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FIVE KEY OBJECTIVES OUTLINED FOR DEMOCRATIC CONGRESS

If Democrats regain control of the new Congress, top legislative priority will be given a five-point program aimed at protecting the American economy, Senator Hubert H. Humphrey revealed last night in an address at a DFL rally at Pipestone, Minnesota.

Aimed at "undoing" actions of the GOP 83rd Congress on carrying forward constructive objectives the Republicans failed to approve, the program will include:

1. Revision of farm legislation to reestablish 90% of parity as the support price for the basic crops, and reconsideration of the entire dairy support program and support levels.
2. Granting increased dependency allowances in computing income taxes.
3. Establishing a food stamp plan as supplemental aid for people receiving social security assistance.
4. Legislative mandate to the Agriculture Department to stop tampering with the right of farmers to elect their own farm committees at the community, township, and county levels.
5. Long-needed salary increases for federal employees and postal workers.

Senator Humphrey revealed he had the approval of Minority Leader Lyndon Johnson of Texas for giving the five objectives highest priority as the Democratic program in the new Congress. Senator Humphrey made public a telegram he had sent Senator Johnson a week ago proposing such a program for the new Congress and saying, in part:

"I believe it of great importance that Democratic leadership assure the nation that if Democrats have majority in 84th Congress, following items will be given legislative priority: revision of farm bill to reestablish 90% of parity; increased dependency allowance in taxes; food stamp plan for recipients of social security; legislative mandate protecting farmer-committees; and long-needed increase in salaries for federal employees and postal workers. If this program or one similar to it could be announced by you it would be of immeasurable help in assuring American people what Democrats would work for in new Congress."

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In his reply approving the program, Senator Johnson wrote Senator Humphrey:

"As Democrats, we are in an excellent position to place these measures before the American people. They do not represent mere campaign promises. They represent objectives which we tried to achieve as a minority in the 83rd Congress, and which we would achieve if we were to be the majority in the 84th Congress.

"I well recall the splendid work you did in fighting for adequate farm price supports; adequate tax relief for our wage earners; workable measures for our farmers and adequate incomes for our federal employees. You were one of the most effective members on the minority side of the aisle, and your effectiveness would be increased many times as a majority member", Senator Johnson wrote.

Agreement on the program by both Minority Leader Johnson of Texas and Senator Humphrey, leader in the Northern Democratic liberal block in the Senate, virtually assures its approval by the Senate Democratic Steering Committee of which both are members, Senator Humphrey declared.

(Copy of Senator Lyndon Johnson's letter attached)

UNITED STATES SENATE
Office of the Democratic Leader
Washington, D.C.

September 13, 1954

Dear Hubert:

It was certainly good to hear from you and I am in full agreement with your viewpoint that it would be well for the Democrats to state as early as possible the kind of program we would advance in the event that we received a majority in the 84th Congress.

No one man, of course, can or should have the right to state the Democratic program. That would be a subject to be worked out in the Senate Democratic Policy Committee, the Senate Democratic Steering Committee (of which you are a member) and the Senate Democratic Conference. But as one Democrat, it seems to me there are certain measures which should be pushed for the welfare of our people and in the interests of the nation as a whole.

One of the most important is revision of farm legislation to re-establish 90% of parity as the support price for the basic crops. Already, the adverse effects of the sliding scale are becoming noticeable, particularly among our wheat producers. We must also give due consideration to the dairy farmers who are suffering so heavily because of the manipulations of the Republican-controlled Department of Agriculture.

Second - I think it is the obligation of the Democrats to push strongly for increased dependency allowances in computing income taxes. I believe it is definitely unfair to provide -- as the Republicans did in the last Congress -- a substantial tax relief for corporations and stockholders and to refuse to lighten the burdens of American wage earners. The Republican tax bill was not only unfair; but it did not make economic sense.

Third - I believe it is definitely time to establish a food stamp plan for those who are receiving social security assistance -- a plan incidentally, that would not decrease the cash benefits in any respect. I do not believe that we have fulfilled our obligations to America's senior citizens by the legislation we passed at the last session even though that legislation was definitely an improvement over previous conditions. A food stamp plan would not only help increase the standard of living of many Americans but would also make an important contribution to solving the problem of surplus agricultural commodities. In the event that it is impossible to rally sufficient support behind a food stamp plan I think that we should at least consider a five dollar increase in old age assistance benefits.

Fourth - I believe there should be a legislative mandate to the Agriculture Department to stop tampering with the right of farmers to elect their own farm committees at the community, township, and county levels. I had thought that this had been accomplished by your splendid amendment during the last session but apparently the Department of Agriculture is determined to interpret this amendment out of existence. I have received complaints from my own farmers in Texas and I understand that similar complaints are coming in from all parts of the country.

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Fifth - The next Congress should place high on its agenda long-needed salary increases for federal employees and postal workers. We have neglected our federal workers for much too long a period and have frozen their salaries despite increases in the cost of living. We cannot expect to maintain forever the high standards of work performed by our federal employees unless we at least recognize the economic difficulties under which they labor.

As Democrats, we are in an excellent position to place these measures before the American people. They do not represent mere campaign promises. They represent objectives which we tried to achieve as a minority in the 83rd Congress and which we would achieve if we were to be the majority in the 84th Congress.

I well recall the splendid work you did in fighting for adequate farm price supports; adequate tax relief for our wage earners; workable measures for our farmers and adequate incomes for our federal employees. You were one of the most effective members on the minority side of the aisle and your effectiveness would be increased many times as a majority member.

I am looking forward to working in cooperation with you for the achievement of the measures outlined above in the forthcoming Congress and I hope that we will be working in the majority where we can achieve the goals that mean so much to the people of our nation.

Best personal regards.

Sincerely,

/s/ Lyndon B. Johnson
/t/ Lyndon B. Johnson

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It was "Democratic-Farmer-Labor Day" in Pipestone last Thursday (September 23), with Minnesota's DFL "Victory Caravan" arriving here after a tour of the county.

Senator Hubert H. Humphrey, Orville L. Freeman, DFL nominee for Governor of Minnesota, and Judge Douglas Hunt of Montevideo, DFL nominee for Congress in the Seventh District, led the caravan of enthusiastic boosters that climaxed a day's tour with a public rally at the Pipestone High School auditorium.

The day's tour started with a breakfast meeting in Adrian, Nobles County, followed by street meetings in Magolia, Luverne, and Hardwick in Rock County. The caravan entered Pipestone county in the afternoon, with street meetings held in Trosky, Edgerton, and Hatfield prior to the Pipestone visit.

Dinner for the group was held at the Pipestone Country Club prior to the public rally in the evening. After remaining overnight at the Calumet Hotel, the group continued the tour into Murray County Friday with visits to Lake Wilson, Chandler, Iona, Slayton, Currie, Avoca, and Fulda.

Mrs. Humphrey and Mrs. Freeman accompanied their husbands on the visit to Pipestone, after attending "coffee parties" in their honor during the day in several parts of southeastern Minnesota.

(Note to Editor: Summary of Senator Humphrey's remarks at Pipestone have been sent to you in separate release.)



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Climaxing three days of touring southeastern Minnesota, Senator Hubert H. Humphrey, Orville L. Freeman, DFL nominee for Governor of Minnesota, and Judge Douglas Hunt, DFL nominee for Congress, came to Fulda accompanied by a caravan of enthusiastic boosters.

During the day the caravan had earlier visited Lake Wilson, Chandler, Iona, Slayton, Currie, and Avoca.

Friday's tour followed a day in Rock and Pipestone Counties, winding up Thursday night with a big public rally in Pipestone.

Joe Miller, Murray County DFL Chairman, was in charge of arrangements for the campaign tour through this area.

A Democratic victory in the November elections will mean action in the 84th Congress to raise the individual income tax exemption allowance so everyone can share equally in tax reduction, Senator Humphrey declared in his series of talks.

Restoration of farm price supports to 90% of parity will also be given "top priority" if the Democrats achieve control of the 84th Congress, Senator Humphrey promised, revealing assurances from Minority Leader Lyndon Johnson that revision of the farm bill would be on the Democratic legislative program.

A clean-up of "laziness, inefficiency, and corruption" in state government was promised by Orville Freeman, who declared it was time for Minnesota to get some "new blood in the statehouse".

After the Pipestone meeting, the tour continued Friday into Murray County.



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