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NURSES'S MEETING - MILWAUKEE

Thank you, Norma, for that very kind introduction.
Conf. Jim Moody

IT'S GREAT TO BE BACK IN WISCONSIN. YOU KNOW, FRITZ
MONDALE AND I CAME TO MERRILL, WISCONSIN, ON LABOR DAY.
AND THE PEOPLE WERE FANTASTIC. SO I CAME BACK FOR A LITTLE
MORE WISCONSIN WARMTH. AND I'VE GOT TO TELL YOU, WE'RE
GOING TO WIN THIS STATE IN NOVEMBER.

Jerry
Ketch

NOW I DON'T WANT TO KEEP YOU AWAY FROM YOUR PATIENTS
FOR TOO LONG. SO AS ADLAI STEVENSON ONCE SAID, "I'M THE
SPEAKER HERE, AND MY JOB IS TO SPEAK. YOU'RE THE AUDIENCE,
AND YOUR JOB IS TO LISTEN. SO IF YOU FINISH YOUR JOB/
I FINISH MINE, FEEL FREE TO GET UP AND LEAVE."

or studies

I DO WANT TO THANK YOU FOR YOUR HISTORIC ENDORSEMENT
OF FRITZ MONDALE AND ME. I KNOW IT'S THE FIRST TIME YOU'VE
EVER ENDORSED CANDIDATES FOR NATIONAL OFFICE. AND THE
NURSES IN WISCONSIN ARE GOING TO BE AN IMPORTANT PART OF OUR
VICTORY HERE IN NOVEMBER.

NOW, I'M NOT SUGGESTING YOU ASK YOUR PATIENTS HOW THEY
INTEND TO VOTE JUST BEFORE YOU GIVE THEM THEIR SHOTS. BUT I
AM SUGGESTING THAT THE AMERICAN NURSES ASSOCIATION'S EN-
DORSEMENT IS A BIG SHOT IN THE ARM TO OUR CAMPAIGN.

BUT I DON'T BELIEVE YOU ENDORSED US MERELY TO COMPLIMENT FRITZ MONDALE AND GERRY FERRARO. I BELIEVE IT'S A SIGN OF YOUR RECOGNITION, BOTH AS HEALTH PROFESSIONALS AND AS CITIZENS, OF THE PROFOUND DECISION WE FACE THIS NOVEMBER. / BECAUSE THE CHOICE WE MAKE NOW WILL SET OUR COURSE FOR THE FUTURE.

AMONG THE MOST IMPORTANT CHOICES WE'LL MAKE / IS ENSURING ACCESS TO AFFORDABLE HEALTH CARE FOR ALL CITIZENS. / FRITZ MONDALE AND I HAVE A HEALTH CARE COST CONTAINMENT PROGRAM WHICH WILL KEEP COSTS DOWN, NOT BY CUTTING BENEFITS, NOT BY MAKING SICK PEOPLE PAY MORE, BUT BY CONTROLLING SOARING HOSPITAL AND DOCTOR'S COSTS. AND THAT'S THE FAIR WAY TO DO IT.

*The other step is to employ more nurses
Community health care. The best way to save money is ~~in health care~~
to keep people from going into hospitals in the first place. ~~hospitals~~*

BUT I KNOW THERE ARE MANY OTHER ISSUES THAT CONCERN YOU. THEY CONCERN ME, AS WELL.

FIRST, TWO YEARS AGO THREE CONGRESSWOMEN: PAT SCHROEDER OF COLORADO, MARY ROSE OAKAR OF OHIO, AND I, USED OUR SUBCOMMITTEE CHAIRMANSHIPS TO HOLD THE FIRST EVER CONGRESSIONAL HEARING ON COMPARABLE WORTH.

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~~WE LEARNED THAT DOG POUND WORKERS ARE PAID MORE THAN CHILD CARE WORKERS.~~

~~WE LEARNED THAT LIQUOR STORE CLERKS MAKE MORE THAN TEACHERS.~~

~~AND WE LEARNED THAT IN DENVER, TREE TRIMMERS ARE PAID
MORE THAN EMERGENCY ROOM NURSES.~~

Now I'm not putting down any of those workers
BUT I BET YOU KNOW WHICH ARE THE MEN'S JOBS AND WHICH JOBS ARE
MAINLY DONE BY WOMEN.

THE FACT IS THAT THE WORK WOMEN DO - IN THE HOME AND OUTSIDE
IT - IS UNDervalued BECAUSE IT'S DONE BY WOMEN.

Administration doesn't
THE ~~REPUBLICANS~~ DON'T WANT WOMEN TO BE PAID WHAT OUR WORK
IS REALLY WORTH. THEY SAID SO ^{in their platform} IN DALLAS. *and keep an eye*
on the State of Washington case

FRITZ MONDALE AND I ARE COMMITTED TO EQUAL PAY FOR EQUAL
^{which is the law} WORK AND EQUAL PAY FOR WORK OF COMPARABLE VALUE AND I WANT TO THANK
AMERICA'S NURSES FOR BEING IN THE FOREFRONT OF THE FIGHT FOR PAY
EQUITY.

SECOND, FRITZ MONDALE AND I WILL ENFORCE ALL THE LAWS THAT
HELP SECURE EQUAL RIGHTS. AND ONE OF THE LAWS WE'LL ENFORCE IS
THE PENSION REFORM LEGISLATION I WROTE. WE SIMPLY CANNOT ACCEPT
A SYSTEM WHERE ELDERLY WOMEN ARE FORCED INTO POVERTY BECAUSE OF
LOWER PAY AND SEX-BASED PENSIONS.

BUT THE KEY TO EQUAL TREATMENT IS NOT INDIVIDUAL LAWS, IT'S
THE EQUAL RIGHTS AMENDMENT. WHEN I TAKE MY OATH OF OFFICE FOR A
SECOND TERM, I WANT TO SWEAR TO PROTECT AND UPHOLD A CONSTITUTION
THAT INCLUDES THE EQUAL RIGHTS AMENDMENT.

I'VE FOUGHT FOR THESE ISSUES DURING MY WHOLE PUBLIC CAREER. / I'LL CONTINUE TO FIGHT FOR THESE ISSUES AS VICE-PRESIDENT. / I CARE ABOUT THEM DEEPLY, / AND I'D LIKE TO TALK TO YOU ABOUT THEM TODAY. IN FACT, YOU'RE SO ENTHUSIASTIC I'D LOVE TO GIVE A RALLY SPEECH, BUT I CAN'T DO THAT.

BECAUSE AS MUCH AS I CARE ABOUT THESE ISSUES, / I CARE EVEN MORE ABOUT ONE OVERRIDING ISSUE -- WAR AND PEACE, AND THAT'S A TRUE WOMAN'S ISSUE I WANT TO TALK TO YOU ABOUT TODAY.