## REMARKS OF SENATOR HUBERT H. HUMPHREY DFL STATE CONVENTION DINNER Duluth, Minnesota June 4, 1976 I'm happy to be here with you this evening. It's always a privilege to meet and to talk with you, but tonight is very special. of this party, and how very proud I am of its people and its program.

I am greatly honored to have received your endorsement this afternoon. You know how deeply I value and cherish the support

There is no more progressive and principled political organization in this country than our own Democratic-Farmer-Labor Party. We have worked some thirty years to build its strength, to nurture its support, and to implement its programs.

And so I pledge to you tonight that, united with you in common cause, I will dedicate every ounce of my effort to leading a vigorous campaign for the renewal of this party's mandate to continue the politics of integrity, substance and service.

Just one month from today, we will celebrate our nation's Declaration of Independence. We will honor the daring, pioneering spirit of those early Americans who launched our bold experiment in democracy. We will laud those who defied the established limits of their time, cast aside the comfortable rhetoric of the period, and risked the creation of a new political order.

And I believe that historians will one day mark this year as a time when Americans rediscovered their true values and strengths, and recaptured the sense of purpose that has sustained our country for two hundred years.

Thomas Jefferson -- the principal author of that declaration and the founder of our party -- spoke of our struggle for justice, freedom and human dignity in his first Inaugural Address.

"These principles," he said, "form the bright constellation which has gone up before us, and guided our steps through an age of revolution and reformation. The wisdom of our sages and the blood of our heroes have been devoted to their attainment.

"They should be the creed of our political faith -- the text of our civil instruction -- the touchstone by which to try the services of those we trust: and should we wander from them in moments of error or alarm, let us hasten to retrace our steps and to regain the road which alone leads to peace, liberty and safety."

Today the American people thirst for political leaders who will invoke that same spirit of justice and decency and fairness. They are ready to walk with leaders who will work to restore the integrity of government, provide the substance of a national agenda to put America back to work, and dedicate themselves to serving the people.

This is the principal task facing every man and woman in public life today. It challenges those of all political persuasions and allegiances. It is a clarion call for compassion and dignity and honesty in American life.

And that is just one reason why it troubles me that our Republican friends here in Minnesota -- and they are our good fellow citizens -- have instead chosen the politics of image, personality and charade.

Rather than restore order and program and principle in their party -- which once was the proud tradition of progressive Minnesota Republicans -- they have resorted to political cosmetics and they demean the intelligence of the people of this state in the process.

This brand of politics is well typified by the addition of the word "independent" to their party's name. Now, "independent," in "grass-roots" Minnesota, has always stood for something very important. But the people who subscribe to the principles of political non-alignment will not be fooled by this Republican ploy.

Nevertheless, true Republicans are left disappointed because their party hierarchy has signalled an end to their progressive tradition in a desperate attempt to avoid dealing constructively with the substance of the issue.

The "Independent-Republicans" have, quite simply, decided that this change is the way to separate them from their party's record. And they have good reason to want to be independent of Nixon and Watergate, Ford and Recession, and Reagan and his Twenty Mule Team foreign and economic policy speeches.

But in fact they are not independent of their national party's record. And this fictitious change will not gain them a pardon from the people of Minnesota.

So I ask you tonight to organize as never before in an effort to cut through this Republican smokescreen of political chicanery and gain an overwhelming, deserved re-election of a DFL legislature this November.

You and I -- this entire party -- should take immense pride in the record of DFL government in Minnesota.

Our talented Governor, our dedicated state constitutional officers, and especially our DFL legislators, have changed the standards by which one judges the worth and ability of state government.

And they have changed -- after one hundred years of Republican rule by indifference -- for the better.

For too many Americans, and for too many years in Minnesota, the question seemed to be one of "interference" -- was state government in the way of progress? And, under the Republicans, the answer too often was "yes."

But today, you expect more from the DFL and you get it.

Our DFL majorities in the legislature have demonstrated:

- -- that the principle of equal educational opportunity can be made to work;
- -- that state government can take effective action to stem the rise of regressive local property taxes;
- -- that government belongs in the sunshine and that openness gives the people the accountability they demand and deserve; and much more.

Acting responsibly, our legislators have shown that it is possible to hold the line of state tax increases and improve the quality and efficiency of government services.

But more important, these legislators have demonstrated that they've learned a lesson taught each election by Minnesota voters: That good government results when promises made become promises kept. And for these reasons alone, I want you to join with me and Senator Mondale, our congressional delegation, and all of our State Constitutional officers in heralding the record of this DFL legislature and seeing that this party -- you and I -- deliver for these legislators on election day as they have for us in St. Paul.

And I want you to join with me in pledging that same effort on behalf of our congressional candidates and the ticket of our national party.

This year the American people are filled with the Bicentennial spirit.

In 1776, the American people proclaimed their independence and threw out the British Tories.

In 1976, the American people will once again affirm our independence and kick out the Republican Tories, at the ballot box.

That's the Bicentennial spirit that assures a good beginning for the next 100 years. Let's get the party of Jefferson back in power!

In the last 24 years, we've had Republicans in the White House 16 of those years -- and the recent seven sad years of the Nixon-Ford Administration have clearly demonstrated that Republicans are incapable of running the country in the interest of all the people.

If there is a mess in Washington, it's their mess. If there are too many regulations, they wrote them. If no one is listening, it's Republican ears that are plugged.

Now, if you were a Republican, wouldn't you run against Washington? But remember, Gerry Ford has been there since 1949.

We are not going to let Republicans cover-up the fact that 57 million Americans were thrown out of work by two recessions and Herbert Hoover economics.

We are not going to let Republicans run away from the fact that America's working families have seen their entire income gain of the 1960's wiped out by the policies of the Wall Street boys who occupy the White House corridors.

Republicans can't run away from ninety-two vetoes which say No! No! No! to the hopes and aspirations of the American people.

And the Republicans cannot run away from their promises made in the heated days of 1968 that they would bring law and order to the Republic.

Instead, they brought lawlessness and corruption to the nation's highest office, and crime in the streets has reached unprecedented levels.

The election of 1976 will mark one of those historic moments in the history of American politics when the people will demand an accounting and say, "Enough."

We've had enough of those who claim recovery and prosperity after bringing us the longest and worst recession since the Great Depression.

Enough of inflation -- enough of high interest rates.

Yes, we've had enough of those who proclaim the work ethic and expand the welfare rolls.

Enough of those who denounce deficits and then cause deficits to grow even larger.

Enough of those who worship at the shrine of free enterprise and let monopolies flourish.

I say enough of Republicans. Yes, more than enough. It's time to clean house -- throw the rascals out.

But the people have a right to ask: What do we stand for?

What do we want for the American people?

First and foremost, we will not launch a massive retreat into an era of mediocre expectations accompanied by comfort for the rich and "second class" government service for the rest of America.

We want a productive America and we stand committed to full employment that will assure decent jobs at decent wages.

We want to realize the right of every American to live a full life, and we will adopt a national health care system that provides quality health care to all.

We want to sustain and enlarge economic opportunities for the family farm, and we will write a national food policy that does just that.

We want to build a creative urban environment, and we will implement a housing program that replaces slums with decent homes and makes home ownership a reality for working people once again.

We want to end discrimination, and we will vigorously enforce and adopt standards to see that equal opportunity reaches into every aspect of American life.

We want a better life for our young people, and we will champion the cause of education.

And we want a society that openly and fully expresses its love and respect for its senior citizens through generous and decent care.

We believe in the future of America and will elect men and women who are guided by a sense of vision and fairness to lead our nation.

Our hopes for victory in November can be realized if we work together in the days ahead.

Unity will bring us more than victory.

It will bring us opportunity: opportunity to govern a nation with compassion and justice;

Opportunity to get this nation moving once again in the spirit of Roosevelt, Truman, Kennedy and Johnson; and

Opportunity for America once more to be confident and happy -- this is our promise to the American people!

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JUNE 4, 1976

I'M HAPPY TO BE HERE WITH YOU THIS EVENING. IT'S ALWAYS A PRIVILEGE TO MEET AND TO TALK WITH YOU, BUT TONIGHT IS VERY SPECIAL. I AM GREATLY HONORED TO HAVE RECEIVED YOUR ENDORSEMENT THIS AFTERNOON. YOU KNOW HOW DEEPLY I VALUE AND CHERISH THE SUPPORT OF THIS PARTY, AND HOW VERY PROUD I AM OF ITS PEOPLE AND ITS PROGRAM. THERE IS NO MORE PROGRESSIVE AND PRINCIPLED POLITICAL ORGANIZATION IN THIS COUNTRY THAN OUR OWN DEMOCRATIC-FARMER-LABOR PARTY WE HAVE WORKED SOME THIRTY YEARS TO BUILD ITS STRENGTH, TO NURTURE ITS SUPPORT, AND TO IMPLEMENT ITS PROGRAMS. AND SO I PLEDGE TO YOU TONIGHT THAT, UNITED WITH YOU IN COMMON CAUSE, I WILL DEDICATE EVERY OUNCE OF MY EFFORT TO LEADING A VIGOROUS CAMPAIGN FOR THE RENEWAL OF THIS PARTY'S MANDATE TO CONTINUE THE POLITICS OF INTEGRITY, SUBSTANCE AND SERVICE.

JUST ONE MONTH FROM TODAY, WE WILL CELEBRATE OUR NATION'S

DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE. WE WILL HONOR THE DARING, PIONEERING

SPIRIT OF THOSE EARLY AMERICANS WHO LAUNCHED OUR BOLD EXPERIMENT

IN DEMOCRACY. WE WILL LAUD THOSE WHO DEFIED THE ESTABLISHED

LIMITS OF THEIR TIME, CAST ASIDE THE COMFORTABLE RHETORIC OF

THE PERIOD, AND RISKED THE CREATION OF A NEW POLITICAL ORDER.

AND I BELIEVE THAT HISTORIANS WILL ONE DAY MARK THIS YEAR, 1976,

AS A TIME WHEN AMERICANS REDISCOVERED THEIR TRUE VALUES AND

STRENGTHS, AND RECAPTURED THE SENSE OF PURPOSE THAT HAS SUSTAINED

OUR COUNTRY FOR TWO HUNDRED YEARS.

THOMAS JEFFERSON -- THE PRINCIPAL AUTHOR OF THAT DECLARATION

AND THE FOUNDER OF OUR PARTY -- SPOKE OF OUR STRUGGLE FOR JUSTICE,

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"These principles," He said, "form the Bright constellation which has gone up before us, and guided our steps through an age of revolution and reformation. The wisdom of our sages and the blood of our heroes have been devoted to their attainment.

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HASTEN TO RETRACE OUR STEPS AND TO REGAIN THE ROAD WHICH

ALONE LEADS TO PEACE, LIBERTY AND SAFETY."

TODAY THE AMERICAN PEOPLE THIRST FOR POLITICAL LEADERS WHO WILL INVOKE THAT SAME SPIRIT OF JUSTICE AND DECENCY AND FAIRNESS.

THEY ARE READY TO WALK WITH LEADERS WHO WILL WORK TO RESTORE THE INTEGRITY OF GOVERNMENT, PROVIDE THE SUBSTANCE OF A NATIONAL AGENDA TO PUT AMERICA BACK TO WORK, AND DEDICATE THEMSELVES TO SERVING THE PEOPLE.

THIS IS THE PRINCIPAL TASK FACING EVERY MAN AND WOMAN IN

PUBLIC LIFE TODAY. IT CHALLENGES THOSE OF ALL POLITICAL PERSUASIONS

AND ALLEGIANCES. IT IS A CLARION CALL FOR COMPASSION AND DIGNITY AND

HONESTY IN AMERICAN LIFE.

AND THAT IS JUST ONE REASON WHY IT TROUBLES ME THAT OUR

REPUBLICAN FRIENDS HERE IN MINNESOTA -- AND THEY ARE OUR GOOD

FELLOW CITIZENS -- HAVE INSTEAD CHOSEN THE POLITICS OF IMAGE,

PERSONALITY AND CHARADE.

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PARTY -- WHICH ONCE WAS THE PROUD TRADITION OF PROGRESSIVE MINNESOTA

REPUBLICANS -- THEY HAVE RESORTED TO POLITICAL COSMETICS AND THEY

DEMEAN THE INTELLIGENCE OF THE PEOPLE OF THIS STATE IN THE PROCESS.

THIS BRAND OF POLITICS IS WELL TYPIFIED BY THE ADDITION OF THE WORD "INDEPENDENT" TO THEIR PARTY'S NAME. Now, "INDEPENDENT," IN "GRASS-ROOTS" MINNESOTA, HAS ALWAYS STOOD FOR SOMETHING VERY IMPORTANT. BUT THE PEOPLE WHO SUBSCRIBE TO THE PRINCIPLES OF POLITICAL NON-ALIGNMENT WILL NOT BE FOOLED BY THIS REPUBLICAN PLOY.

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BECAUSE THEIR PARTY HIERARCHY HAS SIGNALLED AN END TO THEIR

PROGRESSIVE TRADITION IN A DESPERATE ATTEMPT TO AVOID DEALING

CONSTRUCTIVELY WITH THE SUBSTANCE OF THE ISSUE.

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NIXON AND WATERGATE, FORD AND RECESSION, AND REAGAN AND HIS

TWENTY MULE TEAM FOREIGN AND ECONOMIC POLICY SPEECHES.

BUT IN FACT THEY ARE NOT INDEPENDENT OF THEIR NATIONAL PARTY'S

AND THIS FICTITIOUS CHANGE WILL NOT GAIN THEM A PARDON

FROM THE PEOPLE OF MINNESOTA.

So I ask you tonight to organize as never before in an effort to CUT THROUGH THIS REPUBLICAN SMOKESCREEN OF POLITICAL CHICANERY AND GAIN AN OVERWHELMING, DESERVED RE-ELECTION OF A DFL LEGISLATURE YOU AND I -- THIS ENTIRE PARTY -- SHOULD TAKE IMMENSE PRIDE IN THIS NOVEMBER.

THE RECORD OF DFL GOVERNMENT IN MINNESOTA.

OUR TALENTED GOVERNOR, OUR DEDICATED STATE CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICERS, AND ESPECIALLY OUR DFL LEGISLATORS, HAVE CHANGED THE STANDARDS BY WHICH ONE JUDGES THE WORTH AND ABILITY OF STATE GOVERNMENT.

AND THEY HAVE CHANGED, -- AFTER ONE HUNDRED YEARS OF REPUBLICAN RULE BY INDIFFERENCE -- FOR THE BETTER.

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GOVERNMENT IN THE WAY OF PROGRESS? AND, UNDER THE REPUBLICANS,

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L OUR DFL MAJORITIES IN THE LEGISLATURE HAVE DEMONSTRATED:

- THAT THE PRINCIPLE OF EQUAL EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITY

CAN BE MADE TO WORK;

THAT STATE GOVERNMENT CAN TAKE EFFECTIVE ACTION TO STEM THE RISE OF REGRESSIVE LOCAL PROPERTY TAXES;

THAT GOVERNMENT BELONGS IN THE SUNSHINE AND THAT OPENNESS GIVES THE PEOPLE THE ACCOUNTABILITY THEY DEMAND AND DESERVE;

ACTING RESPONSIBLY, OUR LEGISLATORS HAVE SHOWN THAT IT IS POSSIBLE TO HOLD THE LINE OF STATE TAX INCREASES AND IMPROVE THE QUALITY AND EFFICIENCY OF GOVERNMENT SERVICES

BUT MORE IMPORTANT, THESE LEGISLATORS HAVE DEMONSTRATED

THAT THEY'VE LEARNED A LESSON TAUGHT EACH ELECTION BY

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PROMISES MADE BECOME PROMISES KEPT.

AND FOR THESE REASONS ALONE, I WANT YOU TO JOIN WITH ME Dovemm Anderson,

AND SENATOR MONDALE, OUR CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION, AND ALL OF OUR

STATE CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICERS IN HERALDING THE RECORD OF THIS

DFL LEGISLATURE AND SEEING THAT THIS PARTY -- YOU AND I --

DELIVER FOR THESE LEGISLATORS ON ELECTION DAY AS THEY HAVE FOR

US IN ST. PAUL.

AND I WANT YOU TO JOIN WITH ME IN PLEDGING THAT SAME EFFORT

ON BEHALF OF OUR CONGRESSIONAL CANDIDATES AND THE TICKET OF

OUR NATIONAL PARTY.

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SPIRIT.

IN 1776, THE AMERICAN PEOPLE PROCLAIMED THEIR INDEPENDENCE

AND THREW OUT THE BRITISH TORIES.

IN 1976, THE AMERICAN PEOPLE WILL ONCE AGAIN AFFIRM OUR INDEPENDENCE AND KICK OUT THE REPUBLICAN TORIES, AT THE BALLOT BOX. THAT'S THE BICENTENNIAL SPIRIT THAT ASSURES A GOOD BEGINNING FOR THE NEXT 100 YEARS. LET'S GET THE PARTY OF JEFFERSON BACK yn 7GOP IN POWER! IN THE LAST 24 YEARS, WE'VE HAD REPUBLICANS IN THE WHITE House 16 of those years -- AND THE RECENT SEVEN SAD YEARS OF THE NIXON-FORD ADMINISTRATION HAVE CLEARLY DEMONSTRATED THAT REPUBLICANS ARE INCAPABLE OF RUNNING THE COUNTRY IN THE INT OF ALL THE PEOPLE. IF THERE IS A MESS IN WASHINGTON, IT'S THEIR MESS. / IF THERE ARE TOO MANY REGULATIONS, THEY WROTE THEM. IF NO ONE IS LISTENING, IT'S REPUBLICAN EARS THAT ARE PLUGGED.

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Now, if you were a Republican, wouldn't you run against

WASHINGTON? BUT REMEMBER, GERRY FORD HAS BEEN THERE SINCE

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57 MILLION AMERICANS WERE THROWN OUT OF WORK BY TWO RECESSIONS

AND HERBERT HOOVER ECONOMICS.

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THAT AMERICA'S WORKING FAMILIES HAVE SEEN THEIR ENTIRE INCOME

GAIN OF THE 1960'S WIPED OUT BY THE POLICIES OF THE WALL STREET

BOYS WHO OCCUPY THE WHITE HOUSE CORRIDORS.

REPUBLICANS CAN'T RUN AWAY FROM NINETY-TWO VETOES WHICH

SAYS No! No! No! TO THE HOPES AND ASPIRATIONS OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE.

AND THE REPUBLICANS CANNOT RUN AWAY FROM THEIR PROMISES MADE IN THE HEATED DAYS OF 1968 THAT THEY WOULD BRING LAW AND ORDER TO THE REPUBLIC.

INSTEAD, THEY BROUGHT LAWLESSNESS AND CORRUPTION TO THE NATION'S HIGHEST OFFICE, AND CRIME IN THE STREETS HAS REACHED UNPRECEDENTED LEVELS.

THE ELECTION OF 1976 WILL MARK ONE OF THOSE HISTORIC

MOMENTS IN THE HISTORY OF AMERICAN POLITICS WHEN THE PEOPLE

WILL DEMAND AN ACCOUNTING AND SAY, "ENOUGH,"

We've had enough of those who CLAIM RECOVERY AND PROSPERITY

AFTER BRINGING US THE LONGEST AND WORST RECESSION SINCE THE

GREAT DEPRESSION.

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BUT THE PEOPLE HAVE A RIGHT TO ASK: WHAT DO WE STAND FOR?

WHAT DO WE WANT FOR THE AMERICAN PEOPLE?

FIRST AND FOREMOST, WE WILL NOT LAUNCH A MASSIVE RETREAT INTO

AN ERA OF MEDIOCRE EXPECTATIONS ACCOMPANIED BY COMFORT FOR THE RICH

AND "SECOND CLASS" GOVERNMENT SERVICE FOR THE REST OF AMERICA.

WE WANT A PRODUCTIVE AMERICA AND WE STAND COMMITTED TO

FULL EMPLOYMENT THAT WILL ASSURE DECENT JOBS AT DECENT WAGES.

WE WANT TO REALIZE THE RIGHT OF EVERY AMERICAN TO LIVE A

FULL LIFE, AND WE WILL ADOPT A NATIONAL HEALTH CARE SYSTEM THAT

PROVIDES QUALITY HEALTH CARE TO ALL.

WE WANT TO SUSTAIN AND ENLARGE ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE

FAMILY FARM, AND WE WILL WRITE A NATIONAL FOOD POLICY THAT DOES

JUST THAT.

WE WANT TO BUILD A CREATIVE URBAN ENVIRONMENT, AND WE WILL

IMPLEMENT A HOUSING PROGRAM THAT REPLACES SLUMS WITH DECENT

HOMES AND MAKES HOME OWNERSHIP A REALITY FOR WORKING PEOPLE

ONCE AGAIN.

WE WANT TO END DISCRIMINATION, AND WE WILL VIGOROUSLY ENFORCE AND ADOPT STANDARDS TO SEE THAT EQUAL OPPORTUNITY REACHES INTO EVERY ASPECT OF AMERICAN LIFE.

WE WANT A BETTER LIFE FOR OUR YOUNG PEOPLE, AND WE WILL CHAMPION THE CAUSE OF EDUCATION.

AND WE WANT A SOCIETY THAT OPENLY AND FULLY EXPRESSES ITS

LOVE AND RESPECT FOR ITS SENIOR CITIZENS THROUGH GENEROUS

AND DECENT CARE.

We believe in the future of America and will elect men and women who are guided by a sense of vision and fairness to lead our nation.

OUR HOPES FOR VICTORY IN NOVEMBER CAN BE REALIZED IF WE WORK TOGETHER IN THE DAYS AHEAD.

UNITY WILL BRING US MORE THAN VICTORY.

IT WILL BRING US OPPORTUNITY: OPPORTUNITY TO GOVERN A
NATION WITH COMPASSION AND JUSTICE;

OPPORTUNITY TO GET THIS NATION MOVING ONCE AGAIN IN THE SPIRIT OF ROOSEVELT, TRUMAN, KENNEDY AND JOHNSON; AND

OPPORTUNITY FOR AMERICA ONCE MORE TO BE CONFIDENT AND
HAPPY -- THIS IS OUR PROMISE TO THE AMERICAN PEOPLE!

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