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Shannon-Williams  
Split -

Speech - 36<sup>th</sup> N.Y. Dist

John Taber - June 22, 1957

Introduction - Texas Longhorn speech  
Mental patient story - repeats what he heard

Prabate to John Taber -

① Remiss if I didn't congratulate you on your  
wisdom in electing + re-electing Taber.

② if I didn't pay the finest tribute  
to the most outstanding member of the  
Congress.

Perhaps I am presumptuous to talk to you  
about a person who was active +  
an official in the Republican Party  
before I was born but I feel so  
strongly that John epitomizes all that  
is good in a public official I must  
remind you of his great record.

On the basis of age alone I am a Modern  
Republican + John, by age, would be  
categorized as the "Old Guard."

Let me assure you that we of my age group  
in the G.O.P. in Congress feel that John  
Taber is:



① the most constructive

② able

③ energetic

④ tireless

⑤ cooperative

Furthermore Pres. Eisenhower has no better  
nor more effective supporters in the Congress.

G.O.P. Success in 1952 - 1956

From some of the talk we hear today one wonders  
whether we recall the horrible past.  
Should we go back to it.

Let's recall the PAST under New Deal & Fair Deal

1) BUDGET - 20 yrs - 3 balanced budgets - <sup>2 while</sup> <sup>G.O.P.</sup> <sup>controlled</sup> Congress.

2) DEBT - from \$20 billion to \$270 billion

3) TAXES - personal exemptions \$1,000 down to \$500

4) EMPLOYEES - 2,600,000

5) COST OF LIVING - 10.4%



- 6) BURDEN OF DEFENSE - Korea - 4.5 " W.W.II - 15 million  
     Selective Service 40,000 per month
- 7) CORRUPTION & CRONISM - R.F.C.  
     Burr. of Int. Rev.
- 8) Foreign Aid - 7 billion

What are the facts TODAY

- 1) Budget - 3 balanced
- 2) Federal debt - \$5 billion reduction
- 3) Taxes - \$7.4 reduction \$25 billion savings  
     Personal exemption
- 4) Employees - 10% cut
- 5) Cost of Army - 3.9
- 6) Burden of Defense - 10,000 per month

What are Prospects for the Future.

- 1) Economic stability at home -
- 2) Peace throughout the World.



Word of Caution

Democrat victory -

not less but more taxes -

not less but more spending -

not less but more debt -

not something more conservative but  
rather something far more radical  
or liberal.

G.O.P Party for Young People - more jobs - no war  
Older Citizens - protect savings - some not in war  
All citizens - return govt to local govt.

As we look toward the future in an Atomic Age

we see more jobs  
better living  
longer + happier lives

These can be secured for us by the  
leadership of

