

(AP) Vice President Joe Biden has given Democratic Sen. Amy Klobuchar a fundraising lift and is vouching for her as the type of "gutsy" leader Washington could use more of. The vice president spent a couple of hours Wednesday in Minneapolis, headlining a major fundraiser for Klobuchar. The first-term senator is standing for re-election in November. Addressing the hotel audience of 350 people, Biden mentioned Klobuchar's votes for things like the auto industry bailout as an example of her "gumption" given the unpopularity of the move at the time. The fundraiser was Biden's only Minnesota event. It was open to people giving between \$125 and \$10,000. The Republican National Committee issued a statement critical of Biden before the Klobuchar event but there was no organized GOP presence outside the hotel.