

John 201412  
Hon McKeithen: wife  
Mayer Dumas  
Victor Bussie

REMARKS BY  
Sen Michael O'Keefe  
SENATOR HUBERT H. HUMPHREY  
" ~~Tip O'Neil~~ Majority  
16TH ANNUAL CONVENTION

LOUISIANA AFL-CIO

APRIL 13, 1971

Sen Long  
Hale Boggs my leader  
Sen Ellender

✓ Ted Kennedy  
- Cong Edwards  
✓ Sen Bussie

"Tip" O'Neil - my whip

Katherine & Kay  
Long

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*L* GOOD AND WARM FRIENDS ARE A PRECIOUS *Gift* ~~QUALITY~~ TODAY --  
*and* YOU HAVE MADE ME A WEALTHY MAN -- YOUR FRIENDSHIP

HAS NEVER FALTERED; AND THREE YEARS AGO YOU WENT THE EXTRA  
MILE IN MY BEHALF. *L* HERE AND NOW I WANT TO EXPRESS MY

*Thank*  
GRATITUDE TO VIC BUSSIE AND ALL MY GOOD FRIENDS FROM

LOUISIANA -- *Democrat* MY ~~FELLOW LABORERS IN THE VINEYARD~~ WHEN WE

~~CAME VERY CLOSE TO MAKING 1966 A VINTAGE YEAR.~~

*a little Politics + Public Policy -*

BUT WHAT DOES THIS REPUBLICAN ADMINISTRATION HAVE TO

*better than*  
SHOW US AFTER TWO YEARS IN THE WHITE HOUSE? PLAINLY

SPOKEN, WE HAVE A REPUBLICAN-MANUFACTURED RECESSION.

AND THIS RECESSION WAS NO ACCIDENT. IT WAS PREMEDITATED

AND PLANNED. *!*

# Republican Battle plan wrong

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INFLATION, AND BECAUSE THE PLAN ITSELF WAS DEAD WRONG,

WE HAVE CONTINUED LOSING THE BATTLE WHILE TAKING OVER

<sup>economic</sup>  
5.4 MILLION CASUALTIES.

over 5 1/2 million  
economic casualties!

L MILLIONS UPON MILLIONS OF AMERICANS OUT OF WORK, WITH

THEIR FAMILIES FACING WEEKS AND MONTHS OF EMOTIONAL DESPAIR

AND ECONOMIC CRISIS: ~~THAT'S WHAT THIS REPUBLICAN ADMINISTRATION~~

~~HAS GIVEN US~~

RX

L THE PRESCRIPTION OF THE NIXON <sup>Administration</sup> ~~GOVERNMENT~~ FOR CURING

THE ECONOMIC ILLS OF AMERICA HAS BEEN LARGE DOSES OF

UNEMPLOYMENT TO LOWER THE FEVER OF INFLATION. BUT, LIKE

MANY QUACK REMEDIES, IT HASN'T WORKED. THE FEVER OF

INFLATION ~~PERSISTS~~

+ the pain of unemployment  
persist.

~~yes~~

~~MAINTAINING THE STANDARD OF LIVING, AND THE COST OF~~

~~LIVING IS HIGHER THAN EVER BEFORE.~~

Louisiana

IT HAS BEEN THE SAME IN LOUISIANA AS EVERYWHERE ELSE.

COLD, HARD STATISTICS BEAR THIS OUT. IN LOUISIANA, OVER

6%

6 PER CENT OF THE LABOR FORCE IS OUT OF WORK, AND IN SOME

11%

PLACES THE RATE IS OVER 11 PER CENT. TEN OF YOUR CITIES

10 cities

AND COMMUNITIES HAVE THE DISTINCTION OF BEING LISTED

~~IN WASHINGTON~~ AS AREAS OF SUBSTANTIAL UNEMPLOYMENT,

23 now

WHILE 23 MORE CONFRONT PROBLEMS OF PERSISTENT UNEMPLOYMENT.

~~THE REPUBLICAN ADMINISTRATION, INSTEAD OF ENDING~~

~~THE CRISIS OF UNEMPLOYMENT, HAS NOT ONLY DONE NOTHING~~

~~ABOUT IT, BUT HAS EVEN ACCEPTED IT.~~

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Nixon  
this ~~Republican~~ Administration  
has been  
INSTEAD, FOR 2 YEARS IT ~~HAS BEEN~~ OBSESSED WITH BALANCING

THE FEDERAL BUDGET AT THE EXPENSE OF ESSENTIAL SERVICES

TO MILLIONS OF AMERICANS. / But Budgets  
IGNORING THE PEOPLE AND UP-TO-DATE

unbalanced - our Economy  
LESSONS IN ECONOMICS, IT HAS SOUGHT TO CONTROL INFLATION

in trouble - our Country  
BY AN INCREDIBLE ACROSS-THE-BOARD TIGHT MONEY POLICY THAT

worried, and divided. - The election  
INSURED A RECESSION, PARTICULARLY IN THE HOUSING INDUSTRY,

of 1970 gave the Republicans ~~some~~ ~~with~~  
AND ~~FINALLY~~ SKYROCKETING INTEREST RATES something to worry  
about.

But Now PRESIDENT NIXON SAYS HE HAS CHANGED HIS MIND

Full employment  
Budget  
IN A COMPLETE ABOUT-FACE IN MIDSTREAM, HE IS CASTING

ASIDE THE SLOGANS OF THE CAMPAIGN TRAIL, AND HAS PROPOSED

A DEFICIT SO-CALLED "FULL EMPLOYMENT" BUDGET FOR FISCAL

1972. / BUT THE FACT OF THE MATTER IS THAT FOR THE NEXT

SEVERAL MONTHS, AT LEAST, HE INTENDS TO KEEP AMERICA

OPERATING ON AN UNEMPLOYMENT BUDGET.

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HE HAS CHOSEN TO IMPOUND, LOCK UP, FREEZE OVER \$11 BILLION

DOLLARS ALREADY APPROPRIATED BY CONGRESS FOR CURRENT

FOR <sup>could</sup> FOR FEDERAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS THAT MEAN JOBS

AND ESSENTIAL SERVICES FOR OUR PEOPLE. I AM TALKING

(1) ABOUT \$200 MILLION DOLLARS HELD BACK FROM URBAN RENEWAL

(2) AND \$200 MILLION MORE DOLLARS FROM ~~FOR~~ WATER AND SEWER

(3) FACILITIES GRANTS, AND STILL ANOTHER \$200 MILLION DOLLARS

(4) TAKEN AWAY FROM URBAN MASS TRANSIT, <sup>and millions for</sup> THE MODEL CITIES

PROGRAM, THAT HAD SO MUCH POTENTIAL, HAS BEEN FURTHER

<sup>holding back</sup> GUTTED BY THE ~~FOR~~ SEVERAL HUNDRED MILLION DOLLARS

IN AN ALREADY SMALL BUDGET.

<sup>and</sup> SO MUCH FOR OUR ~~FARMERS~~ FARMERS, <sup>and</sup> OUR RURAL FAMILIES, OUR

FARMERS, ARE EXPECTED TO PAY THE PRICE OF THIS REPUBLICAN

UNEMPLOYMENT BUDGET AS WELL.

<sup>Farm Parity</sup>  
almost 40% levels of 1930's

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A TOTAL OF \$757 MILLION DOLLARS IS BEING WITHHELD FROM

OUR AGRICULTURE PROGRAMS, ~~WHILE THE DOOR IS SHUT ON~~

*including Rural housing,  
Sewer & Water projects.*

\$191 MILLION DOLLARS APPROPRIATED FOR THE APPALACHIAN

REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM, AND MILLIONS OF DOLLARS MORE

FOR CONSERVATION AND ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS ARE

BEING FROZEN. ~~MEANWHILE~~ *L* IMPORTANT PUBLIC WORKS PROJECTS

ACROSS THE COUNTRY ~~CANNOT EVEN BE STARTED BECAUSE~~ *are being withheld*

~~MILLION DOLLARS HAVE BEEN HELD BACK BY THE OFFICE OF~~

~~MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET. THAT OFFICE HAS CHOSEN TO IGNORE~~

~~THE NEEDS OF ALL OUR PEOPLE IN LOCKING UP~~ \$86 MILLION

DOLLARS THAT CONGRESS HAD DIRECTED BE SPENT FOR HEALTH

SERVICES AND EDUCATION

*is frozen -*

37+419

~~I SAY THESE HOLD BACKS OF AUTHORIZED FUNDS CAN NEVER~~

~~BE JUSTIFIED AND ARE DOWNRIGHT ECONOMICALLY, SOCIALLY,~~

~~AND MORALLY WRONG. I MAINTAIN THAT A SERIOUS CONSTITUTIONAL~~

~~QUESTION HAS BEEN RAISED ABOUT THE POWERS OF THE PRESIDENT,~~

~~WHEN LAWS PASSED BY CONGRESS ARE RESHAPED OR NULLIFIED~~

~~THROUGH EXECUTIVE POWER.~~ I CALL UPON THE ADMINISTRATION

TO STOP PLAYING RUSSIAN ROULETTE WITH THE AMERICAN PEOPLE

AND TO RELEASE THESE ~~ILLUDED~~ FUNDS IMMEDIATELY AS MEASURES

TO MEET CRITICAL NATIONAL NEEDS, TO EXPAND JOB OPPORTUNITIES,

AND TO REVIVE THE ECONOMY.

*Question - Could  
Demonstrations  
Do any Better  
the Past*

THE RECORD OF ~~THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT~~ FOR TWO YEARS IN

MEETING OUR CRITICAL PROBLEMS OF INFLATION AND RECESSION

SHOWS THAT CONGRESS ACTED, WHILE THE PRESIDENT VETOED, ~~AND~~

~~THE ADMINISTRATION STUDIED THE PROBLEM OR SAT ON EFFECTIVE~~

~~ANSWERS ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE BRANCH.~~

*Release funds*

*Question  
Should  
Demo  
do?*



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Defense, Space Cities of over 6 Billion  
- 8 - 1970, 25 billion 1971

-- THE PRESIDENT FAILED TO REDUCE SPENDING FOR EXOTIC

Program cut  
Defense Budget  
~~BUT NON-ESSENTIAL DEFENSE AND SPACE HARDWARE, DESPITE~~

~~WASTEFUL COST OVERRUNNING, SO CONGRESS ACTED AND CUT BACK~~

on program  
~~THESE BUDGET REQUESTS,~~

Priority

Cities  
- CONGRESS RECOGNIZED THE SERIOUS NEED FOR INCREASED

FUNDS TO HELP OUR CITIES MEET THEIR FISCAL CRISIS AND TO

housing  
RESTORE A DESPERATELY NEEDED SUPPLY OF HOUSING FOR OUR

Veto  
PEOPLE, AND CONGRESS ACTED TO PROVIDE THESE FUNDS PRESIDENT

NIXON VETOED THESE APPROPRIATIONS.

Medical care  
- CONGRESS PASSED LEGISLATION TO HELP MEET OUR HEALTH

Research  
CARE CRISIS BY PROVIDING FOR EXPANDED HOSPITAL CONSTRUCTION

Hospitals,  
Doctors,  
AND MORE BED SPACE AND FOR INCREASING THE NUMBER OF DOCTORS.

Veto  
THE PRESIDENT VETOED THIS LEGISLATION.

-- CONGRESS PASSED BADLY NEEDED APPROPRIATIONS TO MEET

Educ

THE RISING COSTS OF EDUCATION ACROSS THE COUNTRY. THE

PRESIDENT VETOED THIS BILL, CALLING IT "INFLATIONARY."

Z -- CONGRESS PROVIDED FOR A LONG-OVERDUE RAISE IN THE  
PAY OF FEDERAL BLUE COLLAR WORKERS. THE PRESIDENT AGAIN

SAW THIS AS INFLATIONARY AND VETOED THE BILL, BUT A FEW

DAYS LATER THE ADMINISTRATION CHANGED TAX DEPRECIATION

GUIDELINES TO GIVE BUSINESS A SEVERAL-BILLION-DOLLAR

WINDFALL.

Fed.  
Blue  
collar  
workers

Depreciation

-- LONG BEFORE THE REPUBLICAN ADMINISTRATION HAD  
CONSIDERED ANY COMPREHENSIVE STRATEGY TO CONTROL INFLATION  
AND ALSO HELP SERIOUSLY DEPRESSED INDUSTRIES

CONGRESS  
AUTHORIZED FLEXIBLE AND SELECTIVE MONETARY AND CREDIT

CONTROLS AND ENACTED LEGISLATION TO FINANCE SEVERAL

HUNDRED THOUSAND NEW HOUSING UNITS AND ENABLE MIDDLE-INCOME

HOMEBUYERS TO OBTAIN A MORTGAGE AT A REASONABLE RATE OF

INTEREST. THE ADMINISTRATION CHOSE TO IGNORE THESE NEW

AUTHORITIES.

-- CONGRESS PASSED THE HISTORIC EMPLOYMENT AND MANPOWER  
ACT OF 1970 TO CREATE THOUSANDS UPON THOUSANDS OF NEW AND

IMPORTANT PERMANENT JOB OPPORTUNITIES IN BOTH THE PUBLIC

AND PRIVATE SECTORS.

President Vetoed

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~~THE PRESIDENT VETOED THIS ACT, FOR REASONS THAT~~

~~HE HAS SINCE DISCARDED IN TURNING AROUND THIS YEAR AND~~

~~PROPOSING A SMALLER PUBLIC-SERVICE JOB PROGRAM,~~

NOW WE HAVE SIMPLY GOT TO HAVE LEADERSHIP IN GETTING THE AMERICAN ECONOMY MOVING AGAIN. WE NEED LESS REACTION FROM THE WHITE HOUSE AND MORE ACTION; LESS RHETORIC AND MORE LEADERSHIP. DESPITE ALL THE REPUBLICAN ADMINISTRATION PROMISES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS OF GREAT EXPECTATIONS, THE SIMPLE FACT OF THE MATTER IS THAT THE ECONOMY CONTINUES TO OPERATE AT FAR BELOW CAPACITY.

THE JOBLESS FATHER OF 4 IS NOT CONSOLED WHEN THE ADMINISTRATION TELLS HIM HE IS CONTRIBUTING TO THEIR EFFORTS TO STABILIZE THE ECONOMY.

IN MANY STATES, UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION FUND RESERVES ARE  
AT A CRITICALLY LOW LEVEL. NEITHER OUR STATES NOR OUR  
WORKERS CAN CONTINUE TO PAY FOR THIS REPUBLICAN-MANUFACTURED  
RECESSION, COUPLED WITH A COST OF LIVING THAT IS HIGHER  
THAN EVER BEFORE.

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IF OUR PRESENT GROSS NATIONAL PRODUCT "GAP" CONTINUES,  
THIS RECESSION WILL HAVE COST THE WORKING PEOPLE OF THIS  
COUNTRY MORE THAN \$55 BILLION DOLLARS IN LOST REAL INCOME  
DURING 1970 AND 1971. OUR STATES, COUNTIES, AND CITIES  
WILL CONFRONT A LOSS OF ALMOST \$6 BILLION IN REVENUES OVER  
THE SAME PERIOD. THAT'S MORE THAN THEY WILL EVER RECEIVE  
UNDER THE PRESIDENT'S GENERAL REVENUE-SHARING PROPOSAL.

AND UNCLE SAM WILL LOSE \$31 BILLION DOLLARS BECAUSE ITS  
REVENUES

ARE BASED ON THE INCOME OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE.

THESE FANTASTIC LOSSES OUGHT TO SHOCK THIS ADMINISTRATION  
INTO IMMEDIATE ACTION.

HOWEVER, NOT SATISFIED WITH GETTING ITS ECONOMIC AND  
FISCAL FACTS TOTALLY CONFUSED, THIS ADMINISTRATION  
RECENTLY WENT FURTHER IN PINNING THE BLAME FOR INFLATION  
ON ONE SECTOR OF THE ECONOMY -- THE CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY --  
AND SPECIFICALLY CASTIGATED OUR CONSTRUCTION WORKERS FOR  
THE RISE IN BUILDING COSTS. SUCH A CHARGE CONVENIENTLY  
IGNORES THE COSTS OF LAND, OF MATERIALS, OF FINANCING, AND  
OF PRICE-SETTING PRACTICES.

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IT IS HIGH TIME THIS ADMINISTRATION LEARNED THE ECONOMIC  
FACTS OF LIFE AND STOPPED SUGGESTING THAT WAGE INCREASES  
ALONE ACCOUNT FOR INFLATION.!

*Econ Policy* L LONG AGO, THE DEMOCRATIC MAJORITY IN CONGRESS CALLED  
FOR FIRM PRESIDENTIAL LEADERSHIP IN SETTING BOTH WAGE

AND PRICE GUIDELINES. L IN FEBRUARY, IN AN ADDRESS IN

WASHINGTON ON ECONOMIC POLICY, I SPELLED OUT THE ADMINISTRATIVE  
STRUCTURE FOR GIVING TEETH TO THE PRESIDENT'S POWERS OF

PERSUASION. I CALLED FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A

NATIONAL ECONOMIC STABILIZATION BOARD, WITH REGIONAL

AND LOCAL PRODUCTIVITY COUNCILS -- IN WHICH MANAGEMENT AND

LABOR COULD COOPERATE TO IMPLEMENT REASONABLE AND ECONOMICALLY  
SOUND WAGE AND PRICE POLICIES, ~~AND GUIDELINES ON A COMPREHENSIVE~~

~~BASIS AND OUT OF FIRSTHAND KNOWLEDGE OF OUR REAL ECONOMIC~~

~~PROBLEMS AT THE NATIONAL LEVEL AND IN LOCAL AREAS.~~

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L I ~~and~~ PROPOSED THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A NATIONAL  
ECONOMIC POLICY BOARD WITHIN THE GOVERNMENT, ~~DISCUSSED~~ <sup>with</sup>

~~BY~~ AN ADVISORY COUNCIL CONSISTING OF REPRESENTATIVES OF  
LABOR, MANAGEMENT, AGRICULTURE, AND THE CONSUMER. THE  
BOARD WOULD MAINTAIN A CONTINUOUS REVIEW OF THE STATE  
OF THE AMERICAN ECONOMY, PROVIDING QUARTERLY REPORTS TO  
THE PRESIDENT AND CONGRESS.

THROUGH CAREFUL ANALYSIS, PERSUASION, AND THE FOCUSING  
OF PUBLIC CONCERN, THESE FEDERAL INSTRUMENTALITIES COULD  
EFFECTIVELY PROMOTE THE VOLUNTARY COOPERATION OF MANAGEMENT  
AND LABOR IN MODERATING THE WAGE-PRICE SPIRAL. THEY MUST  
ALSO SERVE TO STIMULATE DOMESTIC PRODUCTION AND TO EXPAND  
AMERICA'S EXPORT TRADE.





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