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Mansfield-Metcalf DRAFT

GOALS: Be brief (3-5 minutes).

Make a personal connection between MSB and audience.

Include humor. Call to Arms 2000

Introduce Senator Torricelli

SET-UP:

Event organizers currently have the event planned as follows. The dinner will be at 6:30 in the dining room. Following dinner (roughly 7:30) the attendees will move to the auditorium.

This part of the program will start with a brief slide show about Mansfield and Metcalf followed by 90 second videos by each of the statewide elected officials and a brief video from Helena's version of "Saturday Night Live" featuring O'Keefe, Cooney and Mazurek.

Following the videos, Emily Swanson, House Minority Leader, will introduce Max.

Max will speak and introduce Torricelli.

Toricelli will speak and there may be a brief intermission.

The Montana Logging and Ballet Company will close the program: Bob FitzGerald, Rusty Harper, Tim Holmes, Steve Garnaas-Holmes

DRAFT REMARKS

INTRODUCTION - PERSONAL CONNECTION

Thank you, Emily, for that warm introduction. And thank you for fighting for hard-working Montanans.

Aren't Democrats in the legislature doing a great job?

Let's give Emily and Steve Doherty and all of our great Democratic legislators a round of applause.

I also want to thank Bob Ream and the great folks at the Montana Democratic Party for all their hard work and dedication.

As is the case every year, it is wonderful to be extince

TI GUEN A ME few the here tonight with so many dear friends.

Actually, with the way things have been going in Washington the past few months, it is wonderful to be anywhere but there.

You know, a lot of pundits have gone on and on about how well the Senate handled its serious and solemn constitutional duties in those trying times. And I think that's right. But, my friends, I believe that the Senate has serious duties to perform *all* the time – and I think its time we made the Republicans realize that.

That's why I am so honored to be your Senator –

to help lead the fight for the things that matter: better
schools for our kids, safer communities, a real chance

to get ahead for every Montanan who is willing to work
hard and do the right thing.

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It's great for us all to be heretogether, it feels like family, doesn't it? But let's be clear: we're here tonight for a reason.

We're here tonight because we remember what it was like to have two Democratic United States

Senators. And a Democratic Congressman.

We're here tonight because we remember what it was like to have a Democrat in the Governor's mansion. And a majority in the Legislature.

We're here tonight because we remember the sting of 1988, when politics in Montana began to change.

We lost a Senate seat for only the third time in a century. We lost the Governor's mansion for the first time in a generation. Montanans believed that

America's Democratic Party had lost its way – that it valued rights over responsibilities, criminals over victims, bureaucracy over opportunity.

We could have given up.

But we didn't. We fought back -- and we found our way.

My fellow Democrats, we're here tonight not only because we remember. We're here tonight because we are ready -- to turn things around for the better. And we're not going to let anyone break our stride.

There's an energy in the room tonight. A sense of anticipation that we're on the verge of something big.

Can you feel it?

My friends, the energy I feel tonight tells me the Republicans are about to have a little crisis of their own here in Montana.

We will take back the Governor's Mansion.

We will win back Pat's House Seat.

And I have come here tonight with a little piece of news to share with you all. Senator Conrad Burns will be keeping his promise to only serve two terms – whether he likes it or not.

INTRODUCE TORRICELLI

We have a lot to do – but we won't be doing it alone. We'll have the help of friends like the terrific Senator who I've asked to join us here tonight – Bob Torricelli of New Jersey.

In just over two years in the U.S. Senate, Bob Torricelli has become a can-do leader and a strong, principled advocate for the values and interests of average Americans.

Now, he's running the Democratic Senatorial Campaign Committee.

And let me tell you, Senator Daschle couldn't have picked a better person for the job. Bob Torricelli's tough, he's independent, and he gets things done.

In just a few short months, he has rebuilt the Campaign Committee. He's committed to taking back the U.S. Senate in 2000. And he's here tonight to make sure that we get Conrad Burns out of Washington and send him back home – to Missouri.

My friends, Bob Torricelli's nickname is "the Torch" – and it's not just because he's a fiery speaker or one of our party's brightest lights.

It's because he knows that America needs a strong

Democratic Party to succeed in the next century – and
he's at the head of our march to get there: parting the
darkness and lighting the way to a better future. And
come next November – with the help of "the Torch" –

Mr. Burns is going to be feeling some heat himself.

So everyone stand up and give a Big Sky welcome to the Senator from the Garden State, Bob Torricelli.

DRAFT REMARKS

INTRODUCTION - PERSONAL CONNECTION

Thank you, Emily, for that warm introduction.

Isn't our delegation in the legislature doing a great job?

They're fighting hard for working Montanans. And it's showing. Let's give Emily and Steve and all of our great Democratic legislators a round of applause.

Before I introduce our special guest, let me take a minute to share a personal story with you about a friend of all of ours. Someone who means a lot to me and whose talents we will see on display later tonight.

That's Bob FitzGerald. Most of you know him as

Fitz, the sculpture salesman. Fitz and I have been

through a lot together...from campaigns to marathons.

As many of you know, this year Fitz had a real scare.

We almost lost him.

I went to Fitz's house the day after he came home from the hospital. I had to see him. To hug him and to make sure he was OK. That's what we do here. We care about one another. That day was a reminder to me about all that is right in Montana and America. Family, friends, compassion, caring and community.

Tonight as we watch Fitz and the Montana Logging and Ballet Company, let us all be reminded of the great gifts we've been given. And we should be thankful for them, and for our friends.

CALL TO ARMS

As is the case every year, it is wonderful to spend an evening with so many friends.

I feel an energy here tonight.

A sense of anticipation. That we're on the verge of something big.

I feel that way myself.

Most of us remember vividly what it was like to have two Democratic United States Senators. And a Democratic congressman.

And to have a Democrat in the Governor's mansion.

And we also remember the sting of 1988, when politics in Montana began to change. We lost a Senate seat for only the third time in a century. We lost the Governor's mansion for the first time in a generation.

We could have begun to give up.

But we didn't. We fought back.

In the Chinese language the word for crisis is made up of two symbols: danger and opportunity.

Our crisis of a decade ago had its share of danger.

But it also brought opportunity.

New leaders emerged. People like Nancy Keenan,
Mike Cooney and Ed Smith -- all elected for the first
time that year. They were followed by Mark O'Keefe
and Joe Mazurek four years later to give Democrats
possession of five of the seven partisan statewide
elected offices.

My friends, the energy I feel tonight tells me the Republicans are about to have a little crisis of their own here in Montana.

We will take back the Governor's Mansion.

We will win back Pat's House Seat.

And with Senator Torricelli's help, we will help senator Burns honor his term-limit pledge. Because he believes, like I do, that Democrats will take back the U.S. Senate, and it starts right here in Montana.

INTRODUCE TORRICELLI

So, with that, let me welcome our special guest.

I'm delighted that Senator Torricelli was able to join us tonight. He is a teriffic Senator, a good friend, and a good Democrat.

He went to Washington during the Carter

Administration. Served as counsel to Vice President

Walter Mondale. In 1982, he was elected to elected to the U.S. House.

Bob Torricelli earned the respect of his colleagues and constituents with clear stands and hard work, advancing democracy around the world, preserving the environment, protecting our communities and investing in America's future. In 1996, he was elected to the United States, and now serves as the chairman of the Democratic Senatorial Campaign Committee.

So please join me in giving a Big Sky welcome to the Senator from New Jersey, Bob Toricelli.

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