Rep. Zeliff thanks LP for A-Z efforts

Congressman Bill Zeliff (R-NH) has personally thanked the Libertarian Party for its work in lobbying for the A-Z Spending Cut Plan, agreeing that they are having an impact on the progress of the bill.

Zeliff met with representatives of the Libertarian Party at the National Association of Radio Talk Show Hosts in Santa Monica, California on June 25th. The Congressman, there to promote his bill to the assembled radio talk show hosts, stopped by the LP booth to shake hands and distribute “A-Z” lapel stickers.

LP Director of Communications Bill Winter told Zeliff about the party’s nationwide lobbying efforts, and said, “I think we’re having an influence.”

“You are, you are. Thanks a million — I really appreciate it,” Zeliff replied.

Winter thanked Zeliff for sponsoring a bill “that Libertarians could support 100%.” But Winter also told Zeliff, “We do support you on this bill, but there are still issues we disagree with you on. That’s why we need a Libertarian Party — to keep you guys honest.”

Zeliff responded that friends have told him that he’s “very Libertarian.” He noted a recent National Taxpayer’s Union rating which listed him as the number one fiscally frugal Congressman. “I’m a fiscally conservative, pro-choice Republican,” he said. “I could almost be a Libertarian, but I am a Republican.”

Ted Nugent endorses LP candidate in Michigan

Rock star Ted Nugent has endorsed Libertarian candidate for U.S. Senate Jon Coons in Michigan.

The flamboyant Nugent — who is also well known for his widely publicized pro-gun, pro-hunting, and pro-meat opinions — will be appearing with Coon at a Second Amendment rally on Sunday, September 25 in Lansing, on the steps of the Capital building.

Nugent recently called people who support gun control “cowards,” and said, “If you let anyone in this government tell you what to do, you are a weenie.”

Nugent has most recently appeared in the band Damn Yankees, and is best remembered for his hit 1970’s albums Cat Scratch Fever and Intensities in Ten Cities.
Less government is more in Libertarian philosophy

- Speakers at today's convention and forum include Gene Burns, a syndicated talk show host.

By STEVEN G. VEGH
Staff Writer

He's popular nationwide, but Gene Burns says few areas thrill to his daily radio broadcasts the way Maine does. His basic message: "Government is screwing around in our lives and it's got to stop."

"I'm a libertarian who believes in the maximum possible grant of personal freedom, with concomitant individual responsibility," the syndicated talk show host said.

"In places like Maine, where people have a great streak of self-reliance, those things resonate." Burns' voice will resonate today at the Maine Liberty Forum, sponsored by the Libertarian Party of Maine. Burns, who is not a party member, is the featured speaker at the forum at Portland's Holiday Inn By The Bay.

The crowd may be small during the party's convention this morning. Mark Cenci, the party's Cumberland County director, said there are 100 regular and dues-paying party members in Maine.

But the 1,000-seat meeting room may fill for the afternoon's speakers with the more numerous "little 1s"—folks who are libertarian in philosophy, though not Libertarian in party affiliation.

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call themselves libertarians, are economic conservatives, devotees of laissez-faire, Burns said.

"They frankly don't give a damn what you do as long as it doesn't hurt them," he said.

Libertarians generally want less public spending, less regulation of individuals and less government in general. But they do see a limited role for government. "Its job is to protect rights, to intervene when people don't protect rights," Cenci said.

"That can be anything from a punch in the nose, to pollution, to fraud, or basically acts of force."

Politically active Libertarians have been in Maine since at least 1980, but the party only had registered, state-recognized status from 1990 to 1992.

Recognition was conferred when an independent gubernatorial candidate, Andrew Adam, took more than 5 percent of the 1990 vote and subsequently aligned himself with the party.

Recognition was removed when the party had too few voters to meet state requirements for fielding candidates.

Perhaps unsurprisingly, most of the forum's afternoon speakers have nothing to do with the Libertarian Party, Cenci said.

Yet the special interests the speakers will raise, such as private property rights and taxpayer rights, are issues libertarians can embrace.

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Libertarians plow ahead despite court defeats

By Matthew Henry

More than 40 die-hard libertarians, less than half the usual number, met Saturday in Greensboro for the party's state convention. The Libertarian Party was taken off the ballot after High Point resident Scott McLaughlin failed to get 10 percent of the vote for governor in 1992.

"Yes, it was incredibly discouraging, and it makes me angry that our rights as a political party have been violated," said Candi Copas, a University of North Carolina student, organized to contest denial.

"The past year has been a hard, frustrating one," McLaughlin said. "We've been in a twilight zone because of legal battles, problems with fund-raising, and qualified candidates who were denied the opportunity to run."

Still, the state party was voted one of the fastest-growing at last year's national convention.

The Libertarians are appealing the decision. They're upset because they got on the ballot after McLaughlin received 4 percent of the 1992 vote, twice the number required to qualify for ballot space.

"The state can't have two minimum levels," said attorney James Grover, who will represent the party before the federal court of appeals.

"The state says getting petitions of 2 percent for a political party to be on the ballot. He argues successfully that it was content-based, because there's a fee on signatures for other petitions."

Grover said he expects to argue before the Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals in Virginia in October or November.

If the court upholds the decision, the party will lose its designation as a political party and the ability to maintain a state Libertarian Party as a certified party.

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Gene Burns takes a call on his Friday talk show, which was broadcast from WGAN radio in South Portland.

Staff photo by Merry Farman

Liberty Forum

The 1994 Maine Liberty Forum is open to the public. A $5 donation will be requested. Only party members may participate in the morning convention. Others may attend the afternoon session.

The convention will begin at 8:30 a.m. Speeches will begin at 12:30 p.m. All events are at Portland's Holiday Inn By The Bay, 88 Spring St.

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**POLITICS:** The Santa Ana man creates a beer in his honor as he attempts to replace Tom Umberg.

**By RICKY YOUNG**

The Orange County Register

**TAPPING IN:** George Reis, the Libertarian candidate who is attempting to replace Assemblyman Tom Umberg, was largely ignored during primary elections. The Newport Beach photographer will unveil his self-brewed George Reis for Assembly Beer at a reception tonight.

**Libertarian hopeful brews up campaign for Assembly seat**

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"Our beer tastes better than the ones they're supposed to emulate," Reis said, adding that it's been hard not to drink the beer while awaiting the reception.

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**Drug-test decision expected next week**

A ruling is expected by early next week on a suit by three Libertarian candidates for state office asking U.S. District Judge Gerri Farley to declare unconstitutional a state law requiring political candidates to take drug tests before running for office. "I can't imagine how state laws — written, of course, by the powers that be — make political life tough for third-party candidates running for non-statewide posts," the plaintiffs said. Independents must collect signatures from 5 percent of qualified voters before they can run on a ballot. The Georgia Libertarian Party is suing state election officials to revise the restriction. The LibertyPledge News • July 1994

**Libertarian would be happy to spoil Pete Wilson's plans**

According to a Los Angeles Times exit poll on primary day, both Pete Wilson and Kathleen Brown enter the general election with some important negatives.

Ron Unz took about 34 percent of the Republican vote statewide (in Orange County he pulled 42 percent), suggesting serious dissatisfaction with Wilson among conservative Republicans, traditionally the GOP's shoe-heel foot soldiers.

Kathleen Brown, however, may have come with even more serious discontent within her party. Voters interviewed picked crime and immigration as their top two issues of concern, and Brown's positions and attitudes make her vulnerable. She appeals more strongly to people who view education and the California economy as the electorate's top issues, but a smaller percentage of those polled consider these the most important issues in the campaign.

Of course, primary voters in the smallest-turnout primary in recent memory are a smaller, less representative sample of the total electorate than those who will turn out for the general election in November. And if some conservative Republicans who voted for Unz remain disgruntled in that, they might not vote at all.

Richard Rider is trying to win some of them over to his campaign. The San Diego County Board of Supervisors is the Libertarian Party candidate for governor, and he has set an unusual goal for his campaign. His main goal is not just to get as many votes as possible, but as much visibility as possible. As he said when I talked to him by phone on election night, his major goal in running is to beat Pete Wilson.

Does that mean a small-government, anti-tax libertarian would rather see Kathleen Brown in office than Pete Wilson? Rider says he's no fan of Kathleen, but that's exactly what he means.

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