



# The Liberty Pledge

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NEWSLETTER

The Liberty Pledge Newsletter is a monthly publication for the participants in the National Libertarian Party Pledge program. Because of your contribution, we are able to carry on the daily activities of the Party, and we want you to know what we are doing. We also want the opportunity to thank you for your generosity and let you know about others who are helping the Party as volunteers and contributors. So, first, thank you!

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 to pay for 8th District opponents

Fallahay says votes for him may have influenced race

The Associated Press with Daily Student staff reports

The Republican and Democratic candidates in the disputed 8th District congressional race have become "southwest Indiana's highest-paid welfare recipients," said the Libertarian Party candidate in the race Thursday.

Michael Fallahay objected to a U.S. House of Representatives' decision granting both major-party candidates full congressional salaries while the 8th District seat remains vacant, pending resolution of an election contest.

"What you've got are two men being paid \$6,000 a month to do nothing," Fallahay said.

House members voted Jan. 3 to seat neither former Rep. Frank McCloskey nor Republican challenger Rick McIntyre until the Administration Committee decides McCloskey's challenge to official returns showing McIntyre the winner by 34 votes.

But both were made eligible for a U.S. Representative's \$72,600 annual salary.

"It is an insult to residents of the 8th District that our tax dollars are being spent for the salaries of two 'congressmen,' neither of whom has been officially elected and neither of whom is performing any official duties for their constituents," Fallahay said.

Fallahay, a 36-year-old purchasing executive from Bloomington, received 769 of the 234,379 votes cast. In a telephone interview, he said his small showing was made significant by

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"It's obvious my votes had 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 Warrick 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 certify a winner in the contest if McCloskey is ahead after all 15 recounts are complete.

The issue is then expected to be settled by the House. The House Administration Committee has jurisdiction of making a recommendation to the full house and will appoint a three member

lawyer for the committee.

Fallahay criticized the other candidates' lawyers for prolonging a continuing recount of election returns and said paying both contenders has encouraged further delays.

"Heck, I wouldn't press for a resolution either under those circumstances," he said.

Fallahay said county recount commissions have not given his votes the same respect as those of the other candidates.

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.

# Marrou cultivates maverick image

Associated Press

**Juneau —** Andre Marrou has lost little time in putting the Libertarian stamp on some proposed legislation that would dole out more state money and limit how long Alaskans can hold elective office.

The Homer real estate broker is the first Libertarian to be elected to the legislature since 1982, when Dick Randolph made an unsuccessful run for the governor's office and Fairbanks resident Ken Fanning lost a House re-election bid.

Marrou, promising to pick up the maverick image left by previous Libertarians, already has pre-filed a bill to increase the amount of permanent fund dividend checks for Alaskans.

He's also calling for the elimination of hefty pay raises 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. Milo Fritz, R-Anchorage, Marrou was contacted by House leaders as a Democrat-led majority took

# Libertarian: Lack of

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Costa Mesa attorney David Bergland, the 1984 Libertarian Party presidential candidate, says the tendency of the media to look at elections mostly as races was a "serious obstacle" to his campaign.

Bergland received approximately 250,000 votes nationwide, only about a quarter of the total received by Ed Clark, the party's 1980 standard-bearer, but more than any other minor-party candidate.

The anti-government, anti-tax party's 1984 candidate discussed his yearlong campaign in recent interviews and in a report to the Libertarian National Committee.

Bergland said he received widespread and generally fair coverage from newspapers and radio and TV stations in small towns. But he said he wasn't able to get more than passing attention from large metropolitan papers, major news ser-

cially viewed elections as contests, he said, they focused almost entirely on front-runners and ignored minor-party candidates.

"The positions of the various candidates on the issues and how those issues are important to the country did not interest journalists as much as what the polls indicated about the probable outcome ...," Bergland said. "The press won't cover you until you're newsworthy, 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 "an inability to comprehend a long-run effort to achieve freedom that does not depend on being elected this year to succeed," he said.

A key part of future party campaigns, Bergland said, should be to

# Fritz drops effort against Libertarian

Associated Press

Former state Rep. Milo Fritz says he's giving up his efforts to have the legislature's lone Libertarian removed from office.

Earlier this month, the Anchorage Point Republican asked Lt. Gov. Steve McAlpine to decertify the November election in which Fritz lost to Andre Marrou of Homer by 24 votes. Fritz alleged that Marrou violated state election laws by willfully misstating his sources of income on the conflict-of-interest statement filed with Alaska Public Offices Commission.

"The governor's office had a lawyer call last week," Fritz said. "He said the governor would not consider reversing the results of the election."

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power. Minority Republicans also have approached Marrou about joining their coalition.

So far, he's turned down both sides.

"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 instead of going a certain way because that's the group's preference.

"Perhaps I can be more objective that way," Marrou said.

He wants to increase by 25 percent the amount of money available every year for permanent fund dividend checks.

"The prime purpose is to keep the money out of the hands of the legislature and the governor," Marrou said. He wants to boost the state's revenue contribution to the permanent fund.

Marrou would double the amount of cash added to the permanent fund from oil contracts signed before 1980. Marrou said that could bolster the permanent

fund substantially, because royalty contracts from most of Alaska's major oil fields were signed in the 1970s.

Another Marrou-sponsored bill would eliminate a 130 percent pay raise lawmakers voted themselves in the closing days of the 1983 session.

Two of the more visible stamps of his Libertarian philosophy are the resolutions he drafted that would mandate the state and federal governments to quit competing with private-sector businesses.

For example, the state should not run the Alaska Railroad, Marrou said. He believes a private contractor would be more likely to run the railroad as a profit-making venture.

"The state should start a dialogue on privatizing it," he said. "It's going to be a drain on state government and will become a greater and greater millstone."

Marrou also wants to limit how long Alaskans can hold elective office. A resolution he backs would allow House members to serve a maximum of four two-year terms and senators a maxi-

mum of two four-year terms. The measure also allows the same candidate to serve as governor and lieutenant governor for eight years each. In all, an Alaskan could hold four offices for a total of 32 years.

"If Joe Blow is so good people want to keep electing him, that's fine," Marrou said. "But having some people elected for 20 consecutive years to the same office is just too much."

Marrou won't have to worry much about legislative longevity if a post-election challenge by Fritz is successful. The Anchorage Point lawmaker has accused Marrou of lying on a conflict-of-interest form filed with the Alaska Public Offices Commission.

Marrou claims the charge is false, and said he never has been formally contacted about the challenge.

Fritz wants Lt. Gov. Stephen McAlpine to decertify the election. APOC commissioners are scheduled to take up the matter at a February meeting.

## Recall effort targets Gillis

PORTLAND (UPI) — A drive to recall state Rep. Pat Gillis, R-Portland, will be launched next week, an attorney says.

Portland lawyer Gregory Howe said Tuesday his client, Tom Dennehy, a former Reed College mathematics professor who lives in Gillis' district, plans to circulate petitions to recall the 24-year-old freshman lawmaker.

Dennehy is "neither a Republican nor a Democrat," Howe said. "He is a Libertarian. Whatever he is about to do is not partisan. He intends to file a recall petition."

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