

# NJ LIBERTARIAN

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## BYRNE TAX BILL SHOWS NEED FOR IRR AMENDMENT

"The \$340 million tax package hastily proposed by Gov. Byrne to a lame-duck legislature clearly shows the need for an amendment to the state constitution providing for IRR -- Initiative, Referendum and Recall," Len Flynn, State Chairman of the New Jersey Libertarian Party stressed in a statement issued today.

Initiative enables the people to originate legislation and enact it into law, such as the Proposition #13 measure in California; Referendum provides for the referral of legislative acts to the electorate for final approval or disapproval; and Recall permits the removal of elected officials from office before their terms of office expire.

"Because the state constitution lacks provision for such action and the legislature has thus far refused to pass the necessary amendment," Flynn went on to say, "it becomes possible for politicians and bureaucrats to manipulate the legislative process and vote new tax increases, safe in the knowledge that they cannot be called to account for the next two years. Initiative, Referendum and Recall would put an end to this recurring problem."

Flynn also noted that while Gov. Byrne's proposed tax package is being promoted as necessary to offset an anticipated \$280 million revenue shortage in the 1980-81 fiscal year, the practical effect is to put more money at the disposal of politicians and bureaucrats in an election year.

"The amount these new taxes could raise -- up to \$340 million -- could pay for a lot of election-year favors for supporters of the of the state Democrat organization and for groups the Democrats are trying to influence," Flynn observed. He also pointed out that the State Dept. of the Treasury has just issued a report showing that New Jersey ended fiscal year 1979 with a surplus of more than \$217 million. Since this surplus has already been figured into the 1980-81 budget, it cannot be applied to the supposed shortage. This clearly shows that the \$280 million allegedly needed is not a 'shortfall,' as the Governor claims, but simply an increase in expenditure.

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Flynn concluded by noting that when the state income tax was passed in 1976, clearly against the wishes of the vast majority of the voters, the Governor promised it would eliminate the need for any new taxes for "many years to come."

"The breaking of this promise in just three years," Flynn declared, "not only shows the fiscal irresponsibility of the Governor and his administration but also reveals the depth of their contempt for the will of the people."

The New Jersey Libertarian Party, now the third largest political party in the state, strongly supports the Initiative, Referendum and Recall amendment to the state constitution. The party's platform also calls for massive cuts in government spending, a greatly reduced official bureaucracy, and increased rights for the individual.

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PLAINFIELD ELECTION RESULTS

Ray Blanco, candidate for Plainfield Community Action Board, came in third in a field of five candidates. He lost by three votes.

Blanco spend over \$500. which included a mailing to the entire thrid ward of Plainfield.

He has announced his candidacy for the city council in this year's election as a the Libertarian Party Candidate.

Contributions to the Council campaign can be sent to:

Blanco '80  
c/o Bauer  
P.O. Box 2571  
Plainfield, N.J. 07060

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If you are interested, kindly call or write:

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NJLP STATE COMMITTEE MEETING  
SAT. FEB. 16, 2 PM - 5 PM  
FRANKLIN PARK INN, FRANKLIN TWP.

## HIGHLIGHTS OF GENERAL MEETING

A general meeting of the NJLP was held on January 12, 1980, at Pal's Cabin in Orange. Len Flynn, Chairperson, began the meeting.

Bill George gave a report on the progress of the convention. Posters have been compiled which will be distributed on NJ college campuses. If you are interested in volunteering some time to work on the convention contact Bill at [redacted] After Feb. 1st, convention prices will increase by \$5; please mail for tickets soon.

Should anyone want extra "NJ Libertarian" newsletters Dan Hurley has extra back issues.

Fritz Davis spoke briefly on local publicity. As publicity director he sends out press releases on at least a weekly basis. A sample of one press release was passed around. Mike Perry gave mention to the Youth Rights Report.

As of Jan. 1st, Clark received ballot status in New Jersey. Len Flynn asked that county chairpersons begin a drive to obtain county and local candidates. If you are interested in running for any office, contact your county chairperson or Len. Bill George pointed out that 25 is the lower age limit for most candidacies, and 18 for Freeholder. Regarding the Clark campaign, Mitch Feldman encourages everyone to contact national for campaigning literature. The number is (202) 333-8209. Clark for President Headquarters will officially open on Monday, Jan. 21st. A reception will be held from 5-8PM.

Len announced that Jay Hilgartner, in conjunction with the national LP, is creating a file of speeches, editorials, and other articles. Should you have any articles from past campaigns, he would appreciate a copy sent to him at national headquarters. Len also announced that Dr. Lenard Peikoff will be giving a lecture series on "Objective Communication." The series will

begin on Feb. 19th, and run for ten consecutive Tuesdays. Ayn Rand will appear at the first lecture, admission to the first lecture is about \$10. For more information write to Dr. Peikoff, P.O. Box 684, Princeton Jct., NJ 08550.

Bonnie Swirsky, treasurer, stated that the balance of the treasury was \$1,128.47 at the end of 1979.

Mention of the 1981 National Convention was made, Mitch Feldman said it will be a working convention in Denver, Col.

Lee Schubert informed everyone of the "Family Protection Act," an act that will allot \$4 billion per year for public education. It allegedly re-enforces the traditional family unit.

Two guest speakers appeared. First, Nancy Plent, an un-schooler, relayed her experience taking her child from the public school system and educating him at home. Second, Samuel Perelli spoke on the United Taxpayers' Union of NJ. He encouraged everyone to get involved in local politics.

Barry Siegel announced the next Essex County LP meeting to be held at Lamb's Restaurant, Rt 10 & Eisenhower Parkway, on Jan. 23rd, at 7PM.

Two seats on the State Committee were filled. Paul Furlong, Jr. is now chairman of the Burlington County Libertarians, and Fritz Davis will chair the Ocean County Libertarian Organization.

Submitted by Jeanne Macron, Rec. Sec.

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## ECONOMICS OF CONVENTION EXPLAINED

To the Editor:

Judging by the comments I've heard at the various NJLP functions since, and including, the Koch dinner in December, I've decided that some information about the economics of our upcoming state convention is necessary.

The \$50 price-tag is usually the first thing that's brought up. Some people think that's rather steep. Well, let's look at it a little more closely:

Last year's convention cost \$33 (all day Saturday, plus the Friday night cocktail party). We had two major speakers (John Holt and Irwin Schiff), plus a panel and several other speakers. Lunch was a cold-cut buffet, and dinner was roast chicken. The schedule was so tight that we had to double-up on the two afternoon workshops. There was no entertainment. The hotel was located right on the Atlantic Ocean (in the middle of February!), with little access to mass transit.

This year, we have four major speakers, any two of whom would form the average state LP convention's full complement. In place of the panel, we have a 2-1/2-hour film festival. Lunch is a hot-and-cold buffet, and dinner is prime rib. There is no doubling-up of events. Loisaida Folklorica will perform some Puerto Rican dances at the conclusion of the program. We have excellent access to mass transit AND major media centers, and we are even providing shuttlebus service through the Holland Tunnel for those who are coming in from New York City.

Our budget this year is about \$4,000, or about twice last year's.

About two or three years ago, I attended a New York FLP convention. The dinner alone, with Karl Hess speaking, was \$30! There was a basic registration fee just to enter the door. By contrast, our two business sessions are open without charge. You pay dues; why should you have to pay again to exercise your membership rights?

I think it's self-evident what a bargain our convention really is.

Now, as it affects the individual member, it should be stressed that our Supper Club is suspended for January through March. That's \$45 which some members would have spent that can be used for the convention. And for those with low (or no) income, there are a few jobs that need to be done at the convention.

C. William George  
Convention Chairperson

## GRAPHICS OFFER

To All Active Candidates  
From Ray Blanco

My company maintains an art director on full time staff. She has consented to the following arrangement.

As you know, the presentation of campaign literature is very important and graphic designers charge very high prices.

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In order to keep typesetting charges at as low as possible, we will not take any jobs after April 1, 1980. We can then submit all the type at one time. It will take at least a month (depending on demand) to deliver your camera ready mechanical.

If we receive any orders, we shall donate a official letterhead to the NJLP. Anyone interested should contact:

Ray Blanco  
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Plainfield, N.J. 07060  
(201) 757-6090

### \*\*\*\*\*EVENTS\*\*\*\*\*

Jan. 21, 5-8PM: Clark for President Headquarters opening.

Jan. 23, 7PM: Essex County meeting Lamb's Restaurant.

Jan. 30, 7:30PM: 1st meeting of an informal economics study group. To be held at FEE, Irvington-on-Hudson, NY. For directions call 914-591-7230.

Feb. 19: Ayn Rand, novelist, to appear in NYC. Also, Dr. Peikoff lecture series.

Sundays 5PM and Wednesdays 8AM: "Free to Choose" by Milton Friedman. To be aired on W-NET, Ch. 13, for 10 weeks thru March 16.

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## Statement of Principles

We, the members of the Libertarian Party, challenge the cult of the omnipotent state and defend the rights of the individual.

We hold that all individuals have the right to exercise sole dominion over their own lives, and have the right to live in whatever manner they choose, so long as they do not forcibly interfere with the equal right of others to live in whatever manner they choose.

Governments throughout history have regularly operated on the opposite principle, that the State has the right to dispose of the lives of individuals and the fruits of their labor. Even within the United States, all political parties other than our own grant to government the right to regulate the lives of individuals and seize the fruits of their labor without their consent.

We, on the contrary, deny the right of any government to do these things, and hold that where governments exist, they must not violate the rights of any individual: namely, (1) the right to life—accordingly we support prohibition of the initiation of physical force against others; (2) the right to liberty of speech and action—accordingly we oppose all attempts by government to abridge the freedom of speech and press, as well as government censorship in any form; and (3) the right to property—accordingly we oppose all government interference with private property, such as confiscation, nationalization, and eminent domain, and support the prohibition of robbery, trespass, fraud, and misrepresentation.

Since governments, when instituted, must not violate individual rights, we oppose all interference by government in the areas of voluntary and contractual relations among individuals. People should not be forced to sacrifice their lives and property for the benefit of others. They should be left free by government to deal with one another as free traders; and the resultant economic system, the only one compatible with the protection of individual rights, is the free market.

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\* A subscription to newsletter is included in all types of memberships.

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Check if you don't want your name ( ), or your phone number ( ), to be released.

## YOU MAY BE A LIBERTARIAN AT HEART WITHOUT EVEN BEING AWARE OF IT.

Do you believe in an economic system based on open competition instead of big-business-controlled government agencies? Do you believe, for instance, that the CAB should be stopped from restricting competition and fixing airline prices for the benefit of the giant airlines?

Do you believe the government — through its meddling, corruption, catering to special interests, awarding of subsidies and bail-outs and special bank privileges — has shown itself to be totally incapable or unwilling to control the declining dollar, or in fact, to act benevolently for the working person?

Do you believe that voluntary agreements between companies or individuals are none of the government's business — provided that no force or fraud is involved nor intended against anyone else?

Do you believe the government should stop trying to impose its morality on the American people, that no crime has been committed if there is no victim? Do you believe it is wrong to use the time, budgets and resources of our police, courts and prisons to persecute people who may be harming no one but themselves?

Do you believe government should leave the buying of seatbelts, motorcycle helmets or any other item designed for personal safety up to the individual?

Do you believe government spending and taxation should be cut?

If you answered "yes" to most of these questions, congratulations. You may be more of a Libertarian than you thought.

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