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### Participation Promotes Democracy, April 14, 1977

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REMARKS

26TH ANNUAL YOUTH IN GOVERNMENT PROGRAM

APRIL 14, 1977 3:15 P.M.

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I. INTRODUCTION

A. WELCOME TO THE HOUSE

1. I AM VERN RIFFE

A. LEGISLATOR

B. SPEAKER -- PRESIDING OFFICER

2. HOUSE IS A GREAT INSTITUTION

A. RICH IN HISTORY

B. RICH IN ACCOMPLISHMENTS

II. BODY

A. PARTICIPATION

1. PARTICIPATION IS WHAT PROMOTES DEMOCRACY

2. WE TEND TO TAKE DEMOCRACY FOR GRANTED AND DON'T ALWAYS PARTICIPATE -- THIS IS WRONG
3. YOUR INVOLVEMENT IN THE YOUTH IN GOVERNMENT PROGRAM DEMONSTRATS YOUR COMMITMENT TO PARTICIPATION
4. I URGE YOU TO KEEP THAT COMMITMENT -- EXPAND THAT COMMITMENT AND GET INVOLVED IN POLITICS
5. POLITICS IS A GREAT CAREER

### III. CONCLUSION

#### A. ROLE OF PROGRAM

1. ENJOY YOUR ROLE (POSITION) IN THE PROGRAM
2. LEARN ABOUT THE PROBLEMS FACING OHIO
3. IF YOU HAVE SOME GOOD SOLUTIONS, LET US POLITICANS KNOW THEM