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Clinton's "government with less" will cost an extra \$800 billion, Libertarians say

Inaugural address at odds with spending plans

WASHINGTON, DC — President Clinton the speechmaker says government must “do more with less,” but President Clinton the politician plans to have the federal government do more with *more* during his second term — \$800 billion more, the Libertarian Party said today.

“When Clinton raised his hand to take the oath of office, he should have sworn to spend more tax money, increase the national debt, and restrict more civil liberties,” said Libertarian Party Chairman Steve Dasbach. “Based on his first term, that’s exactly what he plans for the next four years — no matter what rhetoric you heard in his Inaugural speech.”

In his Inaugural address on January 20th, Clinton promised a “new vision of government . . . that must do more with less.”

“But budgets speak louder than words,” said Dasbach. “And Bill Clinton’s second-term budget will increase the price of government by 20% over four years — costing taxpayers an additional \$800 billion in taxes.”

Americans can also expect more debt over the next four years, predicted Dasbach.

“During his first term, Clinton increased the national debt by \$730 billion, to a mindboggling \$5.2 trillion,” said Dasbach. “And despite a temporary dip, the annual deficit will resume its upward march during Clinton’s second term — piling thousands of dollars of new debt on our children, each of whom already owes \$19,000 as their share of the national debt.”

Civil liberties will also suffer during Clinton Part II, warned Dasbach.

“In Clinton’s first term, he proposed drug testing for teenage drivers; restricted free speech on the Internet; approved warrantless wiretaps; signed the assault weapons ban; and threatened to jail doctors who prescribe medical marijuana for cancer victims,” noted Dasbach. “The only question is: Which Constitutional rights will Clinton attack during his second term?”

Dasbach said he didn’t mean to “sound a sour note on Clinton’s Inauguration Day, but, frankly, the president didn’t mean a word of it when he promised that the federal government would get by with less.

“Clinton has a consistent record of making government bigger, more expensive, and more powerful,” said Dasbach. “It will take more than the flowery phrases of his Inaugural speech to make Americans forget the fact that, at heart, Clinton is a politician who is in love with big government. There’s no reason to expect any change during Bill Clinton: The Sequel.”

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