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State Rep. Quentin Dastugue at the Louisiana state capitol in Baton Rouge.

Free Enterpriser Quentin Dastugue Eyes Louisiana Capitol

by Shane J. Stroud

State Rep. Quentin Dastugue (pronounced DAS-toog) is Republican nominee for governor in Louisiana, and if elected he promises to lead the state towards becoming an "Opportunity Society."

Dastugue has been a member of the Louisiana Legislature since 1980. He is an energetic advocate of free markets, lower taxes and smaller, less intrusive government. At age 38, his youthful appearance makes him a picture-perfect candidate for governor.

Dastugue is a self-described libertarian Republican and during his college years he was an active member of the Libertarian Party.

There will be no incumbent in this year's race for governor: the four-term Democratic fossil, Edwin Edwards, has decided not to seek a fifth term. Dastugue faces a crowded field, including former governors Buddy Roemer (1988-92) and Dave Treen (1980-84) as well as Democrats ranging from the very liberal U.S. Reps. William Jefferson and Cleo Fields to the fairly liberal state Treasurer Mary Landrieu and Lt. Governor Melinda Schwegmann and the moderate state Sen. Mike Foster.

If elected, Dastugue faces quite a challenge: To pull Louisiana out of its quasi-populist, socialist legacy left from the days of Huey Long and more recently, Edwin Edwards.

Louisiana leads in per capita government spending among

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Bills Would Free States from Federal 'Nannies'

by Eric J. Rittberg

In his now-classic *Republican Party Reptile*, libertarian humorist P.J. O'Rourke warned against those who would regulate Americans to death to save them from non-childproof bottle tops, guns, smoking, cars, unhealthy food and drink and 56-m.p.h. speeders. He described these individuals as "Safety Nazis." Now, Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD) and their liberal allies are lobbying hard against a series of bills introduced in Congress that would end coercive federal regulations intended to prod Americans into embracing "safe" lifestyles.

In May, Republican Congressmen Scott Klug (WI) and Pete Blute (MA) introduced HR607, the States' Rights Empowerment Act of 1995. The legislation would eliminate federal mandates on speed limits, seat belt, helmet and drinking age laws.

Currently, states lose substantial federal funds if they fail to comply with regulations which impose a maximum speed limit at 55 (65 on some rural interstates), a minimum drinking age of 21 (even for military personnel), and penalties for those who choose not to wear helmets on motorcycles or use seat belts in automobiles.

Despite the threat, some states such as New Hampshire and Maine have refused to comply with the seat belt restrictions and have already lost millions in highway dollars because of it. Wisconsin is being threatened with the loss of \$26 million in funding because they prefer to emphasize their own motorcycle rider education program rather than mandate the use of helmets.

Other related legislation has also been introduced. On the Senate side the National Highway System Act, S440, now includes the Faircloth Amendment introduced by Sen. Lauch Faircloth (R-NC). This amendment would be limited to repeal of the National Maximum Speed Limit and has a much better shot at passage.

The move to repeal federally mandated speed limits is gaining adherents throughout the nation, most notably in Western states. The New Mexico Legislature recently passed a resolution urging

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states of the South, and has a higher sales tax rate than any of its surrounding neighbors. In an attempt to increase government revenues, the state has turned to several forms of legal gambling.

However, as in the case of all state dominated micro-management of industry, gambling interests have floundered. Excessive, petty regulation coupled with a lack of voter input led to widespread cynicism regarding gambling in general. Louisiana has also developed quite a welfare state - chiropractic services is even covered by Medicaid.

Quentin Dastugue promises radical reform to solve Louisiana's ills. His welfare reform would demand that all able-bodied recipients go to work and would include stringent time limits for benefits.

Dastugue has said he would privatize as much of government as he can. He says he would bring the newest technologies into government to increase efficiency, including plans to renew driver's licenses at ATM-like drive-up machines.

Dastugue has said he would push for local option votes on

gambling, a self-governing luxury Louisiana citizens have so far been without. Dastugue is a strong supporter of school choice and competition to improve Louisiana's dismal secondary educational system.

Dastugue has represented his suburban New Orleans district in Louisiana's House of Representatives since 1980, when in his first bid for office he defeated the incumbent with 60 percent of the vote.

He has served as chairman of the House Transportation Committee and was a cofounder along with Lamar Alexander of the Southern Lead-

ership Exchange.

He is a co-owner and founder with his brother, Paul, of Property One, a real estate management firm that did over \$100 million in business last year.

Quentin is married to the former Penny Matherne and has four daughters Jackie, Kaitlin, Margeaux and Allison.

For more information on the Dastugue For Governor campaign, call (504) 885-0808 or write to Dastugue for Governor, P.O. Box 8386, Metairie, LA 70011..

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Note From the Senior Editor

This year has brought an unprecedented environment for change to the Republican Liberty Caucus. From the GOP landslide which ushered in the Gingrich-led Contract With America offensive in Congress to the unexpected death of RLC chairman Roger MacBride, the RLC has been thrust into unexpected territory from the very first day.

These events and others have resulted in changes carefully studied and undertaken by the RLC National Board.

After several months of study, the RLC Board voted to raise basic dues for the first time in the RLC's five-year existence, after noting rising costs such as postage and increased organizational responsibilities. As part of this move, the board also announced the new policy of rebating one-third of all national dues collected, up to the basic combined state-national membership dues of \$30 annually to organized state affiliates. Other dues categories and newsletter subscription amounts were adjusted accordingly.

A newly redesigned and improved membership brochure was produced in May reflecting these changes.

The purpose behind this is to give our state affiliates a steady and predictable income stream with which to fund their own activities, newsletters, etc. By combining state and national dues, we simplify our financial structure and also provide a strong

incentive for RLC members to formally organize state level RLC chapters.

In addition, the national RLC is in the process of incorporating itself, to provide a more permanent organizational framework for operations. And with the death of founding RLC Chairman Roger MacBride, the three-person trustee arrangement headed by MacBride, which had oversight over the RLC Board, was dissolved by the remaining two trustees, RLC President Clifford Thies and Key West businessman Bill Hunscher.

The \$1,000 per year RLC membership category - the Liberty Roundtable - was also renamed the MacBride Roundtable to honor Roger's contributions to the RLC and the cause of liberty.

Finally, at the May RLC Board meeting, a supplemental budget appropriation was made to fund the cost of a (at least) part-time congressional liaison as well as related office expenses for a possible DC-area RLC office.

Maryland RLC coordinator Mike Griffin has also been named to the position and efforts are under way to locate suitable and affordable office space. The increased dues income and special fund-raising appeals are expected to help finance this increased political representation for liberty-minded Republicans in Washington.

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Editorial

Solomon's Wisdom

NY's Gerald Solomon an Embarrassment to Modern Republicans

by Mike Holmes

Paleo-libertarian columnist Sam Francis delights in regularly skewering the GOP as the "Stupid Party," and every so often someone comes along who seems to prove him right.

Take New York Republican Rep. Gerald Solomon. If you look at his overall voting record, he comes out slightly better than average. But looking at a small number of votes can't capture his underlying motivation. Nor can any weight be given to any number of truly terrible policies which Solomon enthusiastically endorses.

Solomon is an indefatigable defender of the Selective Service system, the multi-million-dollar relic of the Cold War.

The military doesn't want it, since raw manpower is now far less relevant to winning wars. But some congressman like Solomon evidently feel that if it was good enough for Otto von Bismarck, it's too good to give up. Slavery for the benefit of the state, after all, can be a good thing. Bill Clinton enthusiastically agrees.

Another bad idea Solomon champions is the proposed flag burning amendment to the U.S. Constitution, a popular refuge for chest-thumping "patriots." No libertarian Republicans enjoy seeing Old Glory torched, but neither do we want to live in a country where symbolic protest against the government is made a federal crime.

Solomon's latest folly is pushing the notion that tax exempt status be denied organizations that publish research or analysis that supports the idea of legalization or decriminalization of recreational drugs. Where is Barry Goldwater when we need him?!

A worse idea could hardly be imagined. Targeted at our friends in the libertarian think tank industry, this crazy proposal attempts to prop up the failed neo-fascist War on Drugs by the expedient of shredding the First Amendment. And it increases the income tax to boot! Four bad things in one proposal - that might be a record!

Aside from being an indirect argument for the flat tax or a consumption tax as a replacement for the current income tax, this attempt

to use the tax code to punish one's ideological opponents is positively Nixonian.

Maybe that's it. After all, on many issues, Richard Nixon was better than average. But when it came to bad ideas, he is still the reigning Republican champ and almost destroyed the party because of it.

I guess the good congressman now faces a choice: either establish himself like Nixon as a tragic character of nearly Shakespearean proportions or return to the traditional Republican principle of upholding individual liberty. One Nixon is more than enough, but we can never have too many Goldwaters.

**On issues like
Selective Service, the flag burning
amendment and the Drug War,
Solomon proves he is
a throwback to - or unintentional parody
of - Nixonian
Republicanism.**

Safety...from 1

Congress to allow states to set their own limits.

Their arguments are gaining steam since recent studies including one by the General Accounting Office have shown that "compliance with the 55 m.p.h. speed limit ... is not necessarily the best indicator of highway safety." A GAO spokesman even said recently, "we found no relationship between (speed limit compliance) and the fatality rate on rural interstates."

Still, libertarian Republicans are working for passage of HR607. Mike Griffin, Congressional Liaison for the Republican Liberty Caucus, said "We're pushing for HR607 because RLC realizes that personal freedom shouldn't be limited to a select few."

On seat belt and helmet usage, the RLC takes the position that individuals should be allowed to decide for themselves what sort of safety gear they should wear, free from intrusions by a

nanny-state.

In regards to the drinking age, libertarian Republicans believe that 18 is a fair age on federal facilities and that states should be allowed to set their own minimum age. Jeffrey Shapiro, a 22 year-old RLC staffer, asks "Why is it that young men are considered old enough to fight and die for their country in foreign wars but not old enough to drink a beer?"

Griffin has been meeting with congressmen and their staffs, particularly those affiliated with the newly-formed Constitutional Liberty Caucus, in hopes of garnering more support for the repeal of all three mandates. However, the latest word is that HR607 has little chance of passage out of its committee.

The picture is brighter on the speed limit front. Hearings will be held in late June on the Faircloth Amendment. RLC is joining in a coalition with other groups most notably the National Motorists Association to fight MADD and other safety-obsessed special interests for passage of this legislation.

Nickles, Rohrabacher Top 1995 Index

by Clifford F. Thies

1994 marked the last year of Democratic hegemony over the U.S. Congress. Our analysis of roll call votes during that year shows the emergence of a pattern that became clear during the first hundred days of the new Republican-controlled Congress: a very substantial difference between the House Republicans and Democrats in the area of economic liberties. Differences in the Senate and in the House in the area of civil liberties/foreign policy were less pronounced.

Repeating as the top-scoring senator, Don Nickles (R-OK) achieved an overall score of 78 (out of 100). And, in the House,

Dana Rohrabacher (R-CA) registered the top overall score, an 81, finishing first (including ties) for the fourth year in a row.

As usual, almost all the high scores were made by Republicans and almost all the low scores by Democrats. A noticeable exception was Rep. Penny (D-MN) who did not seek reelection in 1994 and who finished in the top 20 with an overall score of 74.

While there were no perfect scores, Rep. Saxon (R-NY) did come close with a 96 in the area of economic liberties. On the other hand, Rep. Traficante (D-OH) got a zero in economic liberties.

This second 1995 Liberty Index is constructed from 20 roll call in each of two areas - economic liberties and civil liberties/foreign policy - in each of the two houses of Congress.

1995 Liberty Index Highlights

- Republican Rep. Bill McCollum (FL) scored as the staunchest conservative in Congress (87, 45). Democrat Rep. David Obey (WI) scores as the most liberal (23, 70).

- Rep. Tim Penny (MN), Charlie Stenholm (TX), Otron (UT) and Tauzin (LA) score high as enterpriser Democrats.

- Sen. Hatfield (OR), Reps. Gallo (NJ), Walsh (NY), Morella (MD) and Bentley (MD) score as populist Republicans.

- Sens. Stevens (AK), Burns (MT), D'Amato (NY) and Reps. Diaz-Balart (FL), Gilman (NY), Boehlert of (NY) and Cantwell (WA) score as liberal Republicans.

- Rep. Dick Armey (TX) scores on one extreme right on the border of libertarian, enterpriser and conservative (91, 50). His extreme polar-opposite is Rep. David Bonior (MI) who scores on the border of authoritarian, populist and liberal (6, 45).

- Sens. McCain (AZ) and Brown (CO), and Reps. Royce (CA), Kim (CA), Shays (CT), Fawell (IL), Penny (MN), Coble (NC), Archer TX, Delay (TX) and Klug (WI), score on the border of libertarian-leaning enterprisers.

- Sen. Mikulski (MD), Rep. Dixon (CA) and Roybal-Allard (CA) Gedjenson (CT), Brown (FL), Kildee (MI) and Bonior (MI) Gephart (MO), Rangel (NY), Sawyer (OH), Gonzalez (TX), Scott (VA) and Boucher (VA) score on the border as authoritarian-leaning populists.

- 124 representatives, all Democrats, have economic scores equal to or lower than socialist Rep. Bernie Sanders (I-VT).

U.S. HOUSE	Total	Rep.	Dem.
<i>Averages</i>			
Economic Liberties	47	73	30
Civil Liberties/For. Policy	50	54	47
<i>Classifications</i>			
Libertarians	13	13	0
Enterprisers	123	106	17
Conservatives	76	51	25
Liberals	97	4	93
Populists	116	4	111
Authoritarians	9	0	9
U.S. SENATE	Total	Rep.	Dem.
<i>Averages</i>			
Economic Liberties	48	64	30
Civil Liberties/For. Policy	49	59	47
<i>Classifications</i>			
Libertarians	1	1	0
Enterprisers	34	33	1
Conservatives	12	6	6
Liberals	16	3	13
Populists	32	1	31
Authoritarians	5	0	5

Liberty Index Classifications

Libertarians - Fiscally conservative yet socially tolerant, libertarians favor limited government across the board. Strong advocates of free enterprise economics, civil liberties and noninterventionist foreign policy.

Enterprisers - Term used by *Times-Mirror* survey to describe Reaganite conservatives. They are actively pro-free enterprise but are inconsistent on personal liberties. They favor a strong military but are skeptical of interventionism.

Conservatives - Traditionalist. They are probusiness and oppose social welfare spending. On other social matters they favor a moralist view and take a tough law and order stance on crime.

They are pro-military and generally interventionist.

Authoritarians - Believe in a strong state apparatus. They support collectivist forms of economics and oppose most civil liberties. They are usually strong nationalists.

Populists - Pro-small business and often anti-tax, but also supportive of the welfare state and entitlements. Generally protectionist. Most are moralists. Pro-military.

Liberals - Favor collectivist forms of economics. Proponents of a large welfare state with dependent welfare class. Generally opposed to tax cuts and cuts in social spending, but favors cuts in military spending. Tolerant on social issues and usually secular.

The 1995 Liberty Index of the U.S. Congress

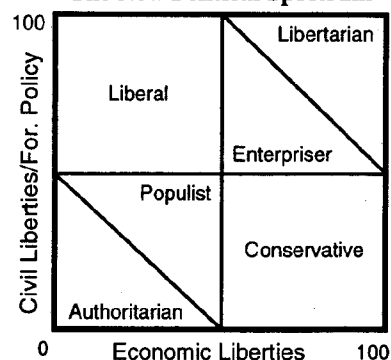
by Clifford Thies

The second 1995 Liberty Index rates members of the U.S. Congress based on 40 roll call votes of 1994, divided evenly between economic and civil liberties/foreign policy issues. Once the economic and civil liberties/foreign policy indexes were calculated, the Congress members were classified by plotting their scores on the newly modified, two-dimensional New Political Spectrum.

In the index below, the letter "A" stands for authoritarian (or statist), "C" for conservative and "X" for liberal (or progressive). The code letter "L" - or libertarian - indicate that a Congress member was clearly within the libertarian quadrant. We have added two new categories in this index: "E" for enterpriser and "P" for populist. See page 4 for a complete description of these classifications.

The roll call votes used to create this index are listed on page 9.

The New Political Spectrum



THE U.S. SENATE

Senator	Party	Economics	Civil/Foreign	Comb.	Class	Senator	Party	Economics	Civil/Foreign	Comb.	Class
AL Heflin	D	25	56	41	X	MT Baucus	D	45	47	46	P
AL Shelby	D	31	66	48	X	MT Burns	R	50	59	54	X
AK Murkowski	R	77	56	67	E	NE Exon	D	47	39	43	P
AK Stevens	R	39	61	50	X	NE Kerrey	D	39	28	33	P
AZ DeConcini	D	50	41	46	C	NV Bryan	D	34	33	33	P
AZ McCain	R	86	59	73	E	NV Reid	D	34	39	36	P
AR Bumpers	D	50	52	51	X	NH Gregg	R	77	54	66	E
AR Pryor	D	50	39	44	C	NH Smith	R	68	66	67	E
CA Boxer	D	34	30	32	P	NJ Bradley	D	42	50	46	X
CA Feinstein	D	28	33	30	P	NJ Lautenberg	D	39	39	39	P
CO Campbell	D	31	39	35	P	NM Bingaman	D	34	28	31	P
CO Brown	R	77	70	74	E	NM Domenici	R	52	70	61	E
CT Dodd	D	25	47	36	P	NY Moynihan	D	39	44	42	P
CT Lieberman	D	34	52	43	X	NY D'Amato	R	45	63	54	X
DE Biden	D	28	39	33	P	NC Faircloth	R	73	63	68	E
DE Roth	R	73	68	70	E	NC Helms	R	59	66	62	E
FL Graham	D	45	17	31	P	ND Conrad	D	50	33	42	C
FL Mack	R	59	59	59	E	ND Durgan	D	50	41	46	C
GA Nunn	D	59	54	57	E	OH Glenn	D	50	41	46	C
GA Coverdell	R	66	68	67	E	OH Metzenbaum	D	39	41	40	P
HA Akaka	D	22	22	22	A	OK Boren	D	36	61	49	X
HA Inouye	D	17	25	21	A	OK Nickles	R	82	75	78	L
ID Craig	R	64	59	61	E	OR Hatfield	R	45	44	44	P
ID Kempthorne	R	64	59	61	E	OR Packwood	R	64	59	61	E
IL Moseley-Brown	D	31	47	39	P	PA Wofford	D	28	36	32	P
IL Simon	D	39	36	37	P	PA Specter	R	55	63	59	E
IN Coats	R	64	63	64	E	RI Pell	D	28	39	33	P
IN Lugar	R	59	54	57	E	RI Chafee	R	57	47	52	C
IA Harkin	D	39	33	36	P	SC Hollings	D	45	35	40	P
IA Grassley	R	68	73	70	E	SC Thurmond	R	59	63	61	E
KS Dole	R	59	66	62	E	SD Daschle	D	34	50	42	X
KS Kassebaum	R	64	39	51	C	SD Pressler	R	73	54	64	E
KY Ford	D	28	52	40	X	TN Matthews	D	50	61	56	X
KY McConnell	R	59	63	61	E	TN Sasser	D	39	54	47	X
LA Breaux	D	31	44	37	P	TX Gramm	R	55	66	60	E
LA Johnston	D	25	59	42	X	TX Hutchinson	R	68	56	62	E
ME Mitchell	D	34	33	33	P	UT Bennett	R	64	66	65	E
ME Cohen	R	86	47	67	C	UT Hatch	R	59	66	62	E
MD Mikulski	D	25	28	26	P	VT Leahy	D	34	39	36	P
MD Sarbanes	D	28	17	22	A	VT Jeffords	R	64	52	58	E
MA Kennedy	D	34	28	31	P	VA Robb	D	34	36	35	P
MA Kerry	D	39	28	33	P	VA Warner	R	68	54	61	E
MI Levin	D	39	50	44	X	WA Murray	D	28	47	37	P
MI Riegle	D	20	19	19	A	WA Gorton	R	59	50	54	C
MN Wellstone	D	28	44	36	P	WV Byrd	D	22	59	41	X
MN Durenberger	R	55	50	52	C	WV Rockefeller	D	39	36	37	P
MS Cochran	R	55	56	56	E	WI Feingold	D	50	63	57	X
MS Lott	R	62	63	62	E	WI Kohl	D	64	50	57	C
MO Bond	R	59	63	61	E	WY Simpson	R	73	52	62	E
MO Danforth	R	64	50	57	C	WY Wallop	R	80	54	67	E

THE U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

	Representative	Party	Economics	Civil/Foreign	Comb.	Class
AL 1	Callahan	R	71	55	63	E
AL 2	Everett	R	62	55	59	E
AL 3	Browder	D	37	40	39	P
AL 4	Bevil	D	25	40	33	P
AL 5	Cramer	D	20	40	30	P
AL 6	Bachus	R	71	50	61	C
AL 7	Hilliard	D	25	62	44	X
AK 1	Young	R	62	52	57	E
AZ 1	Coppersmith	D	62	60	61	E
AZ 2	Pastor	D	17	40	29	P
AZ 3	Stump	R	82	55	69	E
AZ 4	Kyl	R	84	60	72	E
AZ 5	Kolbe	R	82	55	69	E
AZ 6	English	D	48	60	54	X
AR 1	Lambert	D	45	45	45	P
AR 2	Thorton	D	20	45	33	P
AR 3	Hutchinson	R	78	60	69	E
AR 4	Dickey	R	66	60	63	E
CA 1	Hamburg	D	17	50	34	X
CA 2	Herger	R	80	55	68	E
CA 3	Fazio	D	11	55	33	X
CA 4	Doolittle	R	82	55	69	E
CA 5	Matsui	D	11	37	24	A
CA 6	Woolsey	D	11	45	28	P
CA 7	Miller	D	31	37	34	P
CA 8	Pelosi	D	23	45	34	P
CA 9	Dellums	D	14	47	31	P
CA 10	Baker	R	82	50	66	C
CA 11	Pombo	R	73	55	64	E
CA 12	Lantos	D	17	40	29	P
CA 13	Stark	D	17	45	31	P
CA 14	Eshoo	D	11	50	31	X
CA 15	Mineta	D	11	37	24	A
CA 16	Edwards	D	14	60	32	X
CA 17	vac./Farr	D	20	45	33	P
CA 18	Condit	D	82	45	64	C
CA 19	Lehman	D	42	47	45	P
CA 20	Dooley	D	48	55	52	X
CA 21	Thomas	R	69	57	63	E
CA 22	Huffington	R	73	50	62	C
CA 23	Gallegly	R	69	50	60	C
CA 24	Beilenson	D	17	45	31	P
CA 25	McKeon	R	78	60	69	E
CA 26	Berman	D	20	40	30	P
CA 27	Moorhead	R	78	60	69	E
CA 28	Drier	R	93	65	79	L
CA 29	Waxman	D	20	42	31	P
CA 30	Becerra	D	17	52	35	X
CA 31	Martinez	D	17	32	25	A
CA 32	Dixon	D	11	40	26	P
CA 33	Roybal-Allard	D	17	35	26	P
CA 34	Torres	D	11	30	21	A
CA 35	Waters	D	11	45	28	P
CA 36	Harman	D	53	32	43	C
CA 37	Tucker	D	23	55	39	X
CA 38	Horn	R	66	52	59	E
CA 39	Royce	R	87	62	75	E
CA 40	Lewis	R	51	50	51	C
CA 41	Kim	R	82	65	74	E
CA 42	Brown	D	25	50	38	X
CA 43	Calvert	R	71	57	64	E
CA 44	McCandless	R	80	60	70	E
CA 45	Rohrabacher	R	87	75	81	L
CA 46	Dorman	R	84	57	71	E
CA 47	Cox	R	87	67	77	L
CA 48	Packard	R	73	45	59	C
CA 49	Schenk	D	55	42	49	C
CA 50	Filner	D	17	50	34	X
CA 61	Cunningham	R	82	50	66	C
CA 52	Hunter	R	87	50	69	C
CO 1	Schroeder	D	40	55	48	X
CO 2	Skaggs	D	28	45	37	P

	Representative	Party	Economics	Civil/Foreign	Comb.	Class
CO 3	McInnis	R	73	52	63	E
CO 4	Allard	R	87	65	76	L
CO 5	Hefley	R	73	55	64	E
CO 6	Schaefer	R	87	55	71	E
CT 1	Kennelly	D	23	45	34	P
CT 2	Gejdenson	D	20	32	26	P
CT 3	DeLauro	D	23	50	37	X
CT 4	Shays	R	87	60	74	E
CT 5	Franks	R	66	45	56	C
CT 6	Johnson	R	71	52	62	E
DE 1	Castle	R	73	55	64	E
FL 1	Hutto	D	51	50	51	C
FL 2	Peterson	D	28	50	39	X
FL 3	Brown	D	17	37	27	P
FL 4	Fowler	R	64	40	52	C
FL 5	Thurman	D	28	50	39	X
FL 6	Stearns	R	82	55	69	E
FL 7	Mica	R	73	50	62	C
FL 8	Mccollum	R	87	45	66	C
FL 9	Bilirakis	R	73	60	67	E
FL 10	Young	R	78	47	63	C
FL 11	Gibbons	D	23	40	32	P
FL 12	Canady	R	78	55	67	E
FL 13	Miller	R	91	60	76	L
FL 14	Goss	R	87	55	71	E
FL 15	Bacchus	D	40	30	35	P
FL 16	Lewis	R	71	62	67	E
FL 17	Meek	D	20	35	28	P
FL 18	Ros-Lehtinen	R	53	45	49	C
FL 19	Johnston	D	23	42	33	P
FL 20	Deutsch	D	45	42	44	P
FL 21	Diaz-Balart	R	48	50	49	X
FL 22	Shaw	R	82	40	61	C
FL 23	Hastings	D	25	47	36	P
GA 1	Kingston	R	73	60	67	E
GA 2	Bishop	D	31	40	36	P
GA 3	Collins	R	78	65	72	E
GA 4	Linder	R	82	55	69	E
GA 5	Lewis	D	20	40	30	P
GA 6	Gingrich	R	73	50	62	C
GA 7	Darden	D	28	50	39	X
GA 8	Rowland	D	34	45	40	P
GA 9	Deal	D	51	52	52	E
GA 10	Johnson	D	60	50	55	C
GA 11	McKinney	D	17	45	31	P
HI 1	Abercrombie	D	14	30	22	A
HI 2	Mink	D	14	45	30	P
ID 1	LaRocco	D	40	50	45	X
ID 2	Crapo	R	73	50	62	C
IL 1	Rush	D	23	47	35	P
IL 2	Reynolds	D	34	35	35	P
IL 3	Lipinski	D	28	45	37	P
IL 4	Guitierrez	D	28	55	42	X
IL 5	Rostenkowski	D	23	40	32	P
IL 6	Hyde	R	73	47	60	C
IL 7	Collins	D	28	35	32	P
IL 8	Crane	R	84	55	70	E
IL 9	Yates	D	20	55	38	X
IL 10	Porter	R	87	65	76	L
IL 11	Sangmeister	D	40	42	41	P
IL 12	Costello	D	28	45	37	P
IL 13	Fawell	R	87	60	74	E
IL 14	Hastert	R	82	45	64	C
IL 15	Ewing	R	69	62	66	E
IL 16	Manzullo	R	91	60	75	L
IL 17	Evans	D	11	55	33	X
IL 18	Michel	R	64	32	48	C
IL 19	Poshard	D	60	45	53	C
IL 20	Durbin	D	23	40	32	P
IN 1	Viclosky	D	23	45	34	P
IN 2	Sharp	D	31	57	44	X
IN 3	Roemer	D	45	35	40	P

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IN	4	Long	D	51	52	52	E
IN	5	Buyer	R	73	47	60	C
IN	6	Burton	R	84	60	72	E
IN	7	Myers	R	64	55	60	E
IN	8	Mccloskey	D	23	40	32	P
IN	9	Hamilton	D	34	45	40	P
IN	10	Jacobs	D	45	60	53	X
IA	1	Leach	R	69	60	65	E
IA	2	Nussle	R	87	52	70	E
IA	3	Lightfoot	R	73	50	62	C
IA	4	Smith	D	23	60	42	X
IA	5	Grandy	R	73	52	63	E
KS	1	Roberts	R	73	60	67	E
KS	2	Slattery	D	45	50	48	X
KS	3	Meyers	R	60	40	50	C
KS	4	Glickman	D	28	55	42	X
KY	1	Barlow	D	20	50	35	X
KY	2	Natcher	D	62	52	57	E
KY	3	Mazzoli	D	34	55	45	X
KY	4	Bunning	R	78	60	69	E
KY	5	Rogers	R	51	42	47	C
KY	6	Baessler	D	51	50	51	C
LA	1	Livingston	R	64	60	62	E
LA	2	Jefferson	D	25	50	38	X
LA	3	Tauzin	D	64	57	61	E
LA	4	Fields	D	8	50	29	X
LA	5	McCrery	R	69	55	62	E
LA	6	Baker	R	75	55	65	E
LA	7	Hayes	D	53	55	54	E
ME	1	Andrews	D	23	50	37	X
ME	2	Snowe	R	60	62	61	E
MD	1	Gilchrest	R	78	65	72	E
MD	2	Bentley	R	45	47	46	P
MD	3	Cardin	D	17	45	31	P
MD	4	Wynn	D	20	55	38	X
MD	5	Hoyer	D	31	47	39	P
MD	6	Bartlett	R	87	55	71	E
MD	7	Mfume	D	23	52	38	X
MD	8	Morella	R	45	47	46	P
MA	1	Olver	D	23	47	35	P
MA	2	Neal	D	23	55	39	X
MA	3	Blute	R	60	55	58	E
MA	4	Frank	D	25	55	40	X
MA	5	Meehan	D	53	52	53	E
MA	6	Torkildsen	R	55	55	55	E
MA	7	Markey	D	31	52	42	X
MA	8	Kennedy	D	37	37	37	P
MA	9	Moakley	D	11	45	28	P
MA	10	Studds	D	28	55	42	X
MI	1	Stupak	D	17	50	34	P
MI	2	Hoekstra	R	91	65	78	L
MI	3	Henry/vac.	D	69	60	65	E
MI	4	Camp	R	80	50	65	C
MI	5	Barcia	D	42	65	54	X
MI	6	Upton	R	87	55	71	E
MI	7	Smith	R	91	60	76	L
MI	8	Carr	D	25	42	34	P
MI	9	Kildee	D	6	45	26	P
MI	10	Bonior	D	6	45	26	P
MI	11	Knollenberg	R	91	55	73	E
MI	12	Levin	D	34	55	45	X
MI	13	Ford	D	31	42	37	P
MI	14	Conyers	D	11	47	29	P
MI	15	Collins	D	11	55	33	X
MI	16	Dingell	D	20	60	40	X
MN	1	Penny	D	87	60	74	E
MN	2	Minge	D	78	55	67	E
MN	3	Ramstad	R	91	55	73	E
MN	4	Vento	D	34	45	40	P
MN	5	Sabo	D	11	55	33	X
MN	6	Grams	R	75	60	68	E
MN	7	Peterson	D	51	65	58	E
MN	8	Oberstar	D	17	60	39	X
MS	1	Whitten	D	25	47	36	P

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MS	2	vac./Thompson	D	11	47	29	P
MS	3	Montgomery	D	34	40	37	P
MS	4	Parker	D	57	50	54	C
MS	5	Taylor	D	55	45	50	C
MO	1	Clay	D	14	50	32	X
MO	2	Talent	R	78	60	69	E
MO	3	Gephardt	D	17	37	27	P
MO	4	Skelton	D	31	50	41	X
MO	5	Wheat	D	20	47	34	P
MO	6	Danner	D	28	55	42	X
MO	7	Hancock	R	87	55	71	E
MO	8	Emerson	R	69	50	60	C
MO	9	Volkmer	D	20	45	33	P
MT	1	Williams	D	14	60	37	X
NE	1	Bereuter	R	69	55	62	E
NE	2	Hoagland	D	55	45	50	C
NE	3	Barrett	R	82	75	79	L
NV	1	Bilbray	D	28	55	42	X
NV	2	Vucanovich	R	73	47	60	C
NH	1	Zeliff	R	78	45	62	C
NH	2	Swett	D	57	40	49	C
NJ	1	Andrews	D	62	42	52	C
NJ	2	Hughes	D	28	50	39	X
NJ	3	Saxton	R	64	45	55	C
NJ	4	Smith	R	55	60	58	E
NJ	5	Roukema	R	64	47	56	C
NJ	6	Pallone	D	40	50	45	X
NJ	7	Franks	R	78	62	70	E
NJ	8	Klein	D	40	60	50	X
NJ	9	Toricelli	D	28	35	32	P
NJ	10	Payne	D	20	45	33	P
NJ	11	Gallo	R	45	47	46	P
NJ	12	Zimmer	R	87	55	71	E
NJ	13	Menendez	D	28	45	37	P
NM	1	Schiff	R	55	52	54	E
NM	2	Skeen	R	55	45	50	C
NM	3	Richardson	D	28	40	34	P
NY	1	Hochbrueckner	D	11	35	23	A
NY	2	Lazio	R	64	45	55	C
NY	3	King	R	78	55	67	E
NY	4	Levy	R	73	55	64	E
NY	5	Ackerman	D	23	40	32	P
NY	6	Flake	D	14	50	32	X
NY	7	Mantori	D	20	45	33	P
NY	8	Nadler	D	20	42	31	P
NY	9	Schumer	D	28	57	43	X
NY	10	Towns	D	23	45	34	P
NY	11	Owens	D	17	40	29	P
NY	12	Velazquez	D	17	42	30	P
NY	13	Molinari	R	64	45	55	C
NY	14	Maloney	D	40	65	53	X
NY	15	Rangel	D	17	35	26	P
NY	16	Serrano	D	20	57	39	X
NY	17	Engel	D	14	37	26	P
NY	18	Lowery	D	17	60	39	X
NY	19	Fish	R	73	62	68	E
NY	20	Gilman	R	40	55	48	X
NY	21	McNulty	D	28	55	42	X
NY	22	Solomon	R	78	52	65	E
NY	23	Boehlert	R	45	50	48	X
NY	24	McHugh	R	73	55	64	E
NY	25	Walsh	R	48	45	47	P
NY	26	Hinchey	D	11	50	31	X
NY	27	Paxon	R	96	55	76	L
NY	28	Slaughter	D	23	55	39	X
NY	29	LaFalce	D	23	50	37	X
NY	30	Quinn	R	64	60	62	E
NY	31	Houghton	R	64	37	51	C
NC	1	Clayton	D	11	60	36	X
NC	2	Valentine	D	51	55	53	E
NC	3	Lancaster	D	34	45	40	P
NC	4	Price	D	17	45	31	P
NC	5	Neal	D	51	55	53	E
NC	6	Coble	R	87	60	74	E

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NC 7	Rose	D	6	55	31	X
NC 8	Hefner	D	23	45	34	P
NC 9	McMillan	R	71	45	58	C
NC 10	Ballenger	R	87	55	71	E
NC 11	Taylor	R	60	62	61	E
NC 12	Watt	D	11	50	31	X
ND 1	Pomeroy	D	23	47	35	P
OH 1	Mann	D	73	55	64	E
OH 2	Gradison/Portman	R	84	57	71	E
OH 3	Hall	D	17	40	29	P
OH 4	Oxley	R	60	45	53	C
OH 5	Gilmor	R	64	50	57	C
OH 6	Strickland	D	23	50	37	X
OH 7	Hobson	R	69	45	57	C
OH 8	Boehner	R	78	55	67	E
OH 9	Kaptur	D	20	42	31	P
OH 10	Hoke	R	69	62	66	E
OH 11	Stokes	D	14	50	32	X
OH 12	Kasich	R	78	50	64	C
OH 13	Brown	D	34	65	50	X
OH 14	Sawyer	D	11	40	26	P
OH 15	Price	R	78	55	67	E
OH 16	Regula	R	60	50	55	C
OH 17	Trafficant	D	0	35	18	A
OH 18	Applegate	D	8	32	20	A
OH 19	Fingerhut	D	69	45	57	C
OK 1	Inhofe	R	73	55	64	E
OK 2	Synar	D	28	57	43	X
OK 3	Brewster	D	37	50	44	X
OK 4	McCurdy	D	51	50	51	C
OK 5	Istook	R	89	60	75	E
OK 6	English	D	60	55	58	E
OR 1	Furse	D	34	42	38	P
OR 2	Smith	R	69	50	60	C
OR 3	Wyden	D	28	50	39	X
OR 4	DeFazio	D	28	60	44	X
OR 5	Kopetski	D	20	45	33	P
PA 1	Foglietta	D	17	27	22	A
PA 2	Blackwell	D	28	37	33	P
PA 3	Borski	D	17	40	29	P
PA 4	Klink	D	17	50	34	X
PA 5	Slinger	R	53	47	50	C
PA 6	Holden	D	17	55	36	X
PA 7	Weldon	R	75	55	65	E
PA 8	Greenwood	R	75	57	66	E
PA 9	Shuster	R	69	45	57	C
PA 10	McDade	R	55	35	45	C
PA 11	Kanjorski	D	17	50	34	X
PA 12	Murtha	D	14	47	31	P
PA 13	Margolis-Mezv.	D	51	47	49	C
PA 14	Coyne	D	17	52	35	X
PA 15	McHale	D	34	40	37	P
PA 16	Walker	R	82	60	71	E
PA 17	Gekas	R	73	65	69	E
PA 18	Santorum	R	62	55	59	E
PA 19	Goodling	R	78	50	64	C
PA 20	Murphy	D	25	45	35	P
PA 21	Ridge	R	71	52	62	E
RI 1	Machtley	R	62	55	59	E
RI 2	Reed	D	23	40	32	P
SC 1	Ravenel	R	78	45	62	C
SC 2	Spence	R	60	40	50	C
SC 3	Derrick	D	28	40	34	P
SC 4	Inglis	R	78	65	72	E
SC 5	Spratt	D	28	45	37	P
SC 6	Clyburn	D	11	50	31	X
SD 1	Johnson	D	45	57	51	X
TN 1	Quillen	R	57	52	55	E
TN 2	Duncan	R	91	55	73	E
TN 3	Lloyd	D	45	45	45	P
TN 4	Cooper	D	66	42	54	C
TN 5	Clement	D	48	47	48	P
TN 6	Gordon	D	51	50	51	C
TN 7	Sundquist	R	60	45	53	C

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TN 8	Tanner	D	55	65	60	E
TN 9	Ford	D	23	50	37	X
TX 1	Chapman	D	28	55	42	X
TX 2	Wilson	D	42	42	42	P
TX 3	Johnson, S.	D	73	50	62	C
TX 4	Hall	D	60	50	55	C
TX 5	Bryant	D	23	45	34	P
TX 6	Barton	R	87	65	76	L
TX 7	Archer	R	87	60	74	E
TX 8	Fields	R	73	52	63	E
TX 9	Brooks	D	28	50	39	X
TX 10	Pickle	D	34	35	35	P
TX 11	Edwards	D	51	46	48	C
TX 12	Geren	D	73	47	60	C
TX 13	Sarpalius	D	40	50	45	X
TX 14	Laughlin	D	34	65	50	X
TX 15	de la Garza	D	23	42	33	P
TX 16	Coleman	D	17	45	31	P
TX 17	Stenholm	D	75	55	65	E
TX 18	Washington	D	51	50	51	C
TX 19	Combest	R	73	55	64	E
TX 20	Gonzalez	D	6	45	26	P
TX 21	Smith	R	80	55	68	E
TX 22	DeLay	R	87	60	74	E
TX 23	Bonilla	R	78	70	74	E
TX 24	Frost	D	28	50	39	X
TX 25	Andrews	D	57	32	45	C
TX 26	Armey	R	91	50	71	C
TX 27	Ortiz	D	23	42	33	P
TX 28	Tejeda	D	17	40	29	P
TX 29	Green	D	20	50	35	X
TX 30	Johnson, E.	D	11	57	34	X
UT 1	Hansen	R	69	55	62	E
UT 2	Shepherd	D	31	47	39	P
UT 3	Otron	D	66	60	63	E
VT 1	Sanders	I	23	55	39	X
VA 1	Bateman	R	55	37	46	C
VA 2	Pickett	D	42	50	46	X
VA 3	Scott	D	17	37	27	P
VA 4	Sisisky	D	34	35	35	P
VA 5	Payne	D	60	45	53	C
VA 6	Goodlatte	R	84	60	72	E
VA 7	Bliley	R	78	52	65	E
VA 8	Moran	D	34	30	32	P
VA 9	Boucher	D	17	35	26	P
VA 10	Wolf	R	64	55	60	E
VA 11	Byrne	D	28	45	37	P
WA 1	Cantwell	R	40	50	45	X
WA 2	Swift	D	23	40	32	P
WA 3	Unsoeld	D	6	50	28	X
WA 4	Inslee	D	62	55	59	E
WA 6	Dicks	D	23	42	33	P
WA 7	McDermott	D	17	57	37	X
WA 8	Dunn	R	60	55	58	E
WA 9	Kreidler	D	55	45	50	C
WV 1	Mollohan	D	11	55	33	X
WV 2	Wise	D	11	50	31	X
WV 3	Rahall	D	6	50	28	X
WI 1	vac./Barca	D	51	50	51	C
WI 2	Klug	R	78	70	74	E
WI 3	Gunderson	R	62	60	61	E
WI 4	Klecicka	D	40	57	49	X
WI 5	Barrett	D	45	60	53	X
WI 6	Petri	R	91	55	73	E
WI 7	Obey	D	23	70	47	X
WI 8	Roth	R	78	67	73	E
WI 9	Sensenbrenner	R	87	65	76	L
WY 1	Thomas	R	75	62	69	E

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Vote numbers refer to roll call votes in various issues of Congressional Quarterly. A 'yes' vote signifies the libertarian position.

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- 7. National Endowment for Democracy—to reduce funding.
- 14. Russian Immigrants—to allow.
- 24. School Prayer—to express that schools should allow.
- 28. Condoms—to prohibit distribution without parental consent.
- 65. Drug Enforcement—against increased funding.
- 80. Illegal Immigrants—against increased funding.
- 123. Prison Sentences—against mandating.
- 124. Prison Sentences—against mandating for drug violations.
- 170. Product Liability—to limit product liability.
- 181. Bosnia—to terminate arms embargo.
- 186. Selective Service—to eliminate registration.
- 214. Agriculture Dept. Homosexual Policy—to require a public hearing prior to removal of an employee because of remarks made outside work in opposition to department policies.
- 227. Racial Justice—to prohibit use of statistics to allege that race was a factor in death penalty.
- 236. School Prayer—to deny federal aid to schools that prohibit voluntary prayer.
- 238. School Choice—to fund demonstration projects involving private schools.
- 239. Local Control of School Violence—to allow schools, as opposed to the federal government, to set disciplinary policy.
- 244. Homosexual Lifestyle—against prohibiting schools from presenting as positive.
- 245. Single Sex Schools—to allow.
- 263. Haiti—to prohibit employment of U.S. troops.
- 278. Somalia—to prohibit continued presence of U.S. troops.

U.S. SENATE - Economic Liberties

- 5. Vietnam—to lift the U.S. trade embargo.
- 31. Slimmer Youth Employment—to give priority to private sector jobs.
- 35. Disaster Supplemental Appropriations—for \$9.4 billion of rescissions to offset cost.
- 48. Balanced Budget Amendment—for.
- 52. National Competitiveness—to require economic analyses on new fed regulations/legislation.
- 61. General Aviation Revitalization—to limit product liability law suits against manufacturers of small planes.
- 66. Budget Resolution—to cut an additional \$318 billion.
- 78. Budget Resolution—to freeze discretionary spending.
- 108. National Environmental Technology—against.
- 160. Treasury, Postal Appropriations—to eliminate the full-time equivalent employment rules.
- 164. Aircraft Carrier—against.
- 175. Liquid Metal Reactor—against.
- 177. Fusion Reactor—against.
- 179. B-2 Bomber—against.
- 189. Striker Replacement—against prohibiting permanently replacing striking workers.
- 219. Specific Highway Projects—to express that Congress should refrain from directing money to specific projects.
- 241. Tax Effort—to distribute funds according to per capita income, as opposed to spending on education.
- 253. Space Station—against.
- 257. Pension Fund Housing Investment—against encouraging investment by pension funds in low-income housing.
- 329. GATT—for.

U.S. HOUSE - Civil Liberties/Foreign Policy

- 8. Peacekeeping—to defund.
- 32. Home Schooling—against regulating private, religious or home schooling.
- 41. Illegal Aliens—against requiring schools to report the number of illegal students.
- 75. School Prayer—to withhold federal money from schools that prohibit voluntary prayer.
- 76. Sex Education—to give local school systems discretion over teaching abstinence.
- 106. Death Penalty—against death penalty for drug kingpins.
- 122. Three-time Offenders—against drug offense counting as a violent offense.
- 126. Prison Construction—for \$3 billion, as opposed to \$10 billion, for prison construction.
- 131. Racial Justice—against allowing use of statistics to claim discrimination in death penalty cases.
- 134. Border Patrols—against hiring of 6,000 additional Border Patrol agents.
- 136. Pell Grants—to prohibit awarding to prisoners.
- 138. Police Corps—against a federal police corps program.
- 139. Private Security Officers—against requiring states to regulate.
- 156. Assault Weapons Ban—against.
- 192. Selective Service—to eliminate registration.
- 218. Nuclear Testing—to commend president for moratorium.
- 222. Bosnia—to terminate the U.S. arms embargo.
- 224. Haiti—to express that military action should not be taken.
- 263. National Endowment for the Arts—to defund.
- 265. National Endowment for the Arts—to reduce funding.

U.S. HOUSE - Economic Liberties

- 9. Disaster Supplemental Appropriations—to offset \$7.5 billion by rescissions.
- 52. Budget Resolution—for \$698 billion additional spending cuts.
- 55. Budget Resolution—for \$148 billion in additional spending cuts.
- 65. Balanced Budget Amendment—for.
- 147. Vietnam Embargo—to lift the U.S. trade embargo.
- 164. Economic Development Administration—to terminate.
- 214. Legislative Branch Appropriations—to freeze.
- 250. Interstate Commerce Commission—to terminate.
- 251. Amtrak—to reduce funding.
- 271. Fossil Energy Research—to reduce funding.
- 307. HUD—to shift funding from construction to vouchers.
- 309. Space Station—to terminate.
- 327. Expanded Presidential Rescission Power—for.
- 338. Insurance Anti-Redlining Reporting Requirements—against increasing.
- 343. Entitlement Spending Control—for.
- 395. Budget Baseline—to use a "freeze" baseline.
- 418. HUD Special Purpose Projects—against.
- 428. Small Business Administration—to terminate.
- 486. American Heritage Area Program for Natural, Historic and Cultural Resources—against.
- 507. GATT—for.

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New Positions added in RLC

Mike Griffin of Joppa, MD, has been appointed Congressional Liaison for the RLC. Griffin was formerly employed by Los Angeles-based *Reason Magazine*. He has already been hard at work lining up support on the Hill for RLC's legislative agenda, working to build coalitions with other like-minded groups in Washington and representing RLC at various functions.

Two Florida State University students will be assisting Executive Director Eric Rittberg at the RLC National Office in Tallahassee over the summer. Dave Cartwright, a junior in international affairs, will be coordinating nationwide student outreach efforts. Cartwright hopes to get more libertarians involved in the College Republicans. Jeff Shapiro, a senior in political science, is acting as RLC Special Projects Director. Both Cartwright and Shapiro will be spending time at the office assisting in other capacities.

RLC Submits Testimony to U.S. Senate

On June 6, representatives from the Selective Service Administration testified before the Senate Appropriations Committee in favor of maintaining their level of funding. The RLC joined two other organizations NISBCO (Conscientious Objectors) and Volunteers For America (supporters of the All-Volunteer Armed Forces) in submitting separate official testimony challenging the agency's recommendations.

In a three-page response RLC staff assistant Jeffrey Shapiro argued for deactivation of the agency. "The Republican Liberty Caucus' two major concerns are the tax monies contributed to the SSS and the question concerning the necessity of its presence in the current state of world affairs," said Shapiro. With the ending of the Cold War and the dissolution of the Soviet Empire, he posited, "it is difficult to conceive of any foreign system posing any kind of conventional threat which would force the U.S. government to declare a state of emergency."

He further pointed out that the Pentagon itself had recommended ending Selective Service registration. Shapiro concluded, "Economically, the SSS costs U.S. taxpayers \$25 million per year, already totaling \$375 million since its actual implementation under President Carter in 1980. At a time when we are downsizing the Department of Defense and other pertinent areas of the federal government, the necessity for the Selective Service is extremely questionable."

Turin Featured in *Sun-Sentinel*

Former Florida RLC Chair Alan Turin was featured in the May 21 Political Notes column by Buddy Nevins in the Sunday edition of the Ft. Lauderdale *Sun-Sentinel*, South Florida's second largest paper. Nevins announced Turin's recent election as new president of the Broward Young Republicans the largest YR group in the state.

Wrote Nevins: "Turin, a Miami lawyer, is the legal counsel of the national Republican Liberty Caucus. That's a Republican faction that has 25 chapters nationwide and is neo-libertarian,

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believing in less government involvement in personal lives and an isolationist foreign policy."

He went on to write, "Turin is a latecomer to the GOP, having started in politics collecting signatures for Libertarian Party petitions in 1976 ... and was active in that party in Dade County. 'I decided the LP was going nowhere, so I joined a group that could win and that I could influence,' says Turin."

Conventions

RLC Executive Director Eric Rittberg set up information tables at two conventions in May. The first was the annual Florida Young Republican Convention held in Jacksonville. Rittberg was assisted by Mike and Teresa Tuttle, Philip Blumel, Tom Walls and J. Mark Hardy.

RLCers attending as delegates included: Mike Fender, Andy Sparks, Jeff Palmer, Mike Birdsong, Jeff Carmen and Alan Turin.

The libertarian Republican contingent was shot down on most of the proposed planks despite eloquent defenses of individual freedom on the floor. Birdsong failed to get through a plank to allow for offshore oil drilling. Fender spoke out passionately against the War on Drugs, but the proposed RLC plank to tone down the more authoritarian-minded rhetoric went down in flames. This led YR State Chair Tom Vizcarrondo to remark to the over 150 assembled, "Well, it looks like the libertarians haven't taken over yet." Still, overall libertarians were received well. Of particular note, George Mendez, a top South Florida political consultant and former YR State Chair, joined the RLC.

That evening the group convened at Crawdaddy's Restaurant and Bar next door. Fifteen attended. Fender was elected FL RLC chairman, Mike Tuttle, a computer professor at University of North Florida in Jacksonville was elected vice-chair, Jeff Palmer of Miami was elected secretary and Birdsong of Orlando became treasurer. An aggressive strategy for growth and further influence was put forth by Fender which included recruiting delegates for the upcoming state GOP convention and next year's YR convention.



Freshmen U.S. Reps. Matt Salmon of Arizona and Steve Stockman of Texas (left) recently joined the RLC Advisory Board. Also joining more recently was U.S. Rep. Chris Cox of California (right). Cox is the first veteran Congressman to join the RLC Board. This brings the number of RLC-affiliated Congressmen to seven. Also on board are U.S. Reps. Jack Meecham (WA), Mark Foley (FL), J.D. Hayworth and John Shadegg (AZ).

Notable News

Who's Signing on With Whom for '96

At this point with no clear-cut libertarian-minded GOPer in the race, the vast majority of libertarian Republicans remain uncommitted. Most of those who have committed are supporting Sen. Phil Gramm for president.

Well-known individuals from the GOP's libertarian wing who are backing Gramm include: Walter Williams, Tom McClintock, State Sen. Duncan Scott (NM), Sen. Bob Hedlund (MA) and Rep. Penn Pfiffner (CO).

No less than five congressmen affiliated with the RLC have already signed on with the Gramm team. They are: Reps. Chris Cox (CA), Steve Stockman (TX), J.D. Hayworth, (AZ) John Shadegg (AZ) and Matt Salmon (AZ).

Of particular note, RLC National Committee member Michael McCroskey of Tennessee has been appointed state coordinator for Gramm. CA RLCer Dan Gifford has hosted a fund-raiser with Wendy Gramm in Brentwood.

Also, Iowa RLCer David Levenstam runs the nationwide GrammNet computer forum (AdmrLocke@aol.com).

But there are libertarian Republicans who are supporting other candidates. Carol Golden, Pennsylvania RLC coordinator and GOP ward leader, after first expressing skepticism is now "leaning Specter." Golden is impressed by Specter's latest criticisms of the BATF and support for civil liberties.

Elliott Wave theorist Bob Prechter, a well-known and respected libertarian benefactor, is looking favorably on

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Rittberg also set up a booth at the Georgia GOP Convention held in Savannah. He was joined by GA RLCers Earle Smith, Jay Taylor and John McDowell.

With over 2,000 delegates in attendance, the table received a great deal of interest. Over 50 names were collected and a few joined on the spot. There were no negative responses. Even the Christian Coalition, who had a much larger and snazzier booth across the way, were friendly to the RLC contingent. Most conventioners who stopped by were familiar with libertarians and supportive of many libertarian ideals, mainly due to the high visibility of the GA Libertarian Party. But they were pleasantly surprised to learn of libertarians active in the GOP.

Maryland RLC Coordinator Mike Griffin attended the recent State GOP Convention held in Annapolis. Griffin spent most of the time talking up RLC to MD GOP luminaries including Ellen Sauerbry and a number of State House Delegates.

In Virginia, longtime RLC member and paleo-libertarian stalwart Norm Singleton attended the State YR Convention held in Manassas. Singleton failed in his lone attempt to get a harsh antipornography plank deleted from the platform. But he was successful in leading the effort to strengthen language in favor of abolishing the National Endowment for the Arts.

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the candidacy of Sen. Richard Lugar of Indiana. Prechter is impressed by Lugar's call to abolish the income tax.

RLC Advisor and libertarian economist Dr. Martin Anderson of the Hoover Institute is part of the Pete Wilson brain trust. Former Secretary of State George Schultz also of Hoover is making speeches on Wilson's behalf.

Former state Sen. John McClaughry of Vermont has circulated a three-page letter urging friends to help form a Draft Bill Armstrong Committee. Armstrong, a conservative senator from Colorado between 1979-90, is not encouraging the effort.

Still other libertarian Republicans are hopeful that a strongly-rumored Malcolm Forbes Jr. candidacy will materialize.

But many in the libertarian wing unenthused with the current crop are just hoping for a decent vice-presidential candidate on a Dole or Gramm ticket.

Names of libertarian-leaning GOPers being tossed around include: Former. SC Gov. Carroll Campbell, MA Gov. William Weld, NJ Gov. Christie Whitman, CO Sen. Hank Brown, FL Sen. Connie Mack, NY Rep. Susan Molinari and lately the most talked about hopeful CA Rep. Chris Cox.

A Libertarian Dictator?

LP News reports in its June issue that Republican Gov. Gary Johnson of New Mexico was criticized recently by Democratic House Speaker Raymond Sanchez who said, "I hope Republicans and Democrats alike recognize this man is neither a Democrat nor a Republican but a libertarian."

Republican State Rep. Jerry Lee Alwin also criticized the governor saying "He's a libertarian dictator."

They were responding to the nearly 200 spending and regulatory bills the governor had vetoed, his approval of gambling on Indian reservations, signing of a lottery bill and "abandoning family values."

But NM Libertarian Party Chair Attila Csanyi responded, "Everyone seems to agree that, for a Republican, his mind and actions appear to be going in the right direction."

Republican Assemblymen Support

Medical Marijuana

A bill to legalize medical use of marijuana for those afflicted with cancer, glaucoma, muscular sclerosis and AIDS was just passed narrowly by the California Assembly.

Of 41 votes in favor of AB1529 in the lower House, five were from Republicans. The five were: Assmbs. Mickey Conroy, Jim Cuneen, Bruce McPherson, James Rogan and Richard Rainey.

It now goes on to the Senate where passage is likely, and then on to Gov. Pete Wilson. A Wilson veto is almost certain.

Editorializing in favor of the legislation the *Sacramento Bee* wrote, "while it would be nice if Gov. Pete Wilson were inspired to match the good sense of those Assembly Republicans, it seems unlikely."

The *Orange County Register* also editorialized in favor of AB1549 pointing out that "many otherwise law-abiding citizens suffering from cancer or other ailments illegally obtain marijuana and so become targets for arrest and imprisonment."

Assmb. Rogan of Glendale explained his position in the *OCR* editorial; "One of my own family members suffered from terminal cancer and the drug was recommended by his doctor. After using marijuana, he was actually able to eat again and not get sick."

Media Notes

The conservative weekly *Human Events* had a lengthy full-page article on Ron Paul in its June 9 issue. The article was titled, "Another 'House Call' for Dr. Paul in '96?" It focused in on his all-but-certain run for Congress in Texas Dist. 14 against incumbent Rep. Greg Laughlin (D).

The article was quite flattering, praising his principled voting record, referring to him as the Taxpayers' Best Friend and at one point even suggesting the former Congressman was a near prophet of the right.

A lead paragraph described his bio: "Dr. Ron Paul — gynecologist, author, four-term Republican House member from Texas, Libertarian Party nominee for President in 1988 ... chairman of the Republican Liberty Caucus — is anything but 'nameless in the pages of history.'"

It continued: "Dr. Paul takes his view of government from Jefferson and *Reason* magazine and his economics from Ludwig von Mises and the Cato Institute."

The *Wall Street Journal* has been chronicling a growing split on the right on the issue of immigration.

In a May 24 article, capitol reporter Gerald Seib wrote, "This debate pits what might be called the GOP's libertarians against its reconstructionists. Libertarians tend to think that the best way to accomplish good things, economic or social, is simply to get government out of the way of the natural order of things ... Rep. Armeley tends toward libertarian thinking."

He goes on to quote Pat Buchanan as not buying into it: "I don't agree with the libertarians ... I think many of them believe in the myth of economic man, that everything is economics."

A May 14 editorial in *WSJ* commenting favorably on the proposed Conference of the States talked of the upcoming GOP race in Colorado for U.S. Senate. Maverick State Sen. Charles Duke has taken to criticizing his likely opponent Attorney General Gale Norton for not taking a tough enough stance in favor of the 10th Amendment. According to the *WSJ*, "Norton, a former Reagan Administration official who has long been active in conservative and libertarian causes, is amused that she 'may become the moderate candidate in the race.'"

Washington Post writer David Broder suggested in a recent syndicated column that the GOP was paying too much attention to the Christian Right and not enough attention to the nascent libertarian-oriented bloc of voters.

Broder looked at recent polling data by *Times-Mirror* and *NBC-Wall Street Journal* which suggested that a third party challenge was very likely to arise in '96 unless one of the major parties responds to this growing phenomena. He wrote, "The distinguishing characteristic of these potential independent voters ... is their libertarian streak. They are skeptical of the Democrats because they identify them with big government. They are wary of the Republicans because of the growing influence within the GOP of the religious right."

He concludes: "the door may be wide open to a third candidate who makes the case for a government that would limit its regulation of the economy and of personal behavior."

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- RLC manual, *Blueprint for Progress*, \$12.
- Libertarian Republican stickers, \$6/sheet of 10.
- RLC outreach brochure, \$10/packet of 20.
- *Republican Liberty*, latest issue for outreach, \$5/packet of 10.
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Prelude to Liberty: Santa Barbara '95

by Melinda Pillsbury-Foster

This year's second annual convention for the Republican Liberty Caucus will take place at the Radisson Hotel on the beach in Santa Barbara Nov. 10-12. Santa Barbara is at its most welcoming in November; the summer crowds have thinned but the beaches still roll on into the sparkling blue Pacific.

Our program will begin on Friday night with a memorial for Roger MacBride, the first RLC chairman. This will be followed by opportunities for members and well-wishers to get acquainted.

Saturday morning will begin with breakfast with Bob Poole, founder of the Reason Foundation. Our program for the weekend will include updates from the growing number of liberty-minded institutes and think tanks.

The weekend will include reports on Hollywood with insights from movie critics, producers and others involved with the film industry. This will be a pivotal issue in the 1996 election and many Hollywood Republicans have expressed an interest.

Saturday is our Issue Day, with several hot topical issues addressed by panels of speakers. On Saturday night we will enjoy a banquet in honor of the new Congressional Liberty Caucus.

On Sunday we will also hear from the Presidential Research Panel on the candidates currently offering themselves as standard bearers in 1996. The convention committee has prepared a questionnaire sent out to all the candidates and they have also been asked to attend a panel on Sunday. Copies of the questionnaire will go out with the convention package.

Send now for your convention info package. Contact RLC Convention, 2028 Anacapa St., Santa Barbara, CA 93105 or call (805) 569-0421. Fax: (805) 682-4444.

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