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S.3140 and **A.4263** - These were identical bills upon introduction that would repeal many of the restrictive provisions of the recent "Assault Weapon" ban imposed last year by P.L.1990 c.62. Those interested in finding out exactly what these bills will do can order a free (well, OK, taxpayer furnished) copy by calling Legislative Information Services at 1-800-792-8630.

The senate version is sponsored by Sen. Zane and has 23 cosponsors. Democrat cosponsors are McManimon, VanWagner, Paterniti, Contillo, Girgenti, Orechio, Weiss, Rand, Foy and Dalton.

The Assembly version was introduced by Marsella (D) and Hayataian (R). It has 42 cosponsors. Democrat cosponsors are Deverin, Foy (recently became a Senator, cosponsored the bill in both houses), Hudak, Impreveduto, Jacobson, Kenny, Kronick, Menendez, Naples, Otlowski, Patero, Pelly, Salmon, Scerni, Spadaro, Villapiano and Zangari.

It is interesting to note that out of the 114 legislators that voted on the "assault weapon" ban last May, every Democrat voted for the ban, except for McManimon and Zane, and every Republican voted against the ban, except for Gormley. (see *New Jersey Libertarian*, June 1990 issue, page 7 for the complete voting record). Therefore, with the exception of McManimon and Zane, every Democrat listed above is now cosponsoring a bill that would help rescind a law that he or she voted in favor of just nine months before.

From the above, I think I can see a *prima facie* case being made out against those Democratic cosponsors -- with "nauseatingly insincere political posturing" being the charge. If you, the reader, reside in a district represented by one of the accused, I suggest that you write and ask that legislator to explain how they could possibly cosponsor S.3140 or A.4263 after voting for S.166. If there is a rational explanation for it, I'd certainly like to know it.

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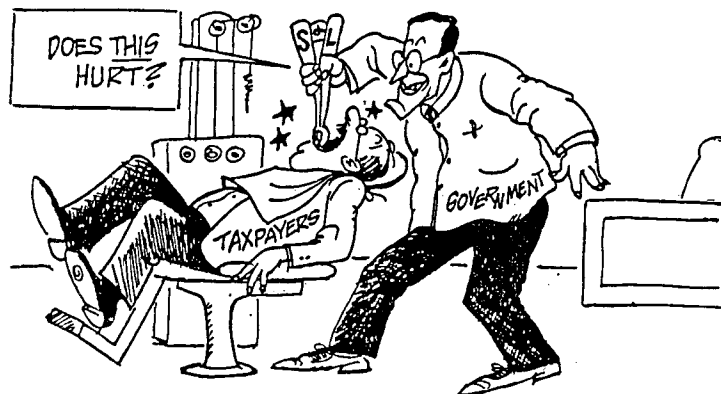
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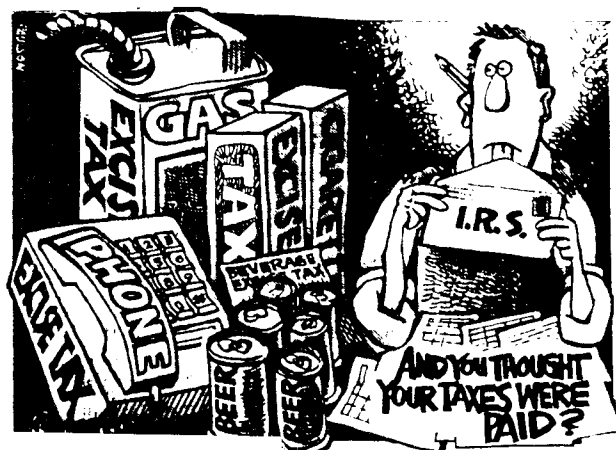
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LIEDERMAN
Rothco



The Senate bill was introduced on December 10, 1990 and assigned to the Senate Law Public Safety Committee on the same day. It was reported out of that committee with amendments on January 10, 1991. It is now on its second reading. I called Senate President Lynch's office on February 25th and his staffed advised me that he intends to post the bill for a vote.

The Assembly bill is currently in the Oversight and Governmental Efficiency Committee, chaired by Assemblyman Joseph Charles, Jr (D-31). No committee action is scheduled on the bill as of February 25, 1991.

One of these bills is extremely likely to pass. The only way that they wouldn't pass would be if either Chairman Charles refuses to place the bill on his committee's agenda (remember how Wynona Lipman refused to put SCR.71, the recall bill, on her committee's agenda ?) or if Speaker Doria declines to put the measure up for a vote in the Assembly (Doria's staff won't say much on this, but they've assured me that the speaker is "engaged in talks with both Assemblyman Marsella and Florio's office". These "talks" were described as being "productive" and "ongoing".) Since there is such broad and bipartisan support for these measures and since there is no organized opposition, it appears that they will pass the legislature handily without need for further public pressure.

Suggested Action: Call Legislative Information Services periodically to check on the bills' progress and additional cosponsors. Perhaps you could prod Chairman Charles to put the bill on the agenda (call him at 201/432-1400 or FAX him at 201/432-1750). Also, write to your own representative and demand that they support the measure, if they have not already cosponsored .

The Trentonian 2/10/91

Auto insurance farce

Who said we "must" have auto insurance? Well, the state of New Jersey has a law that says all drivers will have auto insurance.

I find it overwhelmingly incredible that the state can mandate that we will have auto insurance and then sic the insurance companies on us and allow them to charge 300 percent to 400 percent more than insurance companies charge in some other states.

I know this for a fact because I have lived in and purchased insurance in many Midwest states. One of the arguments I get here is that there are a lot more people and cars in New Jersey. I wonder how many Houstons could be placed in the southern and western three quarters of New Jersey and what the population and number of cars would be then? If anyone thinks there are not many people or cars in Houston, they obviously have never visited there. Insurance in Houston is a fraction of the cost for the same coverage in New Jersey.

I believe that if the state mandates insurance, then the state should provide the coverage and administer the program.

You know how unhappy the states get when the federal government mandates a program and leaves the state to fund it?

I know there are some reasons why insurance in New Jersey is so expensive:

A. New Jersey (and New York City) has the most reckless drivers, drivers who ignore traffic laws, and police who do not enforce safety laws. For example, no one stops at stop signs or obeys the speed laws. Passing on a double yellow line is a common practice.

B. There are no limits put on the liability allowed by the courts. I read in the newspapers where multi-million dollar judgments are awarded that are so far of of line it is incomprehensible. The only ones who win are the lawyers.

C. Another reason is medical coverage double-dipping. Medical coverage should be taken off auto insurance policies and left to the individual's personal health coverage. This way we do not have to pay for the same coverage twice — two policies that will only pay once for the cost of the injury.

Insurance in New Jersey has become the biggest "lottery" in the world. And judging from the way people drive it seems they are very anxious to play. It is not too hard to win this "lottery." However, the odds are against you being alive, and whole, to enjoy your winnings provided there are any winnings left after you get done paying the lawyers.

Don Jamison
Freehold

NJLP STATE CONVENTION MEETING

By Len Flynn

The New Jersey Libertarian Party convention general membership meeting was called to order at 9:30 AM by NJLP Chair Dan Karlan. The 1991 NJLP Budget was presented to the membership then the Treasurer's report was passed out. Development Coordinator Sam Edelston gave a report which proposed to quintuple NJLP membership to over 1,000 by next year. Dan noted that New Jersey ranked 9th in total National LP members and 8th in National member density.

Don Ernsberger reported to the members about "aggressive outreach" efforts by National LP. They have a 900 telephone number (\$1.95/ minute) by which anyone can use a touch tone phone to: 1) write to a Congressman, 2) learn about or join the LP, 3) hear reports on ongoing LP projects, 4) listen to a legislative hotline for the months worst 4 bills, or 5) find out about Campaign '91-92. The number is 1-900-4LIBERTY.

Finally, Don mentioned the LP's Bill of Rights project which will celebrate the 200th anniversary of the Bill of Rights ratification. On December 15, 1991 the LP will have a ceremony in front of the Supreme Court in Washington. CSPAN is scheduled to cover the LP's efforts as the only organization to support all of the 10 Amendments. The members then heard from the two announced candidates for the LP nomination for President starting at 9:55.



Andre Marrou started his talk with his explanation of why the LP is different from the old parties. He said, "The best thing we can say about government is that it may be a necessary evil, and we must minimize that evil." According to Marrou, the United States has more prisoners per capita than

anywhere else in the world, worse than racist South Africa and Communist Soviet Union.

Andre gave this answer to how to win elections: TELEVISION. TV surpasses all advertising because its cost per thousand (CPM) is the lowest. Only meeting people personally is more effective persuasion. The Marrou campaign plans to use Federal matching funds 100% for TV. He says these "reclaimed (from Libertarian taxpayers) stolen funds" are not "welfare" because all the money will be used for anti-state ads not personal campaign expenses.

Dick Boddie began his address at 10:35 with "No one cares how much you know, until they know how much you care." He said the basic issue was who can get the most members into the LP at least cost. "I think I can." Dick loves hear the foreboding question "if you can't win, why run?" because of his answer "If everyone who doesn't like what the Republicans and Democrats have done to them votes for me, then I would be elected in a landslide!"

Boddie opposes seeking matching funds. He believes he could produce documentary videos for distribution to public access TV stations at minimal cost.



After a 15 minute recess the members began discussing two Bylaws amendments at 11:30. A motion to reduce quorum requirements from 10% to 5% in Section 11 Part B failed by a 15 to 9 vote (2/3 required for passage of Bylaws amendments). A second motion to change from "10% + 5" to "5% + 5" the required number of members to call for a general meeting passed. A third motion to add "and a quorum for the Convention shall be 10% of delegates" to Section 11 Quorum failed by a voice vote.

At 12 noon the members began

Resident Speaks Out on Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor,

The letter by Beth Lampert in the March 17th Aim attacking those who criticize Israel cannot go unchallenged.

Why is it that as soon as anyone questions anything about the policies of Israel or Zionism, they are usually bullied into silence by the boogeyman "trigger-word" of "anti-semitism?"

Open debate is supposed to be a healthy thing in a free society, yet any issue dealing with Israel, Zionism or Jewry is automatically off limits for discussion! According to the late Jewish author Arthur Koestler in his book "The Thirteenth Tribe" most Jews in the world aren't even Semitic but rather descendants of the Khazars, a people originating in what is now southern Russia, who converted to Judaism in the 12th century. Palestinians and other Arabs are the true Semites of this world, Zionist Israeli's who have taken their ancient homelands are the real anti-semites.

There are many courageous Jews who speak up against and protest Israel's actions, individuals like Libertarian Professor Murray N. Rothbard, author Alfred M. Lilienthal and noted linguist Noam Chomsky. Tell us Mrs. Lampert are the aforementioned persons self-hating Jews or just misguided?

I would suggest that any readers who want to possess more insight into this and other fascinating topics should write to: The Institute for Historical Review, 1822-1/2 Newport Blvd., Suite #191, Costa Mesa, CA 92627.

I would say two things in closing, first to Mrs. Lampert, bigots aren't necessarily simpletons in a sheet and a hood but can be people who in the name of fighting bigotry use smear words to stifle their opposition, and secondly all true American patriots and persons of goodwill should demand an end to ALL foreign-aid and interventionism in the Mideast on behalf of Israel OR the Arab states!

Sincerely,
Mark Richards

Asbury Park Press 3/12/91

Bush, Congress choose destructive path

The United States could play a constructive role helping solve problems in Africa, South America, the Soviet Union, the Middle East and elsewhere. A case also could be made for benevolent neglect — minding one's own business, trading with everyone, and trying to set a good example. But the destructive role that Bush and the Congress chose was reminiscent of a fearful, greedy little kid with all the toys in the sandbox.

When will the United States grow up and be a responsible economic giant?

TOM PALVEN,
Farmingdale

Government-grown pot??

Couple to get federal marijuana to help relieve AIDS symptoms

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

PANAMA CITY, Fla. — An AIDS-afflicted couple arrested for using marijuana to relieve their symptoms said yesterday that Washington has agreed to supply them with pre-rolled, government-grown pot.

Barbra and Kenny Jenks are only the third and fourth victims of AIDS to receive permission from the federal government to smoke marijuana, although some glaucoma and cancer patients also have obtained it.

They contend marijuana is the only thing that alleviates the nausea and vomiting caused by the disease and medications, including AZT, that they take to treat it. Without marijuana, they claimed, they would starve.

The couple from nearby Panama City Beach in the Florida Panhandle were arrested last March and convicted of illegally growing marijuana.

At their trial, they argued the good

they obtained from using the marijuana outweighed the bad caused by breaking the law.

A judge rejected the argument but said he was sympathetic. He put them on unsupervised probation and ordered them to do 500 hours of community service by taking care of one another. An appeals court will hear their case Monday.

The Jenkses admitted yesterday that they continued to smoke pot illegally after their arrests and until they received their federally grown marijuana Tuesday through a pharmacy in Pensacola.

The Jenkses and their doctor applied eight months ago to take part in a program for the experimental medical use of marijuana.

The Food and Drug Administration gave its approval two months ago; the Drug Enforcement Administration in Washington gave its OK late last week, the couple said.



"It is not only what we do, but also what we do not do, for which we are accountable."

-Moliere

CALENDAR

to elect party officers. Dan Karlan was reelected Chair over None-of-the-Above (NOTA) by 28-3 with write in votes for Don Smith and John Paff. Jerry Zeldin beat NOTA for Vice-Chair by 25-4 with write-ins for Ginny Flynn and Luke Jones. Len Flynn was reelected Secretary by 28-1 over NOTA with 3 write-in votes for Joan Eden. Lou Stefanelli crushed NOTA 28-0 for Treasurer.

At-Large Representatives to the Steering Committee were next selected. All candidates for At-Large Representative were new to the Steering Committee! Chosen by the members were Don Hinkle (20 votes), Lee Altman (20), and Joan Eden (15) over Luke Jones (14), Spencer Layman (14), Richard Bartucci (11), and NOTA (1).

Fifteen NJLP Delegates to the National LP convention in Chicago during Labor Day were chosen by the membership. In descending vote totals those elected were: (1-2) Sam Edelston & Don Hinkle; (3-4) John Hill & Laura Stewart; (5-6) Lee Altman & Emerson Ellett; (7-11) Mike Howley, Spencer Layman, Carl Peters, Lou Stefanelli, & Jerry Zeldin; (12-13) Joan Eden & Dan Karlan; (14) Steve Friedlander; and (15) Larry Eden. NOTA received no support.

The members approved Laura Stewart as the NJLP representative to the National LP Platform Committee by a 17-0 vote over NOTA. (Dan Karlan chose not to run for this position because of a time conflict with the Council of LP State Chairs which meets concurrently at the convention.) Write-ins for Platform Committee Representative were Joan Eden (2 votes) and Dan Karlan (1 vote, someone just won't let Dan say no!). The meeting was adjourned at 1:05 PM.



4/5 - Libertarians of Monmouth County meet at Tom Palven's, 95 Casino Dr., Farmingdale. Art Goodstone will speak on the formation of Hands Across NJ in Old Bridge and the New World Order. Call 201/938-2784 for directions.

4/6 - Steering Committee meets at the Flagship Seafood House, 158 Joseph St., E. Brunswick (908/390-4462) at 2PM. Take Rt. 18 So. to Arthur St. jughandle (Liquor Locker on right corner). Two blocks east of Rt. 18 is Joseph St. Turn left to restaurant.

4/6 - Tamsanqa Linda, Council President of 74 black townships in So. Africa speaks about Nelson Mandela, the ANC and the real crisis in So. Africa at the Pennsauken American Legion Post, Mechantville Ave. nr. Rt. 130, at 7:30PM. Tickets \$5. Call 609/667-0925 for details.*

4/8 - Tamsanqa Linda (see above) at the Roosevelt Banquet Hall, 200 Talmadge Ave., Bound Brook, 8PM. Tickets \$5 in advance, \$6 at the door. Call 201/469-4420 for info.*

4/12-14 - Mises Institute Conference on "Egalitarianism & the Free Society" at the Princeton Forrestal Center in Princeton, NJ. Call 205/844-2500 for details.

4/22 - Somerset/Middlesex Area Libertarians (SMAL) meet at the Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 1640 Amwell Rd., Somerset at 7:30 PM. Call Howard Schoen 201/572-0207 for details.

*Mr. Linda's appearance is sponsored by the John Birch Society. We believe he is worth listening to, but we wonder if the JBS would apprise their members if Mr. Linda or a similar speaker of mutual interest were sponsored by the LP.



Morris-Essex Libertarians meet the last Tuesday of the month at Ronnie's Restaurant, 13 Hook Mountain Rd., off Rt.46, Pinebrook, at 8PM. Call Rich Bellush at his office 201/543-2515 for details.

Mercer County Libertarians meet on the last Sunday of each month at 7PM. Call Carl Peters for info. 609/737-7667.

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THE BIRTH OF THIS NATION WAS DUE TO A TAX REBELLION; A TAX REBELLION CAN NOW SAVE THIS NATION.

— *Anonymous*

E-MAIL UPDATE

Maria Blank informs us that due to a rise in the cost of electronic mail on the Prodigy system, many libertarians have switched to the GENie interactive service. GENie offers public discussions of libertarian interest as well as not charging extra for E-mail. Maria's GENie mail address is M.Blank1. Thanks Maria!

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Address to the Second Session
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