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#### DORNAN TO ANNOUNCE PRESIDENTIAL BID

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 4, 1995, the gentleman from California [Mr. DORNAN] is recognized for 60 minutes as the designee of the majority leader.

Mr. DORNAN. Mr. Speaker, and I am particularly pleased that you are in the chair tonight, sir, because, given the change of events today, which enabled us to finish tomorrow's work this evening, thereby having no votes tomorrow, just our well-deserved Republican majority celebration for completing the 100 days of the Contract With America in only 93 days as of today, I decided that although I got this time, from the Speaker, to honor our Americans that died over the longest period of any sea battle in history, Guadalcanal was 7 months of land and sea battles, but the battle of Okinawa, which began on April 1, 1945, 50 years ago, and reached a crescendo today after a slow beginning that persisted for over 87 days, with one of our Members who has served on both sides of the aisle, BOB STUMP, a conservative Democrat, came here with me in our bicentennial year election, sworn in January 4, 1977, and after 6 years of seeing his party drift to the left, actually not 6 years, less than that, about half of that, he became a Republican, and now is the No. 2 Republican in seniority on the National Security Committee, formerly the Armed Services Committee.

BOB STUMP was a young 18-year-old sailor—he had joined at 16—in that battle of Okinawa, and he saw many sailors burned to death before his eyes in the fuel spread across the seas, watched some of the 34 ships that we lost sunk, and I will come back in May and do a full hour on the battle of Okinawa.

Tomorrow the largest battleship ever created, the Japanese *Yamamoto* was sunk with no survivors, almost 3,000 men. The Japanese this very day, BOB

STUMP was just telling me in the cloakroom—he has already flown back to Arizona—the Japanese lost 477 planes on April 6, 50 years ago, a world record for any aerial conflict.

This is quite a battle. I would love to have spent the whole hour on it.

But, Mr. Speaker, my good colleague from California, George, when I come back on May 1, I will be a declared Presidential candidate, one of nine.

I believe our Governor will declare during this month, Pete Wilson. I believe that BOB DOLE will start a trek back to Russell, KS, the most severely wounded Member in any war that serves in either the House or Senate. BOB DOLE declares Monday and starts back to be in Russell, KS, on Good Friday, the 50th anniversary of his crucifixion where his young body of 21 years of age was ripped for the rest of whatever life God gives him. I will start on Holy Thursday, declaring at the National Law Enforcement Memorial which is exactly like the Vietnam Wall, a memorial to those who gave their lives to protect our lives.

In the case of the police, or Law Enforcement Memorial, it will have names added every year till the end of our lives, Mr. Speaker. We added more than a dozen names just this year, I believe 14 or 15, and two of them were female officers who died in the line of duty. The Vietnam Wall has just about ended with changing names from missing in action or POW, the last one, Col. Charles Shelton who was lost on his 33d birthday, southeast Asia, a known POW for 5 years, he, just a few months ago, was declared presumptive finding of death.

There are no POW's left on the wall. Missing in action monthly are turned into killed in action. But the Police Memorial will be updated each year with the names of young men and women and some not so young. I found a Dornan on there who was killed in the line of duty as the chief of police in a small West Virginia town.

This living memorial is truly something to visit. It is very moving. And because crime is one of our No. 1 issues, I will start with my declaration on Thomas Jefferson's birthday, the founder of the oldest party in America, now the minority party in the House and the Senate, and when I think of Jefferson, I think of two things. I think of "least government is the best government" and I think of what is inscribed inside of that beautiful Jefferson Memorial across the reflecting pond with all of the beautiful Japanese cherry blossoms that were given to this Nation in 1912, such a living gift, when they were our friends and our allies through World War I.

But inside that Jefferson Memorial, up in the frieze area it says, "I have sworn upon the altar of God eternal vigilance against every tyranny over the mind of man."

This founder of the Democrat Party, it is a nice day to declare on the 13th, but I will be heading toward my prin-

cipal day of declaration, which is Easter Sunday.

We take the train, my wife, and I, two sons-in-law, a daughter-in-law, all of our five grown children, two sons, three daughters, and nine grandchildren—it is going to be quite a gaggle—on the Amtrak train to Boston, be picked up by young Republicans on the morning of the 15th, and then we will go up to Exeter, NH, in front of the once hotel, now business building where the Republican Party was born.

Three cities claim this honor, Jackson, MI, Ripon, WI, but I think Exeter has the edge, at least on dates, Columbus Day, October 12, 1853.

Our party was born over a moral issue, slavery, taking people's lives, the fruits of their labors, enslaving them, taking away their freedom.

The abortion issue in this country is equally the moral issue of our day, because you don't just steal a person's months and years and the sweat of their brow. You take their life away. You snuff out their life. You crush their little skull in the womb. You flatten their brain waves. You snuff out that heartbeat. Every abortion stops a tiny little beating heart because that heart starts between day 18 and 20 and most women don't even know they are pregnant except a little feeling inside that your body is changing, that you have human life inside of you, a whole different genetic package, a different gender possibly, different hair color, eye color, different height, different bone structure, a total genetic package with a little heartbeat and by day 40 a brain wave.

This is an important issue. That is why I chose Exeter. Not only is it the birthplace of the Republican Party, but a birth born of a moral issue, slavery.

Then we are going across the State, it should not take more than an hour. We may stop in Manchester and say hello to some of the folks at one of the Nation's greatest newspapers, the Manchester Union Leader. Then we are going over to Nashua, to Nashua High School, in the gymnasium, to resurrect a memory that is certainly good for me and I hope will incline people to understand that I not only was conservative before it was cool, I was conservative by decades ahead of some of my worthy colleagues that are declared.

I will declare again at the Nashua High School gymnasium where Ronald Reagan, fair and square, beat George Bush in 1980, when he grabbed that microphone from Mr. Breen, who is now a newspaper editor over by the seacoast in Portsmouth, and mistakenly called him Mr. Green and said, "I've paid for this microphone."

There was only one Congressman there for Ronald Reagan, it was yours truly, Mr. Speaker, BOB DORNAN. I had a great Senator sitting there next to me, Paul Laxalt and on the other side, Bush, having served in this House from 1967 to 1971, had about 15 Congressman there, several Senators. He had the