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Franklin D. Roosevelt made
this campaign speech in Hyde
Park when he was running for
state senator in 1910.

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home. For four weeks
I have travelled almost
day & night over the counties
of Dutchess, Putnam & Columbia,
in an endeavor to conduct
what I believe to be the right and the best
~~the~~ kind of a campaign, ~~that~~
for I think that the voters
have a right to see and hear
and talk with their candidates
for public office. ~~And~~ ~~via~~
~~the~~ ~~road~~ and while I have
enjoyed every moment of it
while I have come to be
more proud than ever that
I am a Dutchess County man,
yet I can truly say that
I am most glad that I
was born and brought up
in the town of Hyde Park.

I am not going to talk
about myself here tonight,
for ~~you~~ all of you here
know and have known
about ^{either me or} my family for
generations. You have
known what ~~was~~ my father
stood for before me, you
have known how close he
was to the life of this
town, and I do not need
to tell you that it is my
desire always to follow
in his footsteps.

I want to say a few
words about ~~the~~ ^{the} issues on
which I am making this
fight. I have of course
been very familiar as have
you with ^{our} the conditions which
existed in the County and in
the City of Poughkeepsie up

to four or five years ago.
 But we have known that
 under the leadership of Mr.
 Chandler and of Mayor Lague
 and District Atty. John Mack
 in public life, and ^{with regard} of such
 men as Mr. Mackett in private
 life, the government of this
 County and of the City of Paup.
 keeps have been ~~made~~
 thoroughly cleaned, and put
 upon an honest and efficient
 basis. And this has been
 accomplished by men elected
 upon the Democratic ticket,
 who when elected have ad-
 ministered their offices for
 the good not of one party
 only, but for that of the
 whole community.

And I believe ~~this~~ a
 parallel is going to be made

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in the Legislature of the
State. In the Legislature ~~at~~
at Albany, and in the
Senate especially, conditions
have been brought to light
that make the people of New
York ashamed all over the
English speaking world; for
our representatives, men who
beginning with the bills that
last year we have had
~~scandal at~~ ^{following upon} ~~scandal~~, until
today we in the second
Assembly District of Dutchess
have cause to feel proud
that of all men in the
Legislature our representative
last year stood conspicuous
through it all as the champion
of honesty and efficiency.
He has consistently opposed

the wasteful extravagance of
~~the~~ ^{the Little Ring of Republican politicians}
~~the~~ ^{the} ~~and it was~~
 his voice which was raised
 in an effort to expose all
 the graft and all the corruption
~~and it was the~~ ^{and it was}
 that ~~the~~ ^{the} Little Ring of Re-
 publican politicians which
 opposed him and has effectively
 prevented the house-cleaning
 which was & is so urgently
 needed.

Now, my friends I have
 not and shall not say any-
 thing personal about my
 opponent, Senator Schlosser.

His record is public however,
 and upon his record he
 must stand. He has been
 known as an opponent of

~~Stephen~~ direct primaries
 an opponent of Gov. Hughes,
 and in a nutshell as a
 member of that Little Ring
 of Republican politicians
 who have done so much
 to prevent progress and
 good government. I
 do not know whom Senator
 Schloner represents, ^{whether} ~~whether~~
 he has ~~not~~ represented
 horses, or special interests
 or himself I do not know.
 But I do know that he
 has not represented me,
 I do know that he has not
 represented hundreds of
 Republicans & Independents
 throughout the District.
 He has ^{never} ~~not~~ been seen in -
 is ~~not~~ ~~known~~ probably

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And now my friends
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right side of that issue.

I want the privilege of
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Townsmen your support
next Tuesday.

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76th Congress

Campaign Speech —

Campaign Speech in
Hyde Park, 1910

F.D.R. Longhand.

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Campaign speech for the State
Senate. (in Hyde Park)

Speech given by Franklin D. Roosevelt in Hyde Park on
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I want to say a few words about the issues on which I am making this fight. I have of course been very familiar as have you with the evil conditions which existed in the County and in the City of Poughkeepsie up to four or five years ago. And we have known that under the leadership of Mr. Chanler and of Mayor Sague and District Atty. John Mack in public life, and with the aid of such men as Mr. Hackett

in private life, the government of this County and of the City of Poughkeepsie have been thoroughly cleaned, and put upon an honest and efficient basis. And this has been accomplished by men elected upon the Democratic ticket, who when elected have administered their offices for the good not of one party only, but for that of the whole community.

And I believe a parallel is going to be made in the Legislature of the State. In the Legislature at Albany, and in the Senate especially, conditions have been brought to light that make the people of New York ashamed all over the English speaking world. We in the second Assembly District of Dutchess have cause to feel proud that of all men in the Legislature our representative last year stood conspicuous through it all as the champion of honesty and efficiency. He has consistently opposed the wasteful extravagance of the Little Ring of Republican politicians, and it was his voice which was raised in an effort to expose all the graft and all the corruption, and it was that Little Ring of Republican politicians which opposed him and has effectually prevented the house-cleaning which was & is so urgently needed.

Now, my friends, I have not and shall not say anything personal about my opponent, Senator Schlosser. His record is public however, and upon his record he must stand. He has been known as an opponent of direct primaries an opponent of Gov. Hughes, and in a nutshell as a member of that Little Ring of Republican politicians who have done so much

to prevent progress and good government. I do not know who Senator Schlosser represents, whether he has represented bosses, or special interests or himself I do not know. But I do know that he has not represented me, I do know that he has not represented hundreds of Republicans & Independents throughout the District. He has never been seen in probably a majority of the towns of the 3 Counties.

And now my friends I want to say one word about myself - I am running squarely on the issue of honesty & economy & efficiency in our State Senate, and I am on the right side of that issue.

I want the privilege of representing you, and I will take it as the greatest honor of all if you will give your fellow townsmen your support next Tuesday.