU HAVE HAD A JOB FOR A LONG  
TIME AND GIVE IT UP FOR A NEW POSITION, YOU  
ALWAYS LEAVE SOME PROJECTS UNFINISHED. I  
WAS THEREFORE INTERESTED IN MY SUCCESSOR.  
I WANTED HIM TO BE SOMEONE WHO WOULD CARRY  
ON WITH MY GREATEST UNFINISHED PROJECT --  
THAT OF BECOMING MAJORITY LEADER OF THE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

*Vice President  
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I AM VERY PLEASED THAT JOHN RHODES TOOK OVER THE MINORITY LEADERSHIP. IF YOU HAVE HEARD HIM SPEAK RECENTLY, YOU KNOW HE IS WORKING HARD TO ELECT REPUBLICANS TO THE HOUSE.

IT IS APPROPRIATE THAT JOHN RHODES REPRESENTS THE FIRST DISTRICT. WITH HIM, IT'S ALWAYS ARIZONA FIRST. I KNOW THIS BECAUSE I WORKED CLOSELY WITH JOHN ON MANY PROJECTS IN THE HOUSE. WE WORKED VERY CLOSELY TOGETHER WHEN HE WAS CHAIRMAN OF THE HOUSE REPUBLICAN POLICY COMMITTEE. I CAN TELL YOU THAT HE NEVER LOST AN OPPORTUNITY TO PLUG ARIZONA, THE PEOPLE, AND THE SUNSHINE.



JOHN HAS BEEN CONSTANT IN HIS WORK FOR THE CENTRAL ARIZONA PROJECT. IF OTHERS HAVE HEARD ABOUT IT LIKE I HAVE, HE IS KEEPING CONGRESS FULLY AWARE OF THE NEEDS OF ARIZONA-- FOR WATER USE TO BENEFIT THE STATE'S FUTURE ECONOMY.

YOU CAN BE APPROPRIATELY PROUD THAT JOHN RHODES WAS PICKED UNANIMOUSLY BY REPUBLICANS TO BE THEIR SPEARHEAD IN THE HOUSE. IT IS A TRIBUTE TO HIS QUALITIES OF LEADERSHIP, HIS UNDERSTANDING, AND HIS PENCHANT FOR HARD WORK. I KNOW IT IS HARD WORK BECAUSE I AM FAMILIAR WITH THE JOB.

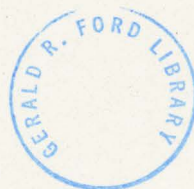


THEY WERE TALKING TO ME THE OTHER DAY ABOUT EXTENDING SECRET SERVICE PROTECTION TO THE MINORITY LEADER. I SAID THAT I DID NOT THINK IT WAS NECESSARY. "OH, NO" THEY SAID, "JOHN RHODES DOESN'T NEED PROTECTION. IT'S FOR HIS GOLF PARTNERS." -

I SIMPLY DO NOT SEE HOW A MAN SO CONCISE AND ACCURATE IN CONGRESS COULD BE SUCH A SCATTER-SHOT ON THE GOLF COURSE.



JOHN RHODES MAY BE A SPRAY SHOOTER  
ON THE GOLF COURSE, BUT HE IS A REAL STRAIGHT  
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TONIGHT I WANT TO EMPHASIZE HOW  
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DESTRUCTION OF THE TWO-PARTY SYSTEM AND THE  
SYSTEM OF TRADITIONAL CHECKS AND BALANCES.



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WASHINGTON. UNION MEMBERS RECALL THE GREAT  
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TIE LABOR TO A SINGLE PARTY WAS TO FOLLOW  
THE ROAD TO DISASTER. BUT THE UNION  
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SAMUEL GOMPERS.





I WANT A CONGRESS THAT TRULY REFLECTS ALL AMERICANS, INCLUDING THE MEMBERS OF UNIONS THROUGHOUT THE UNITED STATES. I DO NOT WANT A SITUATION IN CONGRESS IN WHICH THE LABOR BUREAUCRATS IN WASHINGTON WILL EXERCISE MORE POWER THAN THE PRESIDENT.



A CONGRESSMAN SHOULD BE BEHOLDEN ONLY TO HIS CONSTITUENTS -- AND TO THE WHOLE SPECTRUM OF PEOPLE HE REPRESENTS. HE SHOULD NOT BE BEHOLDEN SOLELY TO THE LABOR BOSSES.



WE CANNOT TRANSFER POWER FROM THE PEOPLE TO A SPECIAL INTEREST GROUP OF LABOR BOSSES AND LABOR BUREAUCRATS.

THIS ADMINISTRATION HAS QUESTIONED THE ROLE OF THE OIL INDUSTRY AND DEMANDED ACCOUNTABILITY. WE HAVE AT LEAST THE SAME RIGHT TO QUESTION THE MOTIVES OF THE LABOR BUREAUCRACY.



I AM DEEPLY CONCERNED THAT A RUNAWAY, VETO-OVERRIDING CONGRESS WOULD UNDERMINE OUR TWO-PARTY SYSTEM. SUCH A CONGRESS WOULD NOT POSSESS THE NORMAL LEGISLATIVE CHECKS AND BALANCES. IT WOULD TAKE POWER AWAY FROM OUR TRADITIONAL STRUCTURE OF SELF-GOVERNMENT AND MAKE THE UNION BUREAUCRACY IN WASHINGTON THE REPOSITORY OF ULTIMATE GOVERNING POWER. UNION BUREAUCRATS COULD DICTATE POLICY WITHOUT THE AGREEMENT OF THE MILLIONS WHO PAY UNION DUES. CONGRESS WOULD BE RESPONSIVE TO THE LABOR BUREAUCRATS, NOT TO PEOPLE BACK HOME IN THE DISTRICTS.



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I FEAR THAT UNWISE SPENDING AND THE WILD ADOPTION OF UNSOUND PROGRAMS WOULD BRING ABOUT A FINANCIAL RAMPAGE THAT WOULD NOT SOLVE OUR PROBLEMS BUT WOULD ESCALATE AN INFLATIONARY SPIRAL. AN UNBALANCED CONGRESS WILL LEAD TO AN UNBALANCED ECONOMY.



IT APPEARS TO ME THAT THE EMOTIONAL CLIMATE PREVALENT IN THIS NATION IS BEING EXPLOITED BY BIG LABOR TO OBTAIN A CONGRESS SUBSERVIENT TO IT. SUCH A CONGRESS MIGHT FIND THE REPUBLICAN MEMBERS SO OVERWHELMED THAT THERE WOULD BE NO BALANCE REMAINING WITHIN THE INTERNAL CONGRESSIONAL SYSTEM. THE CONCEPT OF A BALANCE OF POWER WOULD BE DESTROYED.





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AND I AM NO LESS PROUD TO BE  
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MINORITY LEADER WHO IS GOING TO TRIUMPH  
IN PRESERVING THE GREAT TRADITIONS OF  
OUR LEGISLATIVE BRANCH.

I THANK YOU.



# TRUNK TUSK.

## Introduction -

Great to be in Arizona -

1) Outstanding <sup>Republican</sup> Congressional Delegation

Two outstanding

a) Senators Hollister & Fannin

<sup>superior house delegation</sup>

b) Congressman Rhodes, <sup>W. H. Hays</sup> John Culver.



c) <sup>a fine</sup> <sub>n</sub> Gov. Jack Welton

Pleased that John Rhodes - successor

Already his off with a better start than I had in 1965

1) I won by landslide 93/67  
John Rhodes - unanimous

2) I took office with a Dem President & the Dems controlling Congress by better than 2/3 vote  
WAR & a Political Party that rammed down

Congress the so-called Great Society



In contrast

John Rhodes has the benefit  
of a <sup>down free</sup> Republican President who:

1) ended war in Vietnam &  
is successfully maintaining  
world peace!

2) a <sup>dedicated</sup> President who  
has implemented <sup>NEW</sup> New

Federalism which returns

decision making to state & local

& local authorities, a

President who wants to

control & diminish authority

of federal bureaucracy.

Although I never achieved the

Honor of becoming SPEAKER of the HOUSE

John Rhodes can, & when elected will be a great  
Speaker & I will do my best to see that John &  
everyone else so



*Let me speak nervously about a matter of grave concern:  
Democrats gleeful / predicting SMASHING success in Nov.  
Pa + Mich. They are predicting substantial gains in the House & Senate races.*

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*There are those in their ranks who  
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But <sup>the</sup> give & take between a Republican President & a <sup>reasonable</sup> Democratic Congress can lead to responsible compromise. But, if we have a Democratic landslide next fall we will have a runaway, big spending, veto proof Congress.



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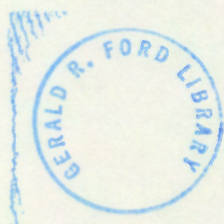
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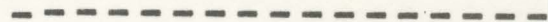


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When you have had a job for a long time and give it up for a new position, you always leave some projects unfinished. I was therefore interested in my successor. I wanted him to be someone who would carry on with my greatest unfinished project --- that of becoming Majority Leader of the House of Representatives.

I am very pleased that John Rhodes took over the Minority Leadership. If you have heard him speak recently, you know ~~that~~ he is working hard to elect ~~Re~~ publicans to the House.

It is appropriate that John Rhodes represents the First District. With him, it's always Arizona first. I know this because I worked closely with John on many projects in the House. We worked very closely together when he was Chairman of the <sup>House</sup> Republican Policy Committee. I can tell you that he never lost an opportunity to plug Arizona, the people, and the sunshine.

John has been constant in his work for the Central Arizona Project. If others have heard about it like I have, he is keeping Congress fully aware of the needs of Arizona --- for water use to benefit the State's future economy.

You can be appropriately proud that John Rhodes was picked unanimously by Republicans to be their spearhead in the House. It is a tribute to his qualities of leadership, <sup>his</sup> understanding, and <sup>his</sup> penchant for hard work. I know it is hard work because I am familiar with the job.

They were talking to me the other day about extending Secret Service protection to the Minority Leader. I said that I did not think it was necessary.

"Oh, no, " they said ,<sup>doesn't</sup> " John Rhodes ~~does not~~ need protection. It's for his golf partners." [redacted] I simply do not see how a man so concise and accurate in Congress could be such a scatter-shot on the golf course .

John Rhodes may be a spray shooter on the golf course, <sup>BUT</sup> he is a real shooter ~~arrow~~ in Congress . All Republicans can be proud that he represents us in the House .

Tonight I want to [redacted] emphasize how important it is to prevent the new Minority Leader from being stripped of the power to influence legislation . I refer to efforts <sup>by</sup> [redacted] the national bureaucracy of Big Labor in Washington, [redacted] to bring about a so-called "Veto-Proof Congress" . This means electing a Senate and House that can muster a two-thirds majority to override Presidential vetoes . It also means that we would witness the destruction of the TWO-PARTY SYSTEM AND THE SYSTEM OF ~~traditional checks and balances~~ .

Labor bureaucrats in Washington would mobilize massive support to elect Congressmen who <sup>would not</sup> necessarily <sup>be</sup> [redacted] responsive to the rank and file of union membership nationwide <sup>would be</sup> but who ~~concern in every~~ ~~detail~~ the line of the union bureaucracy in Washington . Union members recall the great insight of Samuel Gompers who said that to tie labor to a single party was to follow the road to disaster . But the union bureaucracy seems to have forgotten Samuel Gompers .



~~I am not an enemy of labor but a friend of the two-party system.~~

~~Let me illustrate my concern by recalling a situation that existed in my own~~

~~State of Michigan. The union bureaucracy in Washington advocated busing~~

~~of children to public school away from their homes neighborhoods. A~~

~~vast majority of union members in Michigan let me know that they opposed~~

~~busing. But their bureaucracy in~~

~~Washington was telling Congress that if ~~they~~ did not support busing, Big~~

~~Labor money would be used to defeat them.~~

**CONGRESSMEN**

I want a Congress that truly reflects all Americans, including the members of unions throughout the United States. ~~But~~ I do not want a situation in Congress in which the labor bureaucrats in Washington will exercise more ~~the~~ power than the President.

1A Your Congressman should be beholden only to his constituents --- and to the whole spectrum of people ~~and interests~~ he represents. He should not be beholden solely to the ~~self-arranged and self-perpetuating power of the bureaucracy that lives off labor~~ *bosses.*

We cannot transfer power from the people to a special interest group ~~labor bosses and labor~~ of bureaucrats, ~~and~~.

This Administration has questioned the role of the oil industry and

demanding accountability. We have at least the same right to question the

*motives of the* labor bureaucracy.



*a runaway, veto-overriding*

I am deeply concerned that ~~the~~ Congress would undermine our two-party system . Such a Congress would not possess the normal legislative checks and balances. It would take power away from ~~the~~ our traditional ~~structure~~ structure of self-government and make the union ~~bureaucracy~~ X bureaucracy in ~~Washington~~ Washington the ~~repository~~ X repository of ultimate governing power . Union bureaucrats could dictate policy without the agreement of the millions who pay union dues . Congress would be responsive to the <sup>labor</sup> bureaucrats, not to people back home in the districts .

*veto-proof*

If the goal of a ~~veto-proof~~ Congress is reached , we will return to the rubber stamp Congress that Lyndon Johnson controlled <sup>the</sup> in the era of the 1960's when spending and waste knew no bounds --- and when the foundation was laid for some of our present difficulties . Instead of a rubber stamp Congress controlled by the President , we would have a runaway Congress controlled by the big labor bureaucracy <sup>in</sup> X the National capital .

A Congress that lacks the give and take of the legislative process is in trouble . It would be a ~~travesty~~ X travesty on the system of checks and balances . They will write the checks --- but we will not have the balance in our bankbooks . We would no longer have the item by item scrutiny that has traditionally protected the public through the vigorous competition of two viable parties .

I fear that unwise ~~spending~~ X spending and the wild adoption of unsound programs would bring about a financial rampage that would not solve our problems ~~but~~ X but would escalate an inflationary spiral . An unbalanced Congress will lead to an unbalanced economy .





It appears to me that the emotional climate prevalent in this Nation is being exploited by Big Labor to obtain a Congress subservient to it. Such a Congress might find the Republican members so overwhelmed that there would be no balance remaining within the internal Congressional system. The concept of a balance of power would be ~~undermined~~ *destroyed.*

America has flourished as a free society because of the delicate orchestration of the balance of power inherent in the three branches of Government against the background of a balance within the legislative branch. If one branch is out of/harmony, the ~~country~~ <sup>total</sup> balance is in trouble.

The concept of a veto-<sup>proof</sup> Congress would distort the decision-making process, taking it away from the people and toward a concentration of bureaucratic power in the hands of ~~the~~ <sup>labor bosses</sup> financing Congressional campaigns.

~~Rank and file union members have little or no say on the candidates and policies selected by labor bureaucrats in Washington. The process of popular election is thus distorted. We cannot permit decisions made by us in the halls of Congress to the offices of the bureaucrats.~~

I am confident that the American people will not be manipulated into surrendering, in effect, their full right to Congressional representation. I know that differences -- serious differences --- ~~exist~~ exist between the Congress and the President. But I also know that Congress is committed to resolving the impeachment issue through the appropriate Constitutional channels





we cannot turn the clock back to what used to be. But we can move forward to a hopeful future. ~~This is still America.~~

~~To meet the temporary emergency, we are taking a wide range of contingency measures. The thrust of our efforts is to preserve jobs. We are striving to prevent shortages from hitting too heavily at key industries to prevent a chain reaction of unemployment.~~

~~Workers whose jobs are outmoded will be retrained. New jobs are being created in our ever-expanding technology. A temporary transitional gap has dislocated too many workers here and elsewhere. We regret the existing hardship and uncertainty. We have contingency plans that will be implemented to meet these crises.~~

~~Beyond this pre-dawn darkness lies a new creativity for America. Our economists predict a coming boom for Michigan in the manufacture of small cars. They see the big car becoming obsolete, with millions upon millions of small or compact cars needed for replacement. For next year, for the years after, the prognosis is excellent.~~

~~As lifestyles change, we will build new communities and new types of housing. We will find new resources and new industries. We will be busier and happier and healthier than ever.~~

~~Meanwhile, steps are being taken to ease the short-term problem of transition. We have taken a variety of measures to assist the unemployed and temporarily dislocated. We regret the degree of human distress and are doing everything we can to alleviate it. Funds are being appropriated to expedite the claims of Michigan workers for unemployment insurance.~~

~~I am very pleased to be able to announce tonight that the Administration is asking for special assistance to areas of high joblessness by extending 26-week unemployment benefits an additional 13 weeks through federal-state joint action.~~

~~We are also broadening the scope of enterprises whose workers are entitled to unemployment compensation to include agriculture and other areas not now covered. Individuals would be included regardless of whether their job loss was caused by the energy crisis.~~

~~A special revenue sharing provision provides for new public service jobs — if States choose to use funds for that purpose.~~

In **ARIZONA** and nationwide there is a ready supply of



~~Federal State cooperation to meet the crisis.~~ I believe, as Abraham Lincoln did, that the proper function of government is to do for people those things that have to be done, but cannot be done as well by individuals for themselves.

Our goals in the year 1974 are to:

Surmount the energy crisis and build a longterm capacity for meeting all our own needs.

Promote lasting peace by nurturing the Middle East settlement.

Maintain economic growth while winding down inflation.  
Stimulate employment.

Establish a comprehensive system of National Health Insurance to provide medical care at a reasonable cost.

Reduce Federal control and open a new era of achievement and responsiveness in State and local governments.

Reform Federal aid to education.

Achieve better transportation nationally and in each community.

Begin reform of the present demeaning welfare system.

Develop adequate safeguards to protect individual rights against intrusions of new technology.

Through international negotiation, establish a framework for America to share fully in an expanding world prosperity.

The time has come for the nation, the Congress, and the Administration to unite to move America forward. There is no ground for pessimism or a psychological complex of defeat. I say this particularly to Republicans.

~~A Republican Congressional candidate came so near winning~~  
~~in **THE RECENT** Pennsylvania special election that we can count it as~~  
~~a moral victory. The difference was a mere handful of votes in a~~  
~~district where Democrats had a registration edge of 8,000. The~~  
~~Republican Party is alive and well.~~

I believe in the Republican Party because I believe that faith in the individual is the only true foundation of our national strength.

I believe that free enterprise and the encouragement of individual incentive have given this Nation an economic system second

(more)



to none on earth.

I believe the Republican Party is a party of vision, retaining those things from the past that are worth retaining and always receptive to new ideas in the task of building a better America.

I believe we can win on merit and performance as we appeal to all segments of the population.

And I believe that only through the Republican Party can basic American ideals become active and successful principles of government.

Let us take a new look at ourselves as a political party. Let us see ourselves through our own eyes and not through the perceptions of others.

I am proud to be a Republican Vice President in an Administration that is implementing the objective stated by Abraham Lincoln in his Second Inaugural Address: To seek "a just and lasting peace, among ourselves, and with all nations."

And I am no less proud to be the Vice President in <sup>an</sup> Administration which is served by a brilliant House Minority Leader who is going to triumph ~~by~~ in preserving the great traditions of our legislative branch.

I thank you .

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