



Straight Talk

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Be It Resolved

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Greetings, Gentle Reader,

It can be hard to discover what our local, state and federal representatives believe. When we ask specific questions, some will try to find out what we want to hear and give us precisely that, which does us no good at all.

Well, guess what? State assemblies were held this last weekend, and at the Republican assembly, we voted on our state resolutions. They are a statement of our beliefs, what we call our platform. I hope the Democrats did the same thing and will send them to me; I would like to print them for voters to read. They are an effective tool to help discover a candidate's beliefs. Just ask him how he stands on each one that concerns you.

We voted on each resolution, and I had no trouble voting "yes" on every one. (We used punch cards and were reminded that there must be no hanging, pregnant or dimpled chads. Will Florida ever live that down?)

Here they are:

Be it resolved that the Colorado Republican Party:

1. supports the 2nd Amendment of the U.S. Constitution and re-affirms the right of all law abiding individual citizens to keep and bear arms.
2. supports a ban on partial birth abortions.
3. affirms its respect for the sanctity of human life.
4. supports the enactment of a "Right to Work" law, which would make it illegal to require payment of union dues or fees as a condition of employment.
5. supports "Paycheck Protection" legislation to prohibit unions from using compulsory dues for political purposes.
6. supports reform of the IRS and the adoption of a simplified tax structure, including the possibility of a flat tax or a national sales tax.
7. opposes any effort to abolish the caucus system in Colorado. (It's hard to indulge in voter fraud at a caucus, but very easy at a primary.)
8. supports Israel in their struggle with terrorism, and their quest to secure a just peace with their neighbors.

9. supports President Bush in the war against terrorism.
 10. supports daily recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance by each child attending public school.
 11. opposes the use of mail balloting for state or federal elections until such time as a mail balloting system can be created that is fair, accurate, secure from fraud, and guarantees secret balloting.
 12. Whereas ballot fraud occurs when corrupt candidates find an election system that is easily taken advantage of; be it resolved that the Colorado Republican Party opposes Election Day voter registration.
 13. Whereas Common Cause and the League of Women Voters intend to place a Constitutional initiative on the 2002 Colorado ballot that would allow labor unions to contribute ten times the amount of money to candidates than individuals and small business; be it resolved that the Colorado Republican Party opposes their idea of "Campaign Finance Reform." Be it resolved that the Colorado Republican Party:
 14. commends U.S. Senator Wayne Allard for his leadership on national defense issues, and for being President Bush's point man in the Senate on missile defense.
 15. commends Governor Owens for keeping his promises to reduce taxes, improve public schools, and fix the crumbling highway system that 24 years of Democrat administrations failed to address. (To my Democrat friends: Sorry about that last part of #15; it was definitely political.)
- Now, it is the Democrat's turn, so come on guys; get me the information and I will print it. As you know, I want your views to be represented, also, even though I disagree with a lot of them. (Sorry, couldn't resist that.)