

Vice president visits Gettysburg

Quayle addresses state firefighters convention, tours new fire station

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Standing inside the new Gettysburg Fire Department station, Vice President Dan Quayle told state firefighters that they are the backbone of their communities.

"To all the firemen in the state of Pennsylvania, to the career firemen and volunteer firemen, you are doing one tremendous job for all of the people," Quayle said.

"You're the backbone of every community, whether you're in Pennsylvania or my home state of Indiana," the vice president told 600 people gathered inside the fire station.

Quayle offered the praise Saturday after traveling to Gettysburg in a motorcade from Harrisburg to address the Firemen's Association of Pennsylvania and talk with volunteer Gettysburg firefighters.

He noted the efforts of firefighters and medical teams that traveled to southern Florida to provide disaster relief assistance after Hurricane Andrew — some even using vacation time.

"That's the kind of dedication that the firemen have. That's the kind of spirit and volunteerism and thank you very much for the tremendous job you do for all of us," he said while standing before a fire engine draped with a welcome sign.

Some of the group waving cam-

paign signs supporting and criticizing the Bush administration were not firefighters, and the vice president turned to campaign talk after the brief words of praise.

The vice president lashed out at governor Clinton and suggested reform for the nation's legal system. After criticizing Clinton's plan to create jobs by raising taxes, he told the cheering crowd that the only way to create more jobs is to lower taxes and empower the people.

Speaking further, the vice president accused Clinton of raising taxes at least 127 times in his home state of Arkansas. He then charged the Arkansas governor with calling rich "anybody who has a job."

On another matter, the vice president said, the Bush administration, if re-elected, would seek to provide health insurance.

"We want every American to have available to them affordable health insurance," he said.

Early in his speech, which began around 10:30 a.m., the vice president responded to hecklers sprinkled throughout the hall.

When a man shouted, "What about the economy?," the vice president replied, "We'll get to the economy, just hold on!"

At one point, as the hecklers tried to drown out the vice president, a Quayle-Bush supporter

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Goodling re-election bid endorsed

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Vice President Dan Quayle has endorsed the re-election bid of U.S. Rep. William F. Goodling, R-Adams/York, who is listed among top House bank offenders, including Democrats that Republicans have criticized for overdrafts.

"I want to tell you what an outstanding congressman Bill Goodling is," Quayle said during a campaign speech Saturday at the state firemen's convention in Gettysburg.

"He's one of the very best, and we need him down there," he said.

Goodling, a nine-term incumbent facing challenges from Demo-

crat Paul Kilker and independent Thomas Humbert in the 19th Congressional District, is listed 17th for overdrafts by the House Ethics Committee.

Earlier this year, congressional investigators ruled that Goodling wrote 430 overdrafts totaling \$188,000 during a 39-month period between July 1988 and last October.

Goodling contended that he had only one overdraft on his account, which was a member's cooperative and not a federally insured bank, and shoddy handling of transactions by the bank clerks created many "overdrafts" listed by

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Times photo by Bill Schwartz

MAKING A POINT — Vice President Dan Quayle emphasizes the Bush administration's position on taxes and government regulation Saturday while responding to hecklers as he spoke

to the state firefighters convention at the Gettysburg Fire Department station. Quayle endorsed the re-election bid of U.S. Rep. William F. Goodling, R-York, who is looking on at left.

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