

2010 SENATE DISTRICT 42 RESOLUTIONS

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COMMENDATIONS/PARTY BUSINESS

- (1) ELECTED OFFICIALS -- We commend the following elected Republican officials for their hard work and service to our nation and to the people of Minnesota:

U.S. Congressman Erik Paulsen

Minnesota Governor Tim Pawlenty

Minnesota Lt. Governor Carole Molnau

SD42 Senator David Hann

HD42B Representative Jenifer Loon

Eden Prairie Mayor Phil Young

Eden Prairie City Councilmember John Duckstad

Eden Prairie City Councilmember Brad Aho

Hennepin County Commissioner Randy Johnson

...and all the other endorsed, elected Republicans

- (2) PARTY WORKERS -- We further commend all State and Local Republican officials and volunteers for their hard efforts, dedication, and sacrifice in order to strengthen the party and further its principles.
- (3) PARTY UNITY -- We support efforts to make the Republican Party an inclusive, majority party without compromising our values, principles, and ideals.

SECTION 1 - CREATING AN ENVIRONMENT FOR ECONOMIC PROSPERITY: CONTROLLING TAXES, SPENDING AND REGULATION

Republicans believe that limited government is the best government, and that free enterprise is the best path to prosperity for all Minnesotans. We support reducing taxes, spending and regulation to create business opportunities for our hard-working families and businesses.

Proposed amendments to State Party Platform:

- (4) ACCOUNTING OF PUBLIC DOLLARS -- We support requiring any organization receiving state tax dollars be subject to a publicly available financial review. (passed by 4 precincts)
- (5) FEDERAL RESERVE AUDIT -- We support a full, complete and publicly available audit of the Federal Reserve.

(6) STATE CONSUMPTION TAX -- We recommend that Minnesota support a study of retail consumption tax model to replace all other state level forms of taxation.

(7) NO STATE TAXES -- We support elimination of all state corporate and income taxes.

Change to existing State Party Platform plank:

(8) NO NATIONAL SALES TAX -- We support reforming our tax systems, including our complex state property tax system, abolishing the current IRS tax code and replacing it with a simpler, fairer tax system that favors ~~a national sales tax~~ or a flat tax. (Section 1, Part C)

SECTION 2 - PRESERVING CIVIL RIGHTS

The Republican Party, the party that abolished slavery, believes that the government should treat all of its citizens equally under the law.

(9) NO BODY-IMAGE SCANNERS -- We oppose the use of total body image scanners at airports and other public buildings.

(10) REWRITE FORFEITURE STATUTES -- We support requiring due process safeguards before allowing government seizure of private property.

Affirmations of current State Party Platform:

(11) DEFENSE OF LIFE -- We reaffirm our party's commitment to protect and value all human life from the moment of conception to natural death and to repeal Roe v. Wade through a Life Amendment to the U.S. Constitution. (Section 2, Parts A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H, I, J, L -- pro-life resolutions passed in 4 precincts)

SECTION 3 - EDUCATING OUR CHILDREN

Republicans believe that parents are responsible for their children's education and that parents, teachers and local school boards can best make decisions about our children's education.

Change to existing State Party Platform plank:

(12) EXCELLENCE AND LOCAL CONTROL -- We support rigorous state and local standards for math, science, and other core curricula. We oppose the imposition of national education standards. (Section 3, Part G)

SECTION 8 - MAKING GOVERNMENT BETTER, NOT LARGER

Republicans want government to be honest, efficient and responsive to individual citizens.

Proposed amendments to State Party Platform:

(13) NO MORE BAILOUTS -- We support the idea that it is not the proper role the of government to intervene in the free market economy through the use of bailouts, stimulus, and subsidies. We oppose government buying out or bailing out any private institution. (passed by 4 precincts)

(14) GIVE IT BACK -- We support stopping all stimulus spending, ending the TARP program and applying all unspent funds to reducing the National Debt. (passed by 2 precincts)

(15) NO MORE CZARS -- We support prohibiting the President from appointing "czars" who wield power and influence to his cabinet without Senate oversight and approval.

(16) SUPPORT THE 10TH AMENDMENT -- We believe Minnesota should not be bound by laws passed by the U.S. Congress which are not enumerated by the U.S. Constitution.

(17) READ THE BILLS -- We support requiring Congress to allow time to read and digest bills and make them publicly available before voting on them.

(18) END CONGRESSIONAL ELITISM -- We support requiring Congress to live by the same laws that it passes for the citizens. (passed by 2 precincts)

(19) TERM LIMITS -- We support constitutional amendments instituting term limits for all elected officials. (passed by 2 precincts)

Affirmations of current State Party Platform:

(20) VOTER ID -- We support requiring that voters present a valid proof of U.S. citizenship, state residency and a photo ID at the time of voter registration and when voting. (from Section 8, Part M)

SECTION 9 - DEFENDING AMERICA AT HOME AND ABROAD

Republicans believe that peace is best maintained through a strong national defense.

Proposed amendments to State Party Platform:

(21) MIRANDA RIGHTS FOR U.S. CITIZENS ONLY -- We oppose extending Miranda rights to non-citizen terrorists and enemy combatants.

NEW SECTION 10 - QUALITY AND AFFORDABLE HEALTH CARE

The United States has the most advanced health care system in the world that leads in innovation and the development of new technology that has increased life expectancy and improved health outcomes for millions of Americans. We support using free enterprise to continue the progress of new developments while making health care more affordable and available to more Americans.

Move (and affirm) existing State Party Platform planks:

(22) REDUCE COSTS -- We support programs that reduce health care costs by introducing genuine market competition into the system and eliminating state mandated coverage of various illnesses and conditions. We oppose all proposals for socialized (i.e. single payer) medicine and support the repeal of Minnesota Care, and oppose programs that ration health care. (Section 4, Part L -- 3 precincts expressed opposition to socialized medicine, 2 expressed opposition to state mandates)

(23) PARENTAL RIGHTS -- We believe parents have a right to all of their minor children's health records, including sexual health records without requiring their minor children's consent. (Section 4, Part M)

(24) END GEOGRAPHIC PRICING -- We believe that medical reimbursement should not be determined by the location of the provider. (Section 4, Part N)

(25) END "BEST PRACTICES" LAWS -- We believe government interference with the practice of medicine should be minimized, including not allowing any government "best practices" legislation. (Section 4, Part O -- 2 precincts passed resolutions opposing "best practices" laws)

(26) NO ASSISTED SUICIDE -- We believe that Minnesota should prohibit any medical practice or therapy that would deliberately cause or hasten death, including physician-assisted suicide and deprivation of food and water. (Section 4, Part P -- 1 precinct supported assisted suicide, 1 precinct opposed it)

(27) EMPOWER THE CONSUMER -- We believe that all health care expenses should be fully tax deductible and health savings accounts should be expanded so that individuals can purchase and control their own health care without going through a third-party payer. (Section 4, Part Q -- 1 precinct supported HSAs and 1 opposed them)

(28) PATIENT PRIVACY -- We believe Minnesota patient privacy laws should be strengthened to require informed, written, voluntary consent for all disclosures of patient data. (Section 4, Part R -- 3 precincts passed resolutions supporting patient privacy)

(29) OUT OF STATE HEALTH INSURANCE -- We support allowing individuals to be able to purchase a health insurance plan licensed anywhere in the United States that offers benefits of their choosing and not based on insurance mandates set by the federal or state governments. (Section 4, Part S -- 1 precinct supported allowing people to purchase out-of-state health insurance)

Proposed amendments to State Party Platform:

(30) EQUAL TAX TREATMENT -- We support allowing individuals who purchase health insurance for themselves or their families to receive the same tax treatment as employers who provide health insurance for their employees.

(31) SMALL BUSINESS HEALTH INSURANCE -- We support allowing small businesses and other private organizations to form Association Health Plans to purchase health insurance at rates comparable to large employers.

(32) MEDICAL MALPRACTICE REFORM -- We support tort reform to reduce costly and random malpractice settlements that raise everyone's insurance premiums and creates an epidemic of defensive medicine that does no medical good.

(33) NO INDIVIDUAL INSURANCE MANDATE -- We oppose laws that compel or mandate the purchase of a personal health insurance policy. (passed by 2 precincts)

Move (and proposed change to) existing State Party Platform planks:

(34) NO DNA COLLECTION -- We support requiring informed opt-in consent of parents for newborn genetic testing and for the Minnesota Department of Health to retain their children's DNA to comply with the written informed parental consent requirement of the Minnesota Genetic Privacy Law. (Section 2, Part M -- 2 precincts requested that Governor Pawlenty direct the MN Dept of Health to destroy all genetic material currently in their possession)