

TRANSCRIPT

INTRODUCTION BY GOVERNOR WILLIAM SCRANTON

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Ladies and gentlemen, distinguished Republicans on this platform, and particularly the distinguished Republicans all through this program, I remember this place --- this is Pittsburgh's famous Republican telephone booth. I have just been told that there are in this wonderful arena and outside this hall at least 25,000 people (Applause.) --- and, incidentally, that is just twice as many as there were here last Tuesday. (Applause.)

In just a few minutes I am going to get one or two things off my chest that will take me a couple of minutes. The first is this. You will remember, indeed I imagine most of America remembers, that previous to the decision in San Francisco I had my differences with our nominee --- and, in some respects, I still have. And as you undoubtedly know, so do lots of other Republicans. (Boo.)

May I say to you that as soon as San Francisco was over I came back to Harrisburg and called in all of the leaders of the state administration, and I said to them, "This state administration will be for Barry Goldwater and Bill Miller right down the line".

I do not believe in walking out on a Party. (Applause.) I do not believe in not supporting our nominee. I told everybody we would do it, and we are; and you will see on Election Day how Pennsylvania goes. (Applause.) There have been a lot of candidates for this position. Let me say that I am proud of our Party; we weren't a Party that was led by a boss. But I want to make one thing clear. Not a single Republican that I know of that went to San Francisco, or was interested in what happened there, ever thought that they would like to have Lyndon Johnson as their choice. (Applause.)

In this election, too, this state administration is for everybody on the ticket. We are for all the state candidates, and we want them elected,

your Congressional and legislative candidates, because we have got to continue to make the progress that has been made in this state in education, conservation, indeed in good government, in public welfare, and particularly in getting jobs for people.

I have the privilege tonight to make an announcement that every Pennsylvanian should be proud of. We have just received this afternoon the statistics for unemployment in this state. Now, remember, Pennsylvania has never until this year been below the national average; indeed, we have always had --- up until this year --- the second highest rate of unemployment of any state in the nation next to West Virginia. The national unemployment today is 4.9; Pennsylvania is 4.3.

And now it is my pleasure, my great honor and privilege to tell all of you that the time is near, citizens of Pittsburgh. I am presenting our nominee, who will never forget this city --- I know he never will, not after tonight --- but first, before that, it is my great privilege to introduce to you a person who is truly a person who all Pennsylvanians know in their heart she is right, Peggy Goldwater. (Applause.)

You have listened to the rest of us, and now the moment is here. We welcome to Pennsylvania, and particularly to Pittsburgh, our Republican Party's nominee for the Presidency of the United States, Barry Goldwater. (Applause.)