

## GOP Victories An Historic Triumph

### RLC Candidates Savor Wins

Following the 2000 census, nearly every Congressional district had boundary changes. Those changes were drawn by the increasingly Republican held state legislatures throughout the country.

Despite this, pundits "knew" that either the GOP would lose House seats or at best have a draw, as that had been the historic record since 1934. That logic would have Dick Gephardt replace Dennis Hastert as House Speaker.

Generic voter polls [Which party would you vote for if the election were held today?"] a few weeks before the election gave a slight edge to Democrats.

Not since 1934 has the same party that holds the White House increased its proportion in the U.S. House of Representatives. Historians have noted the 1934 race as proof that New Deal reforms were accepted as permanent features of American politics. If so, then 2002 means that Republican reforms are the new standard and the Democrats are "past it."

President Bush hit the campaign trail: the results were the party in the White House increased its proportion in the U.S. House of Representatives.

Overall, the victories were stunning. First, every open seat in Alabama, Arizona, California, Colorado, Florida, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Maine, Michigan, Minnesota, Nevada, New Hampshire, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas and Utah [19 states in total] went

to the Republican column.

Second, where incumbents lost to challengers, the net gain went to the GOP. Specific races were most rewarding.

RLC-endorsed Tom Feeney [Fla. -24<sup>th</sup> CD] handily won. As Florida House Speaker, Feeney invoked Constitutional law and convened Florida's Legislature to select the electors for the 2000 race. Feeney was Jeb Bush's running mate in 1994 when they narrowly lost that race. This libertarian maverick once called for Florida's secession if the federal government failed to control its own debt. Feeney may become the closest ally Ron Paul has in the House.

Not only did the GOP maintain a House majority, they increased their standing by at least five seats. Gephardt resigned. The Democratic caucus took a hard turn left by selecting Nancy Pelosi as the leader of a much smaller minority.

A hero from the 2000 Florida recount, Florida Secretary of State Katherine Harris easily won.

Florida also saw GOP's Ginny Brown-Waite beat entrenched incumbent Democrat Karen Thurman.

In at least one case, redistricting caused the RLC a headache. Redrawn lines in Georgia found incumbents Bob Barr and John Linder battling for the Republican nomination in a newly drawn and safe congressional district. With different inputs, perspectives and analyses, the national executive

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### RLC Candidate Endorsements - Selected Results

#### Pre-primary endorsements:

|  |               |
|--|---------------|
| CA Governor: Bill Simon                                | Loss: 42%-47% |
| CA Controller Tom McClintock<br>(CaRLC AdBoard Member) | Loss: 45%-45% |
| SC Governor: Mark Sanford                              | Win: 53%-47%  |
| NH Senate: John Sununu                                 | Win: 51%-47%  |
| CA Congress: Michael Malone                            | Loss: 25%-68% |
| Fla. Congress: Tom Feeney                              | Win: 62%-38%  |
| GA Congress: John Linder                               | Win: 79%-21%  |
| GA Congress: Max Burns                                 | Win: 55%-45%  |
| (RLC Liberty Compact signer)                           |               |
| TX Congress: Ron Paul                                  | Win: 68%-32%  |

#### Others:

|                                       |               |
|---------------------------------------|---------------|
| TX Land Commissioner: Jerry Patterson | Win: 53%-42%  |
| NY State Assembly: Jak Karako         | Loss: 14%-86% |

#### Ballot Questions:

|                              |               |
|------------------------------|---------------|
| MA / End Income Tax:         | Loss: 55%-45% |
| NV / Recreational Marijuana: | Loss: 61%-39% |
| Arizona / Medical Marijuana: | Loss: 57%-43% |

#### Endorsed for Highest Liberty Index Ratings House of Representatives:

|                        |              |
|------------------------|--------------|
| AZ 03 John Shadegg     | Win: 66%-31% |
| AZ 06 Jeff Flake       | Win: 65%-33% |
| AZ 08 Jim Kolbe        | Win: 63%-34% |
| CA 26 David Dreier     | Win: 66%-32% |
| CA 46 Dana Rohrabacher | Win: 63%-34% |
| ID 01 "Butch" Otter    | Win: 57%-41% |
| IL 08 Philip Crane     | Win: 57%-43% |
| IN 05 Dan Burton       | Win: 71%-26% |
| IN 08 John Hostettler  | Win: 51%-46% |
| KS 04 Todd Tiahrt      | Win: 61%-37% |
| MI 07 Nick Smith       | Win: 61%-37% |
| MO 02 Todd Akin        | Win: 67%-31% |
| NH 02 Charles Bass     | Win: 57%-41% |
| OH 12 Patrick Tiberi   | Win: 65%-35% |
| SC 01 Henry Brown Jr.  | Win: 90%-07% |
| SC 04 Jim DeMint       | Win: 69%-30% |
| TN 01 William Jenkins  | (Unopposed)  |
| TN 03 Zach Wamp        | Win: 65%-34% |
| TX 06 Joe Barton       | Win: 72%-26% |
| WI 01 Paul Ryan        | Win: 67%-31% |
| WI 06 Thomas Petri     | (Unopposed)  |

# TALKING TO THE WALLS

## Editor's Notes



The recent elections indicate that the best way for pro-liberty candidates to get elected is by working through the GOP. It's been the RLC's message for several years, and continues to prove the third-party crowd wrong. We elected RLCers Ron Paul and Tom Feeney to Congress, as well as no less than twenty other good Congressional candidates that earned the

RLC's endorsement. The Libertarian Party elected as many candidates to non-partisan local boards, but that's about it.

Achieving the trifecta once again is something for all Republicans to be happy about. We've held on to most of our governorships, and in Maryland, the pro-sniper candidate (according to his opposition), Bob Ehrlich, won his race in an amazing defeat of an established Kennedy scion, the sitting Lt. Governor. And one of our favorite former Congressmen, Mark Sanford, won the governorship in South Carolina.

That's not to say everything's hunky-dory. We hope that the GOP Congress will hold the line on new spending, and resist doling out the spoils of government for their own glory. Beyond our immediate goal of electing libertarian Republicans, there's a lot of work to be done in educating the general voting public. How Americans can vote for modern mountebanks like Frank Lautenberg, Gray Davis and Rod Blagojevich is difficult to accept.

The elections have bolstered hopes for supporters of the Second Amendment. The "assault weapons" ban, passed to regulate cosmetic features of firearms, will be sunset in 2004. The law was passed in 1994 under duplicitous pretenses – the public was hoodwinked into thinking the law prohibits automatic weapons, which have in fact been restricted from private ownership since 1934. The law merely regulates the cosmetic appearance of semi-auto (civilian) clones of military firearms. Renewal of this piece of nonsense seems less likely. Nonetheless, Nancy Pelosi and Chuck Schumer will predictably howl and it will be incumbent upon us to make the case for Second Amendment freedoms and dissect the public's misunderstanding. Otherwise we will face another such threat to our rights in five or ten years, or after the next schoolhouse slaughter.

We are about to march into another Middle Eastern war. Libertarian Republicans who question this latest foreign foray don't have to take it to the streets, but should instead make a careful plea for caution. Saudi fanatics committed the terrorist acts. Saudi money is regularly funneled to extremists throughout the world, and they have given much more support to terrorism than Saddam Hussein. Pakistan is home to many of the madrassa religious schools where fundamentalists are indoctrinated. We should keep a closer eye on what our so-called allies are doing. If and when we do go to war, we should have a clear entry and exit strategy as well as a singular purpose.

Some crafty powercrats over at the DEA and the Justice Department have attempted to link the very important

War on Terror with the counterproductive War on Drugs. Joe Sixpack, who has little understanding of the proportion and nature of the drug trade, will buy this. Marijuana consumed in the U.S. is grown mainly in the U.S. and Mexico; linking pot-smoking teens to financial support for terror attacks is patently absurd. Shady characters are indeed involved in the drug trade, but only because it is illegal.

The Washington Post reports that Vice Admiral John Poindexter of Iran-Contra fame is heading up a new spy-on-everyone supercomputer project at the Pentagon called "Total Information Awareness." Their logo is the eye in the pyramid overlooking the world -- no kidding. Check it out for yourself at [www.darpa.mil/iao](http://www.darpa.mil/iao). Their mission is to "break down the stovepipes that separate commercial and government databases." You don't need to feel paranoid any more kids; the government is watching you.

Such plans are too dangerous to let them slip by without opposition. The problem is rah-rah conservatives who rubber-stamp any plans for government surveillance, as long as they happen under a Republican administration. For example, the ACLJ, Pat Robertson's attempt at a religious counterweight to the ACLU, has launched a massive campaign to support the USA Patriot Act and other measures.

Virginia Republican Tom Davis has sponsored a bill, HR 4633, the "Drivers License Modernization Act," with the purpose of setting up a de facto National ID card system within five years, integrating personal biometric data with driver's licenses. Davis has never been a reliable supporter of personal or economic freedom, as his voting record indicates. For some reason, the otherwise rational Citizens For a Sound Economy gave Davis their Jefferson Award, a prize that, in the words of CSE President Paul Beckner, "honors those who remember and practice what Thomas Jefferson said over 200 years ago: 'The people are the only sure reliance for the preservation of our liberty.'" Emails to Beckner asking for an explanation of the undeserved award remain unanswered at press time.

We might as well replace "Homeland Security" with "Fatherland Security." The state is not to be trusted with such sweeping power, no matter who is in charge. Power intoxicates, and absolute power intoxicates absolutely.

*Tom Walls*

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# Outstanding RLC Member: John Reed

[Editor's Note: This is the first in a series of profiles of RLC members who have made special contributions to liberty.]

John Reed was born and raised in Texas, but got his first political experience with the New York State Libertarian Party, rising to a position on the state Executive Committee in 1998, before finding a hero in Republican Representative Ron Paul. The RLC Treasurer at the time, Mike Holmes, said he first became aware of John's leadership abilities when he volunteered to assume the Chairmanship of the New York RLC, "surely a challenge for only the hardiest of our group" according to Mike. John developed one of the first state RLC websites, almost single-handedly, bringing many new members into the organization.



The men of RLC-Texas man a booth at the 2002 Texas GOP convention

John is a *summa cum laude* graduate of the University of Texas with a degree in Electrical Engineering. He may not have realized that his primary work with electrons would be packets of political data and graphics humming through the Internet. That's where he found the Republican Liberty Caucus. His work developing the New York RLC website got him promoted to Webmaster for the RLC.org national site, where he was responsible for several conversions, graphic enhancements, upgrades, new page designs, and data maintenance for almost two years. He was elected to the national RLC Executive Committee in 2000, shortly

after moving back to Texas with his wife, Joanna, and two children, Samantha and John II.

Don Zimmerman, RLC-TX Executive Director, says it was John's idea to get an OPH (Operation Politically Homeless) booth set up at last summer's Texas GOP Convention. "I was initially skeptical, but the ([www.self-gov.org](http://www.self-gov.org)) quiz was hugely popular," says Zimmerman, "it had more traffic than the hundred others." Reed and national Treasurer Richard Relph brought in the booth gear and helped staff the setup, along with many other RLC members. "Not only was this event fun for all of us," says Holmes, "but we made a positive and dramatic impression on the thousands of attendees, under the "Ron Paul Republicans" banner."



Joanna and John Reed, Ron Paul and Samantha Reed

Although his time has been limited by the dot-com industry depression, John still serves as the Texas RLC Treasurer and participates in many local events and campaigns. John is particularly proud of activating RLC members in support of the campaigns of Jerry Patterson for Texas Land Commissioner and Ron Paul's Congressional re-election. He has also encouraged members to support, and has worked for the Rick Green and Jack Stick campaigns for Texas State House and Mike Hansen for Travis County Commissioner.

"John deserves special recognition for all the time and effort he has put into the RLC," says national Chairman Doug Lorenz. "That effort has carried us through many difficult challenges and John's persistence and enthusiasm have been invaluable to the national and Texas RLC." Last month, the Board of Directors unanimously adopted a 'Resolution of Appreciation' for John's service on the national committee.

Zimmerman thinks John was lucky to "Escape from New York" ahead of Hillary Clinton's Senate campaign, but John says Austin, Texas has always been "the best place in the world to live." That's not far from the home of the libertarian Republican hero that brought him to the Republican Liberty Caucus.

# RLC Reorganizes with New Bylaws and Rules

After a prolonged dispute over policy, direction, and the appropriation of funds, the RLC Executive Committee elected new officers and called a National Convention to affirm the election and adopt new Bylaws and Rules. Delegates to the August Convention in San Antonio considered several clarifications and moved previous Execom policies to official standing.

## State Chartering

Neglected for several years, the policy and procedures for Chartering state RLC organizations was formalized and adopted. The guidelines require a petition of ten Regular dues-paid RLC members, the adoption of state bylaws and election of officers. If those requirements are met, the national Board of Directors must consider the Charter at its next meeting. The Board may also appoint state Coordinators to receive official organizational assistance and facilitate state chartering. Visit the website for Charter documents or contact

## State Dues-Sharing

Treasurers of both the national and state chartered organizations are obliged to share collected dues with the other entity. The new rule requires that \$15 and all contact information for the member be shared with the other entity on an agreed schedule. Contributions received by either organization will be applied toward dues and dues-sharing before any other expenditures. The RLCUSA-PAC will follow the same policy. For details, contact

## Candidate Endorsements

Chartered state executives and the national Board now need a confirmation from the other body before issuing an endorsement of any federal or state executive office candidate. Conflicting endorsements, or endorsement of any opponent of a GOP nominee, is precluded by the new Rule 3. Chartered RLC State organizations may endorse any candidates for state legislative or local offices without confirmation from the national Board, which may endorse candidates in unchartered states with notice to any official state RLC Coordinators. Submissions of proposed candidate endorsements should be addressed to

## Policy Statements

A new Bylaw implements a previous RLC policy regarding public policy statements on current issues, requiring that they are not in conflict with the Statement of Position adopted by RLC delegates in convention. Other public statements require notification of the national Board and may require approval of the appropriate executive committee. Bylaw Article VII also sets the requirements for consideration of amendments to the Statement of Position in convention.

For procedures and policy contact

## Political Action Committee

The status of the official RLC Political Action Committee (RLCUSA-PAC) was formalized in Rule 7, which gives the RLC membership organization direct control over the PAC Board and requires PAC compliance with RLC Bylaws and Rules. Donations cannot be made to campaigns without the endorsement of the membership executive committees. Officers of the RLC are automatic Board members of the national or state PACs. All contributions and contact information must be disclosed to the membership organization. The RLCUSA-PAC Board has agreed to pay RLC membership dues for any contributors who are not current dues-paid members. For PAC information, visit

### Republican Liberty Caucus

#### Main Website:

[www.rlc.org](http://www.rlc.org)  
[www.RepublicanLibertyCaucus.org](http://www.RepublicanLibertyCaucus.org)  
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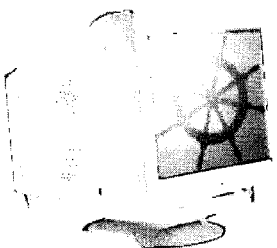
### Invitation-Only RLC eGroups:

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/RLC-Discuss>  
(Current dues-paid members only.)

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/RLC-National>  
(Current national and state officers only.)

### State RLC Websites:

<http://www.XX.RLC.ORG>  
(Substitute state initials)  
[www.CA.RLC.ORG](http://www.CA.RLC.ORG)  
[www.TX.RLC.ORG](http://www.TX.RLC.ORG)  
[www.GA.RLC.ORG](http://www.GA.RLC.ORG)  
(and many others)



# GOP House Victories *(continued from Page 1)*

committee endorsed Barr (who had signed the Liberty Compact and spoke at an RLC Convention), while the state organization endorsed Linder. The Georgia media gave the RLC lots of coverage; Linder won the primary and general elections; the RLC Bylaws now require joint national-state endorsements.

Congressmen Barr and former majority leader Dick Armey have been retained as consultants with the ACLU. Their interests in liberty issues, from a limited government perspective, can only improve the tone at the ACLU.

Another Liberty Compact signer in Georgia, Max Burns, came under attack by his Democrat opponent for taking such a radical stand in favor of smaller government and lower taxes. Happily the Democrats attack convinced Burns was on the side of taxpayers: he won 55-45 percent.

Our past Chairman and renowned “Dr. No,” Ron Paul, beat his opponent by over a two-to-one ratio [68-32 percent]. The “Ron Paul Republicans” [aka the Texas RLC] were active in many contests and impressed GOP partisans at their recent state convention.

Not all RLC vetted candidates won.

Michael Moloney in California ran against the repellent Tom Lantos. Moloney had recently switched from the LP to provide the only opposition to Lantos. Moloney improved the prior Republican vote total by five percent, thereby barely losing the race — by 68-25 percent! The RLC gained a different victory here: this was done to encourage Libertarians to do a political upgrade, join the GOP, and make a real difference.

Following the dicta of rewarding one’s friends the RLC board endorsed a large group of incumbent Republican House members who had earned an above 80 percent rating in our Liberty Index, a rating of Congressional votes compiled by past RLC Chairman, Professor Clifford Thies [[www.RepublicanLiberty.org/LibDex](http://www.RepublicanLiberty.org/LibDex)].

All of our endorsements were re-elected by ample margins [Ed: See Congressional box for results].

Most pleasing to the RLC was not just the huge win, but also the way we won. It showed a libertarian trend missed by most analysts.

Going into the campaign Democrats called the election a “referendum on Social Security,” tried to make an issue of a prescription drug plan, postured about corporate malfeasance, complained of economic troubles and whined that the miniscule tax cut of 2001 was responsible for the return of both the deficit and the recession.

Democrats, genuinely split on the issue of a war with Iraq, were fearful of the administration on the issue. Democrats and the Bush administration agreeing to both a Congressional authorization and a Security Council resolution removed the Iraq war as an issue.

Bill Clinton’s avid corporate fund-raising weakened Democrat complaints of questionable corporate contributions to the GOP. That issue was off the table.

GOP initiatives on prescription drug plans, new accounting regulations, and stepped-up prosecution of corporate malfeasance effectively removed these as issues for Democrats, however flawed some of these initiatives were.

This left Social Security and the economy as primary Democrat battle themes.

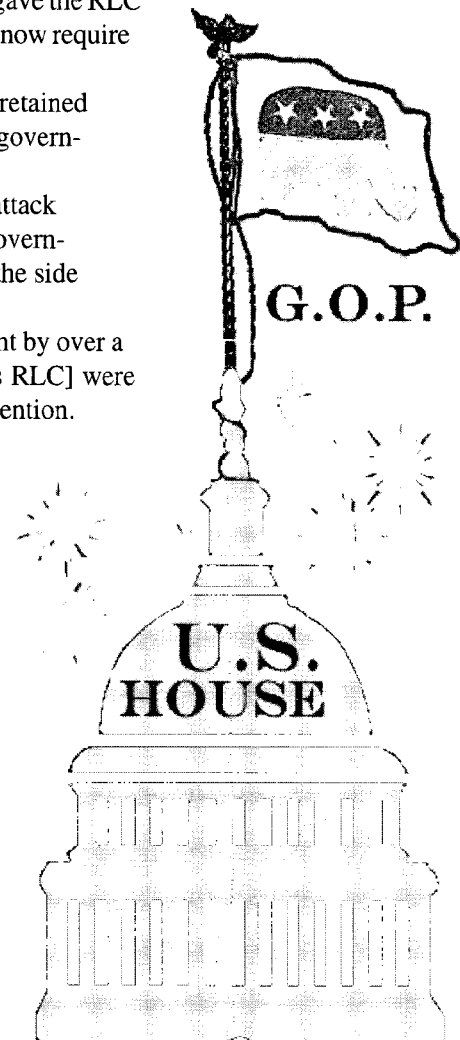
Most Republican candidates stood their ground defending major reforms and privatization of Social Security *and they won*. Those who shied away from the former “third rail” lost.

The issue of the sagging economy did not help Democrats, as most voters blamed bad times on the 9/11 attacks.

The suggestion to scale back the miniscule tax cuts hurt the Democrats. What turned out to be the killer was White House commitments permanent (and greater) tax cuts as part of their legislative agenda. Voters, given a choice between a candidate supporting a tax cut or one supporting an increase, voted for the tax cutter.

The successful electoral strategy was the libertarian one of advocating tax cuts and economic freedom. This is the path led by the joyously growing “Ron Paul wing” of the GOP.

The aftermath of Democrat defeat and ouster of Gephardt leaves them with a Clinton retread and a socialist harpy as their Congressional leaders, for which we, as Republicans, can be happy about.



## Wither the Libertarian Party?

This election didn't see any LP members elected to federal or state office, but their candidates will probably be effective in dozens of races as "spoilers." The votes for the LP candidate will exceed the margin of victory in a few elections - at the expense of Republican candidates. Whether that is interpreted as serious damage to the cause of liberty or an opportunity to urge GOP candidates to actively seek libertarian votes is arguable.

There have been some novel developments in the LP campaigns. The LP candidate for the Illinois governorship, Ed Thompson, got wide-ranging news coverage as the brother of U.S. Secretary of Health and Human Services Tommy G. Thompson (who contributed \$500 to his campaign). But the coup for the LP was some participation in major media debates, following LP allegations that broadcasters were making illegal campaign contributions to the major-party candidates by excluding the other legal candidates. Not willing to pursue that issue in court, the media relented in several states and offered at least one prime-time debate with minor party (usually LP and Green Party) participation.

Another tactic that may have been beneficial, even if it didn't push LP candidates into the horserace, was sponsorship of state-wide initiative referenda. In Massachusetts, it didn't boost the LP candidate's vote total, but the proposal to abolish the state income tax did become an important issue in the campaign. With a substantial number of "Taxachusetts" voters voicing approval of the plan (as high as 40%), it couldn't be ignored. The RLC endorsed the initiative, in spite of overwhelming opposition from the Republican and Democrat establishments.

With a large number of LP candidates across the country, there were several contests where they offered the sole opposition to Democrats. There were also a few races where LP candidates withdrew and endorsed the GOP candidate. There were also a few races where former LP candidates actually won the GOP nomination for both federal and state offices. Encouraged by this trend, the RLC endorsed at least one of these aspirants, Michael Moloney in California's 12th Congressional District.

The LP will probably trumpet a few local and state legislative victories after the election, but many of those will be regular GOP victors who happened to pay membership dues to the LP. The RLC will be appealing to those office-holders to become active supporters of our cause within the Republican Party.



## Wanted in New Jersey: Real GOP Candidates

Murray Sabrin, Vice-Chairman, RLC

Doug Forrester defeated Senator Torricelli for the U.S Senate seat by the end of September, only to lose to Frank Lautenberg, the Democrats' designated hitter on Election Day, courtesy of the lawless New Jersey Supreme Court.

Doug was a victim of his own success, hammering Torricelli on the ethics charges, which led to the senator's withdrawal 39 days before the election. Rather than upholding the rules of the game, the Supreme Court allowed the Democrats to replace their corrupt candidate after the legal deadline.

Nevertheless, Doug had the opportunity to solidify the GOP base (nearly 900,000 registered voters) after Lautenberg entered the race, and attract both Reagan Democrats and conservative independents to his campaign. Instead, Doug was unwilling or unable to campaign as a "real" Republican against Lautenberg.

Why? His advisers and the GOP establishment pushed him to campaign as a moderate in "Democrat" New Jersey. He was also told to make homeland security the cornerstone of his campaign, even though this issue was not a high priority on voters' minds. In addition, his flip-flop on the abortion issue at the end of the campaign undoubtedly lost him votes.

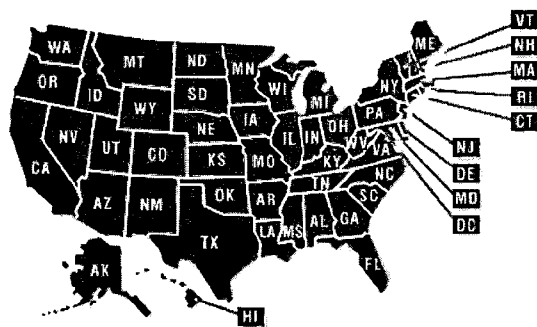
From numerous conversations with people throughout the state in the fall, Doug's candidacy did not catch fire with grassroots GOP voters who needed a reason to vote for a real Republican instead of a RINO.

What should real Republicans stand for? The RLC website, [republicanlibertycaucus.com](http://republicanlibertycaucus.com) is the first place to begin. Congressman Ron Paul won reelection with 68% of the vote in his Texas CD, voting no on most spending bills, and voting no on the Iraq/Use of Force resolution. Nevertheless, his unwavering support for the rule of law, free enterprise, the Constitution, and a noninterventionist foreign policy makes him a fearless leader of the limited government cause. Dr. Paul is an unequivocal and unapologetic defender of the Bill of Rights. In short, Ron Paul demonstrates once-and-for-all that a libertarian Republican can not only win, but also win big.

In the meantime, we have 24 state coordinators as of early November. If we add a few more states by the end of 2002, we will have state RLC chapters in more than half the fifty states. Our goal should be to have state coordinators in all 50 states by the beginning of 2004.

If we can help RLC endorsed candidates win their primaries in 2004, the prospects of having more Ron Paul Republicans elected to Congress in 2004 is one of the exciting prospects for the success of our efforts. Your grassroots efforts will help energize the GOP base in your respective states. Please contact me ( ) for any assistance you need to start an RLC chapter.

# RLC STATE ROUNDUP & MEDIA NOTES



## What the RLC-GA is up to

Peter Krembs, GA RLC Chair

The Republican Liberty Caucus of Georgia is off to a great start. Since being restarted in early 2002, I'm pleased with our growth as Republican activists (and some realistic Libertarians!) discover and join the pursuit of personal and economic liberty. We have a number of excellent candidates in the great state of Georgia who have signed the Liberty Compact. Just to mention a few: Charlie Bailey, our endorsed candidate for Secretary of State; State Representative Sue Burmeister of Augusta; and of course, State Senator David Shafer. Of course, I would be remiss if I failed to mention the Georgia's two Republican Congressmen who've signed the Liberty Compact: Jack Kingston and John Linder. In fact, Jack Kingston is now involved with Ron Paul's Liberty Committee—something we're very proud of here in Georgia.

### RLC-GA's Friend of Liberty

The Georgia chapter of the Republican Liberty Caucus has a new, energetic, and principled friend in State Senator David Shafer of Duluth. Senator Shafer has simply been indispensable in the formation of the RLC-Ga and has convinced many of his Republican colleagues in the Georgia General Assembly to sign the Liberty Compact.

David just doesn't "talk the talk" of smaller government: his voting record is a shining example of principled conservatism in the Goldwater tradition. He's consistently been the taxpayers' watchdog, as well as a staunch defender of the Bill of Rights.

David Shafer was elected to the State Senate in a special election in early 2002. He ran for Secretary of State in a special election in 1996 on a platform of fighting voter fraud. He served as Executive Director of the Georgia Republican Party in the early 1990s. David is truly a rising star in state politics, and he certainly hasn't forgotten the ideals on which the GOP was founded: freedom and personal responsibility.

## Fla.: Palm Beach Term Limits Campaign Wins

Amid reports of a backlash against term limits, an RLC-sponsored term limits measure won an overwhelming victory on Nov. 5 in Palm Beach County, Fla. Eight-year limits on county commissioners passed with 70.72% of the vote. This victory follows similar 70%+ victories in Clay and Polk counties in 2000, as well as a term limits retention vote in Tampa which won 68% of the vote that year. "The voters once again have made it clear that they prefer contested elections, rotation in office and citizen commissioners over unopposed career incumbents," said Philip Blumel, a member of the Republican Liberty Caucus and the chief organizer of the effort. "The only backlash has been from politicians who chafe under the voters' will."

Other RLCers involved in the campaign include Philip's father George Blumel, a contributor and volunteer, and Tom Walls, who updated the campaign website. The referendum was placed on the ballot after the grass roots committee collected over 46,000 signatures, or 7% of the county's voters. The effort spent about \$65,000 and consisted of over 200 volunteers and contributors. The last successful petition drive in Palm Beach County was a business-backed effort in 1988 which spent over \$225,000, or more than \$330,000 in today's dollars, according to the Palm Beach Post. "The difference between this effort and many others on the ballot was there was no big special interest backing of term limits," Blumel said. "This was a grass roots campaign of the sort rarely seen in today's big money politics."

## RLC Mention on Rush Limbaugh

Former San Diego Mayor Roger Hedgecock, while filling in for Rush Limbaugh on Friday, November 8, mentioned the RLC in a discussion about the Libertarian Party's "spoiler effect" on close races. "...and I'm indebted to **Eric Dondero**, who's a former Libertarian Party activist, who is raising these issues all over the country. He's founded the **Republican Liberty Caucus**, to assist libertarian Republican candidates running for office and to do it within the party, rather than continuing to...you know, if you can't get a hundred percent of what you want, denying the 60, or 70, or 80, or 90% of what you could get and get somebody who is just the opposite actually into office!" Hedgecock was referring to RLC Founder Eric Dondero Rittberg, who is not an RLC officer but remains active in promoting libertarian Republicans.

### RINO\* Quote of the Month:

"If it were totally up to me, I would raise the cigarette tax so high the revenues from it would go to zero."

-NYC Mayor **Michael Bloomberg** (who seeks to ban smoking in New York City's restaurants, bars, and outdoor cafes)

\* - Republican In Name Only



## Senate Election Analysis: Vultures on the Wing

With the most powerful legislative body in the world up for grabs, thousands of trial lawyers took to the skies on November 5th and headed for any state where a Democrat might lose a race for the U.S. Senate by a slim margin. There were already lawsuits waiting to be filed, missing only the name of the state and the name of the candidate who had been wrongfully denied election. At his command post, the Chairman of the Democratic Party had already assigned 5,000 attorneys to a dozen states. The backup teams would swoop down into any state that might make a difference in controlling the evenly-balanced Senate. By election midnight, there was nowhere to go. The defeats had been monumental and historic. The only place to descend was Sioux Falls, South Dakota, to commiserate with the former Senate Majority Leader over the disastrous turn of events.

Terry McAuliffe claimed to have 10,000 trial lawyers ready to challenge any slight to the democratic process (to count every vote that might have been cast, by living, dead, unregistered or alien residents, before or after the polls opened).

The only contest that might turn on a court's ruling is in South Dakota, where only 500 votes separated the presumed victory and Democratic incumbent, Tim Johnson, from his challenger, Rep. John Thune. The sole challenge to the day's voting in the state was an Indian reservation precinct that turned in the very last – and nearly unanimous – votes that put Johnson in the lead. The result of the recount won't change Republican control of the Senate.

Although the RLC had no 'favored hero' in the South Dakota contest, it did have a nemesis: incumbent Tim Johnson. For the past twelve years, he has wobbled between a 'Statist' and 'Authoritarian' rating in our Liberty Index, consistently supporting almost every government intervention proposed. His 'Liberty Index' ratings were nearly as low as his neighboring Democrat Senator, the late Paul Wellstone.

The first hint of the Republican Senate sweep came early, in New Hampshire. John Sununu had won the primary over fallen-away Republican Bob Smith, but found himself in a tight race with Gov. Jeanne Shaheen. Polls had bounced back and forth, with each holding small leads, but the slightly higher Republican registration and active support from the White House made the difference. The RLC endorsed Sununu early and the RLCUSA-PAC contributed to his campaign. Sununu had top Liberty Index ratings in Congress, only a few points behind Representatives Ron Paul and Mark Sanford. Sununu and other RLC-endorsed incumbents will surely give the GOP Caucus in the Senate a strong tilt toward liberty.

The GOP had more seats to defend in this off-year election, so early speculation was that Democrats could maintain their controlling margin. If not, Republican Sen. Lincoln Chafee of Rhode Island had threatened to 'do a Jeffords' to keep the Democrats in control. However, the President's determined campaign swings through a dozen states and continued high popularity gets most of the credit for the victories.

The entire Democratic machine took a tromping, with Bill Clinton delegated to private fund-raising events and Al Gore coming out of hiding to make one ridiculous speech. In South Dakota, the candidates were stand-ins for their party leaders. It may have been John Thune challenging Tim Johnson on the ballot, but everyone knew it was George Bush against Tom Daschle.

After his tragic death, Minnesota Senator Wellstone left his son to convert a solemn memorial into a crass political rally that turned sympathy into disgust and a victory into an ignominious defeat for the elder statesman and former VP, Walter Mondale.

Contributing to the solid Republican majority in the Senate was the re-election of Colorado Sen. Wayne Allard, endorsed by the RLC, but down several points in late polls. His decisive win closed the door to any late Democrat hopes of keeping their controlling majority. An early election night surprise was a substantial margin for Rep. Jim Talent over appointed Democrat incumbent Jean Carnahan. Talent is a good 'Enterpriser' and charismatic figure who is touted as an up-and-comer for future Republican stardom.

The only downside in the Senate contests was Arkansas, where Tim Hutchinson had the RLC endorsement, but may have alienated many 'family value'-oriented voters with his remarriage scandal in the middle of the campaign. His opponent was the son of a former Senator. On the upside, Georgia Republican Saxby Chambliss pulled a surprise defeat of the incumbent Democratic Sen. Max Cleland.

Incumbent victories were expected for other RLC Senate favorites: Alabama's Jeff Sessions, Idaho's Larry Craig, Kansas' Pat Roberts, Kentucky's Mitch McConnell, Nebraska's Charles Hagel, New Mexico's Pete Domenici, Oklahoma's James Inhofe, Oregon's Gordon Smith, Virginia's John Warner and Wyoming's Michael Enzi. All scored above 80% on the RLC's 'Liberty Index'. All won their races by healthy margins.

Alaska's new Republican Governor, current Senator Frank Murkowski, will appoint another Republican to the Senate to fill the vacancy that his own resignation will create on December 2<sup>nd</sup>. Alaska's new succession law was adopted with that specific purpose in mind, expecting Murkowski to defeat Democratic Gov. Tony Knowles.

It is certain that the new Republican Senate can act quickly and forcefully in the pursuit of liberty, ignoring the likely Democrat pleas for "bi-partisan" compromises and concession.

### Senate Candidates Endorsed for Highest Liberty Index Ratings

|                    |               |
|--------------------|---------------|
| AL Jeff Sessions   | Win: 58%-40%  |
| AR Tim Hutchinson  | Loss: 46%-54% |
| CO Wayne Allard    | Win: 51%-45%  |
| ID Larry Craig     | Win: 65%-33%  |
| KS Pat Roberts     | Win: 83%-9%   |
| KY Mitch McConnell | Win: 64%-36%  |
| NE Charles Hagel   | Win: 82%-15%  |
| NM Pete Domenici   | Win: 63%-37%  |
| OK James Inhofe    | Win: 57%-37%  |
| OR Gordon Smith    | Win: 59%-37%  |
| VA John Warner     | Win: 84%-9%   |
| WY Michael Enzi    | Win: 72%-28%  |



## Governors: One Bush Trumps Five Polls

The Democrats couldn't lose. With 36 gubernatorial seats up for grabs, the GOP was in double-jeopardy, with 23 incumbents up for re-election, but only 11 Democrats. There was little doubt that the Democrats would gain up to eight seats – maybe even defeat the President's brother to top off the victory. After all, there was no Ralph Nader to siphon off all Dem pregnant chads. West Palm Beach voters would certainly elect Bill McBride, the victor over the infamous Janet Reno. Very early in the returns, it was clear that Al Gore's revenge was fantasy.

Jeb Bush tromped McBride and welcomed Florida heroes Katherine Harris and Tom Feeney to the victory celebration.

The Atlantic Seaboard also turned in early and impressive results for the RLC's favored candidate, Mark Sanford in South Carolina. Although polls had showed Sanford in a very tight contest, his strong anti-tax, budget-cutting message rang true and loud with voters. In the Liberty Index, Sanford had consistently top ratings in Congress and won the endorsement of the RLC and support from the RLCUSA-PAC even before the primary election. Sanford won't shirk from the challenge and could set a course toward liberty that will be an example for many other Republican Governors.

After the final tallies, it appeared that only a net of one Republican executive suite had switched to the Democrats, leaving a persistent majority of Republican state leaders. The GOP Governors were a major factor in this campaign and they will be equally important in the next Presidential election.

The biggest upset was the victory of Republican State Senator Sonny Perdue in Georgia (Junior Samples jokes notwithstanding), becoming the state's first GOP leader since reconstruction. The tiniest victory went to Alabama's Bob Riley, defeating incumbent Democratic Governor Don Siegelman by 3,000 votes. Siegelman had declared victory, until a typographic error was corrected in one precinct's voting report, then he demanded a full recount. In Vermont, the losing Democrat was slightly more gracious, conceding a close election to Republican Jim Douglas, rather than throwing the final decision to the state legislature.

Republicans relished the defeat of a Kennedy in Maryland, turnovers in Hawaii and New Hampshire, with a double-whammy when incumbent Democratic Governor Jean Shaheen lost to the RLC's favored John Sununu in the Senate race. There was even a whammy and a half in Alaska, where Frank Murkowski not only won the Governorship, but also gained the right to name his replacement in the Senate.

Colorado RLCers also assisted Governor Jim Owens to retain his seat. Owens had gained some acclaim by getting the 'Best Governor' rating from the CATO Institute.

Unsettled at this writing was the result of the California Controller's race, where long-time RLC Advisory Board Member Tom McClintock trailed by only a few hundred votes with many thousands of absentee votes yet to be counted. If elected, McClintock would be the only Republican executive in the state.

The California tromping wasn't so bad in the state legislature, with a pickup of two seats in the Assembly and an unchanged – though heavily Democrat – state Senate. Republicans also won control of six other state legislative chambers across the country, breeding grounds for fresh new faces on the national scene. Colorado, Maine and Wisconsin upper houses went Republican, as did lower houses in Indiana, Missouri and Texas.



SC Governor-elect Mark Sanford

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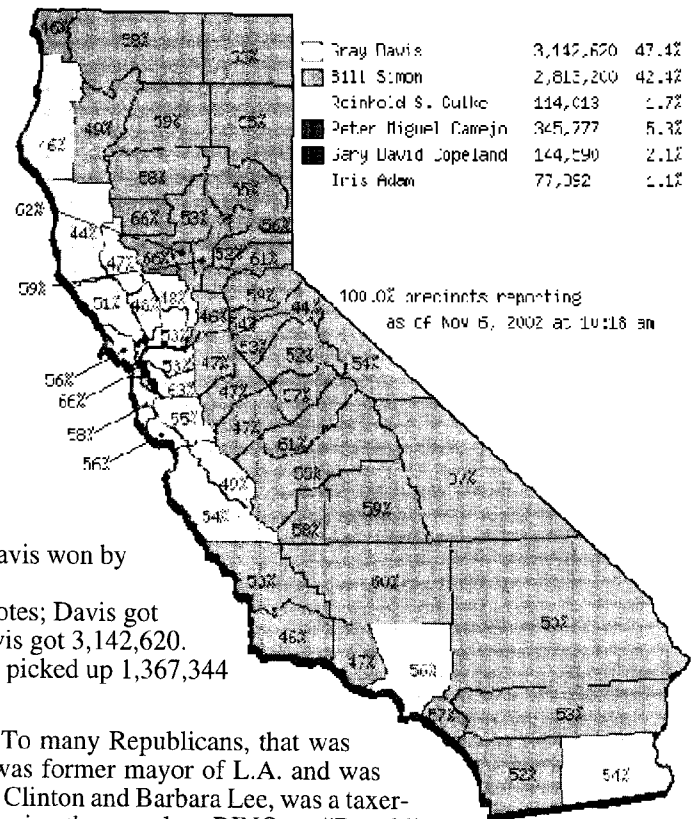
# California's Governor Race: Enough Blame To Go Around

Scott Jordan, CA RLC Chair

It is distressing that the Golden State was unable to scrape Gray Davis off its shoe on November 5th. Challenger Bill Simon won 44 of 58 counties - almost the entire state except the coastal big cities and limousine-liberal areas.[1] With no Electoral College to enhance the representation of the state's heartland, one or two of the big cities is enough to win. Agriculture may be California's largest industry, but it doesn't count electorally.

In the first returns, the lead see-sawed between Simon and Davis. When L.A. County's numbers came in—well after the agricultural areas and suburbs had shot their wad—GOP euphoria evaporated. L.A. County gave Davis virtually *all* his margin:

| Candidate                 | Party | Votes     | Percent |
|---------------------------|-------|-----------|---------|
| <b>Los Angeles County</b> |       |           |         |
| * Gray Davis              | Dem   | 874,382   | 55.9    |
| Bill Simon                | Rep   | 545,808   | 34.9    |
| Reinhold S. Gulke         | AmI   | 23,121    | 1.4     |
| Peter Camejo              | Grn   | 66,805    | 4.3     |
| Gary Copeland             | Lib   | 36,833    | 2.4     |
| Iris Adam                 | Nat   | 17,394    | 1.1     |
| <b>Statewide</b>          |       |           |         |
| * Gray Davis              | Dem   | 3,142,620 | 47.4    |
| Bill Simon                | Rep   | 2,813,200 | 42.4    |
| Reinhold S. Gulke         | AmI   | 114,013   | 1.7     |
| Peter Camejo              | Grn   | 345,777   | 5.3     |
| Gary Copeland             | Lib   | 144,590   | 2.1     |
| Iris Adam                 | Nat   | 77,892    | 1.1     |



Statewide: Davis won by 329,420; LA County: Davis won by 328,574. Amazing. A one-county victory!

Moreover, In the primary, Simon got 1,129,973 votes; Davis got 1,775,276. In the general, Simon got 2,813,200 votes; Davis got 3,142,620. So Simon picked up 1,683,227 — a 149% increase. Davis picked up 1,367,344 — only a 77% increase. Not bad. Just not good enough.

Simon had won his primary in a stunning upset. To many Republicans, that was unforgivable. The anointed candidate, Richard Riordan, was former mayor of L.A. and was backed by the White House. He rubbed shoulders with Bill Clinton and Barbara Lee, was a taxer-and-spender, union toady, house-to-house gun confiscator... in other words, a RINO, or "Republican in name only." Some preferred the term "electable," though his primary-race flameout would suggest otherwise. After Simon buried him by 18% margin statewide, Riordan took occasional potshots at Simon throughout the general election campaign, muttering about mounting a write-in campaign and other immature sour-grapes stuff. It's no surprise that Riordan's county-of-prominence is what won the election for Davis all by itself. The numbers are damning, and contradict pundit nonsense about Simon's ineptitude and the futility of running as a conservative in present-day California.

Sure, Simon was inexperienced—he never so much ran for student council before, as far as I know, and his campaign had many malaprops and doses of bad luck and worse judgment. But he won more of the state than Dan Lungren did four years ago.[2] His primary win was brilliant. His biggest mistake was not making peace and otherwise neutralizing the GOP's notoriously fractious factions and appeasing icons like Riordan immediately after the primary. Reagan coined the 11th Commandment for good reason.

And the Party powers-that-be here let Riordan get away with his bad behavior and furthermore meddled with Simon's superb street-fighter primary team. We had four or five visits by Bush, about ten from Giuliani, and even McCain in the final week, plus a fair amount of national GOP money, which in hindsight should all have been poured into L.A. ...including to buy a muzzle and straitjacket for Riordan.

Simon can congratulate himself for a valiant first effort and for sticking to his principles more than most first-time candidates who land in the big-time do. I hope he's not done with politics. He's a good man in every sense of the word; California is poorer for his loss. Much poorer: Gray Davis' deficit for this year alone amounts to nearly \$700 per man, woman and child here; he's driven state spending up 34.6% in his first term, and he's done nothing to solve the lack of energy supply or address looming water and transportation crises, except declare that California has built its last freeway.

And what is wrong with the Libertarians? Their guy, Copeland, was a fruitcake who posed in Druid robes for interviews, and ended up being disowned by his Party after spitting on a radio host. And he drew 2.1%, despite a fair Jeffersonian running on the Republican side. The California GOP is well-advised to consider what it has done to deserve the enmity of these voters.

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## Black & White Voting: Initiatives & Referenda

The only options are "Yes" or "No" on referendum questions placed on the ballot. Even minor reservations about the wording of a proposal can kill an otherwise good initiative. That may have been the case this year, as two RLC-endorsed ballot issues were defeated.

The drug warriors defeated marijuana initiatives in four states, with the most attention going to a fairly radical proposal in Nevada that went beyond medical exceptions to allow responsible adult recreational use of 'loco weed'. Without the sympathetic medical "relief of suffering" theme that dominated successful initiatives, the opponents were able to characterize legalization as an endorsement of all drug use – which would surely encourage every child to pursue a life of wanton addiction. When the issue was cast as a question of whether "drugs are good", the voters said "No" by a large 61% to 39% majority.

The drug issue has been a topic of debate within the RLC, primarily as a tactical issue. With the Libertarian Party openly battling the drug war and a vocal contingent of Republicans urgently demanding a more "effective" war – even as a component of the war on terrorism – many members consider the issue an impediment to other avenues of pursuing individual and economic liberty. The RLC Statement of Position, adopted by Convention Delegates two years ago, calls for 'alternatives' to the drug war:

- 13.1 While recognizing the harm that drug abuse causes society, we also recognize that government drug policy has been ineffective and has led to frightening abuses of the Bill of Rights which could affect the personal freedom of any American. We, therefore, support alternatives to the War on Drugs.
- 13.2 Per the tenth amendment to the U. S. Constitution, matters such as drugs should be handled at the state or personal level.
- 13.3 All laws which give license to violate the Bill of Rights should be repealed.

Another initiative endorsed and supported by the RLC Board of Directors also failed, but only by a surprisingly small margin. In this case, the LP was the official sponsor of the initiative to totally abolish the Massachusetts income tax. The proposal didn't mince words, it simply eliminated the tax. At first, the proposal was totally ignored as an extreme response to the extreme "Taxachusetts" craving for revenue. It was only when local polls showed Question 1 drawing support from almost 40% of likely voters that every political incumbent and government administrator in the state vigorously condemned the proposal. Well, not the proposal as much as the effects of the proposal on government projects and handouts.

What was surprising was the fact that the issue was cast to every 'client' of this welfare state as a simple "Yes" or "No": do you want the to keep getting all the goodies that we're handing out? Unexpectedly, almost 48% of voters answered "No" – just give me back my money. That wasn't good enough for passage, but it certainly echoed a strong message into legislative chambers and executive offices.

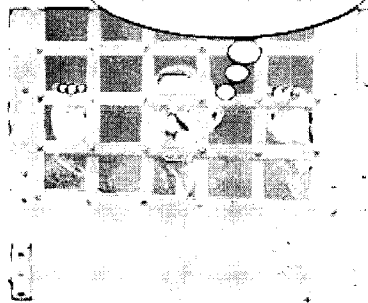
There were many other initiatives that drew national attention. Totally demolished at the Oregon voting booths was a State Health Service in that state, featuring universal coverage, free and regulated access, and very high taxes. Over 80% of voters said "No" to Question 23 and localized 'Hillary-Care'.

At least one former RLC member was totally absorbed in two nearly identical initiatives at opposite end of the country. Ron Unz, the Silicon Valley champion of "English for the Kids" got a resounding "Yes" from Massachusetts voters (70-30%) and an equally resounding "No" from Colorado. The irony of 'liberal' voters favoring English immersion in schools and 'conservative' voters opposing it may be a puzzlement, until you notice that a \$3-million personal contribution to the Colorado "No" campaign allowed them to saturate the airwaves with "save the kids" emotional appeals with no supporting claims or evidence that any harm would result.

Many RLC members were interested in a South Dakota Amendment A, which would have explicitly allowed jury nullification. It failed by a wide margin. Along with the narrow loss of the income tax repeal, Massachusetts voters gave a 3-1 "No" response to a proposal for tax funding of electoral campaigns.

So it's a mixed and disappointing outcome for the objectives of direct democracy in this election cycle. "Yes"? Or "No"?

I knew I should  
have voted 'Yes'



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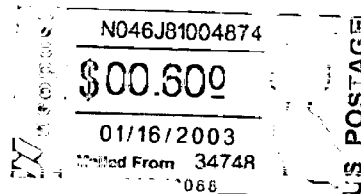
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