

REMARKS BY SENATOR DOLE
(INTRODUCTION OF GOVERNOR BENNETT)
PRESIDENT FORD LUNCHEON
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NOTE: (THE SENATOR WILL BE INTRODUCED BY FRANK RICE, THE EMCEE. THE SENATOR WILL INTRODUCE GOVERNOR BENNETT, WHO WILL INTRODUCE NANCY KASSEBAUM, WHO WILL INTRODUCE PRESIDENT FORD.)

THE PEOPLE OF KANSAS HAVE WHAT I CONSIDER TO BE AN EXCELLENT OPPORTUNITY TO ELECT A MOST IMPRESSIVE GROUP OF REPUBLICAN CANDIDATES IN 1978. IT'S A CRITICAL ELECTION FOR OUR PARTY, NOT ONLY HERE IN KANSAS, BUT IN EVERY STATE IN THE UNION.

I AM CONVINCED THAT IF THE VOTERS OF KANSAS TAKE A CAREFUL LOOK AT THE CANDIDATES, IGNORING THE ALL-TOO-FAMILIAR RHETORIC AND PERSONAL ATTACKS FROM THE DEMOCRATIC SENATORIAL CANDIDATE'S CAMPAIGN, THEY WILL SEND NANCY KASSEBAUM TO THE UNITED STATES SENATE, RE-ELECT GOVERNOR BENNETT, AND ALL OUR REPUBLICAN CONGRESSIONAL CANDIDATES.

WITH INCREASING REGULARITY, MY COLLEAGUES IN WASHINGTON ARE ASKING, "WHO IS THAT GOVERNOR YOU HAVE IN KANSAS, THAT BOB BENNETT? DOES HE PLAN TO CHALLENGE FOR THE PRESIDENTIAL NOMINATION?" OF COURSE, I TELL THEM, "NO." BUT I AM QUICK TO TELL THEM OF HIS EXCELLENT RECORD AS GOVERNOR OF KANSAS, A STATE WHICH TODAY IS KNOWN FOR ITS EFFECTIVE AND EFFICIENT GOVERNMENT AND ITS STRONG AND STABLE ECONOMY. WITHOUT A DOUBT, GOVERNOR BENNETT'S LEADERSHIP, EXPERIENCE, AND PERFORMANCE DURING HIS FIRST TERM AS GOVERNOR HAS MADE KANSAS THE ENVY OF HER SISTER STATES.

GOVERNOR BENNETT IS RECOGNIZED AS A NATIONAL SPOKESMAN ON AGRICULTURE AND ENERGY, SERVING AS A MEMBER OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE NATIONAL GOVERNOR ASSOCIATION AND RESPONSIBLE FOR CREATION OF ITS COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE. HE HAS TESTIFIED NUMEROUS TIMES BEFORE CONGRESS ON ISSUES RELATED TO AGRICULTURE AND ENERGY, AND HIS NAME HAS BECOME A HOUSEHOLD WORD AT THE WHITE HOUSE, WHERE HE HAS MET ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS WITH PRESIDENT CARTER AND THE SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE.

HIS RECORD OF PUBLIC SERVICE IS SECOND TO NONE, HAVING BEEN MAYOR OF THE CITY OF PRAIRIE VILLAGE FOR EIGHT YEARS, A MEMBER OF THE KANSAS SENATE FOR 10 YEARS -- THE LAST TWO AS PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE. KANSANS HAVE GOOD REASON TO BE PROUD OF WHAT HAS BEEN ACCOMPLISHED DURING GOVERNOR BENNETT'S FIRST FOUR YEARS IN OFFICE. LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, IT IS MY PLEASURE TO INTRODUCE THE GOVERNOR OF KANSAS, GOVERNOR BOB BENNETT.