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Mansfield-Metcalf Dinner

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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
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.
What a wonderful night this is. It’s great to be here with so many terrific friends.

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, and real opportunities for every Montanan who is willing to work hard and do the right thing.

Being here together tonight – 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 our state 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 – and we won’t be doing it alone. We’ll have help -- of friends like the terrific Senator who I’ve asked to join us here tonight – Bob Torricelli of New Jersey.
Let me tell you about this guy. 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 with us 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.