

E. GENERAL GOVERNMENT

1. Reorganization

a. Executive Branch Reorganization

- (1) Creating a separate Cabinet level Department of Education. (NEA Questionnaire Response, Pre-Convention No. 7)
- (2) Maintaining the Veterans Administration as the principal agency charged with administering veterans programs. (American Legion Speech 8/24/76)
- (3) Reorganizing completely the energy-related agencies: (Energy Reorganization Statement 9/21/76)
 - (a) Establishing in one Cabinet level department a single unit which encompasses the present functions of FEA, FPC, ERC, ERDA, and the energy-related functions of the Department of Commerce, the Treasury Department, the SEC, the ICC, and the economic and regulatory functions of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission:
 - (b) Abolishing FEA, EPC, ERC, and the ERDA. Excluding from the new Energy cabinet department certain energy-related functions of other agencies:
 - (i) Preserving the Interior Department's control of public lands.
 - (ii) Preserving the responsibilities of EPA

and the Nuclear Regulatory Commission in environmental areas.

(iii) Preserving the responsibilities of HUD and the Department of Transportation in a comprehensive energy conservation program.

- (4) Reducing the number of federal agencies (about 1900) to no more than 200. (Platform Presentation 6/18/76)
- (5) Taking strong steps against the proliferation of new agencies and weeding out obsolescent ones. (Public Citizen Forum Address 8/9/76)
- (6) Coordinating federal agencies which have impact on wetlands. (Statement on Wetlands, Post-Convention No. 170)
- (7) Consolidating the three overlapping cabinet-lapping committees dealing with drug abuse and control into one, and personally seeing to it that it functions. (Detroit Speech, 10/25/76)
- (8) Placing Medicaid, Medicare and quality review under the same management. (APHA Speech, 10/19/76)
- (9) Handling employee reductions in the same manner as in Georgia: no one will lose a job as a result of reorganization, but once vacancies occur they might not be filled. (Interview with Business Week 5/13/76)

b. Executive Office of the President

- (1) Reducing the size of the White House Staff.
- (2) Upgrading immediately the Office of Science Advisor to the President in order to provide a permanent and high level relationship between the White House decision-making process and the scientific community. (Statement on the Scientific Community, Pre-Convention No. 81)
- (3) Establishing in the Office of the President a Counselor on the Aging, to develop innovative programs for the elderly and ensure that government action takes into account fully the concerns of the elderly. (Statement on Social Security, Pre-Convention No. 83)
- (4) Expanding the role of the Council of Economic Advisors to include a coordinated government planning to attack problems of structural unemployment, inflation, environmental deterioration, exaggeration of economic inequalities, natural resource limitations, and obstructions to the operation of the free market system. (Economic Position Paper 4/22/76)
- (5) Formulating a single coordinated national economic policy. (Economic Press Briefing 7/28/76)

c. Regulatory Reform

- (1) Creating a Consumer Protection Agency or an Agency for Consumer Advocacy. (Public Citizen Forum

Address 8/9/76)

- (2) Reorganizing the railroads to achieve closer inter-modal coordination at the federal level, along with increased support for research and development; modifying the present regulatory structure to encourage better coordination among modes.
(Statement on Railroad Reorganization, Pre-Convention No. 79.)
- (3) Considering the movement of the Mine Safety Administration from the Interior Department to the Labor Department. (Statement in Pennsylvania 4/21/76)
- (4) Establishing an environmental and occupational cancer task force to aggressively apply tools at the government's disposal for health protection.
(Speech New Jersey 10/28/76)

d. State/Local Relations

- (1) Upgrading the role of regional councils representing the federal government to assist state and local officials, as well as private citizens, in dealing with federal agencies; empowering the councils to review conflicts among the various federal agencies and allowing them quick access to the highest levels of the federal government. (National Governors' Conference Remarks, 7/6/76)
- (2) Establishing a system in the Executive Office of the President which enables the President to

keep abreast of local initiatives, and which permits state and local officials to consult with the highest levels of the federal government. (Ibid.)

- (3) Beginning to centralize federal activities within each city in one location. (Ibid.)

e. General

- (1) Requiring the Secretary of the Treasury, the Director of OMB, and the Chairman of the Federal Reserve to show in a consolidated report that their policies are mutually consistent or explain why they are not. (Platform Presentation, 6/16/76)
- (2) Reorganizing and simplifying the agency structure now responsible for running the National Parks. (Statement on National Parks, Post-Convention No. 161)
- (3) Moving the Army Corps of Engineers out of dam building and into more beneficial public efforts and projects. (Statement on the Corp of Engineers, Post-Convention No. 172)
- (4) Sponsoring sunset laws causing all programs to be reassessed for their efficacy every five years. (Small Business Address, 9/13/76)

2. Open and Honest Government

a. Open Government

- (1) Supporting an all inclusive Sunshine Law.
(Announcement Speech, 12/12/74): supporting the opening of meetings of federal boards, commissions, and regulatory agencies. (Consumer Affairs Statement, Pre-Convention No. 62)
- (2) Scheduling public interrogation sessions to allow the full bodies of the Congress to question Cabinet members. (Announcement Speech, 12/12/74)
- (3) Revealing immediately errors or malfeasance in the conduct of the government; giving an explanation to the public, along with corrective action, to prevent any recurrence of such actions. (Code of Ethics, Pre-Convention No. 71)
- (4) Minimizing government secrecy and maximizing citizen privacy. (The ABA Speech 8/31/76)
- (5) Broadening access by the public to government files; implementing maximum security declassifications. (Platform Presentation 6/16/76)
- (6) Holding news conferences every two weeks, with a minimum of twenty full scale news conferences per year; restoring the format of the Fireside Chat, using television or radio, or both. (TV Guide Interview, 10/9/76)

b. Financial Disclosure

- (1) Supporting quarterly reports of expenditures by all lobbyists who spend more than \$250 in lobbying in any three month period. (Code of Ethics, Pre-Convention No. 71)
- (2) Making mandatory financial disclosure for the President, Vice President and all of those appointed to major policy-making positions in the Administration. (The disclosure must include financial holdings, where assets are invested and where interests exists other than investments, in order to insure that no conflict with the public interest exist.) (Code of Ethics, Pre-Convention No. 71)
- (3) Requiring the reporting of all minor personal gifts to public officials and making public those reports. (Ibid)
- (4) Prohibiting gifts of value to public officials. (Announcement Speech, 12/12/74)
- (5) Making public all requests for government consideration by private or corporate interests, and making decisions on those requests only on the basis of merit. (Code of Ethics, Pre-Convention Issues No. 71)
- (6) Requiring the recording of requests to the IRS for income tax returns by anyone. (Ibid)

3. Election and Campaign Reform

- a. Supporting public financing of Congressional campaigns (Announcement Speech, 12/12/74)
- b. Supporting universal voter registration by postcards. (Ibid)
- c. Stating that fines for illegal campaign contribution should be at least equal to amount if illegal donation (Code of Ethics, Pre-Convention No. 71)
- d. Stating that equal protection in the political process, similar to that of Voting Rights Act, should be extended to all parts of the nation where minority representation and participation are clearly inadequate (NEA Questionnaire Response, Pre-Convention No. 7)

F. Special Groups

1. Elderly

a. Social Security

- (1) Preserving of Social Security's Financial integrity (Statement on Social Security, Pre-Convention No. 83)
- (2) Preserving the present cost-of-living benefits, for those receiving benefits: stabilizing the "replacement rate" of benefits to wages, through guarantee to present day contributors that their benefits at retirement will fully reflect increases in their wages (Ibid)
- (3) Ensuring that Social Security benefits for those working today will bear the same relationship to their earnings as is true of those already receiving Social Security (Ibid)
- (4) Seeking gradual increase in maximum amount of earnings subject to Social Security tax (as opposed to increase in base contribution rate) (Ibid)
- (5) Changing of Social Security laws to allow elderly to marry without loss of Social Security benefits (American Family Speech, 8/3/76.)
- (6) Easing of Social Security earnings test but to

encourage Social Security recipients who can take jobs to do so (Statement on Social Security, Pre-Convention No. 83)

- (7) Changing Social Security laws to eliminate sex discrimination (Platform Presentation 6/16/76)

b. Other Increasing Elderly Benefits

- (1) Helping to subsidize low-cost fares for elderly on federally financial public transit systems. (Statement on Social Security, Pre-Convention No. 83)
- (2) Providing subsidies through the Urban Mass Transit Administration to cities which provide free transit service to elderly during non-peak hours; encouraging reduced air fares for elderly (similar to those for military)
- (3) Increasing rapidly the Section 202 housing program for elderly; strongly protecting against the displacement of senior citizens by landlords seeking to convert rentals to condominiums. (Statement on Social Security, Pre-Convention No. 83.)
- (4) Enforcing strictly laws which guarantee the integrity of pension funds and requiring accountability by their administrators. (Ibid)

- (5) Changing laws and policies which force retirement on elderly willing and able to work.
(Ibid)
- (6) Enacting a national health care program to close the gaps still existing in health programs for elderly (and shifting focus of health programs from institutions and toward outpatient and home health service.) (Miami Senior Citizens Speech 10/19/76)
- (7) Enacting Federal programs that work with State and local enforcement agencies to get rid of street criminals preying on elderly (and enforcing laws against swindlers and con-men who take advantage of elderly.) (Ibid)
- (8) Increasing education for elderly (Statement on Education, Pre-Convention No. 69)

c. Appointments

Establishing, in the Executive Office of the President, a Counselor on the Aging to develop inovative programs for elderly and ensure concerns of elderly are fully taken in account.
(Statement on Social Security, Pre-Convention No. 83)

2. Handicapped and Disabled

a. Funding

- (1) Increasing federal expenditures for expansion of educational rights of the handicapped. (Statement on Education, Pre-Convention No. 69)
- (2) Expanding Section 202 Housing Program for the handicapped. (Neighborhood Speech 9 / 6 /76)
- (3) Supporting adequate funding for basic and applied research. (Statement on Americans with Disabilities, Post-Convention No. 185)
- (4) Providing an increased and better coordinated program of research and development for all projects which can help disabled people. (Ibid)

b. Civil Rights

- (1) Supporting legislation and initiating executive action to promote equal protection, educational opportunity, employment, access to public accommodations and facilities, and other services for the disabled. (Ibid)
- (2) Redressing discrimination against the handicapped. (Ibid)
- (3) Requiring each federal government department to develop an affirmative action program for

hiring the disabled. (Ibid)

- (4) Requiring each federal government department contractors for hiring the disabled. (Ibid)
- (5) Prohibiting discrimination against the disabled by recipients fo federal financial assistance. (Ibid)
- (6) Enforcing the Education Amendments of 1972, which are designed to prevent discrimination against the blind. (Ibid)
- (7) Seeking to keep tax laws free from discrimination against any handicapped or disabled individual. (Ibid)

c. Employment

- (1) Supporting legislation to allow workers in sheltered workshops to negotiate wages and conditions. (Ibid)
- (2) Ensuring employment opportunities for the handicapped in federally-funded projects. (Ibid)
- (3) Appointing qualified disabled persons, including the deaf, to positions where their talents and abilities will be useful. (Letter to the National Association for the Advancement of the Deaf, 9/22/76)

d. Education, Training and Rehabilitation

- (1) Broadening traditional concepts of rehabilitation to include independent living as a supported rehabilitation objective.
(Statement on Americans with Disabilities, Post-Convention No. 185)
- (2) Extending rehabilitation funding to provide services beyond the college level to those who have demonstrated their qualification for further education. (Ibid)
- (3) Implementing rapidly the Education of All Handicapped Children Act. (Ibid)
- (4) Making a determined effort under the Vocational Rehabilitation Act to make rehabilitation and training facilities available to all those who want them. (Remarks printed within The Exceptional Parent 9/76)
- (5) Removing from the Vocational Rehabilitation Act the restriction which excludes from the Act's coverage those disabled people who may not be able to enter the job market, but who can be trained to lead independent lives and to perform valuable services. (Ibid)

e. Institutional Care

- (1) Enforcing guidelines laid down for institutional care in the Developmental Disabil-

ities Assistance and Bill of Rights Act of 1975. (Statement on Americans with Disabilities, Post-Convention No. 185)

- (2) Supporting strong measures to insure proper maintenance of residential and institutional care facilities. (Letter to National Association of Retarded Citizens, 9/22/76)

f. Reorganization and Program Operation

- (1) Reorganizing and upgrading the coordination of federal programs impacting on the handicapped. (Statement on Americans with Disabilities, Post-Convention No. 185.)
- (2) Involving disabled people in the criticism, planning, and execution of programs which effect them. (Remarks printed in The Exceptional Parent 8/76)

g. Research and Development

- (1) Providing for more extensive development of research on the prevention, treatment, and cure of handicapping conditions. (Statement on Americans with Disabilities, Post-Convention No. 185.)
- (2) Enforcing the federal Architectural Barriers Law. (Ibid)

- (3) Designing buses, escalators, and other transportation systems so that they are much more easily accessible to disabled people than at present. (Remarks printed in The Exceptional Parent 8/76)

h. Recommendations to be Studied

- (1) Studying carefully the recommendations of The White House Conference on Handicapped Individuals, to be convened in Washington in May, 1977. (Statement on Americans with Disabilities, Post-Convention No. 185)
- (2) Studying the report of the National Commission for the Control of Epilepsy and Its Consequences, with a view toward implementing appropriate recommendations contained in it. (Letter to The Epilepsy Foundation of America 10/27/76)

3. Labor

a. Occupational Health and Safety

- (1) Improving working conditions and work safety programs. (Statement on OSHA, Pre-Convention No. 94)
- (2) Strengthening OSHA and ensuring that those who earn their living by personal labor can work in safe and healthy environments. (Platform Presentation 6/16/76)
- (3) Covering all employess by OSHA and enforcing OSHA as intended when enacted. (Ibid)
- (4) Ending the inexcusable delays in setting new occupational and safety standards and ensuring that OSHA has the professional enforcement, research and health personnel to implement effectively fair standards. (New Jersey Speech 10/28/76)
- (5) Clarifying and expanding state roles in the implementation of OSHA standards. (Statement on OSHA, Pre-Convention No. 94)

b. Mine Safety

- (1) Enacting a comprehensive mine safety law, and supporting special legislation which provides adequate compensation to coal miners and their dependents who have suffered disablement or death as a result of black lung disease. (Platform Presentation 6/16/76)

- (2) Enforcing mine safety precautions. (Statement in Pennsylvania 4/21/76)
- (3) Considering reorganizing the placement of Mine Safety Administration from the Interior Department to the Labor Department. (Ibid)
- (4) Appointing, in every instance, in mine safety agencies qualified people with experience in mine safety. (Ibid)

c. Situs Picketing

- (1) Favoring (possibly) a repeal of the prohibition against common situs picketing. (Fortune Magazine Interview, May 1976)

d. Right to Work

Signing legislation which would repeal the right to work provision of the Taft-Hartley Act.

(Statement on Labor, Pre-Convention No. 77)

e. Public Employees

Supporting comprehensive collective bargaining for all employees including, governmental; favoring arbitration for public safety employees. (Response to Iowa Democratic Party Poll prior to Caucuses)

f. Minimum Wage

Opposing the lowering of minimum wage for teenagers. (Business Week Interview 5/3/76)

g. Airline Employees

Supporting greater protection for airline employees against job, seniority or income losses (including

assistance for employees who might move between cities or firms). (Release on Regulatory Reform of the Airline Industry 10/30/76)

4. Small Business

- a. Increasing the chances for small businesses to compete for government contracts (Small Business Speech 9/13/76)
- b. Increasing the opportunity for sales of products (especially overseas) produced by small businesses (Ibid)
- c. Having more private investment participation in loans for new small businesses (Ibid)
- d. Breaking up the sweetheart arrangement between regulatory agencies and big industries (Ibid)

5. Veterans

- a. Ensuring better VA administration, competent administrators, and fair and sensitive VA employees. (American Legion Speech)
- b. Protecting of veterans benefits--pensions, VA hospitals, and the GI bill. ("Dear Veteran" letter)
- c. Maintaining VA as the principal agency charged with administering veterans programs. (Ibid)
- d. Insuring the highest standards of rehabilitation for disabled veterans. (Ibid)
- e. Implementing the law requiring hiring preference for the Vietnam veteran. (Ibid)

- f. Taking whatever additional actions are needed to bring down veterans unemployment. (Ibid)
- g. Favoring the extension of the period of eligibility for Vietnam War veterans to claim benefits and the giving to such veterans of cost-of-living increases in their benefits.
(Statement reported in Washington Post 4/6/76)

6. American Indians

- a. Fulfilling treaty obligations to the American Indians. (Statement on American Indians, Pre-Convention No. 92)
- b. Making an all-out effort to assist in the protection of Indians' land, water, and civil rights. (Ibid)
- c. Reviewing and revising, as necessary, the Federal laws relating to Indians and functions - and purposes of the Bureau of Indian Affairs (as part of the reorganization of Federal government. (Ibid)

7. Arts

- a. Strengthening the National Endowment for the Arts and providing it with increased resources; placing emphasis on the use of challenge grants. (Statement on the Arts, Post-Convention No. 188)
- b. Developing a rational, well-coordinated policy directed to the advancement and dissemination of the arts; implementing imaginative new programs for the advancement of cultural life. (Ibid)
- c. Not approving any actions which would impair the autonomy of the arts. (Ibid)
- d. Providing the needed leadership to obtain support for institutions like opera companies, museums, theaters, dance companies and symphony orchestras. (Ibid)
- e. Encouraging, on all levels, a well-defined policy of support programs and cultural events of the highest quality to more Americans; paying more attention to developing support for the arts in all parts of the country. (Ibid)
- f. Striving to obtain greater assistance and incentives for local, state, and regional arts institutions and organizations. (Ibid)
- g. Placing greater emphasis on educating young Americans to be sensitive to the arts and humanities so that there will be a solid, long-term base of support and appreciation. (Ibid)

- h. "Exporting" the arts to help fulfill the need for our foreign policy to embody the spirit and ideals of our people. (Ibid)
- i. Expanding programs such as the Urban Walls Program and federal assistance to the arts. (Cities Speech, 4/1/76)

G. TECHNOLOGICAL RESOURCES

1. Transporation

a. General Transportation

- (1) Supporting a closer inter-modal coordination at the federal level, along with increased support for research and development; supporting and modification of the present regulatory structure to encourage better coordination among modes. (Statement on Railroad Reorganization, Pre-Convention No. 79)
- (2) Undertaking a commitment to transportation capabilities which will encourage the most efficient movement of people and cargo. (Announcement Speech 12/12/74)
- (3) Encouraging the design of buses, escalators and other transportation systems which are more easily accessible to disabled people than those presently existing. (Remarks printed in The Exceptional Parent, August 1976)
- (4) Giving priority not to developing new national transportation systems, except in the case of public transportation, but rather to achieving more effective use of existing rail, highway and airport networks. (Platform Presentation 6/16/76)

- (5) Giving priority attention to restructuring the nation's antiquated system of regulating transportation. (Ibid)
- (6) Reviewing and changing the complex regulatory system with which the transportation industry must contend. (Statement on Highway Trust Funds, Pre-Convention No. 75)

b. Public Transportation

- (1) Bolstering urban transportation systems by:
 - (a) Increasing substantially the amount of money available from the Highway Trust Fund for public mass transportation;
 - (b) Achieving better highway utilization through such means as reserve lanes for car pools and buses; and
 - (c) Changing the current restrictive limits on the use of mass transit funds by localities so that greater amounts can be used as operating subsidies.(Announcement Speech 12/12/74)
- (2) Helping to subsidize low-cost fares the elderly on federally financed public transit systems. (Statement on Social Security, Pre-Convention No. 83)

- (3) Providing subsidies through the Urban Mass Transit Administration to cities that provide free transit service to elderly during off peak hours; encouraging reduced air fares for the elderly comparable to those for the military. (Ibid)
- (4) Increasing the portion of transportation money available for public mass transportation. (Urban Policy Speech 6/29/76)

c. Railroads

- (1) Giving greater federal aid to the railroads in order to reduce their tax burdens. (Statement on Railroad Reorganization, Pre-Convention No. 70)
- (2) Making possible a more efficient use of containerization as a means of revitalizing the railroads. (Ibid)

d. Airlines

- (1) Opposing CAB policies which consistently support prices above what the free market allows (Release on Regulatory Reform of the Airline Industry 10/30/76)
- (2) Opposing CAB spending two-thirds of its investigative resources on enforcing rules to keep airlines from charging too little. (Ibid)

- (3) Moving decisively to reform regulation of airline industry; granting greater freedom to airline companies to make decisions concerning fares, service levels and routes; promoting prices as well as service competition. (Ibid)
- (4) Assuring continued airline service to small communities or lesser travelled routes. (Ibid)
- (5) Ensuring for airline employees greater protection against job seniority or income losses. (Ibid)
- (6) Enforcing the safety requirements and the noise limitation of airline industry. (Ibid)

e. Highways

- (1) Supporting the prevention of the break-up of neighborhoods by new highways. (Neighborhood Speech 9/6/76)
- (2) Maintaining and modernizing the present system of interstate highways and rural roads. (Statement on Highway Trust Funds, Pre-Convention No. 75)
- (3) Reforming governmental regulations which unnecessarily add to prices, such as the rule prohibiting trucks from carrying goods on its return haul. (Economy Position Paper 4/22/76)

f. Maritime

- (1) Favoring a strong, privately owned and operated American flag merchant fleet, backed by a force of skilled and highly trained seamen and managers from both industry and government run schools. (Statement on Maritime Policy, Post-Convention No. 182)
- (2) Devising and implementing a national maritime policy which would include:
 - (a) A commitment to a higher level of coordination of the diverse sub-Cabinet activities involved in maritime policy (such as through the appointment of a marine affairs advisor to the President who would serve as a member of the NSC);
 - (b) Commitment to the programs set forth by the Merchant Marine Act of 1970 and to its objective of maintaining, under the American flag a fleet whose vessels are in all respects competitive in original cost, operating cost, productivity and versatility, to foreign flag fleets; and
 - (c) Commitment to develop a national cargo policy to assure the American flag fleet access to a fair share of all types of cargo in the American trade. (Ibid)

2. Communications

- a. Re-examining the federal government's regulatory activity in the cable television industry, including such specific subjects as the origination and content of local program material. (T.V. Guide Interview, 10/9/76)
- b. Never attempting, through appointments to the FCC or through other actions, to censor the television, news or other information media. (Ibid)
- c. Favoring a longer licensing period for radio and television stations. (Ibid)
- d. Opposing taxation of television sets to produce revenues for support of public television. (Ibid)
- e. Supporting television coverage of Congressional debates. (Ibid)

3. Science

- (1) Upgrading the Office Science Advisor to the President to provide a permanent and high level relationship between the White House decision-making process and the scientific community (Statement on Scientific Community, Pre-Convention No. 81)
- (2) Encouraging, through programs like NASA, the development of innovative uses for telecommunications and information services. (Ibid)
- (3) Pledging full support for an all-out preventative attack on environmentally caused cancer. (Speech in New Jersey, 10/28/76)



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