REMARKS Rev De Bradley VICE PRESIDENT HUBERT HUMPHREY DINNER HONORING member of Coupus SENATOR PAUL DOUGLAS JANUARY 14, 1966 The central purpose of our gathering tonight is to press, beg, persuade, wheedle, cajole, and 🛸 draft Paul Douglas to run again for the United States Senate. (So Paul Jan - how) Paul Douglas is a giant of a man and a giant of a Senator. From whatever aspect you look at him, he towers over the political scene. I speak of him first as a distinguished scholar, because that is how he began.

At Bowdoin College he won a Phi Beta Kappa key, despite working his way through college and playing center on the football team. He is a Ph.D. from Columbia University, and the holder of many honorary degrees.

He is the author of many books and articles on economics, and his colleagues have honored him by election to the Presidency of the American Economic

Association.

I speak next of Paul Douglas as a politican of principle, and a very practical and effective politician too. You in Chicago know his record in this city and

state.

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In the late 1920's, he investigated and exposed the Insull utility empire. He worked hard and successfully in this state for utilities regulation, old age pensions. public housing, and unemployment insurance.

You know of his election in 1939 as an alderman for the Fifth Ward, and of the role of leadership he immediately assumed in the city saffairs. You know of his election as Senator in 1948, and his re-election in 1141111954 and 1960.

Coming from outside Chicago, however, I want to tell you that, as a loyal and hard-working member of the Democratic Party, Paul Douglas has spoken and worked for our candidates throughout the nation.

I speak of Paul Douglas next as the legislator, with record of solid achievement in the Congress second to none.

It was his bill which raised the minimum wage to a dollar an hour - then to 1.25 It was his bill which provided for the disclosure of thath union and management pension and welfare funds. It was he who wrote the original Area Redevelopment Act, to bring industry and jobs to the depressed areas of this country. His name is on the new Economic Development Act, which updates and expands this program. In the mid-1950 s Paul Douglas, along with a small group of others (including a young Senator from Minnesotal proposed sweeping civil rights legislature to assure our Negro fellow-citizens the full protection of the 14th and 15th amendments to the Constitution. In 1964, these proposals became the law of the land_and it was Taul Douglas who Stood and fought In equality ?

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In 1960 Paul Douglas and a small group of others (again including a Senator from Minnesota) proposed that federal registrars be sent into areas of the country where Negroes were effectively denied the right to vote. In 1965, these Douglas-Humphrey proposals became the law of the land.

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In 1958, Paul Douglas proposed a general tax cut in order to bolster the economy, cut unemployment, and stiumlate economic growth. His proposal was rejected by the Eisenhower Administration — but under President Kennedy and President Johnson it became policy. And it has been eminently successful, too. Thanks largely to timely tax cuts, we have enjoyed the longest sustained economic growth in our history.

Back in the days when they had almost no chance of enactment, Paul Douglas was a sponsor or co-sponsor of Medicare, federal aid to elementary education, aid to higher education, the immigration bill, the clean air bill, and the water pollution bill — to name only a few. Last year these became law — and he either drafted, sponsored or co-sponsored almost every one of them.

There is no member of the Senate today who has his name stamped on more major issues, major bills, and major legislation than Paul Douglas.

Just as important is the role he has played in defending the interests of the American people against harmful legislative proposals. When certain forces, which shall remain nameless, tried to upset the Supreme Court's one-man one-vote decision, it was Paul Douglas who led the fight to uphold and defend it.

He won that battle in 1964 and again in 1965 --and, if need be, it will be won again in 1966.

He has killed more bad bills -- bills to help special interests or secure a substact for the powerfur -- than

any man in the Senate of the United States

T speak now of Paul Douglas the man -- of his

loyalty to his friends, of his courage, of his straightforwardness, of his scrupulous integrity. This man
disdains all fraud and pretense. He stands not only for
truth in lending and truth in packaging, but for truth
in people and above all truth to himself.

He is a man of conscience — a man who does right, and by his example makes it easier for others to do right.

And let me add, he is no narrow, self-centered pedant.

He is a devoted and enthusiastic connoisseur of literature and the arts.

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He is not only great in mind and heart, but great in physical stamina as well. When I led the fight for the 1964 Civil Rights Act, the crucial test was our ability to answer the quorum calls which were made every two or three hours of the day, five days a week. These were strenuous times. And it was Paul Douglas who made the best record of any Senator in answering those quorum calls and thus breaking the filibuster. The answered 96 per cent of the 280 quorum calls in the 1964 session of Congress -- while, at the same time, he was making eight or ten speeches here in Illinois on weekends.

And when I think of Paul Douglas, the human being,
I am bound to think of his good wife Emily as well -- a
person of distinction in her own right, charming,
intelligent, and girted with a talent for getting things done.

Here is a real bargain -- like the two-for-one sales we put on from time to time in our family drugstore.

You elect one and you get two!

man who, at the age of 50, enlisted as a private in the Marines, recall that while serving with the First Marine Division in the Pacific, he advanced through the ranks to lieutenant colonel, was twice wounded, and spent 14 months in hospitals.

he was awarded for "heroic achievement in action,"

The American Political Science Association, a professional organization with no partisan ax to grind, honored him with their Distinguished Service Award.

They said that Paul Douglas "... has prophetically raised the eternal problems of human freedom and dignity in terms of our contemporary democratic society" and is a man of "... rigorous intellect, a responsible independent defender of human rights, and a consistent advocate of social progress."

Here is the Senator of whom one of America's most distinguished living historians, Allen Nevins, wrote:

"Of all our Senators, none has written a more consistently elevated record of public service; none has so clearly combined intellectual distinction — technical expertness — with practical legislative power; none has set so high a moral example."

This is the man -- Paul Douglas -- whom your state and our nation need in the Senate of the United States.

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