

MR. PRESIDENT, DISTINGUISHED MEMBERS FROM ACROSS AMERICA,  
IT IS INDEED AN HONOR FOR ME TO WELCOME YOU TO OUR STATE - THE  
PALMETTO STATE - THE FIRST STATE OF THE UNION ON WHICH THE SUN  
SHINES.

HILTON HEAD IS AN ISLAND ALL UNTO ITSELF. EVERYTHING HERE  
IS BIGGER AND BETTER. THE LAST TIME I WAS HERE I HEARD TWO  
FISHERMEN TALKING. THEY SWAPPED TALES OF THE PLACES THEY  
HAD FISHED AND AS INVARIABLY HAPPENS, THEY END UP WITH SOME  
WILD TALES OF THE FISH THEY HAD CAUGHT.

ONE OF THEM TOLD OF A VICIOUS BATTLE HE ONCE HAD WITH A  
300-POUND SAIL OFF THE POINT. THE OTHER MAN LISTENED ATTENTIVELY.  
HE SHOOK HIS HEAD AND ADMITTED HE HAD NEVER CAUGHT ANYTHING  
QUITE THAT BIG. HOWEVER, TO TOP THIS TALE, HE TOLD ABOUT THE  
TIME HIS HOOK SNAGGED A LANTERN OFF THE BEACH. THE LANTERN  
CARRIED A TAG PROVING IT WAS LOST BACK IN 1912. BUT THE STRANGEST  
THING OF ALL WAS THE FACT THAT IT WAS A WATERPROOF LANTERN AND  
THE LIGHT WAS STILL LIT.

FOR A LONG TIME THE FIRST MAN SAID NOTHING. THEN HE TOOK  
ONE LONG LAST DRAW ON HIS PIPE.

"I'LL TELL YOU WHAT I'LL DO," HE SAID SLOWLY. "I'LL TAKE 200-POUNDS OFF MY FISH, IF YOU'LL PUT OUT THE LIGHT IN YOUR LANTERN."

THE MORAL TO THIS STORY IS TWO-FOLD: FIRST, THE FISHING IS GREAT OFF THE CAROLINA COAST AND MORE IMPORTANTLY, AMERICA IS CAUGHT UP IN THE GREATEST PROMISE RACE SINCE THE BIRTH OF OUR NATION.

NO, I AM NOT TALKING SPECIFICALLY ABOUT THE PRESIDENTIAL RACE - I AM TALKING ABOUT THE POLITICAL ENVIRONMENT OF TODAY .... AN ENVIRONMENT IN WHICH THERE IS NO APPARENT CONCERN FOR THE FUTURE .... IMMEDIATE OR LONG RANGE.

IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED STATES, THE CONGRESS HAS CERTAIN VESTED POWERS ....THEY ARE, AMONG OTHER THINGS, THE LAW GIVERS .... THE FUND RAISERS .... AND THE REDISTRIBUTION AGENT OF OUR NATIONAL WEALTH.

THE PHILOSOPHICAL BATTLES OF HOW MUCH, WHEN AND WHERE ARE NOT NEW. JOHN C. CALHOUN, A PATRIOTIC CITIZEN OF THIS STATE WAS ONE OF THE FIRST TO RAISE HIS VOICE AGAINST TOO MUCH GOVERNMENT AT ALL LEVELS .... BEING THE SOUTHERN GENTLEMAN THAT HE WAS, HE RECOGNIZED THE DANGERS OF CENTRAL CONTROL OVER PROBLEMS OF REGIONAL AND LOCAL FLAVOR.

A QUESTION TO CHALLENGE YOUR INTELLECT .... IN A RECENT ARTICLE BY JAMES J. KILPATRICK ENTITLED "COTTON WOOL SYNDROME" A SOMEWHAT TYPICAL EXAMPLE OF OVER REGULATION WAS REVIEWED:

IT BEGAN BY A STUDY .... WAS FOLLOWED BY THE ASSUMPTION THAT GOVERNMENT KNOWS BEST .... THUS PERSONAL CHOICE WAS IRRATIONALLY REPLACED BY BUREAUCRATIC CONTROLS ....

SOUNDS LIKE THE CORNERING OF A SOVIET SPY RING BUT IT'S NOT .... THAT'S THE CONGRESSIONAL CASE TO PROTECT PERSONS WHO FALL ASLEEP WHILE SMOKING .... OR WHILE I AM SPEAKING.

HERE IS HOW THE SYSTEM WORKED. SOMEONE SAID PEOPLE WERE BEING INJURED BY FALLING ASLEEP AND SETTING FURNITURE ON FIRE. THE RATIONAL APPROACH WOULD BE TO MAKE THE PUBLIC AWARE OF THIS POSSIBILITY. WHEN CONGRESS GETS INTO THE ACT, THEY DON'T BLAME THE CARELESS SMOKER .... WHO DO THEY ATTACK?? THE PRIVATE ENTERPRISE SYSTEM .... THE MANUFACTURERS.

THE NET RESULT OF THE "CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFETY COMMISSION" WAS THAT THEY ATTACKED THIS ALLEGED PROBLEM WITH 40 PAGES OF REGULATIONS AND A TESTING FACILITY.

YOU GUESSED IT .... 6 TO 21 CIGARETTES WILL BE DEPOSITED ON MATERIALS TO ESTABLISH THERE ABILITY TO COPE WITH THE CARELESS SMOKER. THE COST TO THE AMERICAN TAXPAYERS \$2.1 BILLION.

MANUFACTURER COST WILL GO UP BY 30% IN SOME CASES. OH! VELVETS, COTTON PRINTS AND LINENS WOULD BE ELIMINATED ....

GENTLEMEN, CARELESS SMOKING IS A PROBLEM BUT NOT IN PROPORTION TO THE FINANCIAL BURDEN PLACED ON THE PUBLIC. YET WE FIND NO SUCH ZEALOUS ATTACK ON THE DRUG TRAFFIC .... WE FIND NO POSITIVE ACTION ON NATIONAL DEFENSE .... WE FIND NO FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY STUDIES.

HAVE WE REACHED A PLATEAU IN FEDERAL GOVERNMENT WHERE TRIVIA IS TREATED BECAUSE WE LACK THE GUTS TO ATTACK THE REAL ISSUES WHICH FACE OUR NATION?? .... ARE THESE AND SIMILAR ACTIONS WHAT WE REALLY WANT OR NEED FOR INSURING THE LEADERSHIP ROLE IN WORLD AFFAIRS?? ....

IN SOUTH CAROLINA LESS THAN 7% OF ALL FUNDS FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT ARE FEDERAL DOLLARS. TAX DOLLARS .... YOURS AND MINE UNDER THE REDISTRIBUTION SYSTEM. THE RED TAPE ATTACHED TO THESE DOLLARS WOULD PUT OUT THE LANTERN AND WRAP THE 300-POUND FISH.

WHAT HAS ALL THIS TO DO WITH PROMISES?? WE, THE AMERICAN PUBLIC, ARE TOLD BY EACH ELECTED OFFICIAL THAT HE IS FOR FISCALLY RESPONSIBLE GOVERNMENT, BUT THE FACTS SPEAK FOR THEMSELVES:

FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY IN THE FORM OF:

- 1) \$20,000 TO STUDY THE GERMAN COCKROACH
- 2) \$121,000 TO FIND WHY PEOPLE USE THE WORD AIN'T

3) \$70,000 TO STUDY THE SMELL OF ABORIGINE PERSPIRATION

4) \$80,000 FOR A ZERO-GRAVITY TOILET

I AIN'T SMART, BUT IT SMELLS TO ME LIKE WE HAVE BEEN FLUSHED  
BY THIS DEMOCRAT SPEND-ALL.

CONGRESS, LED BY THE DEMOCRAT PHILOSOPHY AND MAJORITY  
HAS CREATED 236 NEW FEDERAL AGENCIES. THE FEDERAL DEFICIT HAS  
BULGED TO 123 BILLION DOLLARS. FEDERAL PAYROLLS TOTALED OVER  
43 BILLION DOLLARS THIS YEAR .... "BUREAUCRACY IS DOING NICELY  
THANK YOU."

AMERICA STANDS FOR NOTHING IF WE LOSE OUR MILITARY POSTURE,  
BUT THE KEY TO OUR VERY SURVIVAL HAS BEEN SLASHED BY THIS  
SPENDTHRIFT GROUP BY MORE THAN 50 BILLION DOLLARS. REALITY  
AND COMMON SENSE TELLS US WHAT COULD HAPPEN .... NO FREE PRESS  
.... NO GOVERNMENT BY THE PEOPLE .... NO PRIVATE ENTERPRISE ....  
YES, WE COULD BECOME JUST G O V E R N M E N T. AFTER ALL, THAT'S  
WHAT FREEDOM IS, FREEDOM FROM GOVERNMENT. THINK ABOUT IT ....

A FINAL THOUGHT .... I BELIEVE THE BIGGEST MISTAKE EITHER  
POLITICAL PARTY COULD MAKE IN THIS ELECTION YEAR IS TO UNDER-  
ESTIMATE THE INTELLIGENCE OF THE VOTING PUBLIC. I PERCEIVE THE  
OLD DAYS OF TELL'UM WHAT THEY WANT TO HEAR IS AN ANTIQUATED  
POLITICAL BYGONE.

BILLIONS OF DOLLARS HAVE BEEN SPENT TO EDUCATE THE PUBLIC.

NOW I BELIEVE THE PUBLIC WILL BEGIN TO EDUCATE THEIR BENEFACTORS.