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ALASKA REPORT -- Libertarian State Representative Andre Marrou was concerned that he might be treated as an outcast when he was elected as Alaska's, and the country's, only Libertarian state legislator last November. "I've been pleasantly surprised to find that I'm being treated with the respect due my position as an elected representative of the people," Marrou said in a recent call to the national headquarters.

"But I've been amazed at the extent of the statist mentality of elected officials," he said. "They spend their time discussing the degree and 'equitability' of state regulations instead of even considering the elimination of those regulations. Last year, thanks to a Libertarian backed petition, we were able to abolish the State Department of Transportation by a vote of the people. But now Governor Sheffield is trying to reinstate about a third of the abolished statutes."

Marrou is waging a continuing media campaign to inform the people of Alaska about just how statist their government actually is. He has been issuing one or two news releases each day and is receiving good coverage in the Alaskan press.

FREEDOM REBORN -- The 1985 National Convention of the Libertarian Party will be held August 14 through 18 in Phoenix, Arizona at the Hyatt Regency Hotel. Convention registration only is $25 through July 4, and $30 after July 4. The full convention package is $240 through July 4, and $300 after July 4. Full details will be mailed in April. For more information contact: Arizona LP, Freedom Reborn, P. O. Box 501, Phoenix, Arizona 85001.

NEW MEXICANS UP -- In the year of the status quo, when the total third party and independent Presidential vote was only nine percent of the 1980 totals, and when the total Libertarian Presidential vote was only 25% of 1980, one state managed to improve its vote totals. In New Mexico the Bergland/Lewis ticket received 4459 votes compared to the 4365 garnered by Clark/Koch in 1980.

MORE LP CANDIDATES -- At least seven Libertarians are expected to be running for local offices this spring: Mary Tenneson for City Council in Kansas City North, Missouri; William Murray for Mayor of Burlington, Vermont where a Socialist mayor was elected in 1981; current Roselle Village Trustee and National Committee member Gerry Walsh for Mayor of Roselle Village, Illinois; former Senatorial candidate Steve Givot for Village Board in Barrington Hills, Illinois; Tom and Randy Sue Heidenfelder for Library Board and Township Board in Palentine, Illinois; and Margi Kohls for Library Board in Des Plaines, Illinois.

In January LP Director Honey Lanham made an unsuccessful bid for a seat on the Spring Branch School District Board in Houston, Texas. Lanham had been an elected member of the Harris County Board of School Trustees until the Texas Legislature made that board the only partisan school board in the history of the state and truncated her term of office.
Libertarian objects objects to pay for 8th District opponents

Fallahay says votes for him may have influenced race

The Associated Press

Libertarian: Lack of

Fallahay criticized the other candidates' lawyers for prolonging a continuing recount of election returns and said passing legislation that decides recount commissions has encouraged further delays. "Heck, I wouldn't press for a resolution either under those circumstances," he said.

At least one county, Spencer, automatically assumed he had the same number credited him on election night, while Greene and Crawford counties revised his total to zero.

It's obvious your votes have some effect on which-candidate will become the winner, although in whose benefit I don't know," he said.

McIntyre has a 45-vote lead after recounts in 11 of the 15 counties. Posey and Warren counties are expected to complete their recounts next week, with Vanderburgh being completed in two weeks, said the County Clerk's offices in the counties. The recount of the votes in Gibson County is still in the courts there.

The Indiana Secretary of State's office said it will recertify the results of the election.

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Marrou has lost little time in putting the Libertarian stamp on some proposal legislation that doesn't get more state money and limit how long Alaskans can hold elective office.

The maverick image left by previous lawmakers, already has pre-filed a bill to increase the amount of permanent fund dividend checks for Alaskans.

We're having trouble getting the elimination of any pay raise lawmakers voted themselves in 1983. Another bill pushed by Marrou would limit how long Alaskans can hold elective office.

After his November election victory over Rep. Mike Fritz, R-Anchorage, Marrou was contacted by House leaders as a Democrat-led majority took power. Minority Republicans also have approached Marrou about joining their coalition.

So far, he's turned down both advances.

"I suspect it will be better for me to be a maverick this year," Marrou said Monday. "I see myself as a commentator on the legislature.

While he hasn't ruled out joining either coalition, Marrou said he's most comfortable acting on his own and that's the only way that's going away that's the government's preference.

"I'd be a maverick in this year," Marrou said. "I have a bill to increase the amount of money available every year for permanent fund dividend checks.

If I can keep the money out of the hands of the state government, then I support the state's revenue contribution to the permanent fund.


cally viewed elections as contests, he said, they focused almost entirely on front-runners and ignored minority candidates.

"The positions of the various candidates on the issues and how these issues are important to the country interests made the polls as what the polls indicated about the probable outcome..." Bergland said. "The press won't cover everyone race, but you can't become newsworthy until the press begins to cover you."

He said reporters invariably asked him, "Why run when you can't win?" That question indicated "the news media's long effort to achieve freedom that does not depend on being elected this year to succeed," he said.

A key point of the party campaign, Bergland said, should be to encourage further delays.

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