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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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Compaign speech for the State Senate. (in Hyde Park) Speech given by Franklin D. Roosevelt in Hyde Park on No vember 5, 1910.

I am glad to be home. For four weeks I have travelled almost day & night over the counties of Dutchess, Putnam & Columbia, in an endeaver to conduct what I believe to be the right and the best kind of a campaign, for I think that the voters have a right to see and hear and talk with their candidates for public office. 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 all of you here know and have known about either me or my family for generations. You have known what 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 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 privelege of representing you, and I will take it as the greatest honor of all if you will give your fellow townsman your support next Tuesday.