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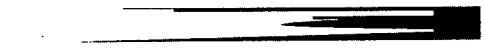
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Thank you. Its good to be here with people who make other people healthy. I cant think of a more important vocation.

One of Montana's greatest resources is people.....people like Carryl Meyer, Mae Henry, and Betty Ann Nesmith. I want to be able to call on all of you for advice and information.

I know you are concerned about Medicare reimbursement. I am especially interested in hearing your views on this.

I am also troubled by the scope of proposed Medicare cuts in the Administration budget.

These cuts have been presented as coming mostly from health care providers. In fact, they come largely from beneficiaries.

Hospitals can shift additional costs.

Physicians will be discouraged from taking Medicare charges as full payment, and they can shift costs as well.

The real losers could be the nations senior citizens---and that's not fair.

I hope we can discuss this point. I need your advice about how to make the health system more efficient.

First, I'd like to say a few words about the ultimate danger to the nation's health: nuclear war.

Across the nation, people concerned with health are speaking out. They understand the consequences of nuclear war. Since this issue is so important to us all, I want to take a few moments to reiterate my strong support for nuclear arms control.

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Recently, the Senate witnessed an extraordinary hearing.....