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What Do *Libertarian* Republicans Think of Bob Dole?

Near the end of the sometimes acrimonious primary campaign, each of the three choices for Republican presidential nominee represented a corner of the Republican big tent - the libertarians (Steve Forbes), populists/Religious Right (Patrick Buchanan) and the pragmatists (Bob Dole).

Now that Bob Dole has been given the nod, he is reaching out to his fellow Republicans to join him in capturing the presidency. It is time for libertarian Republicans to step back from their primary enthusiasms and assess the nominee to determine whether they should heed Dole's call - committing time, money, effort and votes.

Make no mistake: Libertarians are committed to lower taxes, less government and expanded personal liberty and responsibility - a set of principles that transcend parties, politicians or particular elections. But libertarian Republicans' aim in politics is to see these principles translated into policy. This requires compromise and practical political action.

Solibertarian Republicans must decide individually whether active support of Bob Dole will help achieve these aims. Their assessment of Bob Dole must be based on 1) his record, 2) his potential effectiveness in implementing libertarian policies and 3) his opponent, Bill Clinton.

The Record

Bob Dole has

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GOP Presidential Nominee Bob Dole

Reps. Smith and Tiahrt Join RLC Advisory Board

They are new to Congress. They have targeted specific federal programs and departments for reform or abolition. And they are the newest members of the RLC's Advisory Board.

Congressmen Nick Smith (R-Michigan) and Todd Tiahrt (R-Kansas) agreed to join in March and June, respectively. The duo joins 11 other Congressional Advisory Board members.

Tiahrt, U.S. Rep for Kansas' 4th District (Wichita), was first elected in the Republican landslide of 1994 and shares the skepticism of government that characterizes the freshman class.

He is a staunch defender of Second Amendment rights and has been active in efforts to abolish the Department of Energy.

In the 1996 Liberty Index, published in the January/February issue of *Republican Liberty*, Rep. Tiahrt earned a combined (economic/civil liberty) score of 78 for his 1995 votes, compared to 66 for House Republicans on average.

Tiahrt was formerly a college instructor, airline company manager and state senator. He was born in 1951 in South Dakota and is married with three children.

Rep. Smith was first elected in 1992 and represents Michigan's

7th District (Battle Creek). Smith scored a perfect 100 in economics in the 1996 Liberty Index, for an overall score of 76.

Smith's economic bias is evident in his June 9 introduction of a bill to reform Social Security, a first step towards its eventual privatization.

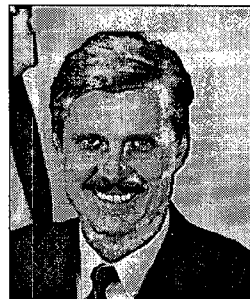
Smith's chief of staff, Gary Wolfram, had long been sympathetic to the libertarian Republican cause and even hired Ayn, daughter of RLCer Melinda Pillsbury-Foster, as an intern for the Congressman last fall.

Smith, born in Addison, MI, in 1934, graduated from the Michigan State University and served in the Air Force.

He was a Michigan State Senator for 10 years before his election to Congress.



Rep. Nick Smith

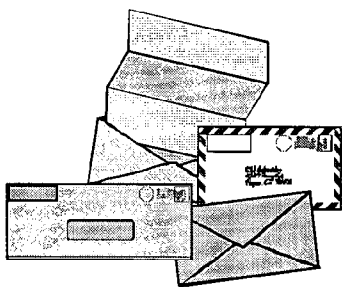


Rep. Todd Tiahrt

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Conventioners, Join Us!

RLC members and other libertarian Republicans will be meeting in San Diego. See page 5 for details.



Feedback

Not All Christians Are Our 'Natural Allies'

Editor:

By a curious coincidence, the RLC newsletter containing Adam Fogerson's letter about Christians and Libertarians being natural allies came the same day I read an article in *Wired* called "Calling for Christ."

The article was about LifeLine, a long distance company that donates 10 percent of its clients monthly home phone bills to conservative Christian causes such as Randall Terry's Operation

Rescue and Pat Robertson's American Center of Law and Justice. By 1998, the people who run LifeLine expect to be able to donate \$84 million a year to causes that will - quote - "turn America into a church-ruled nation" - unquote.

My allies? Not hardly!

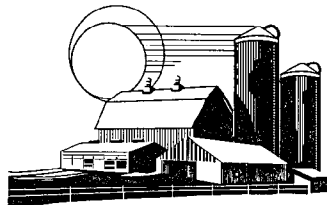
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GOP Congress Embraces Farm Bill Folly

by John McClaughry

I have been a faithful contributor to the House Congressional Campaign Committee, mainly on the theory that people who elected Dick Arney (R-TX) to be majority leader deserve as much support as I can give. Imagine, then, my dismay at seeing the lunatic farm bill that the House Republican majority has just approved.

Sure, there are some phaseouts of price support programs. But the House ducked the sugar and peanut outrages and added an absurd Chapter 2 including 1960s-style "rural development."



President Clinton himself told us that the era of big government is over - but take a look at this 1960s scheme!

National objectives declared to "promote strategic development activities," "optimize the use of resources," "provide assistance in a manner that recognizes rural needs," etc.

There are, of course, "strategic plans" prepared by the federal bureaucrats for each state to "coordinate economic, human and community development plans" and "provide for the involvement" of every imaginable interest group. And don't overlook that crucial "fair, reasonable and appropriate" allocation by the secretary of agriculture; the national reserve for the secretary to use to appease influential members of Congress or shore up the president's reelection prospects; grants to the states; penalties for noncompliance; loan guarantees; a "rural venture capital demonstration program"; and the inevitable "rural development interagency working group."

This is a rural parody of Lyndon Johnson's 1966 Model Cities Act, which long ago ignominiously disappeared from the national radar screen. And here it is, promoted by a Republican Congress supposedly dedicated to shrinking big government.

Even worse, the GOP leadership swallowed a regional price fixing cartel scheme which should send principled Republicans into orbit - the Northwest Interstate Dairy Compact.

If there ever was a disreputable special interest scheme to use

government power to transfer wealth from mainly working families with children to a group of people with hundreds of thousands of dollars in net worth, the Dairy Compact is it.

It would never have passed on the House floor straight up, and was defeated straight up in the Senate 50-46. The 105th Congress never even held a hearing on this price fixing scheme. It flies in the face of every economic principle Republicans believe in.

I live in rural America, in a town of 387 people 45 miles from the Canadian border. I'm the director of a community bank. I was even a founder of the Coalition for Rural America. But this is the kind of costly foolishness that rural - and urban! - America must learn to do without.

When I see Republicans promoting this stuff, I wonder whether the Republican "revolution" of 1994 achieved anything at all.

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spent over 35 years in Washington. He has been in positions of responsibility in Congress as the size and scope of the federal government has mushroomed. He has voted to approve one gargantuan budget after another. For this reason, Dole has been widely mistrusted by limited government advocates.

He has voted for numerous tax increases and even been instrumental in getting them passed, most notably the tax increase of 1990 which sunk the reelection of President George Bush.

On the other hand, Dole has a history of good votes on high profile issues and consequently scores well on ratings by pro-liberty groups. For instance, Dole received a combined score of 75 (81 on economics and 70 on civil liberties issues) in the 1996 Liberty Index, published by the Republican Liberty Caucus. This score was based on 40 roll call votes in 1995 of particular interest to libertarian Republicans.

The National Taxpayers Union publishes a rating based on all spending legislation before Congress, indicating whether the net effect of a legislator's votes is to increase or decrease federal spending and by what amount. In the current ratings (Jan. 5, 1995, through April 16, 1996), Dole voted to *decrease* federal spending by \$13.5 billion.

This compares favorably to Sens. Rick Santorum (R-PA) and Bob Graham (D-FL) who voted to *increase* federal spending during this period by \$11.5 billion and \$11.7 billion respectively. But it does not match up to Larry Craig (R-ID) or Jesse Helms (R-NC), who voted to decrease government spending by \$37.7 billion and \$48.6 billion respectively.

But clearly Dole has been among the most fiscally conservative Senators during the Clinton years.

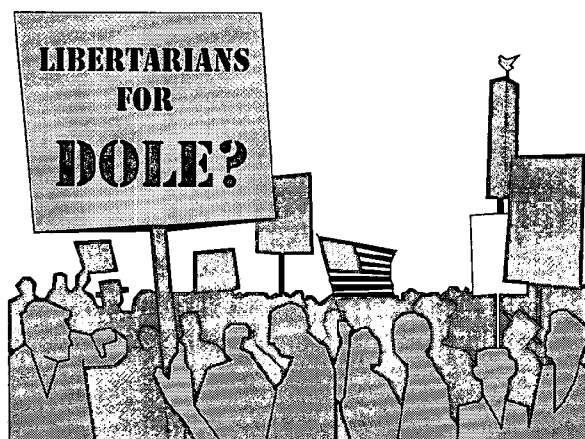
Potential for Libertarian Policy

While not displaying a passion for downsizing government, there are reasons to expect that he may encourage it.

For one thing, Dole won't veto legislation passed by the Republican-controlled Congress. President Dole, like Majority Leader Dole, will be a participatory leader and will work with House and Senate Republicans. Therefore, the fact that Dole has yet to reveal an agenda for change may actually be a good thing, since the bottom-up initiatives of the Republican Party include a lot of good items including tax reform, welfare reform and reversion of some domestic policy to the states.

Dole could be expected to appoint better people to the executive branch, federal courts, and independent agencies. Contrast the range of jurors encompassed by Scalia, Thomas, Souter and O'Connor to that encompassed by Bader-Ginsburg and Breyer.

Obviously, a Republican-controlled Senate will not affirm outrageously-left wing nominees, so a reelected Clinton will continue to name people from the centrist side of the his party. But, a



In February, the Republican Liberty Caucus National Committee endorsed Steve Forbes for president, but added the RLC would support "whomever is chosen as the presidential nominee of the party." But to what extent does Dole share our goals of lower taxes, less government and expanded individual liberty and responsibility?

President Dole will be able to name a mix of libertarians, conservatives and centrists, which is an improvement.

It is also important to consider what a vote for Dole will mean politically. Rightly or wrongly, the vote for Dole will be used as the measure of sentiment for downsizing government. If Dole does poorly, the revolution of 1994 may fizzle out. On the other hand, a Dole victory (or even a narrow Dole defeat in conjunction with Republican gains in the House and Senate) will strengthen the sunshine patriots within our party.

Plus, the tradition of party loyalty will work on the side of libertarian Republicans when a genuine libertarian receives the nomination.

The Alternative

The alternative to a Bob Dole presidency is a second Clinton presidency. There will be no chance of meaningful budget cuts while Clinton is president.

There is also the character issue, which is not strictly a libertarian issue but important to libertarian Republicans nonetheless.

Bob Dole, as a man, personifies the solid American values of individual responsibility, family and community that not only made this country great, but which really are what libertarianism is all about. Indeed, part of his endearing character is the very fact that he isn't eloquent, but is a deep and private man.

The Decision

Despite his faults, a President Dole will likely be small step forward in the cause of limiting government. To this end, the National Committee of the RLC has endorsed the Republican nominee for president.

Seven Reasons to Vote for Bob Dole

1. Dole has a fair-to-good voting record on high-profile issues.

2. Dole won't veto legislation passed by the Republican-controlled Congress.

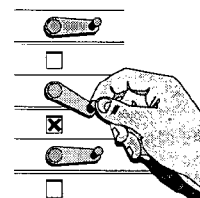
3. Dole will appoint slightly better people to the executive branch, federal courts and independent agencies.

4. Rightly or wrongly, the vote for Dole will be interpreted as a measure of limited government sentiment.

5. Dole, the man, personifies the solid American values of individual responsibility, family and community that made this country great.

6. When a libertarian Republican wins the nomination, we'll expect everyone else in the GOP's big tent to support him.

7. Elizabeth Dole.





Does today's Libertarian Party help or hinder the freedom movement?

The LP Helps

While professional political observers do not consider the Libertarian Party a serious player in electoral politics except in rare instances, the LP still plays an important educational role.

Many people who discover libertarian ideas still immediately gravitate to the LP since it is the most widely advertised libertarian oriented organization, with active or semi-active branches in all 50 states. Via contact with the party, its publications and members, newcomers to the broader libertarian movement gain access to a wealth of new intellectual ammunition.

The LP also maintains a large mailing list of active libertarians which in turn becomes available to libertarian book sellers, think tanks and other important movement organizations.

By presenting libertarian policy ideas in their pure versions, real world Republican political contenders can present more moderate versions of the same policies and reassure the voting public that the Republican proposals are in the mainstream, in contrast to the extreme LP proposals.

The Libertarian Party also functions something like a baseball farm team for libertarian Republicans. Young and enthusiastic newcomers to politics can learn the nitty-gritty of politics. Libertarian Party enthusiasts learn the mundane but necessary chores: learning to get on the ballot, raise money, send out newsletters, maintain mailing lists, prepare campaign materials, write press releases and give campaign speeches.

For this reason, LP contenders become political jacks-of-all-trades. When they eventually move up into the "major leagues" and join the Republican Party, as many of the most observant and politically ambitious do, these former LP members are far more self-reliant and knowledgeable than the usual run-of-the-mill GOP candidates.

Finally, the quadrennial presidential campaigns give all freedom lovers a chance to glimpse raw libertarian ideas being offered unadulterated for public consumption. Even when confined by the media to the minor party ghettos, it's nice to hear principled attacks on statism by the LP presidential candidate with no real concern for the political consequences.

The LP Hinders

While important to the rebirth of libertarianism in America in the '70s and '80s, the Libertarian Party has outlived its usefulness. While it regularly gains a ballot line and has achieved a critical mass of organizational stability, its dwindling vote totals and myopic leadership cadre are an increasing hindrance to the adoption of libertarian policies.

Evidence of this abounds:

- After the party's disastrous showing in the '92 elections, the LP's national committee held their regular two-day meeting where not one word was devoted to analyzing election results or party performance.

- The July 1996 issue of *LP News* published a two-page attack on Reason Foundation president Robert Poole Jr. and *Reason* magazine virtually "expelling" them from the libertarian movement. The reason? An article published earlier this year which critically analyzed the LP's presidential prospects.

- Even more disturbing is the party leadership treatment of those who have carried its message over the years. 1976 LP presidential candidate, the late Roger MacBride, was openly ridiculed when he sought to carry an olive branch from the RLC to a national LP leadership meeting four years ago. MacBride was responsible for the only electoral vote the LP ever received.

- More recently, national LP director Perry Willis personally recruited LP congressional candidates to run against Ron Paul and Steve Stockman in Texas. Stockman spoke at the Texas LP convention last year. Ron Paul spent two decades making personal appearances at LP conferences and conventions. He ran as the LP presidential candidate in 1988. But since Paul and Stockman are running to win as Republicans, they are being specially targeted by the LP leadership. The Libertarian Party is now working to defeat libertarians who can win rather than to advance liberty.

Their growing failure at the polls to elect anyone to partisan office (they have no one elected solely on the LP ticket higher than small town mayor) and dwindling presidential vote totals presents a false view of public acceptance of libertarian ideas. To a real political party, such disastrous trends would spell death or a serious reevaluation. But the LP's political failures simply spur more pleas to naive LP donors for financial help. The so-called "Party of Principle" has turned into the Principle of Party.

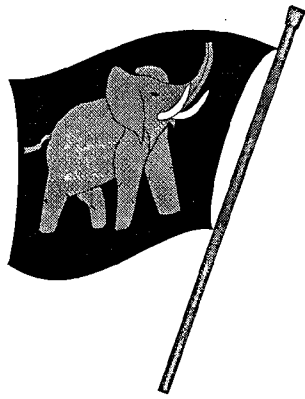
The LP's embarrassing leadership failures contribute to a view that libertarian ideas are the province of kooks and failed political adventurers.

The Republican Party is now ascendant and has its welcome mat out for libertarians and their ideas. Libertarians are getting elected as Republicans. It is now time for the Libertarian Party to take its final bow, put away its campaign buttons and quietly steal away in the night content with their place in the history books.

Ever since the formation of the Republican Liberty Caucus, we've heard libertarian Republicans debate the role of the Libertarian Party in the broader libertarian movement. Is it an ally that chose a different electoral strategy? Is it an embarrassment and a hindrance? Or is it somewhere in between?

What Do You Think?

Up-to-date RLC members are encouraged to weigh in on this and other issues in our upcoming membership poll - coming soon to your mailbox!



What is the Republican Liberty Caucus?

Close Synonyms for *Libertarian*:

Constitutionalist

Economic Conservative

Classical Liberal

Old Right Conservative

*Fiscally Conservative/Socially
Tolerant*

Libertarianism: A Republican Tradition

Libertarians believe like America's founders "that government is best which governs least." This philosophy has been a driving force in the Republican Party since its inception.

In 1971, President Nixon's imposition of wage and price controls and the draft drove many libertarians into third party politics. For years, libertarians remained segregated from the political mainstream. Then in the 1980s, with the electoral and rhetorical successes of Ronald Reagan, libertarians started returning to their natural home - the Republican Party.

Libertarians Today

In recent years, many prominent Republicans have advanced the cause of liberty.

• In the press, Republican humorist P.J. O'Rourke, a self-described member of the "libertarian wing of the GOP" has promoted the limited government agenda through his entertaining books, columns and speeches. R. Emmett Tyrell and Robert Poole have advocated explicitly libertarian ideas in their *American Spectator* and *Reason* magazines.

• In Congress, libertarian Republicans like former Rep. Ron Paul and current Congressional members of

the RLC's Advisory Board have been elected.

• In the last Republican administrations, officials such as Doug Bandow and William Niskanen brought libertarian voices into the executive branch.

• In state legislatures, many principled libertarian Republicans have been elected including Reps. Greg Kaza (MI), Penn Pfiffner (CO) and Duncan Scott (NM).

• Think tanks such as the Reason Foundation, the Cato Institute and others undertake the studies necessary to bring libertarian ideas into the policy community.

The Republican Liberty Caucus supports:

- Less taxes!
- Balanced budgets through spending cuts
- Protection of property rights
- Privatization
- Deregulation
- Privatizing Social Security
- Sound money
- Free trade
- Phaseout of foreign aid
- Term limits
- Market-based health care
- School choice.
- Freedom of speech
- Right to privacy
- Alternatives to the drug war
- The right to keep and bear arms
- Liberal immigration policies
- All-volunteer armed forces

The Republican Liberty Caucus

The Republican Liberty Caucus is the representative of the GOP's libertarian wing. Founded in North Carolina in 1988, the RLC expanded nationwide in 1990 and now has affiliates in over 20 states.

The primary purpose of the RLC is to help elect libertarian Republicans to office at all levels. The caucus organizes volunteer support for endorsed candidates. The RLC's affiliated PAC, the Re-

publican Liberty Federated Campaign Fund, assists in fundraising and campaign management. Our RLC lobbyist and Capitol Hill Briefing newsletter bring libertarian ideas directly to elected Congress members.

In addition, the RLC engages in outreach at Republican events such as the Republican National Convention, as well as regional College and Young Republicans conventions.

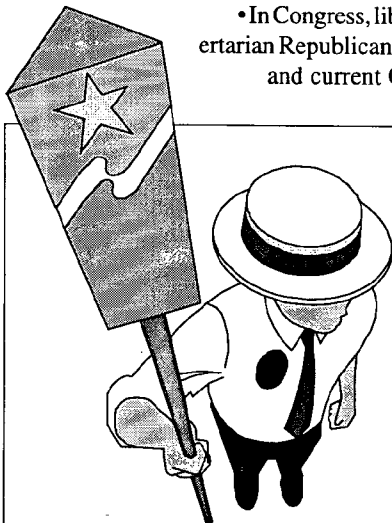
The RLC also generates annual ratings of the Congress from a libertarian perspective, which it publishes in its bimonthly newsletter, *Republican Liberty*.

By supporting liberty-minded GOP candidates and by promoting libertarian ideals, the RLC is leading the charge against big government in all its forms.

Join us!

Join us in San Diego!

Members, friends and fellow travelers at the Republican National Convention are invited to meet for some happy hour caucusing, conversation and comraderie. At press time, plans are being made to set up a meeting place and time convenient for conventioners. From San Diego, call (714) 642-7673 for a recorded message directing interested parties to the right place.





RLC Chairman Clifford Thies endorses the Social Security reform bill at Rep. Nick Smith's July 9 press conference.

Rep. Nick Smith Fires Over Bow of Social Security System

The Republican Liberty Caucus endorsed Congressman Nick Smith's (R-MI) new Social Security reform proposal at Smith's press conference July 9, coinciding with the proposal's introduction in Congress.

Rep. Smith is a member of the RLC's Advisory Board and he approached the RLC to join the coalition.

Rep. Smith introduced the proposal to begin addressing the insolvency that threatens the Social Security system early in the next century. The RLC's chairman, Clifford Thies, spoke at Smith's press conference in support of the proposal.

Other groups supporting the measure include the Senior Coalition, U.S. Seniors and the Competitive Enterprise Institute.

Thies said that it is absolutely essential to begin reforming the nation's entitlement system, especially Social Security, for the sake

of current and future generations. He will say that the RLC supports Smith's proposal because it maintains solvency while increasing choices, flexibility and competition without raising taxes.

Thies pointed out that the Congressman's proposal will:

- Preserve the benefits for those currently receiving, or soon to receive Social Security benefits (those currently over 58),
- Make only a few small reductions in benefits for upper income beneficiaries who receive Social Security benefits in the distant future (those currently 58 or less), and
- More than offset the small reductions by the net benefit obtained by allowing current payers to direct a portion of their payment into IRA-type accounts (Retirement Savings Accounts) that promise to earn more than the Social Security System.

The RLC seeks the eventual privatization of Social Security and sees the ability of Americans to invest some of their own Social Security tax money to be a necessary first step.

The RLC will urge that all Americans give Rep. Smith's proposal serious consideration and support.

For more information contact Greg Koontz at (202) 546-8749.

Activist News

Adam Fogerson of Chico, **California**, campaign worker for Assemblyman Bernie Richter and executive director for the local Republican Executive Committee, is interested in starting a Northern California RLC. Contact: home (916) 895-8152.

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Jeff Palmer of **Florida** attended the Conference for a Republican Majority July 12-15 in DC. Tom Walls, RLC state liaison, has joined the Platform Committee of the state Young Republicans.

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Steve Ertelt, **Indiana's** RLC coordinator, attended the National Right to Life Committee convention in Washington DC in June.

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The **Michigan** State House passed legislation that would allow a unique political science experiment to take place in Rep. Greg Kaza's district: the choice of None of the Above, or NOTA. To get its foot in the door, the law only applies to Kaza's district. Still, there

RLC Now Lands on Congress Members' Desks

As part of the RLC's effort to communicate systematically with Congress, Congressional Liaison Greg Koontz has launched the RLC Capitol Hill Briefing.

Distributed directly to members of Congress and their staffs, the new newsletter identifies the RLC's official position on legislation currently under consideration. The newsletter also highlights legislation sponsored or cosponsored by Congressional RLC members and Advisory Board members.

"The RLC's Capitol Hill Briefing is our newest lobbying tool," said RLC Executive Director Mike Griffin. The RLC's aim is not only to elect libertarian Republicans to Congress, but to influence legislators already there."

To this end, the RLC's positions are accompanied by

concise philosophical reasoning.

A wide range of bills are evaluated by Koontz and Griffin under the oversight of the RLC National Committee. For most of these, the RLC simply chooses to support or oppose the proposal and passes its verdict along to the Congress.

Opposition to the minimum wage increase and the flag burning amendment fall under this category.

For a limited number of carefully selected bills, the RLC will commit resources - such as press releases, member alerts and face-to-face meetings with Congress members and their staffs - to promote the RLC's position.

To receive a copy of the Capitol Hill Briefing, send a SASE to Mike Griffin at the Washington DC office.

was strong opposition to the bill. To obtain the votes, Kaza reached out to conservative Democrats and the Black Caucus. "It was coalition politics at its finest," Kaza said.

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RLC'er Steve Cotton is a Forbes delegate from **Oregon** at the Republican National Convention.

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The **Texas** GOP, at its convention in San Antonio in June, added a plank to the state party's platform endorsing legislation that will inform jurors on their traditional right to judge the law as well as the facts of a case. Key in getting the plank, commonly called the Fully Informed Jury Amendment or FIJA, approved were Sonya Bernhardt of Montgomery County and Phil Koehne and Ron Avery of Guadalupe County.

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RLC Chairman Clifford Thies of **Virginia** delivered an address titled "Must a Christian Be a Libertarian?" at the Libertarian Party national convention on July 4.

Candidate News

Former Birmingham, **Alabama**, city councilman and libertarian Republican Jimmy Blake failed to reach the runoff in the June 4 primary race for U.S. Senate. Blake got 7 percent of the vote to Attorney General Jeff Sessions' 38 percent.

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RLC activist Jay Taylor has been endorsed by the mayor of Gainesville, **Georgia**, in his bid for the state assembly. RLC state coordinator Earle Smith is attending the GOP national convention.

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In **Michigan**, David K. Felbeck is running unopposed in the Republican primary for the 52nd District seat in the State House. Felbeck invites RLCers to check out his website at <http://www.diamondbullet.com/felbeck/>. Felbeck essays available at the site include *Intrusive Government Versus Tolerance*, *We Can't Legislate Against Bad Taste*, *Empiricism in Government* and *Crime, Women and Gun Ownership*.

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RLC Advisory Board member Dick Zimmer won **New Jersey's** U.S. Senate primary with nearly 70 percent of the vote.

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In **Texas**, the Republican National Committee has mended fences with Congressional candidate Ron Paul of the 14th district after he defeated Democrat-turned-Republican incumbent Greg Laughlin in the April primary. After convincing Laughlin to switch parties, the GOP sent money and high-profile Republicans to the district to support him. Against these odds, Paul, a former Texas congressman and former chairman of the RLC, won the runoff. The Republican National Committee is now giving the libertarian Republican financial support.

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LPer Willy Marshall of **Utah** got 42 percent for State Senate June 25 as a Republican against the establishment favorite. Marshall campaigned as a libertarian and on the "Sagebrush Rebellion" issue.

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In **Virginia**, incumbent John Warner defeated former Budget Director Jim Miller 60 to 34 percent in his bid for the U.S. Senate.

**The Republican Liberty Caucus invites you
to its second national convention in
Alexandria, VA, Dec. 13-15**

RLC Convention '96!



Members, family and friends are welcome to attend this year's RLC national convention at the Sheraton National Hotel in Alexandria, VA. The RLC is putting together a fun and stimulating weekend of receptions, speakers, meetings, panel discussions and a banquet dinner. Together we

will go to know each other, share ideas and plan the future of the RLC.

To register, simply complete the form below and send it along with your registration fee to the national office.

A room rate of \$82 per evening (tax not included) for a single or a double is available when you mention you're with the Republican Liberty Caucus. (Suites are also available.) Reservations can be made through the Sheraton's toll free number 1-800-468-9090.

We hope you'll join us!



Convention '96! Fee Schedule

Early Bonanza (prior to 10/15/96)	\$135
Bonanza (after 12/6/96)	\$150
Early One-Day Special (prior to 10/15/96)	\$75
One-Day Special (after 12/6/96)	\$90
Registration Only	\$15

The Bonanza rates include all five meal events. The One-Day Special rates only include the luncheon and banquet dinner on Saturday.

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