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Quits Republican Party in Favor of LP

New Hampshire State Legislator Becomes First Libertarian To Serve In Lower 48 States

New Hampshire State Legislator Calvin Warburton officially resigned from the Republican Party and announced his registration as a Libertarian at a press conference, Tuesday, July 16, at the State House in Concord.

Warburton has joined the national and state Libertarian Parties. Warburton is the first Libertarian state legislator to serve outside of Alaska, and the only LP state legislator currently serving.

He is also the first member of a third party to serve in the New Hampshire House since the 1930s, and the first Libertarian representative to switch his party affiliation while already in office.

Warburton, a seven-term member of the New Hampshire House of Representatives and retired Army chaplain, said his long-standing opposition to new taxes in general, and broad-based taxes in

particular, are at the heart of his resignation from the Republican Party.

"The Republicans have been responsible for raising taxes and are negotiating with the Democrats over some form of broad-based state tax," Warburton said. "I don't want people to 'read my lips;' I want them to know, beyond a shadow of a doubt, that I will vote against new taxes."

"I am joining the Libertarian Party because it is the party of freedom—economic freedom, personal freedom, social freedom, and judicial freedom—and it is the only party that believes in

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Jeopardy Champions Recall Ron Paul's Presidential Bid

In a tournament of past champions last month on the popular television game show, "Jeopardy," contestants were asked what political party ran Ron Paul for its 1988 presidential candidate. The question was posed in "Final Jeopardy," in which contestants wager all or part of their earnings on one final question given to all three contestants.

All three contestants correctly named the Libertarian Party.

Nat'l Taxpayers Union To Host Taxpayers' Conference, Lobby Day

The National Taxpayers Union will sponsor the second annual National Taxpayers Conference and Taxpayers' Lobby Day next month in Washington, D.C.

The conference will bring together anti-tax activists from across the country for nuts and bolts workshops with leading taxpayer activists.

A brochure describing the conference and providing information on participating is enclosed with this newsletter. Also enclosed is a form for local taxpayer groups to be listed in NTU's directory. We recommend filing the form for your state/local LP organization. If the brochure is missing or you need additional information, contact NTU: 325 Pennsylvania Ave., SE, Washington, D.C. 20003, (202) 543-1300.

Finding New Libertarians

Survey Peaks Interest of Potential Libertarians

Editor's Note: The following was edited from an article in Freedom Network News and was updated with new information from Jim Lewis.

Are you, as a libertarian, feeling lonely? Wondering how to dream up an easier way to find new people for your campus or community group?

Rejoice! A way has been found. Jim Lewis, 1984 Libertarian Party's vice-presidential candidate, discovered just such a new and successful method while working college campuses as Field Coordinator for the California LP.

It is a variation of the "Operation Politically Homeless" program developed by Marshall Fritz of the Advocates for Self-Government.

Jim set up operations one day at a community college cafeteria in Red Bluff, CA. He had a table with the Advocates "World's Smallest Political Quiz" cards, and a sign saying "Voter Registration—Sponsored by the Libertarian Party." Students completely ignored the table. After an hour, Jim made up a hand-written sign saying, "Free Information!" He was still ignored.

Then he put up a sign saying, "Campus Survey". Like magic, students started coming around asking what it was all about. "All the hot issues—guns, drugs, abortion..." Before he could finish speaking, the students were picking up the quiz cards and filling them out.

Jim then designed an attractive display consisting of a five-foot piece of foam board with two wooden braces glued to the back. The braces extended below the board and could be attached to a card with c-clamps. A sign saying "CAMPUS SURVEY" was mounted on the top, an Advocates diamond chart (covered with plastic to allow frequent reuse) was mounted on the front, and small signs saying, "GUNS," "DRUGS," etc. were on the sides. A navy-blue tablecloth with white lettering on the front saying, "STUDENT OPINION POLL" covered the table. About six or eight clipboards with quiz cards were on the table.

After a student participated in the survey, Jim would tell him or her the score and place a colored sticker on the appropriate spot on the diamond chart grid. If they scored in the libertarian quadrant, they would be told they seemed to be inclined toward libertarian positions and would be given a piece of introductory literature.

In a year and a half, Jim surveyed nearly 10,000 students on 68 campuses and found that 44% scored in the libertarian quadrant!

Results were also good at county fairs, festivals, and gun shows. The LP in West Los Angeles has been working Venice beach every Saturday, generating more prospects for the national LP than the rest of the nation combined!

A properly-run table in a good location will survey 100 people in a five-hour stint, generating over 40 self-identified prospects per day!

A few more tips: (1) Two or three people should work the table: one to handle clipboards and post scores, while the other gets names, addresses and phones for good prospects. The third can pitch in where needed, or pull aside individuals who insist on long conversations.

(2) Avoid long discussions at almost all costs! You are there to help libertarian sympathizers identify themselves, not to convert people.

(3) Appearance counts! You should look and act like a professional pollster, preferably with dress shirt, tie, and jacket (if it's not too hot). Avoid libertarian T-shirts, buttons, etc. Refer to it as "the" survey, not "our" survey. The latter term prompts the question "Who are you?"

(4) Follow up on your prospects! Send them a friendly note, additional literature, and invite them to your next meeting or event. Follow with a phone call. You should be able to get ten percent of them as paying members of your group.

Jim Lewis has a portable and permanent display, and a ten minute video which shows the activity from start to finish, including setting up the display. He can be reached at 4750 E. Sahara Ave., Las Vegas, NV 89104, (702) 431-3848.

**National Taxpayers Union Foundation
State and Local Taxpayer Group Survey**

Name of Organization _____

Address: _____

Telephone No.: _____ Telefax, if any: _____

Officers:

Name and title: _____ Home Address: _____

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Attach an additional page if you have more than four officers.

Founding date of organization: _____

Approximate budget for 1990: _____

Number of paid staff, if any: _____

Affiliation with national organization, if any: _____

Please identify affiliations: _____

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State and Local Taxpayer Group Survey (continued)

Approximate number of members: _____

Composition of membership (check one): Primarily individual Primarily Corporate Title of newsletter or periodical
publication, if any: _____

Frequency of publication: _____ Circulation: _____

Please briefly describe your organization's goals, current projects, or publications:

Please list the names and addresses of other state or local taxpayers' organizations that should receive the survey. (Attach additional sheets if needed.)

Name and title of person
completing this form: _____

Date: _____

Interstate Networking

SUCCESSFUL MEMBERSHIP SOLICITATION LETTERS WANTED... Karen Allard, LP Membership Chair, is looking for any membership letters that have been successful in state membership drives. If you have such a letter, please send it to Karen for possible inclusion in a membership handbook she is preparing: 6901 Narrows Lane North, Tacoma, WA 98407, (206) 759-1838.

LOOKING FOR ALICIA CLARK ORGANIZING MANUAL... We are trying to locate any complete copies of the LP Organizing Manual prepared by Alicia Clark as National Chair during the mid-1980s. If you have a copy of the manual, please contact APC Chair Steve Dasbach (see pg. 5 for address.) Thank you.

CONGRATULATIONS TO NEW STATE CHAIRS... Ken Schoolland in Hawaii, Robert Kuhn in Minnesota, and Karen Allard in Washington State. Thank you for taking on an important job for your state party. Many thanks again to the dedicated service of the outgoing chairs: Blase Harris, Arlen Overvig, and Richard Shepard.

We hope to see you in Chicago at the Libertarian Party's 20th Anniversary Convention. However, if you can't make it, don't forget to tune in to C-SPAN for gavel-to-gavel coverage!

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APC Workshops at Convention To Address State LP Concerns

The Affiliate Parties Committee will host a series of informal workshops at the national convention in Chicago, to be held August 29 through September 1.

The workshops will cover a number of topics identified as concerns by state chairs and other activists which are not being addressed by the formal convention program.

One workshop will cover maintaining state and national computer databases. Other topics will be identified by state chairs prior to the convention and in the Council of State Chairs meeting on Wednesday, August 28.

If you are planning to attend the convention and would like to see a particular topic covered, please contact APC chair Steve Dasbach.

The actual topics and times of APC workshops will be finalized in Chicago after the Council of State Chairs meeting.

LPNH Boasts New State Legislator

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limited spending and limited taxes," Warburton added.

LPNH won legally recognized status as an official political party for the first time in 1990, when Miriam Luce received five percent of the vote for governor. This status provides the right to select candidates in primaries, place candidates on the ballot without petitioning, and register voters as Libertarians.

"Today marks the beginning of a new era in New Hampshire politics," Bill Winter, chairman of the LP of New Hampshire, said at the press conference. "Today, New Hampshire truly becomes a three party state. As state chairman, I invite other dissatisfied Democrats and Republicans, at all levels of government, to make a bold leap for a better New Hampshire and join the Libertarian Party.

"Rep. Warburton is the first," Winter added. "He won't be the last."



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