

# HUMPHREY

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HUMPHREY CALLS FOR DECADE OF DYNAMIC  
DOMESTIC DEVELOPMENT; SAYS "QUALITY  
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Following are excerpts from the Senator's prepared remarks:

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I HAVE MET WITH PEOPLE FROM ALL WALKS OF LIFE AND I HAVE  
LEARNED.

FLORIDA IS AMERICA -- WITH ITS PROBLEMS OF YESTERDAY,  
ITS CHALLENGES OF TODAY; AND WITH THE HOPES AND DREAMS OF  
TOMORROW AND THE FUTURE.

AND IN FLORIDA -- AS IN OUR NATION -- THERE IS A RESTLESS  
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AND NEW DEVELOPMENT.

HERE AND ELSEWHERE PEOPLE WANT TO BE HEARD.

PEOPLE WANT THE DOORS OF GOVERNMENT TO BE OPEN AND  
TO SERVE THEIR NEEDS.

PEOPLE WANT TO KNOW: HOW DO WE MAKE GOVERNMENT WORK?

FLORIDA CAN BE PROUD OF YOUR NEW GOVERNOR AND OF ITS  
LEGISLATURE WHO HAVE RESPONDED TO THIS NEW SPIRIT OF THE  
PEOPLE WHO WANT REASON, COMPASSION AND DETERMINATION FROM  
THEIR GOVERNMENT.

AND FLORIDA HAS RESPONDED TO THE SPIRIT OF AMERICA  
BY PLAYING HOST TO THIS PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY.



Primary

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OF FLORIDA -- ~~A MESSAGE OF PROGRAMS TO SOLVE PROBLEMS --~~  
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~~BE DONE -- BUILDING, CREATING A BETTER AMERICA.~~

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THE MESSAGE, ~~I HAVE BROUGHT TO THE PEOPLE OF FLORIDA~~ --

NOT ALWAYS HEARD, NOT ALWAYS NOTICED IN THE COMPETITION OF

MANY VOICES -- IS THAT THE TIME HAS NOW COME FOR THE PEOPLE'S

Building a Better America  
GOVERNMENT TO GET ON WITH THE WORK OF BUILDING A BETTER

1970's Deal 9 Domestic Develop  
AMERICA THE EVENTS OF THE PAST WEEK REMIND US THAT WE FACE

TOUGH COMPETITION -- NOT ONLY FROM THE CHINESE AND THE RUSSIANS,

Competition  
BUT FROM THE WEST EUROPEANS AND THE JAPANESE.

AND THE COMPETITION IS NOT JUST ECONOMIC. IT IS A COMPETITION

OF IDEAS, IDEALS, AND THE WAYS AND MEANS TO MEET THE NEEDS

OF PEOPLE AND BUILD A NATION.

Need another

Equal opportunity  
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Equal Protection  
of the Laws

IF WE ARE TO BUILD ONE NATION, IF WE ARE TO BE A UNITED

PEOPLE THEN THERE MUST BE EQUAL OPPORTUNITY AND EQUAL PROTECTION

UNDER LAW. WE MUST LEARN TO LIVE TOGETHER AND PART OF THAT

LEARNING IS OUR EDUCATION SYSTEM.

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~~MAKE NO MISTAKE ABOUT IT~~ BUILDING A BETTER AMERICA

MEANS FIRST CLASS QUALITY EDUCATION FOR ALL OF OUR CHILDREN.

QUALITY EDUCATION IS THE ISSUE -- NOT BUSING. A DEAL

~~SCHOOL SYSTEM BASED UPON SEGREGATED EDUCATION IS NOT QUALITY~~

~~EDUCATION~~ SLUM SCHOOLS IN SLUM NEIGHBORHOODS MEAN POOR

EDUCATION. AN INTEGRATED EDUCATION SYSTEM WITH MODERN

FACILITIES AND WELL-TRAINED, COMPETENT TEACHERS PRODUCES

QUALITY EDUCATION.

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NO PARENT WHITE OR BLACK WANTS HIS OR HER CHILD TO ATTEND  
A SCHOOL WITH INFERIOR EDUCATIONAL STANDARDS.

~~THE SCHOOL BUS MUST CEASE TO BE THE SYMBOL OF A NATION'S  
FAILURE TO PROVIDE QUALITY EDUCATION FOR ALL ITS CHILDREN~~

THE EMOTIONAL HEADLINE ISSUE IS BUSING. BUT THE NEEDS OF  
AMERICA GO FAR BEYOND A SCHOOL BUS.

*Beyond  
Busing*

*Domestic Development*

(\*) THE DECADE OF THE 1970'S MUST BE A DECADE OF DYNAMIC  
DOMESTIC DEVELOPMENT -- A PERIOD OF BUILDING A BETTER AMERICA.

*and*  
I BELIEVE BUILDING A BETTER AMERICA MEANS THAT OUR PEOPLE

MUST HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO WORK, TO HAVE JOBS, TO EARN, TO

SAVE -- WITHOUT THE FEAR THAT ECONOMIC CATASTROPHES WILL DARKEN

THEIR LIVES. *The Right to a job, - work to do.*

*your corporate tax*

*1 at Reform*

BUILDING A BETTER AMERICA MEANS TAX REFORM. IT MEANS

CLOSING TAX LOOPHOLES, ENDING UNFAIR TAX PRIVILEGES, LIFTING

THE PROPERTY TAX BURDEN FROM THE HOMEOWNER AND PREVENTING THE

SPECIAL INTEREST FROM DENYING THE PEOPLE THEIR RIGHTFUL SHARE

IN NATIONAL PROSPERITY.

*Pollution*

*L* BUILDING A BETTER AMERICA MEANS WAGING A CONSTANT BATTLE

AGAINST ALL FORMS OF POLLUTION -- POLLUTION OF THE AIR AND

WATER, POLLUTION OF OUR SOCIAL ENVIRONMENT *by* SUCH AS SLUMS AND

GHETTOS, AND POLLUTION OF OUR MINDS BY PREJUDICE AND BITTERNESS.

*Elderly*

*L* BUILDING A BETTER AMERICA MEANS ECONOMIC SECURITY FOR MORE

THAN 20 MILLION ELDERLY AMERICANS.

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L IT MEANS RAISING SOCIAL SECURITY BENEFITS NOW BY <sup>at least</sup> ~~25~~ PERCENT,

REFORMING AN INADEQUATE MEDICARE SYSTEM AND IMMEDIATELY LIFTING

THE 5.4 MILLION ELDERLY POOR OUT OF POVERTY WITH GUARANTEED

PAYMENT TO OLD AGE, BLIND AND DISABLED BENEFICIARIES.

L BUILDING A BETTER <sup>Space</sup> AMERICA MEANS CONTINUING OUR VITAL <sup>Space</sup>

SPACE PROGRAM INCLUDING THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE SPACE SHUTTLE.

L WE MUST NOT BE DEFENSIVE ABOUT SPACE RESEARCH. OUR EXPENDITURES

IN THIS AREA ARE A WISE INVESTMENT FOR AMERICA AND WILL BRING

SIGNIFICANT RETURNS IN NATIONAL SECURITY, SCIENTIFIC, TECHNOLO-

GICAL, MEDICAL, AND ENVIRONMENTAL BENEFITS TO OUR NATION.

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Crime + Drug Traffic

⌈ BUILDING A BETTER AMERICA MEANS FIGHTING THE ENEMY WITHIN

-- CRIME AND DRUG TRAFFIC. THE FIRST DUTY OF GOVERNMENT IS TO

GUARANTEE SAFETY. AND THIS MEANS EFFECTIVE AND EFFICIENT LAW

ENFORCEMENT COUPLED WITH RESPONSIBLE

ENFORCEMENT COUPLED WITH RESPONSIBLE LAW OBSERVANCE *and rehabilitation.*

(Street-Level Work.)

ⓧ BUILDING A BETTER AMERICA MEANS MAKING GOVERNMENT WORK AT

THE STREET LEVEL -- THE NEIGHBORHOODS -- WHERE OUR PEOPLE LIVE.

⌈ AND IT MEANS REVITALIZING OUR CITIES, OUR SMALL TOWNS AND RURAL

AMERICA WITH NEW WAYS OF PLANNING AND FINANCING DESIGNED TO

STIMULATE PRIVATE INITIATIVES AND *Providing* ~~TO BUILD~~ PUBLIC FACILITIES.

IT CAN AND MUST BE DONE.

*urban  
Rural*



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~~WE MUST DO FOR AMERICA NOW WHAT WE HAVE DONE FOR THE REST~~  
~~OF THE WORLD.~~

Health

L A BETTER AMERICA MEANS A HEALTHY AMERICA AND IT MEANS ACCESS  
TO HEALTH AND HOSPITAL CARE FOR EVERYONE UNDER A BROAD SYSTEM OF  
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L BUT ACTION WILL BE SLOW IN COMING UNTIL ALL AMERICANS

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A DIVIDED NATION OF RICH AGAINST POOR, NORTH AGAINST SOUTH, YOUNG

AGAINST OLD, BLACK AGAINST WHITE.

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OF HOPE.

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DAN SPEISER

EDNA: THIS IS THE TALLAHASSEE TEXT. IT DIFFERS SOMEWHAT FROM  
WHAT WE ORIGINALLY GAVE SUZANNE. IT IS TO BE PREPARED ON  
A SPEECH TYPEWRITER. IT MUST BE TRANSMITTED TO JACK  
MCDONALD FIRST THING IN THE MORNING SO THAT HE CAN PREPARE THE  
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YOU KINDLY TELL JACK THIS.

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It is a privilege to speak before the men and women who represent the people of Florida.

Since early January I have travelled the length and breadth of this <sup>beautiful</sup> state -- listening to and talking with Floridians in cities, suburbs, towns, and farms.

I have met with people from all walks of life and I have learned.

Florida is America <sup>no change</sup> -- with its problems of yesterday; its challenges of today; and with the hopes and dreams of tomorrow and the future.

And in Florida -- as in our nation -- there is <sup>rather</sup> a new spirit. ~~identified by rapid growth in population - new communities - and new development and~~  
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~~People who want to be heard.~~ <sup>a new spirit.</sup>

<sup>Here and elsewhere</sup> People who want the doors of government to be open and to serve their needs.

~~People who want the truth. - This is~~

People who want to know: How do we make government work?

Florida can be proud of your new governor and of its legislature who have responded to this new spirit of the people who want reason, compassion and determination from their government.

And Florida has responded to the spirit of America by playing host to this presidential primary.

<sup>for</sup>  
The decision made by the people of this state on March 14 will have a significant impact on the final decision of the American people in this election year. ~~That is why I have taken this primary seriously, and I should like to share with you the message I ~~have~~ tried to bring to the people of Florida.~~

<sup>a message</sup>  
I ~~have conducted a campaign as I said I would, a campaign~~ of programs to solve problems -- not promises to raise false hopes.

<sup>There is work to do in America</sup>  
~~a message I have brought to the people of Florida -- not~~  
~~always heard, not always noticed in the competition of many voices~~

<sup>but</sup> ~~is now the time~~ now come for the people's government to get on with <sup>people</sup> of building a better America. <sup>down the path</sup> ~~get America back to work building creating the~~  
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~~system~~ <sup>the last week we have been challenged</sup>

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To believe in our system is to re-examine it and to be prepared to make changes that the times require.

Our nation does face world competition -- not only from the Chinese and the Russians, but from the West Europeans and the Japanese.

<sup>of ideas - and</sup>  
And the competition is not just economic. It is a competition of the ways and means to meet the needs of people and build a nation.

The events of the past week remind us that we face tough competition --

If we are to build one nation, if we are to be a united people then there ~~must~~ be equal opportunity and equal protection under law. ~~Learning is the key to the future~~ We must learn to live together and part of that learning is our <sup>Education</sup> school system.

~~Make~~ Make no mistake about it. Building a better America means first class quality education for all of our children. Quality education is the issue--not busing. ~~No parent white or black wants his or her child to attend a school with inferior educational standards.~~

(~~Busing is justified where it will advance the quality of ~~educational~~ education of these children based.~~) A dual school system based upon segregated education is not quality education. Slum schools in slum neighborhoods mean poor education. An integrated educational system with modern facilities and well-trained, competent teachers produces quality education.

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The school bus must cease to be the symbol of a nation's failure to provide quality education for all its children. The emotional headline issue is busing. But the needs of America go far beyond a school bus.



~~The Decade of the 1970's~~ must be a  
Decade of dynamic domestic development.  
-- a period of building a better America.

I believe building a better America means that our people must have the opportunity to work, <sup>to have jobs</sup> to earn, to save -- without the fear that economic catastrophes will darken their lives.

Building a better America means tax reform. It means closing tax loopholes, ending unfair tax privileges, lifting the property tax burden from the homeowner and preventing the special interest from denying the people their rightful share in national prosperity. ~~This program can provide at least \$15 billion which can be used now to build a better America without increasing our tax rates at all.~~

Building a better America means waging a constant battle against  
all forms of pollution--pollution of the air and water, pollution of our social environment ~~such as~~ slums and ~~ghettos~~ and pollution of our ~~neighborhoods~~ <sup>our minds</sup> -- ~~to make them~~ clean the homes of streets of our citizens ~~and~~ <sup>prejudice and</sup> ~~the lives~~ <sup>billions</sup> ~~of~~ <sup>economic security</sup>

Building a better America means ~~decent~~ <sup>economic security</sup> lives for more than 20 million elderly Americans. It means raising Social Security benefits now by 25 percent, reforming an inadequate medicare system and immediately lifting the 5.4 million elderly poor out of poverty with a ~~federally~~ guaranteed payment to Old Age, Blind and Disabled Beneficiaries. ~~all bills that I have already introduced in Congress.~~

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Building a better America means continuing our ~~needed~~ <sup>vital</sup> space program including the development of the space shuttle. We must not be defensive about space, <sup>research</sup> ~~because~~ <sup>O</sup> our expenditures in this area are a wise investment for ~~America~~ and will bring significant returns in ~~great~~ <sup>national security,</sup> scientific, technological, medical, and environmental benefits ~~to the nation.~~

Building a better America means ~~safe~~ <sup>fighting the enemy with our</sup> streets. The first <sup>crime + drug</sup> ~~task~~ duty of government is to guarantee safety. And this means effective and efficient law enforcement coupled with responsible law observance.

Building a better America means ~~making~~ <sup>making</sup> government ~~work~~ <sup>work</sup> at the street level -- the neighborhoods -- where our people live. And it means revitalizing our cities, our small towns and rural America with new <sup>Planning +</sup> ~~ways~~ of financing designed to stimulate private initiatives and to build public facilities. <sup>It can + must be done</sup> ~~It can + must be done~~ <sup>must</sup> ~~can~~ We <sup>new</sup> ~~can~~ do for America <sup>new</sup> what we have done for the rest of the world.

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