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PENCE: “IT’S TIME TO GET AMERICANS BACK TO WORK”

Washington, May 14, 2003 - Washington, D.C.- U.S. Congressman Mike Pence made the following speech from the House floor today regarding President Bush’s efforts to stimulate the economy:

“Mr. Speaker, Monday I had the profound honor of being the first Hoosier to welcome President George W. Bush to the great state of Indiana on his very first visit there.

“As the President trod the sawdust of the Indiana State Fairgrounds, he was greeted with ovation after ovation from a state full of conservative, pro-family Hoosiers that appreciate his leadership at home and abroad.

“But we were especially grateful that the President addressed his message to the issue of jobs.

“Ever since the last year of the Clinton Administration, the economy of the state of Indiana has been in steep decline…manufacturing jobs exiting the state, exiting the country.

“And President Bush came and said he was in Indiana to talk about jobs. He extolled the leadership of this chamber last week and called on all of Congress to pass his jobs and growth act and so do I this day.

“We were grateful to welcome President Bush to Indiana, but more grateful still for his focus on putting out-of-work Americans back to work.”

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