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...and I saw Rubin, he came in, I was having a cup of coffee and I said, as we were passing the time of day, I said, Rubin, how's your small grains crop this year? And he said, well I had a Norwegian crop; you know my middle name is Ingrahm, I think maybe he knew it too. He said I had a Norwegian crop this year and that peaked my curiosity and I said, what do you by a Norwegian crop, Rubin? He said, well there's a lot of heads with nothing in them. (laughter)

...and he had just finished making an irrelevant speech just like Allen had made I want to seat. I was born a Democrat, I've been a Democrat all my life and I expect to die a Democrat. A guy sitting in the front row says "you're not very ambitious, are you?" (laughter) I think we've taken...heard from everybody here tonight, because I...(laughter). I was listening to a guy that's been trying to campaign for the United States Senate. Wherever he's been getting his information, he's made a horrible mistake because what he's been forgetting to tell people is that he's supposed to try to get his name and in this case, he's been getting his opponent's name on it. And I'm speaking of that guy that is running for the opposition congressman giving up a seat on the Agricultural committee.

But anyways, he's talking about giving up 18 years of seniority to be called Senator. And I'm here to tell you that our candidate has 18 years of seniority and he isn't giving it up. He's only moving over to the Senate to where he can do a better job for the people of North Dakota. So tonight I'm going to call on Congressman Andrews and it'll probably be the last time that we talk about him in this area as our congressman because after November 4th, he's going to be our Senator. And I would like to preempt it a bit and call him Senator Andrews tonight but I'll wait until November 5th and call on Congressman Mark Andrews.

(applause) Thanks, Jack, it's good to be here and wasn't it great to have buffalo stew? That's fantastic! It reminds me of years ago when we were campaigning on an Indian reservation and I thought I'd done a real great thing, I'd gotten my colleague Ben <sup>p. fel</sup> Riff~~lin~~<sup>a</sup> to speak for me and who's on ~~Sioux~~<sup>a</sup> Indian reservation at Fort and just like tonight, we had stew we had some slices of bread and we went down the line and we took the stew and there were about 300 people there. We'd gotten up on the platform after we'd eaten the stew, and all of that, visited a little bit, and the speeches started. And then Ben <sup>2.14</sup> Riff~~lin~~ began to speak in his native tongue which was Sioux. Ben's grandmother was the wife of the big Sioux chief. And all of a sudden after he began rattling off these phrases in Sioux, all of these Indians began roaring, rolling in the aisles, laughing Ben, nobody's paying any attention to us anyway, I asked Ben, what'd you tell them? Well, I told them that back in the old days when my grandmother was the wife of the Great Chief and we had visitors, they cooked up a dog stew just like they cooked up for us here today. And the more important the visitor, the tenderer the young puppy dog they put in the stew. But from the scrawny old dog meat we had today, they must not think too much of congressmen. (laughter) Well, I'm happy with the tender buffalo meat that Harold Shafer and Charles the buffalo stew, they think a good meal of Republicans in the Dickinson area. (applause)

Tell you, Van was great and everybody else is taking credit for the reign so I can't you that. I think it's great to listen to Alan Olson. Alan's a fantastic young man. He's interested in North Dakota, a great lawyer, a competent fighter for water projects in North Dakota. He's been suing the federal government, holding them in court, and he's going to get water for North Dakota one way or the other, as governor he can do even more. I'll tell you another thing too. When you tell a man like Alan Olson, who's governor, he's going to be

aggressive, he's going to be hardworking, he's gonna do just the kind of job we need done for the eighties. And that's why you want to turn out and give him a big vote, not only elect him, but give him a big pat on the back, as we send him into that important governor's chair in Bismarck to do the job that needs to be done for North Dakota. With your help we can get that done. And then when we talk about the rain, we think about farming, and how important farm income is in North Dakota, and we think about the candidate. He mentioned the candidate not too long ago that did some TV commercials a while ago, ran against me for Congress about six years ago. Remember how he was posing as a farmer? And he had a horse right next to him and he was putting a bridle on him, and he put the bridle on backwards. (laughter) I mean, you know...we've got to enact a new farm program next year in                      and when you're electing a man for the House of Representatives, let's elect a hardworking, honest, straightforward farmer who is a good family man and that man is Jim Slikowski; he'll                      write a good farm program because he knows farm /                      issues. I'll tell you one thing, he's not going to get a TV spot and bribe off, phony backwards, never...actually we've got a lot of things that we can talk about. But the eighties are really the time to get back to basics. We've drifted for far too long in this nation. Then he pointed out so well about how important inflation is and what a terrible load it is on everybody-- the working people, the farmers, the professional people. We've got to turn that around. Jimmy Carter's got a remedy for inflation. He's been trying it for three years. And it gets worse and worse and worse. Jimmy's Georgia bunch and their ideas on inflation                      the way you handle it is you increase interest rates and you tighten up the supply of money. Well all I can speak of from experience is as a cattlefield and I come out every fall and I buy those darn healthy, good to us, wonderful, over-priced Dickinson calves. (laughter)

and I've got to pay him interest on those calves and even though

they're doing good                      we're selling them right now and we've been paying them 14% interest on them and if that isn't the cost of production, then maybe I forgot what it's all about. Anybody who says high interest rates are the answer to inflation just doesn't know what's going on in this country. It doesn't work in feeding cattle, it sure doesn't work in business and I know it doesn't work for a working person either because if they've got to pay that much more interest when they want to put their name on the dotted line to buy a home, they're going to have a tough time buying that home. They're going to have a tough time buying a refrigerator, or an automobile or anything else they need. That's not the answer. Jimmy Carter simply hasn't had the answer. In fact the biggest thing that stands in Jimmy Carter's way of a second term is his first term. (laughter) Think about it. (applause) We've really got to get to the idea of incentives in our society. Years ago this state was settled--about 100 years ago--a little more than that the eastern part of the state, about that out here. I remember I gave the speech, the 100th anniversary speech, the centennial speech, for my hometown of Mapleton. And we celebrated that 4 years ago because our hometown was settled in 1876. And I asked the Library of Congress, that's one of the few perquisites you've got as a Member of Congress--you can call them up and say, hey, I'd like to find out something about my hometown. I've got to back and make a speech and they've watched me grow up since yea high and they're not quite so sure that I'm smart enough to be a congressman but I want to fool them, I want to tell them that I know a little something about the old hometown that they don't know. And so these researchers stuck around and they found out that by gosh, when they laid out the Northern Pacific Mainline between Fargo and Bismarck, those surveyors found one person, one white person living out there was a woman. A woman by the name of Mary Bishop, lived in a little log cabin on the side of the Maple River where that railroad track was going to cross it. Mary Bishop had been there in that

cabin since 1870-1871. What a wonderful woman she must have been. Her great grandson now is farming about 4 miles away from our son. She later became post mistress of Mapleton. But she was out there because she believed in her own ability and in the future of North Dakota. What kind of a time she would have had if she had had some inspector from the government come in and tell her how to carve the half-moon in her outhouse door, or where to locate the path, or how you had to lay down the for one of these environmentalists got ahold of her like Rick Max and he would have convinced her that there was no way she could survive out on the prairie. In fact the Max and the environmental experts would have gotten ahold of our grandparents before they came out to North Dakota, they would have told them how we had to leave this state the way it was, yet they came, they built, they worked together, they had incentive because they were building a better place for themselves and their children and their grandchildren, and they turned this state into a productive area that supports now three-quarters of a million people. And you know sometimes it's important to go back to basics; sometimes it's important to take a look at what went before. We've got to get back to basics now a hundred years after our people settled this area; we've got to get back to basics two hundred years after they wrote the Constitution for our country. All they gave us really was the freedom under which we have the opportunity to participate. We've got a lot more freedom today than they ever thought possible and far more opportunity than they could have dreamed of but were participating far less. I hope we in the next 2 1/2 weeks, you're going to participate. You're going to go out and talk to friends and neighbors--the Democrats, the Independents, the Republicans--that might not get to the polls, the people in nursing homes, the people in hospitals, get them an absentee ballot and tell them it's important. Why? Because we've been drifting too long in America. I don't care whether you want to talk about inflation, talk about energy, and energy certainly involves North Dakota; food energy in our crop land, fuel energy in our coal and iron deposits;

it's time we addressed ourselves to the potential of that energy, and to do it right. We've got a situation where annual meeting, the speaker from South Carolina, talking about these environmental hot shots and this man was no Republican, he was a Democrat but he was a straight thinking Democrat and he said in his area have to pay \$10million to study and take care of these little snail divers and they/ Found out after they'd spent \$10M, they only saved four snail divers. And they were all males. (laughter) Who paid the bill? The electric consumers of that area; that's what causes inflation. Here in North Dakota, facing electric costs, building a plant out in Wyoming, going to serve many of your rural electric co-ops. Maxner's buddies went to the federal courts; they convinced them that somehow or another because you know a steam fired plant has to be cool and that water that was going to be running through those condensers and then it had to go back into the red woods in Wyoming, two degrees warmer than when it was taken out and 250 miles downstream. It was flowing along in the river less than 1/10th of one percent of a total water flow of a river by then. Certainly back to the normal temperature...but 250 miles downstream, these few gallons of water that once cooled those generators were flowing in an area that the whooping crane flies over on its way to the South, once a year and on its way back to the north once a year. And those environmental experts made the case that somehow or another as the whooper flies over and looks down, he might be discombobulated ...250 miles upstream. (laughter) Don't laugh about it. They held up the construction of that plant for four months and it caused interest to who? Those of us who buy electric power. and how did they settle it? They have to pay \$7 1/2 million of hush money to the environmentalists to take care of the whooping crane. Only a 110 whoopers in the whole country, guess how much that is per crane? (laughter) All paid for by your electric bill. This is the kind of stuff that's been going on month after month after month. Wonder why we have problems in the Department of Agriculture? And why does the South Dakota farmers have a grasshopper problem?

All the experts from Washington come out and say, you've got to protect those grasshoppers; they're good; you can't spray them with Toxiphene...that's the... remember? Just last year? Guess who the Assistant Secretary of Agriculture is? in charge of herbicides and pesticides and agricultural research? A fellow that used to be the head of the Friends of the Earth and the other environmental types. He lives in the state of Michigan...great farming expert but he sure loves grasshoppers. And I don't think that helps America. I don't think it helps inflation. It's not good enough really for Democrats or Republicans or Independents. And it gets even more serious when we move over to the field of defense of this country. You all read the story of the B-52 burning on the runway at Grand Forks. And the concern really shouldn't have been about whether or not an atomic weapon was lost because they don't blow up. They're made so they can't possibly trigger. The concern that I felt when I read that story, it was brought home to me again, and it should have been to you, the 2nd or 3rd paragraph said that the 22 year old bomber burning on that runway...think for just a minute... that's our first line of defense. That bomber is there to prove to the Russians that if they take a poke at us they're going to get a poke back that's so tough that it's intolerable for them to start anything. And that's what we use to preserve freedom in this troubled world. And like a kid in the school yard maybe...maybe it's not...I think probably is. The kid who can handle himself doesn't get into problems in the school yard. The nation that can protect its freedom doesn't have to protect it because the other side knows that they're not going to take a poke. The thing of this B-52--older than some of the American boys who are flying...think again of a nation back in the history when we had Pearl Harbor 1941...think of what would have happened had our first line of defense in the way of aircraft at the time of Pearl Harbor...gosh knows we were in bad shape then...than a plane that was 22 years old. Twenty-two from 1941 to 1919...we would have had nothing but wings, cloth covered j

protecting this country. And we weren't that bad off at the time of Pearl Harbor.

Today, because of drift and indecision our lack to follow arms we don't have a B-1 bomber; we're depending to maintain the freedom of this country on an airplane whose time is gone and this President of the United States who wanted his first act as president cancelled the production of the B-1 bomber and told all of us as American citizens that we didn't need it because we had the cruise missile. I happened to have been on a subcommittee for funds for the Department of State and at the time he was telling the American people we didn't need a B-1 bomber because we had the cruise missile. His negotiators were in Vienna at the MBFR (mutual beneficial force reduction) assuring the Russians that the only cruise missiles that we have were those carrying manned heavy bombers. What and now he's revealing details of how to stuff technique in making airplanes that --incidentally is 20 years at least down the pike--in order to make people forget about what he did in the defense of this country when he cancelled the B-1 bomber. We've got to think about basics in this country; we've got to think about investments; we've got to think about wise use of federal money; that's one of the reasons, the other one being it's kind of fun... and I'm passing out a recipe for Mary's bran muffins. She gets more publicity on that than I ever had for any speech I ever made. some people but we got funding for this human nutritional act to a tune of about \$4M why? Because we know more about pig nutrition in this country than we do in people nutrition. And it's about time we find more ways of having good nutrition in our people because it saves health care costs later on. That's the example of an investment in the future of this country. Water projects are an investment in the future of this country. A number of other federal programs are sound and wise investments that have to be made. Some federal projects, some federal programs are wasteful. We all know what they are and we know we can eliminate that waste; if we get together, get back to basics, if we use some common old-fashioned Republican horse sense, we'll do alright as we move into the decade of the 80s. Again, let me urge you



to vote for Alan Olson, the team of Olson &                      fantastic team, progressive,  
hard working, hard driving, heads-up leadership                      in the  
80s. And then take a look at Ronald Reagan...an individual who's going to surround  
himself by                      dedicated, hard working Americans so that this country  
instead of being questionable around the troubled world will again revert to the  
point where we are world leaders looked up to. You know when you vote for Reagan  
and when you vote for Olson and Sand, you'll find my name right between. (laughter)  
and I might sneak through on their coattails...(laughter)

Thanks.

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