

[Endowment of Sen. Benson - Minnesota]

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Senator Benson has served ~~watchfully~~ watchfully and well the interests of the people of Minnesota. He was constantly on guard for the interests of the independent merchants of your cities and towns, large or small. ~~He was effectively active in obtaining the 17 million dollars additional for seed loans last spring.~~ When the drought became acute, Senator Benson went immediately into the field, in the stricken areas, and formulated a complete ~~plan~~ proposal for financial and work relief. That proposal was incorporated in almost every detail in the plan drawn and put into effect by your national administration.

He has been alert in pressing for allocation of funds for ~~xxx~~ literally hundreds of PWA and WPA projects in every section of the state. Senator Benson has served you well as Senator and I am confident he will serve you equally well as Governor..

I am confident that the people of Minnesota and the people of the nation will not go back. That they do not want to go back to the things that were, six years ago in Minnesota and four years ago in the nation. You people who have had six years of liberal, progressive rule, in the interest of the common man and woman, do not want to go back to the days of exploitation of labor, of plundering of your resources, of government for the selfish interests of the powerful few. I am sure of that.

I am equally certain the the people of America do not want to go back to conditions etc etc the days of fear and hunger and want that prevailed ~~ix~~ on March 1, 1932. taken

Your state and national governments have/~~made~~ great steps in the interest of good government, of government for the masses. You will not go back.