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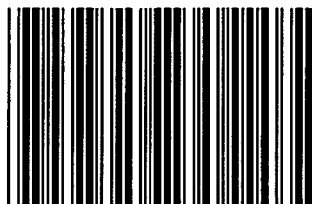
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Remarks of Senator Max Baucus
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Good evening, everyone. Before I begin, I want to say two words -- Thank You. I had a very tough race last year. Without your help, your advice and your activism, it might not have turned out so well.

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It is an honor to be speaking to you at this year's Jefferson-Jackson Dinner.

Nights like tonight are important. Once a year we have a chance to gather together -- to say hi to old friends, make new friends and maybe swap a few war stories from the past year.

DEMOCRATS' VISION

As Montana Democrats, we have a lot to be proud of. We have distinguished statesmen like Mike Mansfield and Lee Metcalf. We have a strong base of activists like all of you. And most importantly, we have the right vision for the future.

It's a simple vision, but a clear one..

Improving education. Nothing is more important than this. So all Montana kids can go to college. So the kids graduating next year, and the years to come, will be able to use the newest technologies as they compete in the ever-changing marketplace.

Protecting the quality of life. We want to pass on a Montana that has cleaner air, water and forests than the one we received from our parents.

The list goes on... Job training, a higher minimum wage and fair workplace standards so working people have a fair shot at the American dream.

We recognize that Montana is not simply a place to live. It is the last, best place to live.

SETBACKS

But our vision alone is not enough. If you don't win elections, you don't set policy.

The fact is we need to do better. In the past two elections, we've lost a lot of races we should have won. We struggled in some races that should have been easy. We've been outnumbered nearly 2-1 in the last two sessions of the Legislature.

We can't afford that anymore. Because these results are more

than statistics in the history books. They mean real decisions about the quality of life we all enjoy.

We have witnessed the travesty of a Legislature rejecting aid to education, cutting university funding and debating the proposals of militia groups.

And if we don't turn these elections around, it will continue.

WORKING TOGETHER

Starting tonight we must commit ourselves to work harder and stay on course until we win.

To begin with, we need to field 125 candidates for the legislature next year. Finding good people isn't always easy. We'll have to recruit and encourage. And if your district doesn't have a candidate, you ought to run yourself. You owe it to your party, your state, your neighbors.

If you have a candidate already, you should go out and recruit ten more dues-paying Democratic party members. People who will work the phones and get out the vote on election day. Who will make sure we compete and win in every precinct. Who will elect our candidates, and make our vision of Montana's future a reality.

CONCLUSION

If we work together we can do it. I will be there with you every step of the way. We will run a top-flight, competitive, well-funded candidate for every seat in the Legislature. And we will take back our rightful place as Montana's majority party.

And two years from now, we can sit down at another JJ dinner with a lot more to celebrate.

Thank you very much. Enjoy the rest of your evening.

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