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L NO ONE WOULD DOUBT THAT THE ROLE OF WOMEN IN AMERICA  
IS CHANGING.

L MORE WOMEN TODAY ARE WORKING.

L MORE WOMEN TODAY HAVE PROFESSIONAL CAREERS.

L MORE WOMEN TODAY ARE PLAYING KEY ROLES IN GOVERNMENT  
AND COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP.

L ~~I'VE OBSERVED THESE CHANGES AND I'VE PROUD THAT I'VE~~  
~~PLAYED A ROLE IN HELPING TO BRING THEM ABOUT.~~

L TODAY I WANT TO TALK ABOUT A CONCERN OF ALL MEN AND  
WOMEN: OUR FAMILIES. - ~~what is happening to~~  
~~the men~~

L AND I WANT TO ASK: "WHAT'S HAPPENING TO AMERICAN

FAMILIES TODAY?"

- ✓ Education - Handicapped
- ✓ ~~Health~~ Retarded
- ✓ School Lunch Emotionally Disturbed
- ✓ Nutrition
- ✓ Health - Pre Natal - Post Natal

~~changes,~~

TOO MANY AMERICAN FAMILIES ARE BEING TORN APART BY  
SOCIAL FORCES WHICH OFTEN DIVIDE PARENTS FROM THEIR  
CHILDREN. AND TODAY, HIGH TAXES AND HIGH PRICES MUST  
BE ADDED TO THE LIST OF STRAINS AND STRESSES OF MODERN LIFE  
THAT EVERY AMERICAN FAMILY ENDURES.

THE STRENGTH OF AMERICA HAS ALWAYS BEEN IN ITS  
FAMILIES *+ community life.*

AND IT'S THE TASK OF EVERYONE HERE TO MAINTAIN THAT  
STRENGTH, TO BUILD FAMILY LIFE AND TO MAKE FAMILIES ONE  
AGAIN.

BUT THIS IS NOT AN EASY THING TO DO.

L ALMOST ALL AMERICAN FAMILIES ARE HAVING A DIFFICULT  
 TIME MAKING ENDS MEET, L AND FOR SOME FAMILIES, IT'S BECOMING  
IMPOSSIBLE TO MAKE ENDS MEET.

L EVERYWHERE YOU LOOK IT COSTS YOUR FAMILY MORE AND MORE  
 TO LIVE! ~~For the Elderly on fixed~~

+ wages

L THE SALARIES, THAT KEEP YOUR FAMILY GOING ARE BEING  
 DEVoured BY RELENTLESS PRICE INCREASES AND SPIRALING  
 INFLATION. ~~For the Elderly on Soc Sec on fixed~~  
income it is doubly cruel!

L GO TO THE SUPERMARKET ANYWHERE IN OHIO. FRESH FRUITS  
 AND VEGETABLES, DAIRY PRODUCTS, CEREAL AND BAKED GOODS,  
MEAT--THEY'VE ALL INCREASED AND THEY'RE ALL GOING HIGHER.

Yet farmers share of food dollar  
 is down - 37¢ -  
62¢ middleman

THE WEEKLY PENNY PER ITEM OR PENNY PER POUND INCREASES  
ADD UP. BY THE END OF THE MONTH, PENNY INCREASES BECOME  
DOLLAR INCREASES, AND THE FOOD BUDGET EATS INTO THE RENT  
OR MORTGAGE BUDGET AND THE HOUSEHOLD BUDGET. *get farm*

~~AND TOO MANY FAMILIES SIMPLY CAN'T AFFORD TO KEEP UP  
WITH THE SKYROCKETING FOOD PRICES AND DON'T BUY THE KINDS  
OF FOOD THEY NEED FOR NUTRITIOUS DIETS.~~

BUT WHAT ABOUT THE NON-FOOD ITEMS:!

--WOMENS AND MENS CLOTHING -- UP,

--FURNITURE -- UP,

--SOAPS, DETERGENTS, BLEACH -- UP,

--TRANSPORTATION, GAS, TELEPHONE AND ELECTRICITY -- UP,

--RENTS, MORTGAGE COSTS, INSURANCE RATES -- UP.

~~+ Hospital~~  
--AND MEDICAL COSTS ARE UP. ~~RENTS~~.

4 ~~ALL OF THESE INCREASING COSTS HAVE PUT AMERICAN~~  
~~FAMILIES IN A SERIOUS MONEY BIND.~~

AND THERE'S NO RELIEF IN SIGHT.

4 FAMILIES ARE OVERBURDENED BY AN UNREASONABLY HEAVY  
PROPERTY TAX, A REGRESSIVE SALES TAX AND AN UNFAIR FEDERAL  
~~INCOME TAX SYSTEM THAT ALLOWS THE PRIVILEGED FEW AN~~  
~~GIANT BURDEN TO ESCAPE PAYING TAXES.~~

4 ~~AMERICAN FAMILIES ARE BEING BANKRUPTED BY HIGH PROPERTY~~  
~~TAXES. I SAY THAT IT'S TIME TO CALL A HALT TO THIS~~  
~~UNREASONABLE AND ONEROUS BURDEN ON AMERICAN HOMEOWNERS.~~

L PROPERTY TAX RELIEF MUST BE ONE OF THE FIRST PRIORITIES

OF GOVERNMENT, ~~I AM PROUD TO SAY THAT I HAVE BEEN FIGHTING~~

~~FOR TAX REFORM SINCE I FIRST CAME TO THE SENATE IN THE EARLY~~

~~1950'S.~~

L TODAY, I AM A SPONSOR OF LEGISLATION DESIGNED TO RETURN

~~#827~~ \$827 MILLION TO THE STATE OF OHIO SO THAT YOUR PROPERTY TAXES

CAN BE REDUCED BY 30 PERCENT AND YOUR PROPERTY TAXES FOR

SCHOOL COSTS CAN BE REDUCED BY AS MUCH AS 50 PERCENT.

L BUT WORST OF ALL, WHILE TAXES AND PRICES GO UP, FAMILY

WAGES AND SALARIES ARE HELD DOWN.

~~IT'S ALMOST IMPOSSIBLE TO GET A SUBSTANTIAL SALARY~~

~~INCREASE.~~

But there are other forces  
~~AND THE TRAGIC ECONOMIC CONDITION OF TOO MANY FAMILIES~~  
 which threaten the American  
~~CAN ONLY BE MATCHED BY OTHER FORCES WHICH DESTROY THE~~  
 family.

AND THE MOST FRIGHTENING AND ALARMING ~~IS~~ IS DRUG  
 ABUSE. Drug Addiction

IT DOESN'T MATTER WHERE YOU LIVE OR HOW MUCH MONEY YOU  
 MAKE, DRUGS ARE ON OUR STREETS, IN OUR SCHOOLS AND THEY MAY  
 BE NEXT DOOR.

--400,000 AMERICANS ARE HEROIN ADDICTS.

Hundreds of thousands of our young  
~~--18 PERCENT OF COLLEGE STUDENTS HAVE USED LSD, AND~~  
people have used - are using -  
~~18 PERCENT OF THEM HAVE SMOKED MARIJUANA.~~  
LSD - Amphetamines, Barbiturates  
uppers - Downers - Speed  
etc



WHAT'S THE RESULT OF WIDESPREAD DRUG ABUSE:

--CHILDREN RUNNING AWAY.

--PARENTS WONDERING WHAT THEY DID WRONG.

--INCREASED CRIME AND BURGLARIES.

--AND THE WORST OF ALL, DEATHS CAUSED BY DRUG ABUSE.

THERE WERE MORE DRUG-RELATED DEATHS IN THE U.S. LAST  
YEAR THAN AMERICANS KILLED IN VIETNAM.

L DRUG ABUSE -- THAT'S THE REAL WAR. IT'S KILLING,  
SPLITTING AND BREAKING OUR FAMILIES.

L I'M NOT ONE TO SEARCH FOR SCAPEGOATS. BUT I'LL TELL  
YOU THIS: WHEN THE DOOR TO ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY AND  
ADVANCEMENT IS LOCKED TIGHT, WHEN SUMMERS ARE SPENT IN

SHOPPING MALLS AND ON STREETCORNERS BECAUSE THERE ARE NO

~~GOOD~~ JOBS FOR THE YOUNG, OR NO OPPORTUNITIES FOR RECREATION.

IT'S OPEN SEASON FOR THE DRUG PUSHER.

*(Idleness)*

*unemployment*

~~ECONOMIC~~ ~~WAVE~~ ~~TIDES~~ AND DRUG ADDICTION HAVE BECOME THE

SAD FACTS OF LIFE FOR MILLIONS OF AMERICAN

*youth*

~~THIS SHOULD NOT BE THE CASE.~~

I BELIEVE EVERY AMERICAN HAS THE RIGHT TO A JOB.

*Let's Put America to Work*

~~THEIR FAMILIES SHOULD BE PROVIDED FOR.~~

THERE ARE THINGS TO BE DONE IN THIS NATION, HOSPITALS, *homes*,

SCHOOLS, PARKS AND TRANSIT SYSTEMS TO BE BUILT. WE ARE A

NATION OF UNMET NEEDS AND SKILLED WORKERS DON'T HAVE TO SIT

IDLE.

*Youth-Jobs, Y.C.C., Job Corps*  
*Environment Protection*

WE CAN HOLD THE LINE ON PRICES WITH TOUGH ENFORCEMENT.  
WE CAN HALT THE ASSAULT OF INFLATION ON THE FAMILY PAYCHECK.  
WE CAN MAKE THE SUPERRICH PAY THEIR FAIR SHARE OF THE TAX  
LOAD,

AND WE CAN PUT THE DRUG PUSHER OUT OF BUSINESS IN YOUR  
COMMUNITY.

L WE CAN FIGHT AND DEFEAT HIM BY USING OUR SCHOOLS AS  
CENTERS FOR DRUG EDUCATION.

L WE CAN DEMAND THAT OUR ALLIES JOIN US IN CUTTING OFF  
THE FLOW OF HEROIN INTO THE COUNTRY.

L WE CAN INCREASE OUR LAW ENFORCEMENT EFFORT TO CATCH  
THE PUSHER AND WE CAN HAVE STIFFER PENALTIES THAT WILL KEEP  
HIM OUT OF OUR NEIGHBORHOODS FOR GOOD.

AND WE MUST EXPAND OUR DRUG TREATMENT AND REHABILITATION  
PROGRAMS.

I DON'T BELIEVE FOR ONE MINUTE THAT AMERICAN FAMILIES  
HAVE TO BE TORN APART BY ECONOMIC CATASTROPHE OR DRUG ABUSE.

I KNOW ALL OF US WANT A FAIR SOCIETY WHERE OUR FAMILIES  
CAN BE SECURE.

WE ALL WANT A FAIR SOCIETY WHERE NO ONE BEARS A SPECIAL  
BURDEN OR SUFFERS A SPECIAL HARDSHIP.

AMERICAN FAMILIES WANT A FAIR SOCIETY WHERE THEY CAN  
GROW AND LIVE TOGETHER.

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Cleveland, Ohio  
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Ohio State Federation of Women

No one would doubt that the role of women in America is changing.

More women today are working.

More women today have professional careers.

More women today are playing key roles in government and community leadership.

I've observed these changes and I'm proud that I've played a role in helping to bring about <sup>them</sup> ~~these changes~~.

Today I want to talk about a concern of all men and women: our families.

And I want to ask: What's happening to American families today?

Too many American families are being torn apart by social forces which often divide parents from their children. And today, high taxes and high prices must be added to the list of strains and stresses/that every American family ~~must~~ endures.

The strength of America has always been in its families.

And it's the task of everyone here to maintain that strength, to build family life and to make families one again.

But this is not an easy thing to do.

Almost all American families are having a difficult time making ends meet. And for some families, it's becoming impossible to make ends meet.

Everywhere you look it costs your family more and more  
to live.

The salaries that keep your family going are being devoured by a relentless  
price increases and spiraling inflation.

Go to the supermarket anywhere in Ohio. Fresh fruits and  
vegetables, dairy products, cereal and baked goods, meat -- they've  
all increased and they're all going higher.

The weekly penny per item or penny per pound <sup>increases</sup> add up.  
By the end of the month, penny increases become dollar increases.  
And the food budget eats into the rent or mortgage budget and the  
household budget.

And too many families simply can't afford to keep up  
with the skyrocketing food prices and don't buy the kinds of  
<sup>they need</sup>  
food for nutritious diets.

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But what about the non-food items:

-- Womens and mens clothing -- UP

-- Furniture -- UP

-- Soaps, detergents, bleach -- UP

-- Transportation, gas, telephone and electricity - UP

-- Rents, mortgage costs, insurance rates -- UP

-- And medical costs are up 4.1%

All of these increasing costs have put American families in a serious money bind.

And there's no relief in sight.

Families are overburdened by an unreasonably heavy property tax, a regressive sales tax and an unfair Federal income tax system that allows the ~~super-rich~~ *Privileged few* and the giant corporations to escape paying taxes.

*INSERT*

But worst of all, while taxes and prices go up, family wages and salaries are held down.

It's almost impossible to get a substantial salary increase.

*[Handwritten scribble]*  
For American families this bleak economic picture can mean the beginning of the end.

And the tragic economic condition of too many families can only be matched by other forces which divide our families.

*most frightening and*  
And the ~~scariest and most~~ alarming force is drug abuse.

*Insert*

American families are being bankrupted by high property taxes. I say that it's time to call a halt to this unreasonable and unfair burden on American homeowners.

Property tax relief must be ~~the priority~~ one of the first priorities of government.

I am proud to say that I have been fighting for tax reform since I first came to the Senate in the early 1950's. L Today I am a sponsor of legislation designed to return \$827 million dollars to the state of Ohio so that your property taxes can be reduced by 30 percent and your property taxes for school costs can be reduced by as much as 50 percent.



It doesn't matter where you live or how much money you make, drugs are on our streets, in our schools and they may be next door.

-- Four hundred thousand Americans are heroin addicts.

-- Eighteen percent of college students have used LSD and 51 percent of them have smoked marijuana.

What's the result of widespread drug abuse:

-- Children running away

-- Parents wondering what they did wrong

-- Increased crime and burglaries

-- And the worst of all, deaths caused by drug abuse.

There were more drug related deaths in the U.S. last year than ~~there were~~ Americans killed in Vietnam, ~~last year~~.

Drug abuse -- that's the real war. It's killing, splitting and breaking our families.

I'm not one to search for scapegoats. But I'll tell you this: When the door to economic opportunity and advancement is locked tight, when summers are spent in shopping malls and on streetcorners because there are <sup>or no opportunities for recreation</sup> no good jobs for the young, it's an open season for the drug pusher.

Economic <sup>hard times</sup> ~~disaster~~ and drug addiction have become the sad facts of life for millions of American families.

This should not be the case.

I believe every American has the right to a job so that ~~he or she can provide for their families~~ *can be provided for.*

There are things to be done in this nation. Hospitals, schools, parks and transit systems to be built. We are a nation of unmet needs and skilled workers don't have to sit idle.

We can hold the line on prices with tough enforcement. We can halt the assault of inflation on the family paycheck. We can make the super rich pay their fair share of the tax load.

And we can put the drug pusher out of business in your community.

We can fight and defeat him by using our schools as centers for drug education.

We can demand that our allies join us in cutting off the flow of heroin into the country.

We can increase our law enforcement effort to catch the pusher and we can have stiffer penalties that will kepp him out of our neighborhoods for good.

And we must expand our drug treatment and rehabilitation programs.

I don't believe for one minute that American families have to be torn apart by economic catrastophe or drug abuse.

I know all of us want a fair society where our families can be secure.

We all want a fair society where no one bears a special burden or suffers a special hardship.

American families want a fair society where they can grow and live together.



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