Arkansas Gov. Bill Clinton places Michael Dukakis name in nomination.

Clinton was allotted 15 minutes to speak, but had to discard pages of his speech at the 35 minute mark after officials began flashing a red light at the podium.

Delegates jeer, "Get off, get off."

"In conclusion..." drew Clinton's biggest applause and loudest cheers.

Clinton then goes on the "Tonight Show" to joke about it with Johnny Carson and Carson pops out an egg timer.
Democratic Conventions: 20 Years of the Clintons

- **1988: Atlanta**
  - Bill Clinton was nominated Democratic candidate for president, taking 3,372 of 4,288 first ballot votes.

- **1992: New York**
  - Clinton, his wife, Hillary, and their 12-year-old daughter, Chelsea, appeared at the convention the same night his nomination was won.
  - The Clintons walked to the convention site from Macy's department store and visited the Arkansas delegation where Clinton's mother, Virginia Kelley, had cast the first votes for his nomination.
  - In his acceptance speech Clinton promised to revive the U.S. economy and outlined a "New Covenant" that would offer "a new approach to government."

- **1996: Chicago**
  - Clinton's acceptance speech ran 54 minutes.

- **2000: Los Angeles**
  - Clinton received a record-high 16-point bounce in the polls following the 1992 convention.
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- 1988: Atlanta
- 1996: Chicago
- 2000: Los Angeles

- President Clinton was nominated on the first ballot, receiving 4,277 of 4,289 votes.

- President Clinton's acceptance speech ran 66 minutes.

- President Clinton repeatedly pledged to "build a bridge to the 21st century" in his acceptance speech.

- First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton's speech bumped Indiana Gov. Evan Bayh's keynote address out of the prime-time slot it was originally slated for.

- The First Lady's speech addressed family issues and was greeted by a four-minute standing ovation from the delegates.
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- Outgoing President Bill Clinton and First Lady Hillary Clinton addressed the convention on opening night.

- President Clinton did not reach the rostrum to speak until close to 11 p.m. E.D.T., nearly 25 minutes past schedule.

- A camera followed Clinton as he walked down a corridor toward the stage.

- Clinton catalogued the high points of his two terms, recapping the longest presidential tenure of a Democrat since Franklin D. Roosevelt, who died in 1945 after 12 years in office.

- Clinton’s speech was notable for being short, 40 minutes.

- Somewhat criticized for his dramatic entry - following his video in the Staples Center, Clinton appeared on giant screens walking very slowly down an extremely long, narrow corridor.

- When he emerged onto the platform, delegates gave him an ovation. [as later joked: for finding his way]

- Some observers feel his grandstanding overshadowed Gore’s sober address the next night.

- Hillary Clinton addressed the convention as both First Lady and a candidate for the U.S. Senate from New York.
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1996: Chicago

2000: Los Angeles

2004: Boston

- Former President Bill Clinton was the featured speaker of the convention's first night.

- Former President Clinton's speech lasted about a half hour and drew distinctions between Bush and Kerry, and between their parties.

- Senator Hillary Rodham Clinton (New York), gave a speech introducing her husband as "the last great Democratic president"

- Sen. Clinton had been added to the program only after it was widely noted that she had initially been left out.
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1996: Chicago
2000: Los Angeles
2004: Boston
2008: Denver

Sen. Hillary Clinton, the runner-up in the race for the Democratic presidential nomination, has been listed by the convention committee as the headline prime-time speaker on Tuesday night, August 26th, the 88th anniversary of the 19th Amendment, which gave women the right to vote.

Clinton's address will not be the keynote address.

Clinton is expected to speak of her historic bid to become the first female nominee of a major party, as well as the nation's economic challenges.

On Day Three (Wednesday August 27th) Clinton's name will be placed in nomination along with nominee-in-waiting Obama, an emblematic move intended to unite the party after a divisive primary.

Former President Bill Clinton is also scheduled to address the convention on Wednesday night, August 27th.

Former President Clinton will speak on Obama's commitment to a stronger and safer America, as well as the history of Democrats making positive change in the lives of all Americans.