

NJ SENATE COMMITTEE FORFEITURE HEARING

TRENTON: On December 11, 1995, the New Jersey Senate Law and Public Safety Committee held the first of two hearings on state law enforcement's use and abuse of forfeited cash and property. The first hearing was ordered by committee chairman Louis F. Kosco (R-Bergen) after he read the *Bergen Record's* report of questionable purchases being charged to the forfeiture account by county prosecutors.

Four days prior to the hearing, state Attorney General Deborah Poritz issued new regulations that she said would restrict prosecutors' discretion in spending forfeited funds.

After listening to about two hours of testimony from representatives of the County Prosecutors Association and the state Attorney General's office, and about 15 minutes of testimony from John Paff of Forfeiture Endangers American Rights (FEAR), Kosco decided that another hearing needed to be scheduled in early 1996. He hinted that he may introduce legislation next term that would transfer control of forfeited funds from prosecutors to the legislature. There is a possibility that Kosco may introduce legislation that will clip law enforcement's forfeiture wings after the next hearing.

Testimony Before Senate Law and Public Safety Committee, by John T. Paff
Forfeiture Endangers American Rights, Inc.

On October 1, 1995, the *Bergen Record* ran a story entitled "On the Trail of Dirty Money" which described some of the ways county prosecutors and local police agencies spend funds gained through the state's asset forfeiture statute. The story is replete with specific examples, including Essex County Prosecutor Clifford Minor's use of forfeiture funds to host a "staff retreat" at a stately South Jersey golf resort, and other prosecutors' use of "forfeiture money to pay a total of about \$200,000 a year toward their annual Atlantic City convention, attended by hundreds of assistant prosecutors and their families."

In response to the revelations uncovered by the *Record's* article, this Committee scheduled

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How You Can Help

Libertarians need to attend these hearings in force. The attorney general and county prosecutors will surely be well represented. Come to the next forfeiture hearing and express your views on asset forfeiture. Even if you don't wish to speak, your presence in the audience will convey to the committee that the public has had enough of law enforcement's abuse of the forfeiture law. The date and hour of the committee hearing are not yet known. Those that wish to be put on a list of those who will be notified when the hearing is scheduled, write or fax:

Anne M. Stefane, Senate Law and Public Safety Committee
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FAX: 609/292-6510

Since notification is made by telephone, be sure to include your phone number in your correspondence.

Written testimony will be accepted by Ms. Stefane at the above address.

Advise John Paff if you are planning to testify. Coordination of testimony prior to the hearing will prevent duplication.

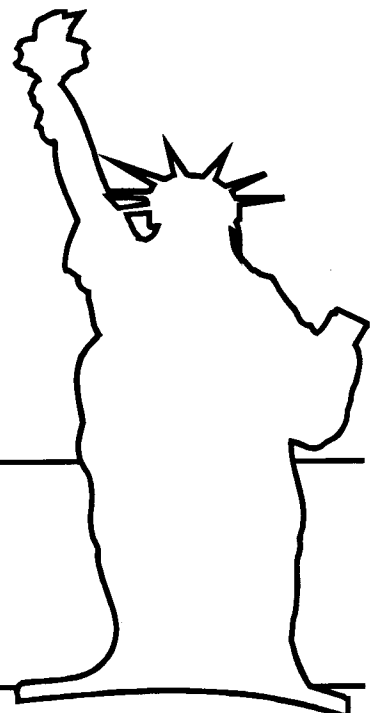
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Referendum Newsletter is Unlawful

EDISON: Local resident, Howard Schoen filed a complaint December 21, 1995 with the Commissioner of Education charging that the local school board improperly used tax money to publish and distribute a slanted newsletter in advance of the recently defeated bond referendum.

Schoen charged that the newsletter "went well beyond informing voters of the facts, but was an exhortation to voters to approve the bond referendum." In his complaint, he cited a 1953 state Supreme Court decision holding it illegal for school boards to promote an election issue with public funds. Schoen is a long time member and former chairman of the Libertarian Party of Somerset and Middlesex Counties.

Schoen, who voted against the referendum, said that it's improper for the board to use public money to advocate only one side of a controversial public issue. "The tax money used to finance this newsletter

belonged to both the opponents and the proponents of the bond referendum. It's unfair for the opponents to be forced to pay for what is obviously a propaganda piece biased in favor of the referendum." The matter will be heard by an Administrative Law Judge in Trenton within the next several months.

Diane Adler, Chair of the Libertarian Party of Somerset and Middlesex Counties, said that it's not unusual for area school boards to publish slanted newsletters in an attempt to

sway voters. She pointed to an October 30, 1995 decision by the Commissioner of Education ruling that a pre-referendum newsletter issued by the Hillsborough School Board was impermissibly biased. That matter arose out of a complaint filed by L.P.S.M.C. member and Hillsborough resident Randy Enterline. Adler said that her party will continue to monitor publications issued by local school boards and take legal action when appropriate. "Somebody has to watch out for the taxpayer," she said.

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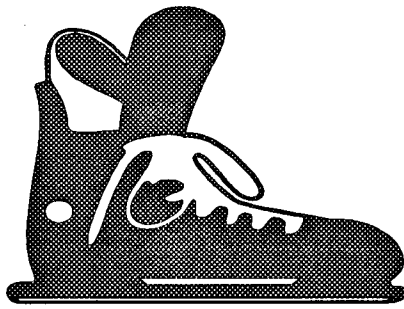
New Jersey Libertarian
State Convention
March 16, 1996
9am to 12:30pm
Landmark Inn,
Woodbridge

AGENDA

- Election of Steering Committee, National Delegates, Trustees
- By-Laws Changes (see page 6)
- Introduction of Platform

Will Johnny come marching home again?

By Janice Presser



*...tax dollars required (on
peacekeeping) would be
better spent on sneakers.*

We sang the song in Washington Square Park, Greenwich Village, New York City. It was the middle of the now romanticized sixties. There was folk music, there were love beads, there were flowers, there was war. "With your drums and guns and drums and guns, haroo, haroo." we brogued, a funeral chant for our friends, both escapees to Canada and those we would never see again.

Today, the man who became President, either because of or in spite of his draft avoidance, signed the fate of 20,000 of our children. They will enter a foreign culture as "peacekeepers" perhaps welcome by some, but definitely unwelcome by many. Will there also be safety monitors? The cost in dollars is calculable. All you need to know is the truth. Even with a seriously underestimated \$150 per day per person, the first year will cost over ten billion dollars, just for "peace troops."

This is not an item in the federal budget, nor is it a complete and accurate calculation. It is more like hoping you will find your holiday dinner on sale for \$4.99. Ten billion dollars might buy that year of peacekeeping, but the tax dollars required would be better spent on sneakers (at \$40 a pair, not counting sales tax, we could shoe our entire population and have enough left over for socks). What a price in a country where businesses are closing or moving out every day. I don't want to spend that money on peace troops. I have seen them become war troops too often I never again want to sing, "Ach, Johnny, I hardly knew ye" I don't want to risk our children's lives. But this is a song of my time and it does not leave me easily.

The last verse begins, "They're calling out the drums again, haroo, haroo." It ends, "But they'll never take our sons again, Ach, Johnny, I'm swearin' to ye."

When will they ever learn?

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Can Control Freaks Love Wilderness?

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By Michael Pierone

If you don't love liberty, why should we believe you when you say that you love the wilderness, or as some still refer to it the wild? Isn't the word "wild" just another way of saying "extreme freedom"? No rules whatsoever freedom? So why are we so easily conned into thinking that extreme authoritarians in the environmental movement care about preserving wilderness?

There is something comical about a bunch of control freaks claiming extreme affection for "the wild." These are the people who would require beavers to post a bond to build a dam. They think that grass and trees wouldn't grow unless they had permission. That cutting down trees for paper is wrong, unless of course you intend to publish a rule book. They just don't have the basic equipment to appreciate the sublime beauty of order arising spontaneously out of wild, utterly free and independent action. Or if they do, why is it that they so often want to tame the rest of us?

And why do we let them get away with it? Their only reason for pining so over the "wilderness" is simply that they can't wait to get their hands on it. They can't wait to manage it and control it. To "preserve" it, no doubt, in the moral equivalent of formaldehyde.

These so called environmentalists have some weird notions. One is that private property is an anachronism, an "artificial" idea that is out of step with nature. Of

course, any real naturalist is quite familiar with the concept of "territory" and its importance to virtually every creature. Territory is nature's word for private property. Humans didn't invent the notion, we merely borrowed it from mother nature, added lawyers and courts, and made it more abstract. Even "deep green" environmentalists believe in territory, they just don't respect the rights of others to

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it. Their notion of territory is similar to that of Genghis Khan or Attila the Hun, in other words, all territory is quite simply "their territory." They think the rest of us just don't have sufficient understanding to be trusted with it.

Another weird idea that the modern environmentalist often has, is that humans are not part of the natural order. As if God made the world for animals and plants, and then decided that all he really needed to screw everything up was to create man. At least this time they seem to have a point. But we are all a part of the natural order. The desire of a man to build a home is no different than that of a fox or a bird. That there is no great



philosophical difference in a man using a tree to make his home, than for a beaver to use one to build a dam. Beavers don't check with other wildlife to see if it is alright with them. At least men think about it. Often we actually act in what would appear to be against our own interest, to protect the "territory" of lesser creatures. What makes us different, and I would say superior, is the fact that we CAN think about other creatures. Our enlightened self-interest makes it possible for us to discover that the entire world is in some sense our home, and that it needs protection. I'm proud to be a human, I don't think a squirrel thinks much about the environment but then I'm not familiar with any of their published works on the subject.

When people think of environmentalists they tend to think of humorless fuss-budgets who lecture and whine about man and his works and warn of impending doom, either from global warming or an imminent ice age. We're

more likely to be nagged to death. Why is it that everyone who wants to save the world is utterly convinced that sacrificing our private property and the liberty that is built on it is item number one on the agenda? Wilderness, or the wild, is beautiful precisely because it is utterly free. Wilderness is a kind of spontaneous perfection, where the only rules are that each creature acts according to its nature.

But no rules is a little too rough for me. I have no desire to be my neighbor's lunch, though this is surely the case for many of nature's creatures. That's what inspires men to transform wild freedom into its more tame and civilized cousin liberty. I prefer liberty. To me those who love freedom and liberty are the real environmentalists. Men are not made to live in the wild freedom of the wilderness with no rules at all. But if you don't even love liberty how can anyone believe you love the wild? Maybe you just covet it.

Michael Pierone is a computer consultant and also a past NJLP state chairman.

DECEMBER 17, 1995 MEETING MINUTES

The chairman called the meeting to order at Ellett's house, Ocean, at 1:13pm. Present: Flynn, Wiessmann, Ellett, Stefanelli, Grindlinger, Pfeiffer and Quarles. Absent: Konek and Mehaffey. The minutes of the General Meeting of November 11 were accepted. The treasurer's report on the General fund was received.

RESOLVED, that the Secretary report the presence or absence of Steering Committee and State Board representatives at General Meetings. PASSED: Interpretation: the names of other than elected members will not be reported.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Fund raising: No report.

Public relations. No report.

Recruitment. The committee, which consists of Saint-Andre, Konek, and the Edens, with the assistance of Stefanelli, will develop a plan and procedures for contacting lapsed members and inquirers who call the 800 number. It is considering renting mailing lists from libertarian-leaning organizations. Saint-Andre is contacting people who write libertarian letters to the editor.

County committees. Pfeiffer has contacted all members in Union county, and an organizational meeting is scheduled for Feb. 1996. The Camden county party is merging with Burlington county.

ONGOING BUSINESS AND AD HOC COMMITTEE REPORTS:

1995 campaigns. Stefanelli is preparing a report on the Lett-Connors (Chatham Township) campaign for political consultant Sal Guzzetta's review and comment. We will offer John Moura of the L-C campaign a complementary admission to the State Convention in recognition of his outstanding contribution.

By-laws committee (Flynn) the committee is reviewing

changes submitted by the platform committee. It has not yet considered how to deal with the possibility of a hostile takeover. The Steering Committee accepted the following proposed by-laws changes, which will be submitted to the membership for approval at the March 1996 Convention: 1) Replace Sect. 4.d.5 in its entirety with: When a quorum of the State Board is not met, a Steering Committee meeting may be held. 2) Add as the second sentence to 4.d.5.: State Board resolution(s) shall supersede conflicting Steering Committee resolution(s) when all material circumstances remain the same. 3) In Sect 4.a.3 replace "two-thirds (2/3)" with "majority" vote. [This would permit a General Meeting to overturn Steering Committee or State Board decisions by majority vote, except for valid financial commitments.] 4) Add to the end of Sec. 4.d.5.: Except where otherwise noted herein, the State Board and Steering Committee have equal authority to act for the NJLP between Conventions and General Meetings.

Platform Committee: (Quarles) The committee met Dec. 2 and will meet again in Jan. The plan is to provide the platform to the membership for review prior to voting on it at the Convention in March, 1996.

CATV show: (Ellett) Four interesting shows were recently taped, two by Eli Zhadanov whose father is in federal prison (see the Jan. and Dec. 1995 NJ Libertarian) and two by Robert Jacoby, a computer programmer who successfully beat a gun possession charge after spending nearly a year in the Camden county jail. RESOLVED, that the previous authorization of \$100 to make 3/4" broadcast-quality videotapes be expanded to include 1/2 VHS tapes. PASSED. The distribution of the show was committed to the

Public Relations Committee. **1996 Annual Convention:** (Stefanelli) Lionel, the WABC radio talkshow host, will be the luncheon speaker. All four LP presidential candidates have been invited. Jo Jorgenson, the LP VP candidate will attend.

Candidate recruitment: (Pfeiffer) The plan is to run a Congressional candidate in each of NJ's thirteen districts; that will be our contribution to the 218 LP candidates who could govern the country. Campbell volunteered to coordinate the petition drive. Candidates, pending approval at the Convention: Presser, 3d district; Figueroa, 4th; Nagle, 6th; Saint-Andre, 8th; V. Flynn, 12th. Buoncristiano and Roselle are also interested.

State House Office Committee (Pfeiffer) The committee will solicit donations from business and professional donors who contributed to both the Whitman and Florio campaigns.

NEW BUSINESS: NJLP World Wide Web Page. Quarles and Don Siano have established pages. Quarles' is http://ourworld.compuserve.com/homepages/k_quarles/njlp.htm. Delegate selection procedures for the LP convention. A quorum not present, deferred to the Jan 21 State Board meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Morris/Essex is supporting A.3123, which would keep small businesses (2-49 employees) out of the costly, job-killing State Health Insurance Plan. Backers also include the NJ Health Care Reform Coalition, 132 W. State St., Trenton 08698.

Mike Panella urges people to buy Harry Brown's Why Government Doesn't Work at their local book store in order to get it on the NY Times best seller list. Its listing would accelerate media interest in the Libertarian movement.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:59pm.

Respectfully submitted, Emerson Ellett, Secretary.

Forfeiture hearing

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hearings to determine what could be done to rectify this abusive and offensive situation. The Attorney General's office responded on December 7, 1995 by adopting guidelines restricting the prosecutors' use of forfeited funds.

Apparently, this Committee is supposed to believe that because of these newly adopted guidelines, legislative oversight of the forfeiture funds is no longer needed.

Under N.J.A.C. 13:77-6,

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first adopted in 1988, the Attorney General has the authority to audit the forfeiture accounts of any law enforcement agency in the state. Further, the same code chapter requires local police agencies and county prosecutors to submit a quarterly report on their expenditures of forfeited cash. Despite its authority and responsibility to hold law enforcement agencies and county prosecutors accountable for forfeited fund expenditures, the Attorney General's office has failed to do so. Consider the following paragraph in an editorial written by Carol Hunter of the *Bridgewater Courier News* on November 28, 1993:

"When we asked for a county-by-county list of the amount of cash and property seized, the attorney general's office finally produced one list, for 1992 only. We were told

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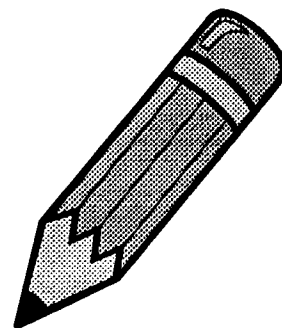
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that the report was compiled after three days of effort by an attorney general's office staffer. No reports for earlier years were available--although they should be, if only minimal oversight were being performed."

"On December 7, 1995, only a few days before this hearing was scheduled, the same Attorney General's office that has been asleep at the wheel since 1988 announced its adoption of a new set of guidelines 'to ensure and enhance public confidence in the manner in which seized and forfeited property and monies are handled.' If the Attorney General's office was really concerned about accountability and public confidence, it would have been more closely monitoring the forfeiture funds all along. I question the timing of the Attorney General's action, and suspect that it has more to do with placating this Committee than with promoting public confidence and law enforcement accountability.

If this Committee wishes to

stop law enforcement's abusive expenditures of forfeited cash and assets, it will promote amendments to N.J.S. 2C:64-6 and N.J.S. 2C:64-7 that will remove the requirement that forfeiture funds be dedicated to "law enforcement purposes." Such an amendment should make the forfeiture revenues the unrestricted property of the funding entity, requiring law enforcement agencies to get their funding through the regular appropriation process. This is how every other agency is funded, why should law enforcement be any different? If this Committee fails in this regard, and continues to trust the sleepy Attorney General's office to mind the store, I predict that we'll be reading another front-page article a few months or years from now showing that the forfeiture fund abuse has continued unabated."

Lowering Taxes

by Daniel Ust

Libertarians and other freedom lovers want either low taxes or no taxes. This is a sensible position. The more of one's own wealth one gets to keep, the more free one is to pursue one's own happiness.

Aside from the moral arguments against taxation or taxation for the welfare-warfare state, there are also economic and historical arguments for lower or no taxes. The economic arguments -- such as those of supply side economics -- generally point to the increase in productivity when taxes are low. The historical arguments merely back up this theory by showing that when taxes are low, societies are prosperous and when taxes are high, societies are stagnant or in economic decline.

An example of this is Ancient Rome. Edward Gibbon links wasteful public spending, economic decline and oppression to increases in taxes. (See *The Decline and Fall of the Roman Empire*, Volume 1, pp424ff.) It should be obvious that in order for government to be wasteful and oppressive, it must increase funding -- and taxes are the usual source of this funding.

Libertarians can provide many more examples other side of the coin. What moves have led to decreased taxes? We know the general result of decreased taxes. Shouldn't those who want to see taxes go down search history for examples of when this has happened and use such instances to guide us in our efforts? I offer no examples of this, but ask the readers to submit them.

Why bring this issue up? NJ Governor Whitman and Jersey City Mayor Brett Schundler are looking into a proposal for a municipal income tax. While this proposal is unpopular, it may be signed into law. If so, it will present an opportunity for libertarians to show that both Democrats and Republicans are not interested in reducing taxes.

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NJLP Meeting Schedule

All meetings begin at 1:00 pm unless otherwise noted
 Sunday, February 28 • Steering Committee. Pfeiffer's home,
 97 Park Avenue, Jackson, NJ. 908-928-9093
 Saturday, March 16 • NJLP Convention. Landmark Inn in
 Woodbridge, meeting 9:00 am.

Freeze Seniors Taxes

The following letter written by Austin Lett was printed in the Chatham Courier.

Your lead article last week outlined the Township Committee's idea to petition the state legislature to freeze taxes for seniors.

The big problem with the proposal is that the Township Committee, controlled by Republicans and led by a Republican mayor, has succumbed again to the socialist idea of wealth redistribution. It was Karl Marx, the founder of Communism, who put it best when he said "from each according to his ability, to each according to his need." Apparently Mayor Russomano and the Republicans on the committee agree with Marx and wish to lower the tax burden on seniors ostensibly since seniors as a class are needy and require financial support from the rest of us who the Republicans think are too well off. Ask a single mother raising children in Chatham Township if she feels a need to support seniors, as a class. The truth is that like the rest of us, some seniors have a tough time making ends meet while others are well off and some are independently wealthy.

What really is true of seniors, and well known to the Republicans, is that seniors vote more often than others. What this amounts to then, is Republicans pandering for the votes of seniors by offering them tax breaks which the Republicans know, but don't tell us, will have to be financed by higher taxes on everyone else.

I do not believe in class warfare and do not believe in government schemes for wealth redistribution. Rather than Marx, I believe in Jefferson's Libertarian statement, "that government governs best which governs least."

If Mayor Russomano and the Republican controlled committee really want to help seniors, they can do so by reducing the size of local government and petitioning the state and county governments to reduce their size as well.

If this were to happen, we could all enjoy keeping more of our own money, not with a freeze on taxes for a few, but with a reduction in taxes for us all.

Like all half-baked redistributionist plans, this one, if enacted, will offer opportunities to plan our affairs unnaturally, so as to take advantage of offered tax savings. I will consider putting my house in the name of my octogenarian father-in-law so that I qualify to have my property taxes frozen.

REPORT OF THE BYLAWS COMMITTEE TO THE NJLP STATE BOARD

Committee members: Campbell (Chair), Flynn, and Paff
 January 21, 1996

The Bylaws Committee requests State Board review and approval of the three (3) listed amendments. Bylaws changes can be submitted for membership approval at the March 16, 1996 annual convention, provided adequate (2 weeks) written notice is given the members about the proposed amendments.

Create a new "Article 3: Statement of Principles and Platform" to be inserted before the current Article 3 Membership (which will not be changed or deleted)

a) The Statement of principles affirms that philosophy upon which the New Jersey Libertarian Party is founded, by which it shall be sustained, and through which liberty shall prevail. The enduring importance of the Statement of Principles requires that it may be amended only be a seven-eighths vote at the State Convention.

b) The New Jersey Libertarian Party Platform shall consist of the Statement of principles and the implementation of those principles in the form of planks.

Add the following as new section (b) to Article 12: Amendments - [renumber (b) as (c)]

b) Except for the Statement of Principles, as defined elsewhere, the New Jersey Libertarian Party platform may be amended by a two-thirds vote at the State Convention. Written notice of the modifications proposed must be given to all members in accordance with notice requirements stated elsewhere in these Bylaws.

Add a new section 12.(d) reading:

d) Written notice of the proposed amendments to these Bylaws, the Statement of Principles or the New Jersey Libertarian Party Platform planks shall include the proposed text deletions, insertions, and additions.

Additional Resolution (suggested by *Roberts Rules of Order*, Newly Revised section 56) to allow clerical adjustments:

Resolved, that the NJLP Secretary be authorized to correct article and section designations, punctuation, and cross-references and to make such other technical and conforming changes as may be necessary to reflect the intent of the NJLP Convention in connection with any amendments.

NJLP Policies for Candidate Approval

Candidate in	County Status	Present NJLP Bylaws authorize approval by:	Offices covered
Statewide	Not applicable	NJLP Convention Delegates "shall" select	Governor US Senate
Multi-County district	Organized	NJLP Convention delegates "may" select	U.S. Congress NJ Senate NJ Assembly
	Unorganized		
Single County districts	Mixed		Freeholder County Clerk County Sheriff
	Organized	NJLP Convention Delegates "may" select	
Local	Organized	NJLP Convention delegates "may" select	Town Council Board of Education
	Unorganized		

Question the candidates

Plans for the state convention on March 16 are in progress. All four presidential Libertarian nominees have been asked to attend. Those that wish to ask the candidates questions are encouraged to submit their questions in advance to Jeff Pfeiffer, 97 Park Ave., Jackson, NJ 08527.

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Burlington and Camden to merge

The Burlington County LP met December 14 and decided to merge with the Camden LP. The new group will be known as Burlington-Camden LP. Miranda Mehaffey (mehaffey@clam.rutgers.edu) is Chair. For subsequent meeting information call 609-273-3253 or e-mail jpresser@netaxs.com. Volunteers in the 3rd district are needed to collect signatures.

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County Organization Meetings

- **Burlington/Camden County LP** For meeting information and directions call 609-273-3253 or e-mail jpresser@netaxs.com.
- **Gloucester County LP** holds its regular meeting the fourth Thursday of each month. Guests are welcome. Call John Hill at 609-468-9571 or Brian Waters at 609-845-9581 for information.
- **Mercer County LP** meets on the second Sunday of each month at 2:30 pm. Location will vary. Call Ben Grindlinger at 609-585-4128 for information.
- **Middlesex/Somerset LP** invites the public to its monthly meeting at 7pm on the 4th Monday of every month at Tumulty's Pub, 361 George St., New Brunswick.
- **Monmouth County LP** meets the second Sunday of each month. Liberty Brunch at 11 am, meeting at noon. Call Keith Quarles 908-280-9615 for location and details.
- **Morris/Essex LP** meets at 7pm on the last Tuesday of each month. Call Dave Arndt 201-228-7116 for information.
- **Ocean County LP** meets the second Wednesday of each month at Betty Florentine's house. Call 908-477-8496 for information or contact Chairman Glenn Campbell at 609-978-1361.
- **Salem County LP** meets regularly on the last Saturday or each month at 2pm. For location call Robert Dyson at 609-678-8034.
- **Sussex County LP**. Call Tony Federici at 201-764-7289 for meeting information.

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