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SPEECH  
OHIO AFL - CIO  
LEGISLATIVE CONFERENCE  
NEIL HOUSE  
MAY 19, 1977 10:15

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I. INTRODUCTION

A. FOURTH SPEECH

1. BEING THE FOURTH LEADER TO PRESENT HIS VIEWS ABOUT THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY IS A TOUGH JOB
2. ONE DEMOCRAT AND TWO REPUBLICANS HAVE ALREADY PRESENTED THE STATE'S POLITICAL ISSUES -- DISCUSSED THE PROS AND CONS
3. RATHER THAN TALK ABOUT THE LEGISLATURE AND ITS IMPORTANCE, I'D LIKE TO TALK ABOUT YOU -- WORKING MEN AND WOMEN -- AND YOUR IMPORTANCE

II. BODY

A. WORKING MEN AND WOMEN - ECONOMIC FORCE

1. YOU ARE AN ECONOMIC FORCE

2. YOU ARE THE PEOPLE WHO ARE BUILDING A BETTER STATE, A BETTER NATION
  3. YOU ARE MACHINISTS, STEELWORKERS, RUBBER WORKERS, CARPENTERS, CLERKS, PUBLIC SERVANTS, PRINTERS, TEXTILE WORKERS, ELECTRICIANS, MEAT CUTTERS AND MOLDERS
  4. YOU ARE HONEST HARDWORKING PEOPLE WHO WORK WITH BOTH THEIR HANDS AND THEIR HEADS FOR THEIR FAIR SHARE -- YOU ARE AMERICA'S BREADWINNERS
  5. YOU ARE THE PEOPLE WHO GIVE US THE BEST WAY OF LIFE IN THE WORLD
  6. INDEED, YOU ARE AN ECONOMIC FORCE, YOU ARE TAXPAYERS, THE PEOPLE WHO PAY MY SALARY
  7. THE PEOPLE WHO KEEP GOVERNMENT (AT ALL LEVELS) RUNNING
- B. WORKING MEN AND WOMEN -- A SOCIAL FORCE
1. YOU ARE A SOCIAL FORCE
  2. YOU ARE MOSTLY FAMILY PEOPLE AND YOU WORK FOR YOUR FAMILY

3. YOU ARE CONCERNED ABOUT THE FUTURE AND WANT OUR CHILDREN TO HAVE A BETTER, MORE PEACEFUL LIFE THAN US
4. YOU ARE CONCERNED ABOUT THE PLIGHT OF OTHERS, AND ARE WILLING TO SHARE WITH THE DISADVANTAGED
5. YOU ARE CONCERNED ABOUT YOUR COMMUNITIES AND OFFER THEM YOUR TIME AND EXPERTISE
6. YOU GET INVOLVED AND GET SATISFACTION FROM YOUR INVOLVEMENT

C. WORKING MEN AND WOMEN -- POLITICAL FORCE

1. YOU ARE A POLITICAL FORCE
2. YOU REFLECT THE THINKING OF THE VAST MAJORITY OF HONEST, WORKING AMERICANS
3. YOU ARE CONCERNED ABOUT YOU GOVERNMENT
4. YOU ARE NOT AFRAID TO MAKE YOUR OPINIONS KNOWN
5. YOU ARE HIGHLY SUPPORTIVE OF YOUR COUNTRY, YET YOU ARE NOT FEARFUL OF ADVOCATING CHANGES FOR THE BETTER

6. YOU WORK FOR CHANGE WITHIN THE DEMOCRATIC PROCESS --  
YOU HELP PRESERVE THE DEMOCRATIC PROCESS

### III. CONCLUSION

#### A. HATS OFF TO WORKING PEOPLE

1. I, FOR ONE, AM PROUD OF YOU, YOUR WORK, AND  
YOUR CONCERN
2. YOU HAVE HELPED TO MAKE OUR SOCIETY THE BEST
3. YOU HAVE HELPED TO MAKE OUR GOVERNMENT THE  
STRONGEST

#### B. KEEP GOING

1. KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK - ECONOMICALLY, SOCIALLY,  
POLITICALLY
2. KEEP US POLITICIANS ON OUR TOES -- VOICE YOUR CONCERNS
3. MAKE US WORK HARD FOR YOU
4. WE WANT YOU TO BE PROUD OF US

**AGENDA**  
**OHIO AFL-CIO**  
**LEGISLATIVE CONFERENCE**

MAY 18 and 19, 1977

Neil House Motor Hotel, Columbus, Ohio

**WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON**

Registration

Ballroom Floor ..... 2:00- 5:00 p.m.

**WEDNESDAY EVENING**

Banquet..... 6:00- 8:00 p.m.

Toastmaster, Milan Marsh, President  
Main Speaker (To Be Announced)

**THURSDAY MORNING**

Breakfast ..... 8:00- 9:00 a.m.

Chairman  
Milan Marsh, President

**Ohio Public Interest  
Campaign**

Ira Arlook..... 9:00- 9:30 a.m.

**Views on the 112th  
General Assembly**

Oliver Ocasek, Majority Leader,  
Ohio Senate ..... 9:30- 9:45 a.m.

Michael Maloney, Minority Leader,  
Ohio Senate ..... 9:45-10:00 a.m.

Charles Kurfess, Minority Leader,  
Ohio House ..... 10:00-10:15 a.m.

Vernal G. Riffe, Speaker,  
Ohio House ..... 10:15-10:30 a.m.

Question and Answer Period ..... 10:30-11:15 a.m.

**Labor Legislation  
Before the Ohio  
General Assembly**

Warren J Smith, Secretary-Treasurer  
Ohio AFL-CIO..... 11:15-11:55 a.m.

**Closing Remarks**

Milan Marsh, President  
Ohio AFL-CIO ..... 11:55-12:15 p.m.

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