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SOUTH CAROLINA LEGISLATURE

JUNE 13, 1972

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DON'T WANT THE KIND OF CHANGE WHICH WILL SUBSTITUTE NEW  
PROMISES FOR OLD ONES.

THEY WANT THE KIND OF CHANGE THEY CAN UNDERSTAND AND  
WORK TOWARDS AS A UNITED PEOPLE.

THROUGHOUT AMERICA THERE IS ONE NEEDED CHANGE WHICH I  
BELIEVE STANDS ABOVE ALL OTHERS IN IMPORTANCE AND WHICH MUST  
GUIDE THE MAN WHO WILL LEAD THIS NATION. THIS CHANGE DEMANDED  
BY SO MANY AND TOO OFTEN IGNORED SAYS: "THE AMERICAN PEOPLE  
MUST BE HEARD."

IN THE 1970'S THE SOUTH HAS ELECTED MEN WHO HAVE ATTEMPTED  
TO MAKE GOVERNMENT MORE RESPONSIVE TO ALL OF THE PEOPLE.



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NO DISCUSSION OF AN AGENDA FOR PROGRESSIVE CHANGE CAN BE COMPLETE WITHOUT CONSIDERING HOW AMERICANS MUST CHANGE THE WAY WE WORK AND LIVE TOGETHER.

IN 1948 I CALLED UPON MY FELLOW DEMOCRATS TO WALK OUT OF THE SHADOW OF STATES' RIGHTS AND INTO THE SUNLIGHT OF HUMAN RIGHTS.

THE YEARS SINCE 1948 HAVE BEEN ONE OF PROGRESSION TOWARDS THAT GOAL. WE MUST NOT TURN BACK. WE CANNOT TURN BACK.

THE REMNANTS OF BIGOTRY AND PREJUDICE WHICH THWART OPPORTUNITIES AND DENY EQUAL RIGHTS MUST BE BANISHED FOREVER FROM OUR NATION.



WHEN WE ARE A DIVIDED AMERICA WE ARE A WEAK AMERICA. WHEN  
SOME OF  
SOME OF OUR PEOPLE FIND THEIR LIVES BLOCKED, THEN ALL AMERICANS  
SUFFER.

BUILDING A BETTER AMERICA MEANS ENDING THE DIVISIONS  
WHICH WEAKEN OUR COUNTRY.

AN AGENDA FOR PROGRESSIVE CHANGE MUST LOOK TOWARDS THE  
FUTURE OF AMERICA.

THERE ARE TWO COURSES OUR NATION AND OUR PEOPLE COULD  
FOLLOW.

WE CAN CONTINUE AS WE HAVE IN THE PAST -- WITHOUT PLANNING,  
WITHOUT NATIONAL GOALS, WITHOUT ANY ATTEMPT TO DETERMINE WHAT  
OUR PEOPLE WANT, HOW WE ARE GOING TO LIVE, OR WHERE WE ARE  
GOING TO  
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OR, WE CAN TAKE ANOTHER, MORE POSITIVE COURSE,

THIS IS THE COURSE OF PLANNING AND DESIGNING OUR  
FUTURE, OF UNDERSTANDING GROWTH, OF CONTROLLING, OF GUIDING  
THE UTILIZATION AND ALLOCATION OF OUR RESOURCES TO MAKE  
OUR INSTITUTIONS RESPOND TO THE KIND OF FUTURE WE AS A GOOD  
PEOPLE WANT.

THIS IS THE COURSE OF BALANCED NATIONAL GROWTH AND  
DEVELOPMENT.

THIS IS THE COURSE I WANT TO CHART FOR AMERICA IN THE  
1970's.

I WILL SOON INTRODUCE IN CONGRESS, THE BALANCED NATIONAL  
GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT ACT OF 1972.

THIS BILL REPRESENTS THE FIRST STEP -- AND OFFICIAL  
BEGINNING -- TOWARDS THINKING AND PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE  
OF OUR NATION.

FOR TOO LONG WE HAVE LET THE PAST DETERMINE OUR FUTURE  
BECAUSE WE HAVE NO PLANNED ALTERNATIVES FOR CHANGE.

THE BIBLE SAYS THAT WITHOUT VISION, THE PEOPLE PERISH.

I WANT TO LEAD AN AMERICA WITH VISION AND PURPOSE.

I WANT TO LEAD A NATION FORWARD TO THE GOALS OF ECONOMIC  
AND SOCIAL JUSTICE.

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h HERE AND ELSEWHERE PEOPLE WANT TO BE HEARD.

PEOPLE WANT THE DOORS OF GOVERNMENT TO BE OPEN AND  
TO SERVE THEIR NEEDS.

PEOPLE WANT TO KNOW: HOW DO WE MAKE GOVERNMENT WORK? —

*S. Carver*

~~FLORIDA~~ CAN BE PROUD OF YOUR NEW GOVERNOR AND OF ITS

*How about  
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 Mc Nam*

LEGISLATURE WHO HAVE RESPONDED TO THIS NEW SPIRIT OF THE

PEOPLE WHO WANT REASON, COMPASSION AND DETERMINATION FROM

THEIR GOVERNMENT.

~~AND FLORIDA HAS RESPONDED TO THE SPIRIT OF AMERICA~~

~~BY PLAYING HOST TO THIS PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY.~~

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THE MESSAGE I HAVE BROUGHT TO THE PEOPLE OF *America* -

~~NOT ALWAYS HEARD, NOT ALWAYS NOTICED IN THE COMPETITION OF~~

~~MANY VOICES -- IS THAT THE TIME HAS NOW COME FOR THE PEOPLE'S~~

GOVERNMENT TO GET ON WITH THE WORK OF BUILDING A BETTER

AMERICA. *recent months* THE EVENTS OF THE ~~PAST WEEK~~ REMIND US THAT WE FACE

~~TOUGH COMPETITION -- NOT ONLY FROM THE CHINESE AND THE RUSSIANS,~~

~~BUT FROM THE WEST EUROPEANS AND THE JAPANESE.~~

AND THE COMPETITION IS NOT JUST ECONOMIC, ~~IT IS A COMPETITION~~

~~OF IDEAS, IDEALS, AND THE WAYS AND MEANS TO MEET THE NEEDS~~

~~OF PEOPLE AND BUILD A NATION.~~



*a better america,*

IF WE ARE TO BUILD ~~ONE NATION~~, IF WE ARE TO BE A UNITED

PEOPLE THEN THERE MUST BE EQUAL OPPORTUNITY AND EQUAL PROTECTION

UNDER LAW. WE MUST LEARN TO LIVE TOGETHER AND PART OF THAT

LEARNING IS OUR EDUCATION SYSTEM.

MAKE NO MISTAKE ABOUT IT. BUILDING A BETTER AMERICA

MEANS FIRST CLASS QUALITY EDUCATION FOR ALL OF OUR CHILDREN.

QUALITY EDUCATION IS THE ISSUE - ~~NOT BUSING, A DUAL~~

~~SCHOOL SYSTEM BASED UPON SEGREGATED EDUCATION IS NOT QUALITY~~

~~EDUCATION. SLUM SCHOOLS IN SLUM NEIGHBORHOODS MEAN POOR~~

~~EDUCATION.~~ AN ~~INTEGRATED~~ EDUCATION SYSTEM WITH MODERN

FACILITIES AND WELL-TRAINED, COMPETENT TEACHERS PRODUCES

QUALITY EDUCATION.

*You are an educational T.V. Network is standard for the Nation. Like will your Technical Education System is recognized as the finest in*

*the world.*

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NO PARENT WHITE OR BLACK WANTS HIS OR HER CHILD TO ATTEND

A SCHOOL WITH INFERIOR EDUCATIONAL STANDARDS.

~~THE SCHOOL BUS MUST CEASE TO BE THE SYMBOL OF A NATION'S  
FAILURE TO PROVIDE QUALITY EDUCATION FOR ALL ITS CHILDREN.  
THE EMOTIONAL HEADLINE ISSUE IS BUSING, BUT THE NEEDS OF  
AMERICA GO FAR BEYOND A SCHOOL BUS.~~

THE DECADE OF THE 1970'S MUST BE A DECADE OF DYNAMIC  
DOMESTIC DEVELOPMENT -- A PERIOD OF BUILDING A BETTER AMERICA.

~~I BELIEVE~~ BUILDING A BETTER AMERICA MEANS THAT OUR PEOPLE  
MUST HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO WORK, TO HAVE JOBS, TO EARN, TO  
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~~Rural Development Bank~~

*National Domestic Development  
Bank - for our cities, + Rural  
areas - Do for ourselves  
what we have done for others.*



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CLOSING TAX LOOPHOLES, ENDING UNFAIR TAX PRIVILEGES, LIFTING  
THE PROPERTY TAX BURDEN FROM THE HOMEOWNER AND PREVENTING THE  
SPECIAL INTEREST FROM DENYING THE PEOPLE THEIR RIGHTFUL SHARE  
IN NATIONAL PROSPERITY.

✓ BUILDING A BETTER AMERICA MEANS WAGING A CONSTANT BATTLE  
AGAINST ALL FORMS OF POLLUTION -- POLLUTION OF THE AIR AND  
WATER, POLLUTION OF OUR SOCIAL ENVIRONMENT SUCH AS SLUMS AND  
GHETTOS, AND POLLUTION OF OUR MINDS BY PREJUDICE AND BITTERNESS.

✓ BUILDING A BETTER AMERICA MEANS ECONOMIC SECURITY FOR MORE  
THAN 20 MILLION ELDERLY AMERICANS.

IT MEANS RAISING SOCIAL SECURITY BENEFITS, ~~NOT BY 25 PERCENT~~.

REFORMING AN INADEQUATE MEDICARE SYSTEM AND IMMEDIATELY LIFTING

THE ~~5.4 MILLION~~ ELDERLY POOR OUT OF POVERTY WITH GUARANTEED

PAYMENT TO OLD AGE, BLIND AND DISABLED BENEFICIARIES.

BUILDING A BETTER AMERICA MEANS CONTINUING OUR VITAL  
SPACE PROGRAM INCLUDING THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE SPACE SHUTTLE.  
WE MUST NOT BE DEFENSIVE ABOUT SPACE RESEARCH. OUR EXPENDITURES  
IN THIS AREA ARE A WISE INVESTMENT FOR AMERICA AND WILL BRING  
SIGNIFICANT RETURNS IN NATIONAL SECURITY, SCIENTIFIC, TECHNOLO-  
GICAL, MEDICAL, AND ENVIRONMENTAL BENEFITS TO OUR NATION.

BUILDING A BETTER AMERICA MEANS FIGHTING THE ENEMY WITHIN

-- CRIME AND DRUG TRAFFIC. THE FIRST DUTY OF GOVERNMENT IS TO

GUARANTEE SAFETY. AND THIS MEANS EFFECTIVE AND EFFICIENT LAW

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BUILDING A BETTER AMERICA MEANS MAKING GOVERNMENT WORK AT

THE STREET LEVEL -- THE NEIGHBORHOODS -- WHERE OUR PEOPLE LIVE.

AND IT MEANS REVITALIZING OUR CITIES, OUR SMALL TOWNS AND RURAL

AMERICA WITH NEW WAYS OF PLANNING AND FINANCING DESIGNED TO

STIMULATE PRIVATE INITIATIVES AND TO BUILD PUBLIC FACILITIES.

IT CAN AND MUST BE DONE.



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WE MUST DO FOR AMERICA NOW WHAT WE HAVE DONE FOR THE REST  
OF THE WORLD.

*World Bank - Nat Domestic  
Security Bank*

L A BETTER AMERICA MEANS A HEALTHY AMERICA AND IT MEANS ACCESS  
TO HEALTH AND HOSPITAL CARE FOR EVERYONE UNDER A BROAD SYSTEM OF  
HEALTH INSURANCE.

L THESE ARE MESSAGES I HAVE BROUGHT TO THE PEOPLE OF *Dominica*  
THESE ARE THE ISSUES I HAVE DISCUSSED FROM *Philadelphia to*  
*Los Angeles.*

LIKE MANY OF YOU HERE TODAY, I HAVE DEVOTED MY LIFE TO  
PUBLIC SERVICE,

BUT IN TODAY'S AMERICA, DEVOTION IS NOT ENOUGH. CARING IS  
NOT ENOUGH. ONLY COMMITMENT WITH ACTION CAN MEET OUR NEEDS.

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BUT ACTION WILL BE SLOW IN COMING UNTIL ALL AMERICANS

RECOGNIZE THAT WE CAN ONLY MOVE FORWARD AS ONE PEOPLE -- NOT

A DIVIDED NATION OF RICH AGAINST POOR, NORTH AGAINST SOUTH, YOUNG

AGAINST OLD, BLACK AGAINST WHITE,

WE MUST NOT YIELD TO THOSE WHO WOULD PLAY UPON DIFFERENCES

OF RACE, RELIGION, OR INCOME.

WE MUST REJECT THE COUNSEL OF THOSE WHO SEEK TO DIVIDE US,

~~THOSE WHO USE THE TACTICS OF HATE AND FEAR,~~ THOSE WHO SEEK TO

REVERSE OUR PROGRESS TOWARD EQUAL OPPORTUNITY FOR ALL PEOPLE.

THEIRS IS THE MESSAGE OF DESPAIR, AND AMERICA NEEDS A MESSAGE

OF HOPE.

THE STRENGTH OF THE NATION IS IN ITS PEOPLE -- UNITED  
IN A RESPECT FOR OUR DIVERSITY BUT FINDING COMMON CAUSE IN GREAT  
GOALS.

OUR TASK MUST BE ONE OF RECONCILING OUR DIFFERENCES.

REBUILDING OUR NATION AND REBIRTH OF OUR SPIRIT. I AM AN

OPTIMIST ABOUT AMERICA'S FUTURE. I SEEK NOT ONLY THE PRESIDENCY  
BUT TO LIFT THE SPIRIT OF THE PEOPLE.

AS CARL SANDBERG WROTE:

"I SEE AMERICA, NOT IN THE SETTING SUN OF A BLACK  
NIGHT OF DESPAIR AHEAD OF US. I SEE AMERICA IN THE  
CRIMSON LIGHT OF A RISING SUN FRESH FROM THE BURNING.  
CREATIVE HAND OF GOD. I SEE GREAT DAYS AHEAD, GREAT  
DAYS POSSIBLE TO MEN AND WOMEN OF WILL AND VISION..."

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In conclusion I want to discuss  
the vital issue of national  
~~ON NATIONAL DEFENSE~~ security. In this  
election year

We are going to do more than select  
candidates for President and Vice President at  
Miami next month --

We are going to make fundamental policy  
decisions that will be placed before the voters  
in November for approval. — one of these

will be  
Decisions on national defense --

whether the Democratic Party is going to favor  
disarming unilaterally or whether we will stand  
up for national security through negotiated,  
bilateral, mutual arms control and disarmament.

I will not support a policy which would in  
a crisis, leave us no alternative but to back down  
or to resort to massive nuclear retaliation.



~~But~~ I pledge that my highest priority as President would be to seek binding, enforcable agreements with the Soviet Union <sup>and others</sup> to reduce <sup>^</sup> on both sides the terrible economic burden of the arms race — *and at the danger it carries.*

That is the <sup>^</sup> *reasonable* way to reduce defense spending and at the same time to maintain our national security.

And let us remember that the principal duty of the President of the United States is to protect and defend the nation.

No man is going to be elected President who forgets or denies that fundamental responsibility.

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The second great responsibility of the President is to promote the general welfare of the American people.

The strength of our country is not to be found only in the cutting edge of our military power --

It is in the education, health, *well being, and* productivity of our people.

~~This means quality education for all of our people; access to good medical care for all of our people; gainful employment for all those capable of work, an expanding economy; care for our elderly and needy; and a full measure of equal opportunity for all of our people.~~

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~~FAVORITISM. Congressman Wilbur Mills has called~~  
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~~for a complete review of all so called~~ tax  
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*place under*  
NEED IT OR BURDEN THOSE WHO PAY FOR IT. FUNDAMENTAL CHANGES  
*IN THIS SYSTEM ARE NECESSARY IF THE PRINCIPAL OF COMPASSIONATE*  
*AID TO AMERICANS IN NEED IS TO SURVIVE.*

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NO DISCUSSION OF AN AGENDA FOR PROGRESSIVE CHANGE CAN BE  
COMPLETE WITHOUT CONSIDERING HOW AMERICANS MUST CHANGE THE WAY  
WE WORK AND LIVE TOGETHER.

IN 1948 I CALLED UPON MY FELLOW DEMOCRATS TO WALK OUT  
OF THE SHADOW OF STATES' RIGHTS AND INTO THE SUNLIGHT OF HUMAN  
RIGHTS.

THE YEARS SINCE 1948 HAVE BEEN ONE OF PROGRESSION TOWARDS  
THAT GOAL. WE MUST NOT TURN BACK. WE CANNOT TURN BACK.

THE REMNANTS OF BIGOTRY AND PREJUDICE WHICH ~~TO HARM~~ *deny*  
OPPORTUNITIES AND ~~DENY~~ EQUAL RIGHTS MUST BE BANISHED FOREVER  
FROM OUR NATION.

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~~WHEN WE ARE A DIVIDED AMERICA WE ARE A WEAK AMERICA. WHEN~~  
~~SOME OF OUR PEOPLE FIND THEIR LIVES BLOCKED, THEN ALL AMERICANS~~  
~~SUFFER.~~

BUILDING A BETTER AMERICA MEANS ENDING THE DIVISIONS  
WHICH WEAKEN OUR COUNTRY.

AN AGENDA FOR PROGRESSIVE CHANGE MUST LOOK TOWARDS THE  
FUTURE OF AMERICA.

~~THERE ARE TWO COURSES OUR NATION AND OUR PEOPLE COULD~~  
~~FOLLOW.~~

*We cannot*  
WE CAN CONTINUE AS WE HAVE IN THE PAST -- WITHOUT PLANNING,  
WITHOUT NATIONAL GOALS, WITHOUT ANY ATTEMPT TO DETERMINE WHAT  
OUR PEOPLE WANT, HOW WE ARE GOING TO LIVE, OR WHERE WE ARE  
GOING TO LIVE.

*We must follow a*  
~~OR, WE CAN TAKE ANOTHER, MORE POSITIVE COURSE,~~

THIS IS THE COURSE OF PLANNING AND DESIGNING OUR  
FUTURE, OF UNDERSTANDING GROWTH, OF CONTROLLING, OF GUIDING  
THE UTILIZATION AND ALLOCATION OF OUR RESOURCES TO MAKE  
OUR INSTITUTIONS RESPOND TO THE KIND OF FUTURE WE AS A GOOD  
PEOPLE WANT.

THIS IS THE COURSE OF BALANCED NATIONAL GROWTH AND  
DEVELOPMENT.

THIS IS THE COURSE I WANT TO CHART FOR AMERICA IN THE  
1970's.

I WILL SOON INTRODUCE IN CONGRESS, THE BALANCED NATIONAL  
GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT ACT OF 1972.



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THIS BILL REPRESENTS THE FIRST STEP -- AND OFFICIAL  
BEGINNING -- TOWARDS THINKING AND PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE  
OF OUR NATION.

FOR TOO LONG WE HAVE LET THE PAST DETERMINE OUR FUTURE  
BECAUSE WE HAVE NO PLANNED ALTERNATIVES FOR CHANGE.

THE BIBLE SAYS THAT WITHOUT VISION, THE PEOPLE PERISH.

I WANT TO LEAD AN AMERICA WITH VISION AND PURPOSE.

I WANT TO LEAD A NATION FORWARD TO THE GOALS OF ECONOMIC  
AND SOCIAL JUSTICE.

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