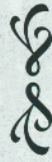


WELCOME, TRIBES!

Tonight, the governor is pleased to welcome representatives from Wisconsin's great Indian tribes to the state capitol! Members of Bad River Band of Lake Superior Chippewa, Lac Courte Oreilles, Lac du Flambeau, Red Cliff Band of Lake Superior, Menominee Indian Tribe of Wisconsin, Oneida Nation of Wisconsin, Ho-Chunk Nation and Ojibwe, have travelled from afar to this sacred place surrounded by cherished Indian burial grounds. They come to personally thank the governor for revitalizing the northern economy. To them, the governor says, 'I make you many jobs! That's gold in them thar hills!'

THE GOVERNOR'S INVOCATION:

Lord, I am thankful for this calling that you have given me, for its blessings of riches and its opportunities for more. Grant me the strength to continue to take food from the hungry, shelter from the poor, and healthcare from the sick. Help me to deny education, first amendment rights, and voting rights to those most in need of a voice. Bless me with overflowing prisons, so I may use the inmates for their intended purpose on earth: low-cost labor for private corporations. Lord, give me strength to protect the unborn, but not the born, and to make sure that women perform their main function as vessel of mans' seed by keeping from women knowledge of their reproductive system and birth control methods. Further help me to eradicate the most basic of human rights, the right to clean water, clean air, and safe food.



THE STATE OF THE STATE

It is with great pleasure that I address you here tonight, when we all have a chance to reflect on the changes our great state of Wisconsin has seen in the past year.

[applause]

As I travel the state, from Brookfield to Waukesha, from Menomonee Falls all the way down to New Berlin, meeting with the silent majority, I think to myself: "What a difference a year makes!"

[applause]

Last year at this time, the mood in Wisconsin was grim. Unemployment was at an all time high. Crime was rampant even in our finest gated communities. It was tough to find a decent pool boy or yacht polisher. Public schools were operating as cash cows for lazy teachers who were really nothing more than glorified babysitters. Rotting piles of garbage were stacked next to first-class restaurants, while overpaid union sanitation workers looked on, feasting on caviar and champagne and doing nothing. Corruption was destroying every branch of state government, from the Legislature down to the lowest county office.

[applause]

Angry citizens flocked to the capitol, demanding that I do something. And I listened to them.

I had to make some tough choices, but thanks to the efforts of my administration, we now lead the nation with six consecutive months of job losses in our continuing efforts to streamline our workforce. That's right. Wisconsin leads the nation! I said last year that I was going to create 250,000 new jobs -- *real* jobs, not just jobs for teachers, police officers and firefighters. Well, I'm here to announce that I think we can do much more than that now that we have eliminated collective bargaining: we are poised to create a million new jobs before we're through: jobs that put prisoners and children back to work!

[big applause]

And thanks to our hard work, our great state is safe from money-wasters such as healthcare, recycling programs, and excessive regulation of puppy mills and hand guns! And now teachers, nurses and sanitation workers can no longer suck at the teat of taxpayers.

[really big applause]

Y'know, I was talking to Jesus the other day, and he asked me "Scott, how do you do it?" And I told him. I told him that when I walk through the Capitol every day, greeting citizens who have come 50, 100, 200 miles just to thank me, it gives me the hope and energy I need to keep fightin'.

Every flower thrown at my feet, every song sung in my honor, gives me strength. Because I know it's not for me, but for all of you. And especially the big business owners, the wonderful donor from Texas and Oklahoma who have supported my reforms with their generous contributions. But most of all, it's for the wealthy: the *real* Americans. [pause] Wisconsin is open for business! Thank you. Now I'm off to Cali!

[applause]