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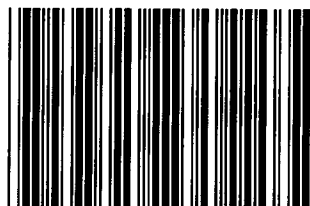
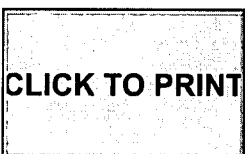
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STATEMENT BY SENATOR MAX BAUCUS
PIERCE MEAT PACKING DEDICATION
BILLINGS, MONTANA
APRIL 19, 1979

I AM DELIGHTED TO BE HERE AT SUCH A HAPPY EVENT. THE LAST TIME I VISITED THESE GROUNDS, ALL OF US WERE A BIT GLOOMY -- UNSURE OF THE ECONOMIC FUTURE FOR THIS PLANT.

NOW WE KNOW WHAT THAT FUTURE WILL BE -- PROSPERITY FOR THE PIERCE PACKING EMPLOYEES AND OWNERS, A SECURE MARKET FOR OUR PORK PRODUCING FARMING COMMUNITY IN MONTANA, AND A GUARANTEED SUPPLY OF COMPETITIVELY PRICED MEATS FOR MONTANA CONSUMERS.

THIS IS THE KIND OF GOVERNMENT SERVICE WE NEED AND DESERVE. WE ALL PAY TAXES. WE ALL WANT THE GOVERNMENT TO WORK FOR US. IN THIS CASE, IT DID -- BUT NOT UNTIL AFTER A LOT OF WORK BY ALL OF THE PEOPLE UP HERE AND MANY OF YOU DOWN THERE.

WE HAVE MUCH TO BE PROUD OF, BUT WE CANNOT REST ON OUR LAURELS. WE MUST WORK TO ENSURE THAT THE EFFORTS OF AMERICAN PRODUCERS -- BOTH IN BILLINGS, MONTANA, AND THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY -- SERVE TO INCREASE OUR ECONOMIC PRODUCTIVITY. THROUGH MAJOR GAINS IN PRODUCTIVITY, OUR COUNTRY HAS LED THE WORLD IN IMPROVING THE STANDARDS OF LIVING OF ALL PEOPLE. BUT OUR LEAD IS SLIPPING. SO WE MUST REDEDICATE OURSELVES TO PROVIDING THE AMERICAN INGENUITY, HARD WORK AND DEDICATION TO SEE TO IT THAT WE WILL RETAIN OUR LEADERSHIP FOR THE WORLD.

I HAVE DEDICATED MYSELF TO THAT PRINCIPLE, AND I KNOW THAT YOU WILL JOIN ME, AS WELL.

AND WHILE I AM HERE IN BILLINGS, WORRYING ABOUT THE FUTURE OF OUR LOCAL BUSINESSES, I MUST ONCE AGAIN SAY HOW IMPORTANT IT IS THAT WE ALL WORK TOGETHER TO ENSURE THE CONTINUED ECONOMIC VIABILITY OF THE NEIGHBORING OIL REFINERIES. AS PIERCE PACKING COMPANY IS IMPORTANT TO MONTANA PRODUCERS AND CONSUMERS, OUR REFINERIES ARE IMPORTANT TO MONTANA DRIVERS AND INDEPENDENT OIL PRODUCERS.

HOPEFULLY, WITH THE SAME KIND OF DEDICATION AND COOPERATION THAT WAS SHOWN BY GOVERNMENT AND PRIVATE INDUSTRY RESPONDING TO THE PROBLEMS ENCOUNTERED BY THIS COMPANY, OUR ~~STILL~~ REFINERIES WILL ALSO SURVIVE AND CONTINUE TO SERVE US.

ONCE AGAIN, THANK YOU FOR INVITING ME HERE TODAY, AND GOOD LUCK IN YOUR FUTURE WORK.