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Ladies and gentlemen--

This is Senator Hubert Humphrey, reporting to you from my office on Capitol Hill ^{IN} Washington.

This week President Johnson sent his Economic Message to Congress. It was a reassuring message on the remarkable economic gains the nation has made. In the past three years the Gross National Product--the value of all our goods and services--has increased by \$100 billion dollars.

The President was candid in stating the problems we still face in unemployment, depressed areas, and unmet needs. But he made it very clear that we are going to increase the rate of our economic growth and meet our problems.

The Budget which the President has sent to the Congress is where the evidence and proof lie. ~~But~~ ~~can do these things.~~ In his budget, President Johnson declared war on waste, inefficiency, poverty, illness, and disease. The cuts in this budget are made mainly in the area of military spending. They do not sacrifice any of our national strength and security. ~~not~~ ^{only} the fat and obsolete bases and weapons we no longer need are being eliminated.

The President plans to convert these savings into an investment in human betterment by providing more funds to attack the problems of poverty, ignorance and disease.

The new budget also is maintaining all the essential ^{FORWARD-LOOKING} ~~on-going~~ projects in conservation, flood control and the various grant programs to states and local communities.

The new budget contains many items for the State of Minnesota and for various communities AND areas in the State.

Winona has an item of \$866,000 for a flood control project. Also for flood control, St. Paul and St. Paul South are budgeted for \$600,000. For construction on the Minnesota River 1 million dollars is being requested. Another $5\frac{1}{2}$ million dollars is itemized for construction on the Mississippi River between the Missouri and the Minnesota. A Missouri River basin study is planned for \$250,000 and another \$350,000 is earmarked for a survey of the upper Mississippi basin. Major construction is planned for the Duluth-Superior Harbor of Minnesota and Wisconsin, with \$675,000 requested.

More than a dozen more river, harbor, lake or basin projects for Minnesota are budgeted. They provide for continued maintenance, new construction, survey, and operation. Basic development of our region, which benefits the nation as it benefits us, is provided for.

This is in addition to the continuing grant-in-aid programs in which all states share. One of these is the Hill-Burton act providing Federal assistance in hospital construction. The President's budget proposes an increase in the total amount of the funds here. The Congress, however, must ~~act~~ act to extend the law and approve changes that will liberalize its terms to include modernization as well as new construction.

The Tax-cut legislation which the President has made urgent will also benefit the State of Minnesota and every municipality in it. Most stress has been put on the general prosperity of the nation which a tax cut will help, and in which of course we share. One important way in which local communities are helped is that increased prosperity will produce an increase in revenues from present state and local tax rate structures. On the average, state and local communities will be given a full year's head start on future revenue needs without increasing tax rates.

President Johnson took special notice of the economic problems we face in our upper Great Lakes region. He has challenged Congress to give constructive help to such areas with programs that will bring new jobs and new wealth.

The President sees the need, he has the vision and the will to marshal the resources of the United States to meet the problems of the people of the United States. I pledge all of my energies in support of this goal.

Thank you.



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