



as a Senator that we are going to rely on that for as long as we can. We are going to do everything we can to play up Pete Domenici the senator and play down Pete Domenici the candidate. Once people see you as a candidate, the newspapers get real bad about giving you any publicity without also mentioning your opponent. You lose your free media advantage. Pete will announce on February 12th. You have to declare by February 28th. But we will not play it up. We have a headquarters going, but it's tucked away where no one can see it--or find it. At first all this didn't make sense. I thought if you were going to run you ought to make the most noise possible and let the most people know about it. But now I agree we should take advantage of the free publicity Pete gets as Senator." This comes from his great national strength.

Nick Franklin will be the opponent. He has a primary opponent named Pratt. "She's so liberal she's the closest thing to a communist we have in this state. "She will make a lot of noise and Nick will just sit back and listen. He'll win."

She said PVD's casework tripled once Reagan won. "People think that because he is influential in Washington, he can do more for them with their problems. So we get cases that otherwise would go to other members of the delegation. Who wants to go to a freshman senator when they could go to the Chairman of the Budget Committee? Of course, we can't always do anything to help; but we try awfully hard. Our polls show that the voters are very happy with Pete's constituency work. We can pat ourselves on the back for that."

She says Bob Beier of AJ is new man who knows Pete best.