NATIONAL CONVENTION OF SERVICE EMPLOYEES

INTERNATIONAL UNION

REMARKS BY SENATOR HUBERT H. HUMPHREY

JACK TARR HOTEL SANFRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA

MONDAY, MAY 29, 1972

THIS IS ONE OF MY FAVORITE UNIONS:

--IT WAS THE FIRST UNION TO ENDORSE ME FOR PRESIDENT IN 1968. IT WAS RIGHT THEN. I HOPE YOU WILL BE RIGHT WITH ME NOW.

--IT REPRESENTS HARD WORKING PEOPLE, PROUD PEOPLE, THEY DO GOOD AND IMPORTANT WORK,

--THIS UNION HAS FOUGHT FOR THE LITTLE GUY--FOR THE BLACKS, THE CHICANOS, THE LOW AND MODERATE INCOME FAMILIES. THESE HAVE BEEN IMPORTANT BATTLES.

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--YOU WANT YOUR MEMBERS TO BE COMPLETELY COVERED BY UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION.

THAT IS WHAT I WANT, AND, I HAVE PROPOSED AN EXPANDED PROGRAM OF UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION, WITH CHANGES IN ELIGIBILITY STANDARDS, WITH CHANGES IN BENEFITS, AND WITH AN EXTENDED PERIOD OF COVERAGE.

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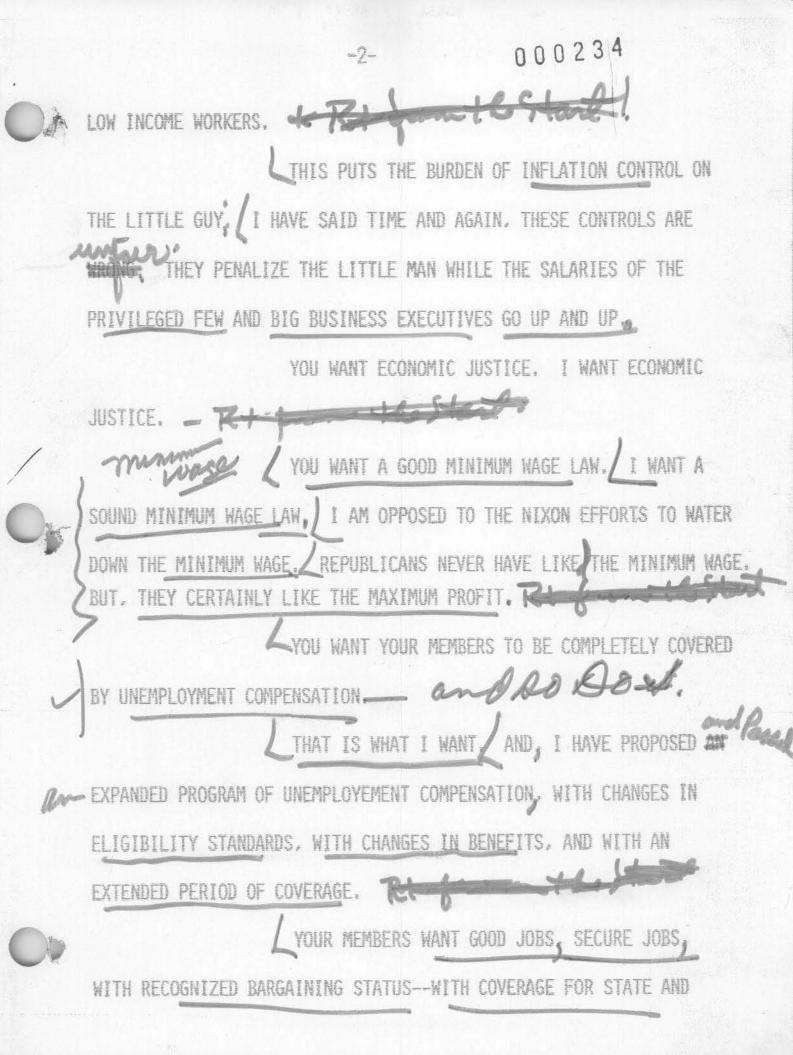
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