



# Alabama Liberty

The Newsletter Of The Alabama Libertarian Party  
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## Welcome Home, Again!

This is the first edition of the new and improved Alabama Libertarian Party Newsletter, *Alabama Liberty*. My name is Robert Munday and beginning with this Summer 1991 newsletter, I will be your *Alabama Liberty* editor and publisher. I was offered and accepted this opportunity after becoming the editor/publisher for the local Montgomery, Alabama newsletter, the *Montgomery Libertarian*. The state executive committee wanted to revive the statewide publication and begin to distribute it on a monthly basis.

*Alabama Liberty* will be sent to our Libertarian Party members and contributors, plus we will make every effort to send a copy to prospective members for a trial period, giving them ample opportunity to review the publications of our libertarian philosophies and to join our party.

This publication will be simple and informative. Names, addresses and phone numbers will be provided so that the long-time libertarian will be able to contribute and the new readers and prospects will have the contact information to get additional materials, to begin contributing or to join as a full member of the Libertarian Party. I wish to thank Jeff Johnson, Stephen Dow, Rod Templeton, Jerome Shockley, Dr. Bob Burns and Dr. Jimmy Blake for their contributions and assistance in the assembly and production of the Summer 1991 newsletter.

I ask that you contribute to *Alabama Liberty*, because this newsletter is a reflection of you... I want your views to be expressed for others to see and enjoy. 1992 is a presidential election year, which gives you plenty of opportunity to become involved and to make a difference. Tell a friend, tell your co-workers, tell your neighbors...

*Alabama Liberty* is back!

**Robert Munday, Editor**

## Huntsville Supper Club

The North Alabama Libertarian Supper Club holds its monthly dinner meeting on the last Tuesday of every month at 6:00 PM at the Shoney's restaurant, 3301 Memorial Parkway SW (across from Joe Davis stadium, near Parkway City Mall) in Huntsville. Please join us! For more information, contact Alan Barksdale at (205) 830-6601.

## Libertarian Party Petitions For 1992 Ballot Access

Libertarian Party members Rod Templeton of Talladega and Jerome Shockley of Valley delivered a petition with over 20,000 signatures to the Office of the Secretary of State on April 29, 1991 in a move to place the party on the 1992 election ballot.

In order to obtain access to the ballot, state law requires that a political party either receive 20% of the total vote cast in the previous election or that members submit a petition with enough signatures of registered voters equal to at least 1% of those voting in the last gubernatorial election. The Libertarian Party needed only 12,158 signatures of eligible voters to qualify for the 1992 election cycle.

Rod Templeton, the party's representative from the 3rd Congressional District says that Libertarians support "less government, which translates into less spending, less taxation and less government interference in private lives".

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## C-SPAN Coverage of the National Libertarian Party Convention

Thursday Aug. 29th - 9:45 am - midafternoon, live coverage

Friday Aug. 30th - all day until 8:00 pm

Saturday Aug. 31st - 9:00 am - 12 noon,  
1:45 - 6:45 pm

All times quoted are CST as of 8/5/91. They are subject to change without notice. For a more complete schedule, consult your local TV listing or contact C-SPAN in Washington, DC at 202/737-3220.

C-SPAN will also have a Libertarian call-in talk show with Ron Paul (or equivalent VIP) on August 28, and they will have a call-in show from Washington, DC on September 1 about the role of third parties in American politics.



## THE ONLY FRIENDS YOU HAVE !!

Take a moment and consider a few truths. America's Friends, the Democrats and Republicans have controlled the U.S. Congress, lived in the White House and have appointed every Supreme Court Justice for the past one hundred and thirty-nine years of U.S. History. Not since March 4, 1853; the final day of the Whig Presidency of Millard Fillmore has any other political party decided and guided the fortunes of the American people.

A very abbreviated look at this history, through the eyes of a libertarian, is not a very pleasurable visual. Space doesn't allow a detailed coverage of this period of unprecedented usurpation of power to the detriment of American individual liberty. Most of you know the ebbs to liberty. The Income tax amendment, federal reserve, the "war to end all wars", prohibition, the depression, the New Deal (and all it meant), WW II, United Nations, Cold War, CIA, Korean & Vietnam Conflicts, The Great Society, the Reagan Doctrine, et al. It's hard to point to any two or three that are more to blame than others. I have my choices, as I am sure you do. It is most definitely true Roosevelt's New Deal set the stage and mindset for the now over fifty years of ever increasing "government" control of our lives. Before the New Deal the federal government was certainly not looked to as the answer and cure all for all problems. The unmentioned truth of the present is you and I live in Lyndon Johnson's Great Society. The grandiose Welfare-Warfare state. The programs of taking from the producers (the workers) and transferring to the non-producer (non-workers), which Johnson started in the sixties and has expanded every year under each President have now exploded. The principle of no-fault living rules: "No one is responsible for his own actions or upkeep, much less responsible for their children or elderly parents. The "government" will take care of them, of us, of everyone. We are "entitled" to it. The "government" owes it to us."

Under Republican (so-called fiscal conservative) Administrations the federal deficit has mushroomed to the largest in the history of the world. George Bush's first two year deficits are higher than any three of the outrageous deficits of the Reagan Administration. The 1991 deficit is over \$350 billion (the largest ever). The national debt is now over \$3.2 trillion and sadly climbing higher every second. Hand-outs, buy-outs and sell-outs have gone out of control. Yet, while bankruptcy is upon us, our ever caring, ever loving congressional friends in Washington, keep promising us the bacon, and they bring it on home. What are friends for? Don't we need all these water projects, all these military bases, all these federal building, all this (so-called) public art and certainly all these transfer programs? Let's not forget the \$55 billion in foreign give aways this year. Why not let them take a little for themselves along the way! Why not double their staffs, their staffs salary and raise their own salaries to \$125,000. Which combined with the perts, mean each representative costs the taxpayer more than a cool million a year and each Senator costs us more than three million dollars each year. Aren't they overseeing this Great Society? Don't they deserve to be in the top five percent of wage earners in America? Hey and another thing, don't the unelected bureaucrats deserve these large salaries and big raises each year, with the enormous 'cost of living adjusted' pensions waiting on them, after as little as five years in some cases? Is anything really wrong with one of these people taking a taxpayer paid flight to see their dentist or to attend a stamp auction? Are you really concerned about the S &

L bailout and the BCCI scandal that have our friends the Democrats and Republicans up to their necks in the corrupt slime.

You can forget, the "Reagan Revolution" with all the liberty language. The Welfare/Warfare state grew faster and larger under the Reagan Administration, than at any time in history (see chart). Despite the rhetoric, taxes and spending rose as never before. The Reagan federal government ran up more deficits than all Presidents from Washington to Carter combined. It seems to be forgotten now, but the Carter Administration ran up more deficits than all Presidents from Washington to Ford combined. Now we have the "Kinder and Gentler" President. No matter, that he has sent American forces into deadly offensive battle on two different occasions on two separate continents in less than two years as President. Bush is not only every American's friend, he is the world's friend. Bush forgave billions of dollars the Egyptians owed us, no one batted an eye. His "New World Order" has simply made us the world's policeman. Pause a moment, and consider the previous sentence and what that really means.

Folks, your friends in Washington, DC don't care that you are having trouble making ends meet, they don't care they are using up the future of our youth through massive debt. They don't seem to care that people are dying in the streets of America because of modern prohibition. They don't seem to notice that the problems around us are rapidly turning us into a banana republic. Our problems are caused by the policies of the people who have run things for the past one hundred and thirty-nine years. You guessed it, the Democrats and the Republicans, are the problem. They care about power and being re-elected. Using tax money and borrowing on our children's future to buy favors and votes. It is time to throw the unethical bums out. That means your bum! Your representative is the problem, not someone else.

Never forget, the only 'honest' friends you have in the world of politics, are the Libertarians. They want you to keep what you earn, it's yours for you to spend in whatever manner you choose. The Libertarians don't want to spend your hard earned money for you, as the Democrats and Republicans want to waste it, finding out why frogs have warts or a thousand other stupid unnecessary hand-outs. The Libertarian Party needs your support! Don't delay, our time has come! We have an opening, let's seize the opportunity. Our founding fathers dedicated their lives, their fortunes and their sacred honor to restore the true American dream, we need you to donate some of your time and money to the effort. Let each of us take some responsibility in the fight for freedom. Join the National and State Party and help. We can win!

**\*\*Why America Needs a Libertarian President & Congress\*\***

REAGAN-BUSH RECORD	1980	1990	Total Increase
Taxes Collected Annually By the U.S. Government	\$517.1 billion	\$1.032 trillion	\$514.4 billion
Total Annual Spending By the U.S. Government	\$590.9 billion	\$1.252 trillion	\$660.9 billion
Total Non-Defense Spending By the U.S. Government	\$456.9 billion	\$952.6 billion	\$495.7 billion
Gross Federal Debt	\$908.5 billion	\$3.199 trillion	\$2.29 trillion



# PRIVATIZATION

## The Answer To Government's Budget Problems

### PART ONE

By  
Rod Templeton  
District Three Representative

News flash....."Your government is broke." This includes even your local county or city government. They want more money, they want to tax us right into the poorhouse. They say: "We got to have more taxes to run this program and to be able to provide that service." Is there any way to solve these problems of government spending? **YOU BET THERE IS!!!**

The answer is Privatization. In its simplest terms, privatization is substituting government run services with privately operated firms. The services that our governments can turn over to private enterprise is limited only to the number of agencies, departments, and bureaus of that government. In short just about anything the government provides us can be privatized. This is not some off the wall program and its time has come. Republicans, democrats, liberals and conservatives believe the use privatization is an accepted solution.

Privatizing a government function creates some rather amazing events. The service gets better, the attitudes of the employees improve and become more customer oriented. There is also a large cost reduction. It seems every aspect of the service improves. Why does this happen?

The answer is simple. When government goes beyond its proper and true reason for being, i.e., the protection of our Natural Rights, it cannot function as efficiently as private enterprise. Private enterprise and government approach the providing of services from opposite directions.

Private enterprise fully understands that it must *satisfy its customers* and *make a profit*, if it is to be successful and enjoy a long existence. This means private enterprise is looking for ways to provide its service with greater cost control and customer satisfaction. Private enterprise always seeking improvement.

On the other hand, a government service doesn't care about satisfied customers, cost reduction and a better way of operation. These are not the goals of the people running the departments. Their goals are to *increase the employees* of the department and create *more authority*

*for themselves*. They will use every nickel appropriated in their current fiscal budget and generally "grow" the department.

Let's compare the number of employee from a like service in the private sector to a government department. The ratios of **one to four** up to **one to 15** exist for doing the exact same service. For an example, if we compare an insurance company to the social security department, both performing the same service, it takes fifteen people in government to do the job of one in the insurance company. Looking at the welfare bureaucracy, we find it is so loaded with waste that the yearly tax revenue taken from us would provide an annual income of more than \$40,000 for each family below the poverty level. The problems exist and it's up to us to provide the solutions.

Privatization is not new. It offers an answer to the short fall in revenue that is causing government's under funding difficulty. Privatization has shown remarkable results, look at some information from the Privatization Council.

Type of Service	% of Cities Privatized	% Cities more Expensive
Street cleaning	19	43
Janitorial	19	73
Refuse collection	44	42
Traffic signal maintenance	38	56
Road repair	26	96
Turf maintenance	21	37

Even a fire department can go private. Scottsdale, AZ has had a private fire department for over 15 years with cost savings of 77% over similar sized cities while providing higher quality of service. If you want to reduce the cost of your local government, then looking toward privatization of its services is an answer where everyone will be a winner.

BUT, there are some pitfalls and that is a subject for Part Two of this report. Until next time, keep looking for ways to privatize your local government.

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Note: The previous two methods include the state and national Libertarian Party newsletters.
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