

REMARKS BY SENATOR ROBERT MORGAN
BY PHONE TO VANCE-AYCOCK DINNER
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FELLOW DEMOCRATS:

I REGRET THAT I CANNOT BE PRESENT IN ASHEVILLE TONIGHT.

THE SENATE IS TRYING TO END ITS SESSION AND WE ARE MEETING
AT NIGHT AND ON SATURDAY, HOPING TO BE THROUGH BY NEXT WEEKEND.

TODAY WE TOOK UP THE TAX BILL, WHICH AFFECTS EVERY ONE
OF US, AND I FEEL THAT AS A RESPONSIBLE MEMBER OF THE SENATE,
I HAVE TO STAY HERE AND REPRESENT YOU AND THE OTHER PEOPLE
FROM NORTH CAROLINA WHO SENT ME HERE.

SO I CAN'T GET TO VANCE-AYCOCK AND I CAN'T BE WITH YOU
IN PERSON, BUT I HOPE YOU CAN HEAR ME THIS WAY. WE MADE A
SPECIAL EFFORT TO ARRANGE THIS TELEPHONE HOOK-UP SO THAT I

COULD AT LEAST SAY "HELLO".

WE ARE ALL DEMOCRATS TONIGHT IN ASHEVILLE. I BELIEVE
THERE IS A REASON FOR THIS.

ONE REASON IS THAT DEMOCRATS ARE 'FOR' THINGS AND THEY
DO SOMETHING ABOUT THEM.

A DEMOCRATIC ADMINISTRATION IN WASHINGTON HAS HELPED
CREATE SIX MILLION NEW JOBS DURING THE PAST TWO YEARS, SO
THAT MORE PEOPLE ARE WORKING TODAY IN AMERICA THAN EVER BEFORE.

A DEMOCRATIC ADMINISTRATION AND A DEMOCRATIC CONGRESS HAVE
HELPED BRING UNEMPLOYMENT BELOW SIX PERCENT, BETTER THAN THE
EXPERTS PROPHESED.

A DEMOCRATIC CONGRESS HAS STOPPED THE UPWARD SPIRAL OF
THE FEDERAL BUDGET AS A PERCENT OF THE GROSS NATIONAL PRODUCT.

DEMOCRATS HAVE REDUCED THE BUDGET DEFICIT TO THE LOWEST
FIGURE IN YEARS.

ALL OF THIS HAS BEEN DONE WITH DEMOCRATIC LEADERSHIP AFTER
REPUBLICAN PRESIDENTS GAVE US OUR FIRST 100 BILLION DOLLAR
BUDGET AND OUR FIRST 300 BILLION DOLLAR BUDGET IN AN EIGHT-YEAR
SPAN.

WITH A RECORD LIKE THAT, I ASK YOU WHO ARE THE BIG
SPENDERS?

WITH A RECORD LIKE THAT, IT IS URGENT THAT EVERY ONE OF
US WHO BELIEVES IN THE DEMOCRATIC WAY OF DOING THINGS -- OF
BEING "FOR" THINGS -- WORKS AS HARD AS HE OR SHE CAN TO ELECT
DEMOCRATS NEXT MONTH.

IT IS IMPORTANT THAT WE ELECT DEMOCRATS TO LOCAL AND
STATE OFFICES.

IT IS IMPORTANT, CERTAINLY, THAT WE ELECT DEMOCRATS TO THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES -- AND THAT MEANS ELECT LAMAR GUDGER, ELECT STEVE NEAL, ELECT CHARLIE MAXWEL AND THE OTHER FINE NOMINEES FARTHER EAST.

IT IS IMPORTANT, CERTAINLY, THAT WE ELECT A DEMOCRAT TO THE OTHER SENATE SEAT, AND THAT MEANS ELECT JOHN INGRAM, WHO, AS A MEMBER OF THE SAME PARTY, WILL WORK CLOSELY WITH THE DEMOCRAT WHO OCCUPIES THE WHITE HOUSE.

FRANKLY, I LOOK FOR A BANNER ELECTION YEAR FOR THE DEMOCRATS BECAUSE I BELIEVE THAT WE SIMPLY HAVE MORE TO OFFER.

SO LET'S GET ON WITH IT AND WIN THIS ELECTION.

AGAIN, I WANT TO SAY I AM SORRY NOT TO BE WITH YOU.

BUT I KNOW YOU'LL KEEP THE FAITH AND THAT IT WILL SHOW

RESULTS ON NOVEMBER 7TH.

FROM WASHINGTON, THEN, GOOD NIGHT AND THANK YOU.