
Franklin D. Roosevelt — “The Great Communicator”

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Franklin D. Roosevelt's

Speech as Democratic Candidate for N.Y. State Senator

Poughkeepsie, Dutchess County, N.Y. - Nov. 1, 1910

(excerpt)

"... The Democrats in Dutchess County have certainly made good their promise to clean up conditions here. They have certainly purged the city government of the barnacles that clung to it and impeded it. Now it is time that they were given a chance to do the same thing for the state. Conditions in the state are as bad under Republican rule as they were in Poughkeepsie before the redemption. The surest way to start this state house-cleaning is to send to Albany a Democratic legislature.

... If you elect me to represent you I will be a real representative. I will devote my energy and my time to your service alone. I will represent every one of you; I'll be your representative every day of the 365, every hour of the 24. That is my promise. I ask you to give me the chance to fill it...."

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