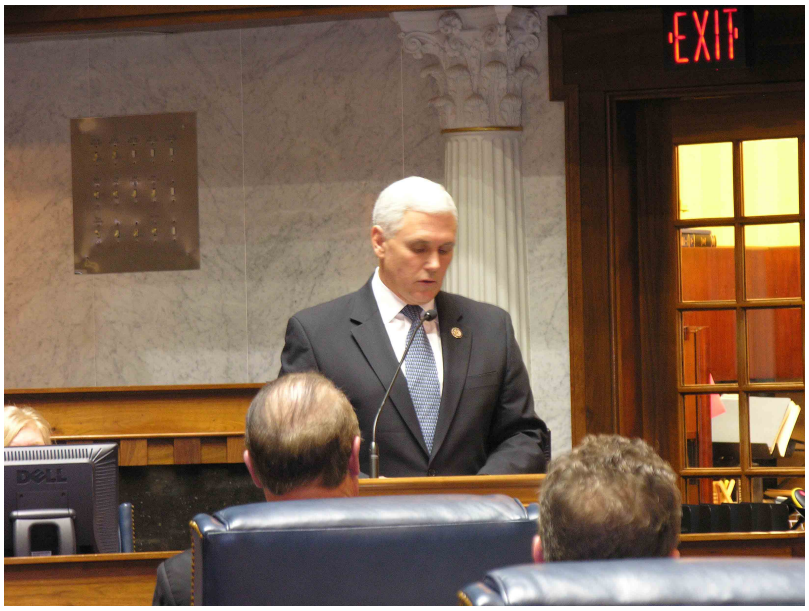
WASHINGTON, DC - U.S. Congressman Mike Pence will delivered the following remarks to the Indiana General Assembly at the Indiana Statehouse:

"We live in no ordinary times. Our economy is struggling in the city and on the farm. Unemployment is at a heartbreaking 9.4 percent nationally and 9.8 percent here in Indiana. Nearly 42 million Americans are on food stamps. We face a housing crisis and dismal GDP growth.

"And it seems that those in authority have no idea what to do about it. Some in the administration call it the 'new normal.'



"With 14.5 million people still looking for work, liberals in Washington, D.C., have tried to borrow and spend the country back to prosperity resulting in trillion dollar plus annual deficits and a $14 trillion national debt. To this runaway federal spending they added a government takeover of health care, attempted a national energy tax that would have worked a great hardship on Hoosier businesses and families, and approved one bailout after another.

"In so many ways in Washington D.C., government has grown beyond the consent of the governed. But in our nation's capital, like here in Indiana, there is a new majority in town and things are about to change.

"Even though our economy is struggling and America seems at a low point, I believe we can restore our economy and put our national government on a pathway toward fiscal solvency but it will take vision and courage to do it.

"Frankly, it will take policymakers in Washington starting to act more like Hoosier legislators and more like the best governor in America: Governor Mitch Daniels.

"Under your leadership, Indiana has led the nation in fiscal discipline, economic development and government reform. It's time Washington did likewise.

"And everything starts with putting our fiscal house in order.

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