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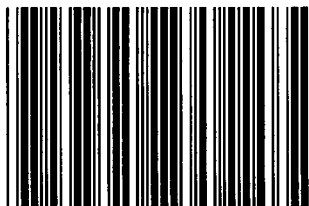
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SPEECH BY
SENATOR MAX BAUCUS
BEFORE THE
MONTANA EDUCATION ASSOCIATION
GOLDEN GAVEL AWARD
HELENA
MARCH 14, 1981

THANK YOU VERY MUCH;

I AM GREATLY HONORED TO RECEIVE THE GOLDEN GAVEL AWARD. THIS AWARD IS ESPECIALLY IMPORTANT TO ME BECAUSE IT COMES FROM A GROUP I RESPECT SO MUCH.

DURING MY YEARS IN THE SENATE AND HOUSE I HAVE VALUED YOUR ADVICE, GUIDANCE AND SUPPORT. I LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING CLOSELY WITH YOU IN THE FUTURE.

I KNOW YOU'VE PUT IN A LONG MORNING'S WORK, SO I WON'T TAKE MUCH TIME. BUT, I WOULD LIKE TO SAY JUST A FEW WORDS ABOUT WHAT'S GOING ON IN WASHINGTON THESE DAYS.

THE MOST IMPORTANT NEWS IN WASHINGTON IS PRESIDENT REAGAN'S ECONOMIC PROGRAM. AS ALL OF YOU KNOW, HE IS PROPOSING SOME MAJOR CUTS IN THE FEDERAL BUDGET AND A MASSIVE INCOME TAX CUT.

FEDERAL SUPPORT FOR EDUCATION IS ONE OF THE AREAS TARGETED FOR DEEP CUTS -- PROBABLY 25 TO 30 PERCENT. THE PRESIDENT WANTS TO CONSOLIDATE ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION PROGRAMS INTO BLOCK GRANTS -- AND THEN CUT THEM BY 25 PERCENT.

VOCATIONAL AID WOULD BE CUT, IMPACT AID WOULD BE CUT, AND SO IT GOES.

I SUPPORT CUTTING THE FEDERAL BUDGET -- IT'S LONG OVERDUE. THERE'S WAY TOO MUCH FAT, WASTE, FRAUD AND MISMANAGEMENT IN FEDERAL PROGRAMS THAT SHOULD BE ELIMINATED. THE GROWTH OF FEDERAL PROGRAMS HAS RESULTED IN A BUREAUCRACY THAT IS GREATLY IN NEED OF STREAMLINING.

I ALSO SUPPORT TAX CUTS AS PART OF THE EFFORT TO GET THE ECONOMY MOVING AGAIN.

BUT, CONTRARY TO ALL THE PUBLICITY ABOUT THE PRESIDENT'S PROGRAM -- HIS PROPOSED CUTS ARE NOT EVEN-HANDED AND FAIR. SOME AMERICANS ARE BEING ASKED TO SACRIFICE BUT OTHERS ARE NOT. THE PRESIDENT WANTS TO CUT THE SCHOOL LUNCH PROGRAM, BUT STILL ALLOW CORPORATE EXECUTIVES TO DEDUCT THEIR BUSINESS LUNCHES.

I DON'T INTEND TO BE AN OBSTRUCTIONIST. OUR ECONOMY IS IN DEEP TROUBLE AND WE NEED BOLD AND COURAGEOUS MEASURES. I WILL STUDY THE PRESIDENT'S PROPOSALS.

THE SHIFT TO MORE LOCAL CONTROL OF PROGRAMS IS NOT NECESSARILY BAD. BUT I WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT IS NOT A SYNONYM FOR SENDING MORE FEDERAL FUNDS TO URBAN SCHOOLS THAN TO RURAL SCHOOLS.

LIKEWISE, BLOCK GRANTS CAN BE A VERY IMPORTANT IMPROVEMENT -- IF THEY ARE HANDLED PROPERLY.

ON ANOTHER ISSUE, LET ME SAY JUST A FEW WORDS ABOUT THE STATUS OF TUITION TAX CREDITS. NO DOUBT THERE WILL BE ANOTHER BATTLE ON THIS FRONT AGAIN THIS YEAR -- AND THE SUPPORTERS OF THIS PROPOSAL HAVE GAINED STRENGTH.

BUT I REMAIN OPPOSED TO TUITION TAX CREDITS -- AND WILL CONTINUE TO BE OPPOSED IN THE FUTURE.

WILL AND ARIEL DURANT WROTE, "EDUCATION IS THE TRANSMISSION OF CIVILIZATION." YOUR ROLES ARE CRITICAL TO MAKING SURE THIS NATION'S YOUTH ARE EQUIPPED WITH THE TOOLS TO LIVE PRODUCTIVE AND MEANINGFUL LIVES IN THIS CIVILIZATION.

TODAY, IT IS MORE NECESSARY THAN EVER FOR TEACHERS TO SEEK AND CEMENT A GENUINE PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN SCHOOLS AND COMMUNITIES.

IT IS MORE NECESSARY THAN EVER FOR TEACHERS TO TAKE LEADERSHIP ROLES IN THEIR COMMUNITIES AND TO BECOME INVOLVED IN THE POLITICAL PROCESS.

AND, IT IS MORE NECESSARY THAN EVER FOR TEACHERS TO REMAIN
VIGILANT AGAINST THREATS TO OUR EDUCATIONAL PROCESS.

GENUINE EQUITY AND EFFECTIVENESS REQUIRES YOUR RESPONSIBLE
AND RESPONSIVE EFFORT FROM THE CLASSROOM TO THE CAPITOL.

AGAIN, THANK YOU FOR THE PRIVILEGE FOR BEING WITH YOU TODAY.