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## Bylaws Amendments Proposed by Committee

### *Membership to Vote at March Convention*

By Dan Karlan

The NJLP Bylaws Committee proposes the following Amendments:

1. To address the several concerns raised with regard to the Nominating Convention, we propose the following Amendment:

Delete the second paragraph of 5(b)1. [This is the paragraph that empowers the Steering Committee to schedule a Nominating Convention.]

Explanation: several concerns were expressed regarding the Nominating Convention, and the Bylaws Committee believed that the concerns were too substantial to be ignored, but too diverse to be addressed easily. Because the Nominating Convention was instituted in 1999 expressly for the purpose of a single candidate, with little other benefit than saving time at the State Convention, we recommend approval of the deletion.

However, the time-saving issue was important enough for the Bylaws Committee to consider alternative ways to effect a savings, and settled quickly on the election of Trustees for this economization. We recommend adoption of the following Amendment:

Replace 7 Trustees entirely with the following paragraph:

"The Vice-Chair, Secretary, and Treasurer together shall be the Trustees, and in that capacity shall have only that authority which is granted to the trustees of corporations not for profit under the laws of the State of New Jersey. Meetings of the Trustees may be called, with seven days' notice, by any Trustee. Two Trustees constitute a quorum."

Explanation: the current wording stipulates that the Trustees must be 18 or older, which is already the requirement elsewhere for the 4 officers. It also specifies that any officer may be a trustee. Therefore, a simplification is achieved without additional restrictions by making the 3 'junior' officers also be the trustees. In the past, it has frequently been the case that nobody knows who the trustees are when it comes time for selection of a new one – sometimes not even the trustees themselves. This simplification eliminates any confusion at the same time. State law requires that the Trustees serve not longer than 2 years, also consistent with the proposed amendment.

2. To address the concern expressed that a potential conflict exists between the County caucus selection of candidates within a county and subsequent selection of candidates within that county by the Steering Committee, the Bylaws Committee recommends adoption of the following Amendment to 10, as a new sub-section (b) "Selection of Candidates Entirely Within the Jurisdiction of a County Committee", with appropriate re-numbering of subsequent sub-sections.

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*Just in as we went to press...*

### Steering Committee Adds Business Item to Convention Agenda

It has been recommended that the dues for a Lifetime membership be increased from \$300 to \$500. The membership will vote on this and other items at the March Convention.

If you haven't already sent in your reservation form, you'll find it on Page 3. Time is running out!

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# From The Chair

By NJLP State Chair Emerson Ellett



Back in 1999 and again this year the Steering Committee endorsed a number of goals for the party. Number one is to “encourage and support a full Federal slate – a senatorial and congressional candidate in each of all 13 districts; and support as many local candidates as we can.”

Now you’d think that when SC muckamucks come up with a list of objectives that, presto, the objectives would be realized.

Not hardly.

In 2000 we fielded three federal candidates (down from a full slate in 1992) and not one local candidate. Several stalwart Freeholder candidates ran at the county level, however, boosting the total.

Everyone agrees a political party should run candidates. Opinion is divided, however, on whether to run local candidates or candidates for higher office. No matter. If you believe local candidacy is the more productive, support a local candidate and vice versa. The last local campaigns were the valiant runs by Dino Toro, Austin Lett and Ray Connors for town office in the mid-90s, so the electorate in New Jersey’s 567 cities, towns, townships, boroughs and villages is definitely due to hear our ideas anew.

Another goal is to “firmly establish the Libertarian Party as THE third party in New Jersey.” In terms of number of candidates in 2000 the Greens outdid us. This year the Greens ran two candidates, so we’re marginally back on top. 2002 is up for grabs.

Another goal is to “register apathetics and get them to vote.” Because of the appellate court’s September 10 ruling that voters can register Libertarian we have a real opportunity here.

What you can do:

Get some registration forms and “Voter Declaration of Party Affiliation” cards from the Election Board and ask your friends either to register or change their affiliation. The bill to change the law to provide the mechanism for actually implementing the court’s ruling has not been introduced, but at least county clerks will have something to work with when they get the go ahead.

Check out the Dec. WebGuide available free at libraries; our ad, designed by Tom Abrams, is on p. 12. We’ve purchased ads in six issues and will be monitoring hits on our web site as a measure of effectiveness. Let me know what you think.

Distribute copies of our youth flyer, written by Vic Kaplan. For a master copy send \$1 to Shad Woolley, 602 Mercer Ave., Spring Lake Heights 07726.

Support the NJLP regularly by signing up for the monthly pledge program that webmaster Bob Hull has recently added to our web page. Click on Contributions, NJLP “Soft” Fund. The link is [http://www.njlp.org/soft\\_recurring.php](http://www.njlp.org/soft_recurring.php).

And remember, no matter what muckamucks proclaim it ain’t gonna happen unless a lot more people pitch in.

Contact me at [chair@njlp.org](mailto:chair@njlp.org) or 732 774-3684 with ideas about how to advance our cause.



# New Jersey Libertarian Party Annual Convention and 30 year Anniversary Celebration 9 March 2002

Location: The National Conference Center at the RAMADA® INN  
379 Monmouth Street, East Windsor, New Jersey 08520

Schedule \* : Business session; 09:00AM - 12:00 noon, Luncheon; 1:00PM - 4:00PM

Speakers \* :

Bob Steiner: NJLP Founder and first Chair. Magician.

Reginald Jones: A radio talk show host.

Clifford Wallace Thorton Jr: President of Efficacy. Efficacy advocates peaceful responses to social problems. Its primary effort is to promote open discussion of alternatives to the "war on drugs."

Allen Good: Fairtax. Fair is a tax reform organization that advocates replacing the income tax with a national sales tax.

Two Candidates for National Chair: Geoff Neale and Eli Israel.

\*Speaker list, topics and schedule subject to change

For more information, contact Robert Jacobs at roberlj@yahoo.com or 908-303-3052.

## RESERVATION FORM

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact phone number: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_  number of members

number of non-members

number for luncheon and all speakers @ \$50.00 each.  number for speakers only, no luncheon @ \$20.00 each.

number for luncheon and speakers STUDENT RATE, @ \$25.00 each. (valid student ID required at registration).

\* All above reservations are additional \$10.00 at the door, (luncheon choice not guaranteed without reservation by 22 Feb 2002)

number for business meeting ONLY, no luncheon, no speakers, no cost

Luncheon choice:  BEEF  CHICKEN  VEGETARIAN

Dietary restrictions, (religious, health, etc.) we will try to accommodate, but can not guarantee: \_\_\_\_\_

Please return with payment by 22 February 2002 to:  
NJLP Convention, PO Box 56, Tennent, New Jersey, 07763

## 2002 Election Preparations Begin in Monmouth County

Libertarians of Monmouth County will hold a special 2002 Election Presentation on Sunday, January 13 to explain their goals for the 2002 General Election and to recruit candidates and campaign volunteers. The meeting, which will begin at 1:30 p.m., will be held at the Alexis Steakhouse and Tavern, 503 Higgins Ave., Brielle.

At the December county meeting members agreed on two goals for the next election: To field a full ticket above the municipal level and to increase the countywide vote by 50%. The January 13 meeting is designed to get an early start on this effort.

Last year county libertarians fielded a stronger than usual ticket and won the third column with a resulting slight increase in the vote for countywide offices. This year the goal is to build on this success by contesting every office.

"By laying claim to the third column we are graphically demonstrating that the Libertarian Party is the alternative party in Monmouth County," explained Pat Bontempo, county chair. "And hopefully a full ticket will continue to increase our credibility with the voters and the media."

The Council of Alternate Political Parties (CAPP) has indicated its lawyers are interested in persuing a legal challenge to the Democrats' and Republicans' monopoly to the first two columns. A full ticket by the Libertarian Party in even just one county could serve as the basis for such a suit.

The January 13th meeting will include a discussion of what is involved in running for office with presentations by past candidates of their experiences. It will be an opportunity for members to not only sign on as potential candidates but as campaign volunteers.

"We'll be looking beyond November," Bontempo noted. "If someone is willing to consider a run in 2003 or 2004 this will be an opportunity to start learning about the process. And they can obtain hands-on experience by volunteering to help one of this year's candidates."

Three congressional districts include not only parts of Monmouth but neighboring and nearby counties as well: Burlington, Hunterdon, Mercer, Middlesex, Ocean and Union. Members from those counties who might be interested in running for one of the seats are encouraged to attend. Because congressional redistricting is still underway it's not clear exactly where district lines will fall.

LMC has reserved a room for the presentation and those attending will be able to order at their own expense from the bar. There is extensive on-site parking. For more information contact Bontempo at 732 775-7263 or by E-mail at PDB10752@aol.com.

"Public Schools  
too often fail  
because they are  
shielded from  
the very force  
that improves  
performance  
and sparks  
innovation in  
nearly every  
other human  
enterprise –  
competition."

*Robert Lutz/  
Clark  
Durant*

# Libertarian Louise

By Libertarian Louise

## Skule Dase, Skule Dase...

"(The public school system is) Usually a twelve year sentence of mind control.

Crushing creativity, smashing individualism, encouraging collectivism and compromise, destroying the exercise of intellectual inquiry, twisting it instead into meek subservience to authority."

*Walter Karp,*  
Editor,  
Harper's  
Magazine

As a parent of kids attending government schools, it hasn't been a good few weeks.

My slow burn began when we attended one kid's winter concert. Of course the music was off key in places and the chorus kids' solos occasionally caused a wince. You expect that kind of pain; it's cute in its way and part of the parent package.

But this concert offended me from the beginning. The bandleader opened the evening by apologetically explaining, "normally we wouldn't play a patriotic song, but since Nine Eleven it seems appropriate." So, after they kowtowed to the three major sects with "A Kwanzaa Wish", "Happy Hanukah To You" and "Amazing Grace" they concluded with a poorly rehearsed "America the Beautiful

What further got to me, and always does, was the evening's Program. In an effort to spare my blood pressure I try to just give it a quick scan to estimate the length of the entertainment and make sure my kid's name is spelled right, then not look any closer.

My spouse, however (perhaps in revenge for my guilt-tripping him into attending) kept nudging me and gleefully pointing out the typos. "Our thanks to the cusodial staff"; "Congradulations to..."; "Our best wish's to...", and, our favorite, "Jane White, Joe Green and Jim Blue are to be commended. These two students were chosen for the Tri-County Band". And before you ask, **no**, students did **not** write the program. The teachers did.

Also in the past coupla weeks, Number One Son, a high school junior who should know better, got detention for talking in class. He's a mouthy wise-ass (go figure) but in his defense the entire class got detention for the same reason. To me that indicates there's a problem with the teacher, not the 20-odd kids in "Life Skills", but that's another story.

The kid works after school from 3 to 6 a few days each week, and the school refused to accommodate his work schedule. He talked to his guidance counselor and his vice-principal about scheduling his detention around work.

He even offered to do a dreaded "Internal Suspension" (a day spent in the detention room) instead of the relatively easy hour after school. No dice.

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## Libertarian Louise

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Over my spouse's objections ("if I was the teacher I wouldn't accommodate the mouthy wise-asses either") I called the Vice-Principal and tried to throw my weight around, pointing out that making his employer short-handed was more a punishment for the employer than the kid, and that I'd rather he spent his day off sitting in detention after school, instead of getting out of work to yuk it up in there with his buddies.

When that got me nowhere I said "look, you know and I know that the only thing you guys are - maybe - capable of is getting my kid and others ready for a minimum wage retail job. How about not forcing him to call out of the one he has?"

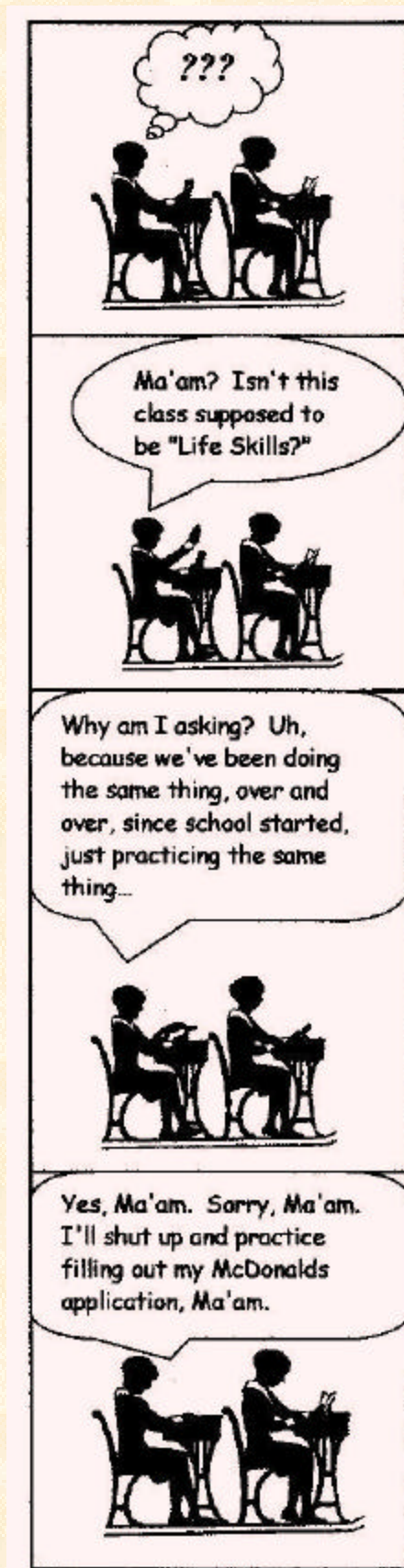
Another kid (we've got about a dozen, I think) came home during the "Multi-Cultural Week" festivities with a D on his math quiz. That same day he got an A on writing the numbers 1 through 20 in Chinese.

We have one incredibly good student in the passel. He just started middle school and his first report card was all A's and B's, like every report card he's ever had. The older boys all plummeted the first quarter of middle school, then sat me down and patiently explained that this was their "transition" marking period. Government schools **do** teach kids not to expect too much of themselves and to accept failure gracefully.

I don't hold out much hope of our prize student continuing to excel for long. He's got a math teacher (30 year veteran of the school) who snaps, "if you don't know it, how do you expect me to explain it?" at one end of the spectrum, and all the hip young teachers who pour on extra credit assignments at the other. The kids can easily diorama and book report themselves into good grades. Whichever end of the spectrum the teacher falls under, children are pretty safe from learning.

Since we're in suburban Jersey and not that city across the Delaware, our schools aren't "failing". Philly's crisis offered parents and kids a glimmer of hope that I fiercely envy, by getting the interest of Edison, a private education company.

But of course Philadelphia's government education employees quickly whipped parents and kids into a frenzy of protests, pickets and town meetings. There's a wicked irony in the victims championing those who are robbing them of a future. Just when you think the government education monopoly is full of idiots, they prove that when it comes to craftily protecting themselves, there **are** a couple of brain cells that work.



# Bylaws Amendments Proposed by Committee Membership to Vote at March Convention

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“During the county caucus at the State Convention, the county organization may nominate candidates for offices entirely within the jurisdiction of that county organization. The selected nominees shall be announced by the NJLP Secretary after the county officers have been announced. “None of the Above” may be nominated by affirmative action of the county caucus. Any affirmative nomination by a county caucus may be overturned only by that county organization. Failure to nominate a candidate for an office entirely within the jurisdiction of a county organization will leave such nomination open to be filled by the county organization or the NJLP Steering Committee at a later date. [Language to address the priority question will be included when this proposal is formally presented to the Convention.] Any post-Convention nomination made by a county organization shall be ineffective until the county organization reports the candidates’ names and public offices sought to the NJLP Steering Committee.”

Explanation: the potential for a county organization to wish NOT to nominate a candidate but the Steering Committee decides otherwise, or for the selection of the county organization to be overturned by the Steering Committee, clearly violates the autonomy of the county organizations. Remedy for the county organization nominating a candidate who is clearly non-libertarian still exists: the county organization may reconsider their own decision with the light of new evidence; or the county organization may be deactivated at a special General Meeting called for that purpose, upon which deactivation the Steering Committee – or that same General Meeting – can reverse the earlier misguided decision. The autonomy of the county organization within their own jurisdiction should be violated only under extraordinary circumstances.

3. In order to resolve ambiguities and uncertainties with respect to the hierarchy of authority – for example, can a General Meeting perform an action that the State Board or Steering Committee is expressly empowered to perform – the Bylaws Committee recommends adoption of the following set of Amendments:

- ❑ A new 5(a)5 be added, to read:  
“Full authority shall be vested in every General Meeting.”
- ❑ Amend 5(b)1 to read:  
“The State Convention is a special General Meeting with the sole power to set dues; to adopt, amend, or discard the NJLP Platform; and to elect the officers and three Steering Committee At-Large members.”
- ❑ Remove 5(b)3 and 4. [These are the sections that specify what actions are reserved to the State Convention, to be covered instead by the preceding amendment.]
- ❑ Reverse the order of 5(c) and 5(d).
- ❑ Change 5(d)2 (after the previous change) 1<sup>st</sup> sentence to read:  
“The Steering Committee shall have full authority to act for the NJLP between General Meetings.”
- ❑ Change 5(c)5 (after the previous change) last sentence to read:  
“Except where otherwise noted, the State Board and Steering Committee have equal authority to act for the NJLP between General Meetings.”
- ❑ Change 14(a) to read:  
“These Bylaws may be amended by a two-thirds vote of any General Meeting provided notice of the proposed amendment has been given in the notice for the meeting.”
- ❑ Change 14(c) to read:  
“The Certificate of Incorporation may be amended by a 2/3 vote of the entire membership at any General Meeting.”
- ❑ Change 15 last sentence to read:  
“Such presentation shall be made at a General Meeting.”

Explanation: currently, “full authority” is only expressly vested in the State Convention, but it is not clear that the State Convention is also a General Meeting. This leaves it unclear just how much authority a General Meeting has, beyond that specified elsewhere in the Bylaws. However, the Bylaws committee believes that the structure of the NJLP should recognize the largest collection of members as empowered to perform any action that a smaller sub-group is empowered to perform. The above Amendments accomplish that task, by vesting full authority in every General Meeting, and explicitly classifying the State Convention as a General Meeting with special powers (which already are reserved to the Convention anyway).

Reversing the order of definition of the Steering Committee and State Board makes it clear that the ‘progression’ is from the largest and most inclusive to the smallest NJLP organization.

Other Amendments are housekeeping: there is no need to refer to “Convention and General Meetings” if the Convention is a General Meeting, for example. Note, however, that because the business of the State Convention is conducted by “delegates” while the business at any other General Meeting is conducted by “members”, the separate definitions of the quorums in 12 must remain.

I believe this effectively completes the pending work of the Bylaws Committee.

# Resources for Activists and Candidates

## PACs:

California Liberty PAC  
Contact: Gail Lightfoot  
<http://califlibpac.tripod.com/>

Libertarian Activist PAC  
Contact: Mark Murphy  
<http://www.libertarianactivist.com>

Liberty Slate Committee  
Contact: J.R. Graham  
<http://www.opine.org/slate.html>

Libertarian Victory Fund  
Contact: Chris Azzaro  
<http://www.libertarianvictoryfund.com/>

Washington Liberty Project  
Contact: Mike Hihn  
<http://www.waliberty.org>

## Books:

"Winning Political Campaigns"  
by: William S. Bike

"How to Win a Local Campaign"  
by Lawrence Grey

"The Campaign Manager"  
by Catherine M. Shaw & Michael E. Holstein

"The Art of Political War"  
by David Horowitz

"Rules for Radicals"  
by Saul Alinsky

## Magazines:

Campaigns and Elections  
\*\*\*Highly recommended!  
<http://www.campaignline.com>

## Audio & Visual Production:

Third Wheel Group  
<http://www.thirdwheelgroup.com>

## Printing & Layout:

Gold Standard Press  
Contact: Chuck Geshliger  
Location: Pahrump, Nevada  
[gspchuck@pahrump.net](mailto:gspchuck@pahrump.net)

## Web sites of interest:

Grow the LP  
<http://growthelp.org>

Leadership Institute  
<http://www.leadershipinstitute.org/home.htm>  
\*The LI welcomes Libertarians to take their courses\*

Libertarian Strategy Caucus  
<http://www.lp2000.com>

Private Solutions  
<http://www.angelfire.com/pa/privatesolutions/>

- *From the Libertarian Mainstream  
Caucus, <http://users.ez2.net/lmc/>*

**"Government's view of the economy could be summed up in a few short phrases: If it moves, tax it. If it keeps moving, regulate it. And if it stops moving, subsidize it."**

***Ronald Reagan***

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Best of Both Worlds

Many of you have noticed that, by the time you get your hard copy NJL each month, some of the events mentioned have passed.

Unfortunately, the downside to our cost-cutting switch from First Class mail means that local post offices can pretty much deliver your NJL when they feel like it. We've moved our deadline up 10 days (from the 20<sup>th</sup> to the 10<sup>th</sup> of every month) in an effort to solve the problem, but you also have another way to get your NJL.

If you have Internet access, check out the NJL each month on our state web site, [www.njlp.org](http://www.njlp.org). Even if you choose to keep receiving the hard copy version, the ezine becomes available nearly three weeks before the paper NJL is delivered.

So why not enjoy the best of both worlds? Get your snazzy, full color NJL in a timely manner, simply by going to the web site, and still get your hard copy, which many members like to pass along or simply archive for themselves.

*Announcements*

*The NJLP will be hosting a blood drive during the 2002 state convention, March 9th Hightstown Ramada Inn. You must register in advance to donate blood. To register call Ned Kelley at 908-832-6338.*

*This July there will be a National Convention, in Indianapolis. If you are interested in being considered as a delegate in the NJLP cdelegation, please forward your name to Dan Karlan. Use <DanKarlan@CompuServe.com> or <97 Manhattan Ave; Waldwick, NJ 07463-2228>*

*Want to get involved? The NJLP has volunteer committees addressing fundraising, recruitment and membership, public relations, candidate recruitment and support and electronic access. Please contact State Chair Emerson Ellett if you'd like to serve on one or more.*

## DRAFT Minutes

### NJLP General Meeting November 10, 2001 Tumulty's Pub in New Brunswick

Chair Emerson Ellett called the meeting to order at 1:15 PM when a quorum was confirmed to be present. Following adoption of the agenda, the minutes of the October 21, 2001 State Board meeting were read and approved. Lou Stefanelli presented the Treasurer's report and fielded questions about it.

#### Strategic Planning Team (SPT) presentation

Dan Karlan and Elias Israel introduced the national LP's Strategic Plan to the members. The members passed a motion by John Paff seconded by Dan Karlan to make consideration of the SPT proposal a special order for the January 20, 2002 State Board meeting with the object of making a Board recommendation to the March 9, 2002 annual convention. The motion carried unanimously with the understanding that a full copy of the entire SPT report will be available electronically to the full Board prior to the meeting and that a hard copy of the specific strategies will also be sent to all Board members.

#### LP Chair candidate address

At 2:10 PM Dan Karlan introduced Elias Israel, candidate for national LP Chair. Israel was a former Democrat and ran for Lieutenant Governor of Massachusetts on the Libertarian Party line in 1998. He recounted an incident where the Massachusetts LP obliterated the campaign spending limits for a recent election in that state when the party declared that they intended to spend \$19.514 Billion (the entire year's state budget!). According to Massachusetts's election law, each election's spending limits are set by the highest amount any party intends to spend, so the Boston Globe headline read "Libertarian Party blows spending caps."

Elias presented his ideas on growing the national party with both more members and candidates. He answered members' questions and concluded his address at 2:47 PM.

#### Unfinished Business

- a. Bylaws -- Flynn reviewed Bylaws Committee progress on all ten (10) pending bylaws issues. A final committee report including specific bylaws amendments will be prepared for the Steering Committee and State Board to review and make their recommendations. Amendments are to be scheduled for a vote at the 3-9-02 NJLP annual convention.
- b. CAPP registration appeal -- Robert Hull and Emerson Ellett attended the recent CAPP meeting with Public Interest Law Center (PILC) attorneys. In response to the question "What else to challenge in N.J. election law?" the CAPP group saw challenging the automatic reserved lines (or columns) 1 + 2 for the Republicrats as a target. The opinion was raised that an alternative party must put together a full county slate in order to get sufficient standing to sue.
- c. Newsletter -- No report.
- d. 2002 convention -- Ned Kelley offered to give a personal defense class at next year's convention.
- e. 2001 campaigns -- Diane Hittner returned unexpended campaign funds to the NJLP State Fund.
- f. Standing order on motion from the LP of Somerset & Middlesex Counties (LPSMC) to review and compile past resolutions -- Robert Hull is scanning in documents and Ray Cragle has agreed to review them. Frank Warren and John Paff both approved of the progress in meeting LPSMC's concerns.

#### New Business

- a. Help for victims of terrorist attack -- Ned Kelley informed the group that one must schedule a blood drive at least one month in advance. He will investigate having a blood drive at the March 9, 2002 NJLP annual convention.
- b. Volunteer Committees
  1. Fundraising - Elizabeth Macron and Lou Stefanelli announced the NJLP holiday party for Sunday December 16 at their home in Tinton Falls. The party will follow the Steering Committee meeting and all proceeds from the \$45 per person donation will go to the NJLP. Robert Hull is setting up a monthly pledge form on the NJLP website.
  2. Electronic communications -- Wallnet is gaining ground on the on-line members database. Monmouth County LP member Robert Hall will now handle the NJLP 800 number from his home.
  3. Recruitment & membership - Henry Cheney and Lou Stefanelli will investigate declining membership. Richard Zuckerman joined the Recruitment/Membership committee.
  4. Public relations -- New Jersey Webguide advertising is under way.
5. Candidate recruitment and support - The need for a full county slate was noted before the NJLP or CAPP can battle the Demopublican lock on the first two ballot lines. Ned Kelly announced a challenge to all other county LPs that Hunterdon will field more candidates than any other county.
6. County committees - Henry said the NJLP needs another Political Director and should consider paying someone to perform this valuable function. He also displayed Trick or Treat bags funded by Camden County (taxpayers).

County Caucuses - Counties met from 4:40 to 4:50 PM. Richard Zuckerman was chosen as Morris County's Chair and Representative to the Board.

Announcements - Elizabeth Macron announced the NJLP holiday party to be held on December 16 following the Steering Committee meeting. The Queens NY LP is getting together on December 8.

Future meetings -- (Unless otherwise noted, all meetings begin at 1:00 PM,)

Sunday December 16, Steering Committee at Lou Stefanelli's home in Tinton Falls.

Sunday January 20, 2002 State Board at Tumulty's Pub, New Brunswick

Sunday February 17, Steering Committee at Len Flynn's home in Morganville (Marlboro Twp.)

Saturday March 9, NJLP Annual Convention in Hightstown, general meeting at 9:00 AM

Adjournment -- The meeting adjourned at 4:55 PM.

# Letters to Louise

*Editor's Note: Our anonymous guest columnist, Libertarian Louise, received quite a bit of mail after missing an issue. She has "graciously" consented to answer it publicly. As for the photo she supplied, when questioned about it she simply replied, "Trust me, it's a photo of a bitch." Guess that's close enough.*

Dear Libertarian Louise,

Really missed your column in the last issue. Where were you?

Signed: A Fan In Flemington

*Dear Fan:*

*None of your damned business. Man, are you in the wrong party.*

Dear Libertarian Louise,

I was fined 50 cents for an overdue book. I think it should only have been 10 cents (one day) because the library was closed for four days in a row due to the Thanksgiving holiday. What do you think I should do?

Signed: Peeved Patron in Pemberton

*Dear Peeved:*

*You're absolutely right. I think you should chain yourself to the photocopy machine and refuse to leave until they refund your 40 cents. Before you do so, however, I recommend you get hold of a dictionary and, while you're waiting for your money, look up the words librarian and libertarian.*

Dear Libertarian Louise:

Why are State meetings always held on Sundays? How are we supposed to go to church?

Signed: Devout Along the Delaware

*Dear Devout:*

*It's about "da vote," not "devout."*



Dear Libertarian Louise:

Please help me; I'm desperate. My husband is spending hours online composing E-mail about obscure aspects of taxes, British history and God only knows what. I confronted him last night and he admitted he's at the point where he's just randomly typing words. Apparently he can't stop. What should I do? All my friends tell me I'm lucky; they're all "football widows", and at least the computer doesn't make much noise.

Signed: Mailing List Widow  
In Winslow

*Dear Mailing:*

*You have my sympathy. This happened to my spouse a few years back when he got into a seemingly innocent exchange about Spock's ears as they relate to the make-up on "Babylon 5." You must take immediate action.*

*If it's not too late, you can disable his computer and then tell him it's in the shop. If he has not de-toxed after 7 to 10 days you must take more drastic action. Successful results have been obtained by locking men in the basement for about a month. Be sure to supply him with a sufficient quantity of beer, chips and Playboy magazines. These will not only sustain him but the combination should bring him back to his senses.*

*If this fails, your only recourse is to take the kids and move to North Dakota. No one who enters that state has ever been heard from again.*

"In perpetrating a revolution, there are two requirements: someone or something to revolt against and someone to actually show up and do the revolting. Dress is usually casual and both parties may be flexible about time and place, but if either faction fails to attend, the whole enterprise is likely to come off badly."

*Woody Allen*

*Recently a survey was conducted by the U.N. worldwide...*

*The question asked was, "Would you please give your opinion about the food shortage in the rest of the world?"*

*The survey was a huge failure.*

*In France, they didn't know what the word "please" meant. In China, they didn't know what the word "opinion" meant.*

*In Africa, they didn't know what the word "food" meant. In Europe, they didn't know what the word "shortage" meant.*

*In the United States, they didn't know what "the rest of the world" meant.*

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*Thanks, Folks!*

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*Andrew Fletcher 1698*

## Calendar

Sunday January 20, 1 PM  
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regulates  
everything by  
laws is more  
likely to arouse  
vices than  
reform them."

*Spinoza*

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Mercer County Call David Trend at 609 466 2469

Middlesex/Somerset Counties: For information, join the LPSMC announce list (LPSMC-Announce-subscribe@yahoogroups.com) or contact Howard Schoen at 732-572-0207.

Monmouth County, Regular county meetings are held the second Sunday of every month at the New School, 301 Middle Rd, Holmdel, at noon. For information call (732) 775-7263 or check the website for changes, [www.MonmouthLP.org](http://www.MonmouthLP.org).

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Home News Tribune 11/29/01

## GOP Pitches a Small Tent

When Bret Schundler lost the gubernatorial election to Jim McGreevy it was very clear that the so-called "moderate" Republicans cheered and grinned, from Donald DiFrancesco to Christine Todd Whitman on down. They disliked Schundler from the onset because he was not one of them and he dared defeat their candidate, Bob Franks, in the June primary. The moderates -- really liberal Republicans -- wanted to and succeeded in delivering this message outright: "Conservatives need not apply, and don't belong."

So much for the big tent. For too long, conservatives in the state Republican party have been taken advantage of, used and abused. Conservatives have for years been gracious and supportive of moderate Republicans when it came to the gubernatorial elections and other offices. However, when it became the conservatives' turn to run for those same offices, these moderates withdrew their support, stating that they would rather fall than unify.

In my opinion, the conservatives in New Jersey should leave the New Jersey GOP and join the Libertarian Party. At least they would be appreciated and respected there. The GOP has shown it is very much intolerant, closed-minded and sanctimonious.

By leaving the New Jersey Republican Party, the conservatives would teach GOP leadership a grand lesson: We won't be taken for fools any more.

Alex Pugliese  
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## Libertarian Links and Lists

This Month's Pick is the new website for the ISIL (International Society for Individual Liberty)

Jim Elwood, Executive Vice-President (and E-Bulletin editor/administrator) emailed:

We are very happy to announce that a new and vastly-improved ISIL website is up and running!! An enormous vote of thanks goes to Chris Whitten of Free-Market.Net fame, who re-engineered the site from the ground up and created the new look for us.

We would also like to extend thanks to those who contributed to the earlier site at various times - Tim Starr, David Kennerly, Sam Konkin and Meaghan Walker-Williams.

In addition to general ISIL information, all of the 50-title ISIL Educational Pamphlet Series (37 English titles and 13 Spanish translations) are now on line. A recent issue of the Freedom Network News is up (with the current issue and selected items from older issues to follow shortly). There's a library of famous quotations installed, and a page for the 2002 Puerto Vallarta conference. There is a huge collection of links to US and international libertarian organizations, plus research papers and a multitude of other resources (presented in cooperation with the people at Free-Market.Net).

We are beginning to load items into the ISIL Store, and are in the process of organizing our shopping cart so that soon you will have access to an area for secure on-line credit-card transactions such as membership renewals, book purchases, donations, etc. There will be lots more coming! We're very busy these days.

Please visit our site at <http://www.isil.org>! ..... and check in periodically to see the progress!

Please tell your friends to visit the site! It's a great resource!

[www.njlp.org](http://www.njlp.org). The homepage of the NJLP

[www.lp.org](http://www.lp.org). Homepage of the National Libertarian Party.

[www.lppa.org](http://www.lppa.org). Homepage of the Libertarian Party of Pennsylvania

[www.monmouthlp.org](http://www.monmouthlp.org). Homepage of Libertarians of Monmouth County.

[www.cjnj.org](http://www.cjnj.org). Citizens for Justice in NJ's homepage, including John Paff's Bartender List.

[www.lp2000.com](http://www.lp2000.com) Libertarian Strategy Caucus

[www.politicsnj.com](http://www.politicsnj.com). The New Jersey Political scene. Great site!

[www.freemarket.net](http://www.freemarket.net). The starting point for libertarianism on the web.

[www.cato.org](http://www.cato.org). The premier libertarian think tank.

[www.reason.com](http://www.reason.com). Homepage of the Reason Foundation and Reason magazine.

[http://www.njlp.org/html/bartender\\_list.html](http://www.njlp.org/html/bartender_list.html). John Paff's Bartender list. If you're thinking of hiring a lawyer in NJ, you might want to check him out here.

[www.lp.org](http://www.lp.org). Homepage of the National Libertarian Party.

[www.freecannon.com](http://www.freecannon.com) Garry Reed's "The Loose Cannon" column site

[www.self-gov.org](http://www.self-gov.org). Homepage of Advocates for Self Government.

[www.lp2000.com](http://www.lp2000.com) Liberty Strategy Caucus

[www.laissezfaire.org](http://www.laissezfaire.org). Homepage of Laissez-Faire books.

[www.ij.org](http://www.ij.org). Libertarian organization committed to achieving justice through action in the courts.

[www.drcnet.org](http://www.drcnet.org). The central homepage dedicated to the reform of American drug laws.

[www.guntruths.com](http://www.guntruths.com). Defending second amendment rights through common sense and truth.

[www.friedmanfoundation.org](http://www.friedmanfoundation.org). Nobel Laureate Milton Friedman's foundation to free children from the government monopoly on schools.

[www.atr.org](http://www.atr.org). The homepage of Americans for tax reform.

[www.fff.org](http://www.fff.org). The homepage of the Future of Freedom Foundation.

[www.deathtax.com](http://www.deathtax.com) Changing the way you leave your money

[www.libertarianrock.com](http://www.libertarianrock.com) A great site for younger libertarians

[www.pokerface.com](http://www.pokerface.com) Freedom Rocks with this Allentown band

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# Letters To the Editor



Dear Editor,

I am disturbed by what H.R. 2525, also known as the "Fair"Tax Act of 2001, attempts to force upon the unsuspecting American people. "Fair"Tax exempts nothing and taxes all retail sales events. That means all necessities of life—food, medicine and mandated expenses—all will be taxed. Aside from the obvious Constitutional infringement that a "Fair"Tax offers, there are many troublesome facets to this "gem."

To "offset" this violation of natural rights, the "Fair"Tax Bill proposes a monthly rebate to "qualified families." This action clearly voids some of the reasons for abolishing the income tax—the intrusion of government into our private lives and the continuation of the social welfare state. Americans have had enough of this legal plunder mind set.

Qualified family eligibility is dependent upon an administratively defined poverty level, with Health and Human Services defining that level. The government-by-administrative-agency nonsense continues. Worse yet, the Social Security Administration stays involved in the tax game because that agency has been delegated as the agency to mail the monthly checks. No family member may be counted toward the rebate unless the family member is assigned a social security number. So much for privacy and the end of that obnoxious number.

Almost comically, if not so sad, "Fair"Tax excludes family members who are incarcerated, or will be incarcerated. This is a strange concept. Apparently the entire reason for the rebate program is to negate the regressive effects of the tax on essentials of life, especially to those considered living below the so-called state-defined poverty level. Well, nobody needs to be a rocket scientist to know that most of the people who are incarcerated are people who live below the poverty level! Anybody smell something rotten here under the table?

Lastly, notice that the natural rights of only "qualified" families are acknowledged. The rest of America is screwed. Legal plunder continues.

Under "Fair"Tax, the federal government still will be in the social welfare business, handing out checks. Proponents of "Fair"Tax claim no exemptions are necessary because to do otherwise will promote special interests lobbying. Yet, they turn right around and provide exemptions to so-called "qualified" families, instead of straightforward exemptions at the cash register, they keep their dirty government noses in people's lives. Well, everybody has a special interest in working, eating, housing, receiving medical care and buying insurance. So what's hard about exempting essentials of life and simply getting government out of our private lives? The entire rebate process is repugnant and preposterous.

The question must also be asked, what are the administrative costs of this complicated rebate process? And what are the administrative costs associated with the complicated system of credits provided by the Bill?

To add salt to the wound, although the working class pays the sales tax, purchases made for business/trade purposes are exempt from the sales tax. Perhaps now people can see why many businesses, corporations, and trade associations are in favor of the Bill. Not only has big business, that is, big contributors, been relieved of the corporate income tax, capital gains taxes, depreciation schedules, and paperwork on employee withholding, those companies also will be subject to *NO* national sales taxes on any business investments. Who is left with the burden of the national sales tax? The working class of America. Surprise! Surprise!

"Fair"Tax attempts to tax barter transactions. Barter is not a commercial retail event and is not taxable. "Fair"Tax will convert an honest transaction into a crime. Shades of the highly misunderstood Internal Revenue Code.

The entire Bill is a dissertation in contradiction. No more payroll taxes? Right. Here's a quote from the Bill:

12) TAXABLE EMPLOYER-  
(A) IN GENERAL- The term 'taxable employer' includes--

- (i) any household employing domestic servants, and
- (ii) any government except for government enterprises (as defined in section 704).

"Fair"Tax requires sellers to establish bank accounts. As with the income tax, we smell a few unlawful seizures around the corner, as well as a few fishing expeditions by the taxing authorities. So much for financial privacy and protection of rights!

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"Fair"Tax requires sellers to post bond – in some cases up to \$100,000. There is no reason for such nonsense. Worse, "Fair"Tax requires all sellers to register with Uncle Sam. "Fair"Tax states that any seller who fails to register is not allowed to sell! In other words, failing to register converts the normal business of selling into a crime! Again, so much for privacy. Instead, we have nothing but a clever disguise for State control, and a concerted effort to kill the retail market.

Of course, because "Fair"Tax will tax services, that essentially means all laborers and contractors must register with the state. Furthermore, taxing labor is a time bomb waiting to explode because such a tax is essentially a tax on income without the name.

"Fair"Tax allegedly eliminates the payroll taxes, but employers still will have to report wages paid in order for employees to receive Social Security credits.

However, there is a much subtler problem with the "Fair"Tax sales tax rate that shows the deviousness of the Bill. "Fair"Tax declares an initial rate of 23%, but after 2003 the sales tax rate will be the sum of the declared general revenue rate (14.91%); the old age, survivors and disability insurance rate; and the hospital insurance rate. The first rate is currently 6.2% and the latter is 1.45%. In other words, after 2003, the sales tax rate would be 22.56%. However, this calculation method is terribly deceptive. Notice that with an increase in any of those rates, the sales tax rate also increases. The kicker is that the Feds can increase the sales tax rate by increasing legal plunder benefits! With the current Social Security and Medicare mess, what do you think will happen to the future sales tax rate? And let us not forget the overabundance of newly printed "money," and the inflationary effect that this may have on prices. In short, this "Fair"Tax will make life next to impossible for many families.

"Fair"Tax has the buyer being liable for the tax when no receipt is exchanged. Why the exception? Such a provision makes innocent incidental purchases a crime. "Fair"Tax essentially places the burden of proof on all accused. That is, any person accused of failing to pay a tax will be guilty until proven innocent. As with the income tax, here we go again! Burden of proof must be on the government. Period. Worse, "Fair"Tax maintains one of the most invasive features of the current tyrannical income tax: the authority to summons, and to conduct examinations and audits. Such practices are pure tyranny and invasions of privacy.

"Fair"Tax states that government purchases are subject to the sales tax. That makes no sense. Every time the government buys something, it taxes itself, and pays itself the revenue? Give us a break! Why pay the cost of all that extra accounting and paperwork? Isn't the national sales tax supposed to reduce paperwork and administrative costs?

"Fair"Tax allows for withholding of income for non-resident aliens. So much for the so-called abolishment of the personal income tax.

As if this isn't enough, here are some particularly alarming aspects of "Fair"Tax:

### Dangerous Language in the Bill:

"ADMINISTERING STATE- For purposes of this section, the term `administering State' means any State." (Emphasis added.)

"Any" state? That could include the State of Uzbekistan, could it not?

### "SECTION 1. PRINCIPLES OF INTERPRETATION.

(a) IN GENERAL- Any court, the Secretary, and any sales tax administering authority shall consider the purposes of this subtitle (as set forth in subsection (b)) as the primary aid in statutory construction." (Emphasis added.)

"Any" court? Would this not include the International Criminal Court?

"Interpretation?" We should follow the LETTER OF THE LAW! "Interpretations" are what bring us to legislating and enforcing gun control laws, vs. staunchly standing by the words "shall not be infringed." "Interpretations" are what have brought us to the erroneous application of the current Internal Revenue Code.

Why are such questions relevant? See: [www.unfts.com](http://www.unfts.com), United Nations Fair Tax Society!!! My discovery of this website (under construction) leads me to believe that "Fair"Tax is nothing more than a government set-up, bringing us yet another step closer to "New World Order."

Americans working in the USA are NOT legally liable for the income tax, as we know it. HR 2525 has most conveniently redefined many aspects of the current Internal Revenue Code, and manipulated them into this Bill, so that we will all be liable for this insidious tax – per mandates of the Organisation of Economic Development, an offshoot of the United Nations.

Part of my investigation of this Bill led me to find a "Fair"Tax e-group on Yahoo. Repeatedly, the monitor there tells new victims, "Don't read the Bill, let us send you some information." Excuse me – information? – "PROPAGANDA," I believe is more appropriate.

HR 2525 continues the intrusion of government into our private lives. Tax reform must occur – abiding by the letter of the law of the Internal Revenue Code, rather than the "interpretation" of it. "Fair"Tax is regressive in nature, and the Bill contains no provisions to resolve the root problem, *an unsound money system*

You can find HR 2525 at: <http://thomas.loc.gov/> (Just type in "HR 2525".)

I believe that HR 2525 will again rear its ugly head in early 2002. So please -- read the Bill, and write to your representatives in opposition of this "minefield." And then ask your families and friends to do same – BEFORE IT'S TOO LATE.

Martelle D. Green

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