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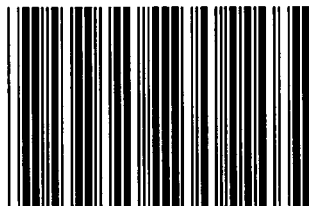
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REMARKS BY CONGRESSMAN MAX BAUCUS
FOR DEMOCRATIC LUNCHEON
CHINOOK, MONTANA
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 7, 1978
NOON

GOOD AFTERNOON.

I'M AFRAID I MUST BEGIN MY REMARKS WITH SOME APOLOGIES.

FIRST, I'D LIKE TO APOLOGIZE FOR SENDING MY COMPLETE VOTING RECORD TO EVERYONE IN MY OWN CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT AND TO EVERYONE IN THIS CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT WHO ASKS FOR IT.

RALPH NADER TOLD ME THIS IS ONE OF THE BEST EXAMPLES OF A CONGRESSMAN BEING HONEST WITH HIS CONSTITUENTS HE HAD EVER SEEN.

BUT AS YOU KNOW, MY WORTHY OPPONENT HAS ATTACKED ME FOR THIS, AND SINCE WE ALL KNOW MY OPPONENT IS SUCH AN HONORABLE MAN, I GUESS I SHOULD APOLOGIZE FOR SHARING MY VOTES WITH THOSE WHO ELECTED ME TO REPRESENT THEM IN CONGRESS.

SECONDLY, MY OPPONENT HAS ATTACKED ME FOR REFUSING TO DEBATE HIM. AND, AS I SAID, WE ALL KNOW THAT HE IS SUCH AN HONORABLE MAN. WELL, EVEN THOUGH I CALLED FOR A DEBATE THIS SPRING, AND SET UP THE DEBATE WE ARE HAVING ON STATE-WIDE MTN TELEVISION, APPARENTLY THIS HAS NOT BEEN ENOUGH.

I THINK HE WANTED ME TO GO TOWN-TO-TOWN WITH SOME SORT OF HERB WILLIAMS TRAVELING ROAD SHOW. LAST I SAW, HE WOULD PROVIDE THE CLOWNS IF I WOULD AGREE TO APPEAR IN A DONKEY SUIT.

WELL, I GUESS I SHOULD APOLOGIZE. I LOVE TO TRAVEL IN MONTANA, BUT I'M AFRAID I WAS "RELAXING" IN WASHINGTON.

OVER THE PAST FEW WEEKS, AT MY REQUEST, THE ICC HAS AGREED TO INSPECT THE MILWAUKEE RAILROAD'S OPERATIONS IN MONTANA.

CANADA'S NATIONAL ENERGY BOARD HAS RECOMMENDED OIL FOR MONTANA. AND I MIGHT ADD, THAT I HAD TO TRAVEL ALL THE WAY TO OTTAWA THIS SPRING TO MOVE THEM ALONG ON THIS.

CONGRESS PASSED ITS BUDGET CEILINGS FOR NEXT YEAR. I VOTED TO CUT \$30 BILLION FROM THE BUDGET DEFICIT WHICH HAD BEEN RECOMMENDED THIS JANUARY.

LAST WEEK, MHD APPROPRIATIONS WENT THROUGH FOR THE NEXT YEAR.

MY RURAL HEALTH BILL IS UP FOR A VOTE THIS WEEK.

WE PASSED MY BILL TO REQUIRE FOREIGN INVESTORS TO DISCLOSE THEIR OWNERSHIP OF U.S. FARM LANDS.

I SAT ON THE CONFERENCE COMMITTEE THAT INCREASED FUNDS FOR SCABIES RESEARCH, FOR FARM LOAN PROGRAMS, FOR COMMUNITY WATER AND SEWER PROGRAMS, AND FOR RURAL FIRE PROTECTION.

MY COUNTER-CYCLICAL BEEF IMPORT BILL PASSED THE HOUSE
YESTERDAY.

THE FOREST SERVICE APPROPRIATIONS TO EXPAND THE
ALLOWABLE FOREST CUT IN MONTANA WHILE MAINTAINING A SUSTAINED
YIELD HAVE JUST PASSED.

THE AMTRAK IMPROVEMENT BILL HAS JUST PASSED. THIS WILL
KEEP AMTRAK SERVICE IN MONTANA AT LEAST THROUGH OCTOBER OF NEXT
YEAR.

AND, WE ARE STILL FIGHTING TO GET A PUBLIC WORKS BILL
THAT IS CRUCIAL TO WATER AND ENERGY USERS THROUGHOUT THE
MOUNTAIN WEST.

SO LET ME APOLOGIZE FOR NOT TAKING PART IN HERB WILLIAMS
WONDERFUL WORLD OF GUTTER CAMPAIGNING OVER THE PAST FEW WEEKS.

I WON'T MAKE ANY SPECIFIC COMMENTS ABOUT MY OPPONENT.
BUT, H.L. MENCKEN ONCE SAID THAT THERE ARE SOME POLITICIANS
WHO, IF THEIR CONSTITUENTS WERE CANNIBALS, WOULD PROMISE THEM
MISSIONARIES FOR DINNER.

BUT WE SHOULDN'T FORGET THAT MY OPPONENT IS SLICK; HE'S
TOUGH; AND EVEN WITH A BROKEN WRIST HE STILL SEEMS ABLE TO
REACH TO THE LOWEST DEPTHS OF CAMPAIGNING MONTANA HAS EVER SEEN.
ONE THING YOU CAN BE SURE ABOUT A COMMODITIES SPECULATOR WHO
TRIES TO TELL MONTANA FARMERS HE HAS AN AGRICULTURAL BACKGROUND
IS THAT HE WILL BE AN ARTIST AT GETTING VOTES FROM THE POOR AND
CAMPAIGN FUNDS FROM THE RICH, BY PROMISING TO PROTECT EACH FROM
THE OTHER.

FRANKLY, I DON'T KNOW WHICH AMAZES ME MORE -- THE PUFFERY OF MY OPPONENT'S CAMPAIGN OR THE PUFFED UP BUREAUCRACY IN WASHINGTON.

YOU MAY HAVE READ THAT CONGRESSMAN JOHN MOSS AND I ARE IN THE MIDDLE OF CONDUCTING AN INVESTIGATION OF WASTE AND CORRUPTION IN THE GSA. THE GSA IS THE GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION. IN ITS WASHINGTON, D.C., OPERATIONS, THESE INITIALS SHOULD STAND FOR GRAFT, STEALING, AND ACQUISITION.

I UNDERSTAND THAT WHEN SEVERAL TOP GSA OFFICIALS SHARE A CAB TO PICK UP A BRIBE, THEY DRAW LOTS TO DETERMINE WHO WILL PAY FOR THE TAXI RIDE.

DON'T FEEL TOO BAD ABOUT THE LOSER. NO MATTER HOW MANY OF THESE TOP GSA "PUBLIC SERVANTS" SHARE A CAB, AND NO MATTER WHO PAYS, YOU CAN REST ASSURED THAT EACH PUTS THE FULL FARE ON HIS OWN EXPENSE ACCOUNT.

SERIOUSLY, WE ARE GOING TO BREAK THIS CORRUPTION WIDE OPEN.

WE ARE GOING TO ROOT OUT WASTE WHEN AND WHERE WE FIND IT.

AND I MIGHT ADD THAT THIS INVESTIGATION IS NOT GOING TO END TOMORROW.

WITH YOUR HELP, THE INVESTIGATION CONGRESSMAN MOSS AND I HAVE STARTED IN THE HOUSE WILL BE LAUNCHED FROM THE SENATE, JANUARY 1.

WITH YOUR HELP, MONTANA WILL CONTINUE TO HAVE THE KIND OF SENATOR WHO IS RIGHT FOR MONTANA.

WITH YOUR HELP, AND I REALLY MEAN THIS, WITH YOUR HELP WE ARE NOT ONLY GOING TO DEFEAT LARRY WILLIAMS NOVEMBER 7, BUT WE ARE GOING TO SEND HIM AND HIS KIND A POWERFUL, STRONG AND UNFORGETTABLE MESSAGE.

MONTANA WILL NOT TOLERATE HIS KIND OF POLITICKING.

MONTANA DEMANDS THE BEST OUT OF ITS SENATORS.

AND MONTANA, -- THE STATE THAT GAVE THE NATION MIKE MANSFIELD AND LEE METCALF -- IS GOING TO CONTINUE TO DEMAND THE BEST OUT OF ITS CANDIDATES FOR THE UNITED STATES SENATE!