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March 17, 1969

Note to Rev

From Marg

Here is the info you needed for the Wassau trip

Plane holds four passengers and two pilots.

1 1/2 hours from here to Wassau

1 hour from Wassau to Minneapolis

Robert Huber is the Toastmaster -- Assembly Minority leader.

High School phone -- 15-846-8274

Convent nearby -- 15-842-4151

Head table from Speaker's far right:

Father Anthony Fisher  
Mr. & Mrs. Lawrence Day  
Mr. and Mrs. Bert Groves -- Assemblyman  
Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Grochek --  
Mr. and Mrs. David Obey -- Candidate  
HB

From Speaker's far left:

Episcopal minister who will deliver the Benediction

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Sweda -- Assemblyman  
Mr. and Mrs. Frank Nikolay -- "  
Mr. and Mrs. Joe Wimmer -- State Chairman of Democratic Party  
Mr. and Mrs. Bob Huber -- Toastmaster and Assemblyman

✓ Father Fisher  
✓ Rev Mar Seal  
Ch. - Jim Wimmer  
✓ Bob Huber -  
✓ Marilyn Berg  
- Tony Earl Chr

✓ Dave Obey  
o St. Joan Obey

Outsiders!!  
3rd. Snatch

15 Counties

Manathon  
Portage  
Wood  
Sunburn  
Langley  
Langley

✓ Wassau  
✓ Stevens Point  
✓ Manitowish  
✓ Wisc. Rapids  
✓ Merrill  
✓ Medford

Young People  
Lyle Skitt  
TV - news  
Soundman

Cardinal Newman  
He Sch-  
Swan here 9 years ago

Confidence  
Wisc. Union  
Bismarck  
10 days to go

State Ch. James Wamman

<sup>+ Joan</sup>  
David O'Beir - 4 terms  
Elected age 24.

① Nations Outstanding  
State Legislator by  
NEA Rural  
Division

~~Wassau, Wisconsin~~

## REMARKS

THE HONORABLE HUBERT H. HUMPHREY

Tony Earl Ch.

DEMOCRATIC PARTY RALLY

Assemblyman  
David O'Beir

WASSAU, WISCONSIN

Cardinal Newman  
Hr. School

7th Cong DIST  
MARCH 21, 1969

Robert Huber - assembly minority leader + Natl comm man

↳ We are here tonight to help elect the next

Democratic Congressman from the 7th District of Wisconsin.

↳ What a pleasure it is to see this kind of unity behind  
a Democratic candidate. ↳ There is nothing like a narrow

Republican victory to get Democrats together again.

↳ And this is the way it's going to be in the future --

only the Democrats are going to win work together + Win!

↳ We should be particularly encouraged by the close  
teamwork between farm and labor in this campaign -- rural

Youth

Believe  
you  
can  
win!

Young  
Experienced  
able  
Courageous  
Progressive

what  
a man

Less than  
1/2 7/7%

Team  
work

35,000  
Farmers

and city interests working together to elect a Democrat  
who understands the problems of all his constituents.

This kind of cooperation built the Democratic parties  
of Wisconsin and Minnesota. And the ~~the~~ Democratic farmer-labor team  
is rolling to victory in the 7th District.

I hadn't planned to make a political speech so soon  
this year . . . I was ready for the rough and tumble of  
the classroom . . . but that was about all. !

Then Dave Obey told me he was going to run. And  
I told him I would be here . . . and I want to tell you  
why I am here to help him.

This race in the 7th District is the opening round  
in the 1970 Congressional and Senatorial races.

Crucial, critical year!

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People seldom agree on turning points in American politics . . . but in my judgment the next 16 months will determine not only the control of Congress after 1970, but, more importantly, will chart the political direction in this nation for at least the next decade.

Today in the United States Senate and House of Representatives there are razor thin majorities for progressive social and economic legislation.

The majorities that hammered out the gains in education, conservation, <sup>Medicare</sup> social security, child health care and all of the advances under Kennedy-Johnson years are critically threatened in 1970.

Already underway is the largest fund raising effort in the history of a national party to reverse the Democratic majorities in the Congress. The Republicans are raising

GOP  
Efforts

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millions of dollars this year to be spent in 1969 to build

their candidates in every state *for the 1970 contests.*

*L* Why are the Republicans so vitally interested in  
the control of the Congress after 1970?

*L* The answer is clear: *1972 - and* Congress stands as the  
principal check on the Republican Administration.

*L* In Congress the Gaylord Nelsons, the Bill Proxmires,  
the George McGoverns and the Fritz Mondales -- to name  
just a few of our neighbors -- are setting the goals and  
leading the national debate on consumer affairs, economic  
policy, hunger and arms control.

*L* Yes, in 1970 we will also be electing key governors  
and state legislatures. *L* These will be the legislators and  
the governors who will redistrict the Congress and State

*Redistrict*

*Governors*

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Houses after the 1970 census.

What greater incentive do we need to start working now and keep working right through November 1970?

But I didn't come out here to talk generalities.

I came here to say what most of you already know

Dave Obey would make a great Congressman.

His record in Madison as one of Wisconsin's outstanding legislators is testimony enough. But Dave Obey has something extra which I know is needed in Washington.

From the effective leadership Dave has given to his party in Madison, he has obtained insight and understanding into one of the most crucial and immediate problems facing not only the people of Wisconsin, but the entire nation.

Voc Educ Act of 1968  
new school here in Wisconsin

- 15 new Voc. Educ. Dist. created

1968  
National  
outstanding  
State Legislator  
NEA -  
Rural  
Democrat

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L Dave Obey understands that the federal government must make a major change in our national tax policies.

*Ich*  
L We are now approaching a time in Congress when these tax changes are going to be made. L The 7th District ~~should have~~ ~~will be well served to~~ have a Congressman who is able to participate in these debates and who has a basic understanding of what needs to be done in tax reforms at the local, state, and federal levels.

L Let me sketch for you this tax reform agenda that Dave will be working on:

-- a significant portion of national tax revenues resulting from the growth of the economy must be automatically shared with the states and localities;

(John Hardener - Urban Coalition)



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-- tax loopholes must be closed. In 1967 there were at least 155 tax returns filed nationally with adjusted gross incomes above \$200,000 on which no federal tax was paid at all. We must have a minimum tax requirement for every tax payer, no matter what his sources of income.

-- the federal government must use its tax-sharing powers to require reform in regressive and repressive property and sales taxes. Where state leadership has not been effective we must design the federal tax-sharing to work to correct this failing.

✓ Congress needs young leaders who understand the dynamics of our society. We need men in Congress who have grappled with tax reforms of their states -- men who can fashion tax revisions of the federal system -- rebuild strength



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into the federal system -- redirect growth to the forgotten  
corners of the nation -- and ease the repressive burdens of  
tax systems that were conceived in the 18th and 19th centuries

The voters here in the 7th District are going to speak  
 loudly for the progressive young man who will become their  
 United States Representative on April 1.

We want Dave Obey to join Bill Proxmire and Gaylord  
Nelson in the Congress.

What a team that will be!

*Churchill  
 story*

*We need Congressmen who will ~~under~~  
 build on beginnings*

*Agrib  
 DAIRY*

*Mental Health  
 Child Care*

*- Soc Sec  
 - Medicare  
 - Educs -  
 - Pollution control  
 - Consumption*

*Need workers for Peace + Arms Control!*

Reminds  
The Honorable HMM

Wassau

DRAFT  
Democratic Party Rally  
Wassau, Wisconsin  
March 21, 1969

March 20, 1969

We are here tonight to help elect the next Democratic Con-

gressman from the 7th District of Wisconsin.

What a pleasure it is to see

~~It has been a long time since I have seen~~ this kind of unity

behind a Democratic candidate. ~~but I think it is a sign of the future~~

There is nothing like ~~a win by the~~ narrow ~~Republicans~~ victors get ~~to make~~ Democrats

together again.

~~to group and start standing together~~

And this is the way it's going to be ~~in the future~~ in the future.

~~This should be particularly encouraged by~~  
~~Another heartening indication of cooperation in this campaign~~

The teamwork between farm and labor ~~in this campaign~~ --  
is the presence of a close working farm-labor team ~~here we have~~

elect a ~~good~~ Democrat  
rural and city interests working together to ~~send to the House~~ a man

who understands the problems of ~~all~~ his constituents. ~~This is the~~ kind of

cooperation ~~on which we have~~ built the Democratic parties of Wisconsin

and Minnesota. And ~~it will continue to be the key to the future~~ the farmer-labor team is rolling to victory  
in the 7th district.

~~I wasn't planned to make~~  
~~I was not sure that I would be making a political speech so soon~~

I was ready for the rough & tumble of the classroom...  
this year... ~~the rough and tumble of the classroom was about all I thought~~

but that was about all.

only the Democrats are going to win.

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~~I could take after the campaign last fall.~~ <sup>Then</sup> But when Dave Obey

<sup>and</sup> told me he was going to run, I told him I would be here... and I

want to tell you why I am here to help him.

<sup>L</sup> This race in the 7th District is the opening round in the 1970

Congressional and Senatorial races.

<sup>People seldom agree</sup>  
~~It is hard for everyone to agree~~ on turning points in American

politics... but <sup>in</sup> ~~it is~~ my judgment ~~that over~~ the next 16 months ~~we~~ will

<sup>determine</sup>  
~~be determining~~ not only the control of ~~the~~ Congress after 1970, but,

more importantly, <sup>determine chart</sup> ~~we~~ will ~~be determining~~ the political direction in

this nation for <sup>at least</sup> ~~more than~~ the next decade.

<sup>There are razor thin</sup>  
<sup>There are razor thin margins</sup>  
~~Today in the United States Senate and in the~~ House of Represen-

tatives ~~the margin of majorities~~ for progressive social and economic

legislation, ~~is razor thin.~~

<sup>L</sup> The majorities that hammered out the gains in education, con-  
servation, social security, child health care and all of the advances

3.

*Critically threatened in 1970*  
under the Kennedy-Johnson years are ~~all under fire in 1970.~~

*L* Already underway is the largest fund raising effort in the history of a national party *to reverse* ~~aimed at reversing~~ the Democratic majorities in the Congress. The Republicans are raising millions of dollars this year to be spent in 1969 to build their candidates in every state.

*LW* Why are the Republicans so vitally interested in the control of the Congress after 1970. *?* *The answer is clear:* ~~I will tell you. The main check on~~ *stands as* *Congress is the principal check on the Republican Administration.* ~~the present Administration is the Congress. It is here that the~~  
*L* In Congress the Gaylord Nelsons, the Bill Proxmires, the George McGoverns and the

Fritz Mondales -- to name just a few of our neighbors -- are setting the goals and leading the national debate on consumer affairs, economic policy, hunger and arms control.

*in 1970*  
*L* Yes, ~~not only is this the issue in this opening round of the 1970~~

~~elections, but perhaps even more importantly in these elections~~

*also*  
we will <sup>be</sup> electing key governors and state legislatures. These

will be the legislators and the governors who will redistrict the

Congress and State Houses after the 1970 census. *What greater* ~~That alone should~~

*do we need*  
~~give us~~ incentive ~~enough~~ to start working now and keep working right

*?*  
through November 1970.

*L* But I didn't come out here to talk generalities, ~~on the election~~

*here to say*  
~~here~~. *L* I came ~~out to help articulate what~~ most of you ~~here tonight~~

already know. Dave Obey would make a great Congressman. *L* His

record in Madison as one of Wisconsin's outstanding legislators is

testimony enough. But Dave Obey has something extra which I ~~believe~~

~~and~~ know is needed in Washington.

From the effective leadership Dave has given to his party in

Madison, he has obtained ~~an~~ insight and understanding into one of the

most crucial and immediate problems facing not only the people of

Wisconsin, but the entire nation.

*Obey*  
 Dave understands far better than most men that we are at a ~~time when~~ *major* the federal government must make a ~~significant~~ change in the way ~~our~~ national tax policies, ~~are approached~~.

*approaching a time in*  
 We are now ~~moving in the~~ Congress, ~~and in the House into~~ *The 7th District* ~~a time~~ when these tax changes are going to be made. ~~Wisconsin~~  
*will be well served*  
 is going to be honored to have a Congressman who is able to par-

ticipate in these debates and who has a basic understanding of what

*in tax reforms*  
 needs to be done, at the local, state and federal levels, ~~in tax reforms~~.

*Let* me sketch for you this tax reform agenda that ~~I want~~  
*will be*  
 Dave Obey working on:

-- a significant portion of national tax revenues resulting from the growth of the economy must be automatically shared with the states and localities.

*must be*

-- tax loopholes ~~are still~~ *must be* unclosed. In 1967 there were at least 155 tax returns filed nationally with adjusted gross incomes above \$200,000 on which no federal tax was paid at all. We must have a minimum tax requirement for every tax payer, no matter what his sources of income.

-- the federal government must use its tax sharing powers to require reform in regressive and repressive property and sales taxes. Where state leadership has not been effective we must design the federal tax sharing to work to correct this failing.

~~No one needs to underline that this society of ours is a mobile and fluid society. It moves across city and county lines to new subdivisions. It moves from the squalor of the poverty-ridden rural South to the ghettos of the North. It moves from the East to West coasts as new jobs arise. It moves from rural America to the cities.~~



~~At a retirement~~ the Congress needs young leaders ~~who~~ <sup>men</sup> who understand the dynamics of our society. We need in Congress men who have grappled with the tax reforms of their states. Men who can fashion the tax revisions of the federal system -- rebuild strength into the federal system, redirect growth to the forgotten corners of the nation, and ease the repressive burdens of tax systems that were conceived in the 18th and 19th centuries.

~~Let me close with the belief that~~ the voters here in the 7th District are going to speak loudly for the progressive young man <sup>who</sup> ~~that~~ will become their United States Representative on April 1. We want Dave

Obey to join Bill Proxmire and Gaylord Nelson in the Congress, <sup>(What a</sup> ~~and~~

*team that will be!*

~~work beside them.~~ And if one of these days I decide that teaching isn't

~~my career,~~ <sup>would</sup> ~~really all that exciting. I might also hope that Dave Obey is in the House~~

~~where I can call on him once in a while to work with me.~~



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