JIM HEDBOR OF VERMONT ran one of the most colorful Libertarian races this year. Enclosed is one of 4 newspaper endorsements. I have also included endorsements of several other candidates. There may have been still more. We get our clippings several weeks after the event. For that reason, I have not yet seen any coverage of our winners. The totals for Bergland are still not in... Television promos for election night coverage on Channel 11 in Houston ended with the line, "Houston is also home of the third largest party in the United States, the Libertarian Party"... The National Committee of the Libertarian Party met last week in Salt Lake City setting goals and a budget for 1985.

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Unkindest Cut
Using a cut-out paper likeness of Vermont Rep. James Jeffords to illustrate his point, Libertarian congressional hopeful James Hedbor criticizes his opponent for not debating more often.

"With election day less than a month away, James Jeffords and his advisers appear to have decided to minimize or eliminate direct comparison debates or forums with other candidates for Congress," Hedbor said at a news conference yesterday, shortly after Jeffords sent his last-minute regrets to one of several debates he has agreed to participate in. "Jeffords think the election is in the bag. He just bought a house in (Washington) D.C. To appear before his challengers is just a nuisance."

Vermont can expect to see more of the cardboard candidate, Hedbor says: He'll be bringing it to political forums that Jeffords does not attend. Incidentally, Jeffords' tie reads "Tax and spend;" the button says "Don't think — Vote for me."
The Libertarian Party of Vermont is a minor party, and there is little reason to believe that it will succeed in electing its candidates, at least for some time. Nonetheless we endorse the Libertarian candidate for the U.S. Congress, Jim Hedbor of South Hero, and we hope he makes a very impressive showing on November 6.

For many years this newspaper endorsed incumbent Republican Congressman Jim Jeffords for re-election. We can no longer do so. It has become perfectly clear that Jim Jeffords has for all practical purposes deserted most of what the Republican Party claims to stand for. On important votes in the House in recent years he has voted with the Democrats much more often than he has with his fellow Republicans. He has barely missed an opportunity, at least until the last couple of weeks, to proudly proclaim his opposition to Ronald Reagan, ranging from Central America to the Law of the Sea Treaty, from the Republican ticket to his own amendment. He is doing so while Republicans stand for. For many years Jim Jeffords has in his earlier frankness told stories, in an attempt to prove his independence. This is becoming perfectly clear that Jim Jeffords has deserted or left what the Republican Party claims to stand for. We can no longer do so.

JO deFOREST McINTYRE

Libertarian sentiment often lacks common sense, especially when adherents propose an end to all taxes in favor of user fees. We picture the owner of a burned-out home receiving $100,000 bill for services from our Fire Department.

Libertarian Jo deForest McIntyre of McMinnville has a more practical vein. The building is a needed work ethic and an understanding of how state laws impact local governments and communities. She would be a welcome advocate for fewer new laws.

Appointed Republican incumbent Stan Bunn of Newberg, perhaps, is more likely to be elected. He would, as in his past performance in this office, be a knowledgeable, effective representative, and we hesitate to change our previous endorsement of him.

But McIntyre's surprise entry into the race allows us to send the Legislature a political philosophy that deserves to be heard in Salem, along with someone who would be a diligent representative of her constituency.