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1977

SULLIVAN COUNTY	COUNTY COMMISSIONERS						
	1st District		2nd District		3rd District		Harold Sears
	Palmer, d	Nahil, r	Woodhull, r	Scatter	LaClair, r	Olden, r	
September 14, 1976 DEMOCRATIC							
Acworth .....	8	—	1	—	—	1	—
Charlestown .....	142	—	—	—	—	—	—
Claremont							
Ward 1 .....	231	1	2	3	2	—	2
Ward 2 .....	373	—	—	5	—	—	5
Ward 3 .....	392	1	3	2	5	—	7
Cornish .....	54	—	—	2	—	—	1
Croydon .....	26	—	4	—	—	—	—
Goshen .....	43	1	1	1	—	—	—
Grantham .....	13	—	—	—	—	—	—
Langdon .....	4	—	—	—	—	1	—
Lempster .....	29	—	1	—	—	—	—
Newport .....	496	—	7	2	—	—	17
Plainfield .....	65	—	—	—	—	—	—
Springfield .....	17	—	1	—	1	—	4
Sunapee .....	90	—	2	1	—	—	1
Unity .....	40	—	—	—	—	—	12
Washington .....	11	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total .....	2034	3	22	16	8	2	49

## Scatter — 1st District

Claremont, Ward 2 — 1

Claremont, Ward 3 — 3

Cornish — 1

Goshen — 1

Sunapee — 1

Unity — 1

## Scatter — 3rd District

Claremont, Ward 2 — 2

Claremont, Ward 3 — 2

Cornish — 2

Goshen — 1

Plainfield — 3

**TOTAL REGISTERED REPUBLICANS AND DEMOCRATS  
AS OF SEPTEMBER 14, 1976**

SUMMARY BY COUNTIES	REPUBLICANS	DEMOCRATS
Belknap .....	10,685	5,484
Carroll .....	9,577	2,287
Cheshire .....	13,048	8,722
Coos .....	6,904	9,179
Grafton .....	15,844	7,994
Hillsborough .....	42,314	55,697
Merrimack .....	23,393	12,593
Rockingham .....	38,223	26,273
Strafford .....	12,406	13,169
Sullivan .....	7,074	6,656
<b>Totals .....</b>	<b>179,468</b>	<b>148,054</b>

BELKNAP COUNTY			CARROLL COUNTY		
September 14, 1976	Republicans	Democrats	September 14, 1976	Republicans	Democrats
Alton .....	993	199	Albany .....	97	35
Barnstead .....	503	277	Bartlett .....	456	104
Belmont .....	780	555	Brookfield .....	194	26
Center Harbor .....	201	81	Chatham .....	25	5
Gilford .....	1477	519	Conway .....	2341	740
Gilmanton .....	490	203	Eaton .....	112	33
Laconia —			Effingham .....	103	26
Ward 1 .....	589	273	Freedom .....	139	40
Ward 2 .....	404	380	Hart's Location ...	14	—
Ward 3 .....	784	409	Hale's Location ...	—	—
Ward 4 .....	497	441	Jackson .....	194	97
Ward 5 .....	348	498	Madison .....	198	13
Ward 6 .....	869	454	Moultonborough ..	949	173
Meredith .....	1288	425	Ossipee .....	704	158
New Hampton .....	299	161	Sandwich .....	475	107
Sanbornton .....	457	213	Tamworth .....	589	205
Tilton .....	706	396	Tuftonboro .....	749	77
			Wakefield .....	904	208
			Wolfeboro .....	1334	240
<b>Totals .....</b>	<b>10685</b>	<b>5484</b>	<b>Totals .....</b>	<b>9577</b>	<b>2287</b>

CHESHIRE COUNTY  September 14, 1976	Republicans	Democrats		Republicans	Democrats
	Alstead .....	380	179	Marlow .....	128
Chesterfield .....	606	302	Nelson .....	158	82
Dublin .....	418	177	Richmond .....	125	55
Fitzwilliam .....	481	164	Rindge .....	459	238
Gilsum .....	107	85	Roxbury .....	51	25
Harrisville .....	186	129	Stoddard .....	132	43
Hinsdale .....	595	486	Sullivan .....	115	104
Jaffrey .....	889	725	Surry .....	144	57
Keene —			Swanzy .....	1026	666
Ward 1 .....	663	548	Troy .....	258	404
Ward 2 .....	693	594	Walpole .....	887	469
Ward 3 .....	943	642	Westmoreland ....	347	146
Ward 4 .....	1479	884	Winchester .....	495	481
Ward 5 .....	847	670			
Marlborough .....	436	290	Totals .....	13048	8722

COOS COUNTY					
September 14, 1976		Republican	Democratic		
				Republican	Democratic
At. & Gil. Ac. Gt.	—	—	Jefferson .....	245	69
Bean's Grant .....	—	—	Kilkenny .....	—	—
Bean's Purchase ..	—	—	Lancaster .....	928	352
Berlin —			Low&Burbank's Gt.	—	—
Ward 1 .....	327	1489	Martin's Location .	—	—
Ward 2 .....	536	1317	Milan .....	203	153
Ward 3 .....	939	1156	Millsfield .....	5	1
Ward 4 .....	236	1821	Northumberland ..	409	736
Cambridge .....	—	—	Odell .....	—	—
Carroll .....	156	120	Pinkham's Grant ..	—	—
Chandler's Pur. ...	—	—	Pittsburgh .....	278	90
Clarksville .....	49	37	Randolph .....	126	23
Colebrook .....	662	234	Sargent's Purchase	—	—
Columbia .....	101	42	Second College Gt.	—	—
Crawford's Pur. ...	—	—	Shelburne .....	98	41
Cutt's Grant .....	—	—	Stark .....	49	19
Dalton .....	78	57	Stewartstown .....	194	114
Dix's Grant .....	—	—	Stratford .....	102	150
Dixville .....	12	7	Success .....	—	—
Dummer .....	64	51	Thomp.&Mes's Pur.	—	—
Errol .....	52	18	Wentworth's Loc. .	8	5
Erving's Gt. or Loc.	—	—	Whitefield .....	489	261
Gorham .....	558	816			
Green's Grant ....	—	—	Totals .....	6904	9179
Hadley's Purchase .	—	—			

GRAFTON COUNTY					
September 14, 1976		Republicans	Democrats	Republicans	Democrats
Alexandria .....	175	96	Ward 2 .....	414	504
Ashland .....	442	221	Ward 3 .....	705	492
Bath .....	246	47	Lincoln .....	244	316
Benton .....	59	15	Lisbon .....	423	143
Bethlehem .....	499	251	Livermore .....	—	—
Bridgewater .....	222	88	Littleton .....	1738	863
Bristol .....	691	176	Lyman .....	57	46
Campton .....	445	126	Lyme .....	384	172
Canaan .....	514	263	Monroe .....	212	63
Dorchester .....	85	37	Orange .....	57	46
Easton .....	45	33	Orford .....	402	85
Ellsworth .....	22	2	Piermont .....	128	70
Enfield .....	535	423	Plymouth .....	1050	282
Franconia .....	250	153	Rumney .....	427	71
Grafton .....	156	71	Sugar Hill .....	120	36
Groton .....	48	45	Thornton .....	274	78
Hanover .....	1484	1471	Warren .....	255	50
Haverhill .....	1102	266	Waterville Valley .	53	42
Hebron .....	135	32	Wentworth .....	199	40
Holderness .....	488	108	Woodstock .....	271	126
Landaff .....	84	35			
Lebanon —			Totals .....	15844	7994
Ward 1 .....	704	510			

HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY September 14, 1976				
	Republican	Democratic	Republican	Democratic
Amherst .....	2399	886	Ward 11 .....	492 2094
Antrim .....	510	171	Ward 12 .....	808 2638
Bedford .....	2223	1234	Mason .....	176 98
Bennington .....	217	101	Merrimack .....	2474 2356
Brookline .....	345	204	Milford .....	1894 1176
Deering .....	216	110	Mont Vernon .....	312 133
Francestown .....	309	85	Nashua —	
Goffstown .....	1663	1400	Ward 1 .....	1139 1409
Greenfield .....	240	118	Ward 2 .....	1444 1113
Greenville .....	204	465	Ward 3 .....	725 1215
Hancock .....	490	190	Ward 4 .....	376 1445
Hillsborough .....	869	308	Ward 5 .....	586 1514
Hollis .....	1135	480	Ward 6 .....	626 1984
Hudson .....	1712	2781	Ward 7 .....	489 1862
Litchfield .....	318	361	Ward 8 .....	1273 1786
Lyndeborough .....	231	99	Ward 9 .....	772 1299
Manchester —			New Boston .....	263 82
Ward 1 .....	2354	1693	New Ipswich .....	483 343
Ward 2 .....	1518	1991	Pelham .....	1036 1577
Ward 3 .....	853	2018	Peterborough .....	1543 483
Ward 4 .....	848	2026	Sharon .....	64 26
Ward 5 .....	579	2024	Temple .....	149 28
Ward 6 .....	1060	2404	Weare .....	757 342
Ward 7 .....	650	2249	Wilton .....	725 473
Ward 8 .....	1013	2011	Windsor .....	31 22
Ward 9 .....	693	2520		
Ward 10 .....	1028	2270	Totals .....	42314 55697

MERRIMACK COUNTY  September 14, 1976			ROCKINGHAM COUNTY  September 14, 1976		
	Republicans	Democrats		Republicans	Democrats
Allenstown .....	270	866	Atkinson .....	826	498
Andover .....	442	237	Auburn .....	566	427
Boscawen .....	650	265	Brentwood .....	460	169
Bow .....	635	149	Candia .....	817	299
Bradford .....	383	113	Chester .....	589	141
Canterbury .....	365	161	Danville .....	319	148
Chichester .....	383	115	Deerfield .....	520	195
Concord —			Derry .....	3341	1993
Ward 1 .....	1066	708	East Kingston .....	274	148
Ward 2 .....	1407	526	Epping .....	611	654
Ward 3 .....	895	343	Exeter .....	4102	1584
Ward 4 .....	1069	548	Fremont .....	392	164
Ward 5 .....	771	331	Greenland .....	581	250
Ward 6 .....	779	611	Hampstead .....	1088	479
Ward 7 .....	1489	555	Hampton .....	2465	1387
Ward 8 .....	1394	726	Hampton Falls .....	491	129
Danbury .....	179	63	Kensington .....	349	173
Dunbarton .....	368	148	Kingston .....	1020	473
Epsom .....	551	224	Londonderry .....	1615	1144
Franklin —			New Castle .....	268	50
Ward 1 .....	511	394	Newfields .....	255	135
Ward 2 .....	280	516	Newington .....	237	104
Ward 3 .....	377	376	Newmarket .....	380	1280
Henniker .....	644	235	Newton .....	621	372
Hill .....	161	39	North Hampton ..	992	443
Hooksett .....	1263	1069	Northwood .....	65	307
Hopkinton .....	1458	400	Nottingham .....	396	231
Loudon .....	434	259	Plaistow .....	1212	730
Newbury .....	339	104	Portsmouth —		
New London .....	1204	189	Ward 1 .....	529	699
Northfield .....	570	386	Ward 2 .....	726	631
Pembroke .....	1000	1004	Ward 3 .....	350	391
Pittsfield .....	652	362	Ward 4 .....	691	621
Salisbury .....	200	100	Ward 5 .....	562	648
Sutton .....	170	77	Ward 6 .....	260	441
Warner .....	597	203	Raymond .....	956	671
Webster .....	240	93	Rye .....	1578	571
Wilmot .....	197	98	Salem .....	4517	5412
			Sandown .....	360	173
Totals .....	23393	12593	Seabrook .....	1030	693
			South Hampton ..	160	127
			Stratham .....	696	265
			Windham .....	956	823
			Totals .....	38223	26273



STRAFFORD COUNTY		SULLIVAN COUNTY			
September 14, 1976		September 14, 1976			
	Republicans	Democrats			
			Republicans		
			Democrats		
Barrington .....	677	462	Acworth .....	152	53
Dover —			Charlestown .....	755	576
Ward 1 .....	734	852	Claremont —		
Ward 2 .....	389	856	Ward 1 .....	589	817
Ward 3 .....	658	832	Ward 2 .....	1279	1287
Ward 4 .....	778	777	Ward 3 .....	497	1231
Ward 5 .....	992	755	Cornish .....	337	183
Ward 6 .....	551	550	Croydon .....	118	77
Durham .....	1428	1241	Goshen .....	131	123
Farmington .....	876	581	Grantham .....	92	48
Lee .....	461	345	Langdon .....	130	31
Madbury .....	194	114	Lempster .....	158	83
Middleton .....	19	23	Newport .....	1158	1390
Milton .....	489	314	Plainfield .....	377	230
New Durham .....	317	105	Springfield .....	173	52
Rochester —			Sunapee .....	885	313
Ward 1 .....	582	300	Unity .....	110	131
Ward 2 .....	644	394	Washington .....	133	31
Ward 3 .....	343	426			
Ward 4 .....	476	811	Totals .....	7074	6656
Ward 5 .....	544	393			
Rollinsford .....	294	528			
Somersworth —					
Ward 1 .....	184	457			
Ward 2 .....	111	427			
Ward 3 .....	107	408			
Ward 4 .....	139	589			
Ward 5 .....	79	478			
Strafford .....	340	151			
Totals .....	12406	13169			

## RECOUNTS AFTER THE PRIMARY

After the Primary, thirteen requests for recounts were received. The request for a recount of ballots cast for State Senator, District No. 18, Democratic, was withdrawn.

Twelve recounts of ballots were conducted by the Secretary of State, October 1, 1976; six recounts were Republican contests, and six were Democratic contests.

One of the recounts resulted in a change in Rockingham County District No. 6 for Representative to the General Court — Republican. The recount resulted in a tie vote between D. Ronald Cutliffe and Delight Reese. The tie was broken by drawing lots and D. Ronald Cutliffe won the tie.

The other recounts did not result in a change of nominees.

Following are the tables, with the nominees of the Republican and Democratic parties indicated by an asterisk.

### REPUBLICAN RECOUNTS

#### REPRESENTATIVES

		<b>Recount</b>
<b>CARROLL COUNTY District No. 4</b>		
Russell G. Clafin	508	509*
Richard S. Clarke	403	401
Wayne J. Kelloway	282	285
Roger A. Krey	303	300
Kenneth J. MacDonald	411	411*
Peter D. Shulman	278	279
<b>CARROLL COUNTY District No. 5</b>		
Roderick Allen	597	600*
Arthur W. Fullam	401	405
George D. Keller	402	414*
Bradley Hayes	119	111
<b>GRAFTON COUNTY District No. 14</b>		
Frederick C. Aldrich	474	474*
Carl P. Foster	494	494*
Ralph Degnan Hough	632	632*
Robert F. Lawrence	195	193
James L. Logan	537	542*
Stanley E. Mansfield	329	327
Madeline G. Townsend	558	555*
Lorine M. Walter	439	440
<b>ROCKINGHAM COUNTY District No. 2</b>		
Richardson D. Benton	553	563*
Roy W. Davis	675	688*
Therese M. Gesel	523	527
Helen F. Wilson	630	639*

<b>ROCKINGHAM COUNTY District No. 6</b>		
D. Ronald Cutliffe	388	388*
Alfred Ellyson	350	352
Natalie S. Flanagan	462	463*
Delight Reese	392	388
Clarence L. Webster	409	411*
<b>ROCKINGHAM COUNTY District No. 9</b>		
Stephen S. Keir	398	398
Leonard F. Sanborn	528	529*
Annie Mae Schwaner	486	487*
K. Michael Tavitian	550	553*
Robert A. Vlack	400	399*

### DEMOCRATIC RECOUNTS

<b>STATE SENATOR District No. 1</b>		
Oneil J. Croteau	1394	1348
Laurier Lamontagne	1707	1854*
<b>STATE SENATOR District No. 14</b>		
Edmund J. Boutin	474	474
Roland F. LaRose	784	783*
Marian D. Woodruff	763	764

### REPRESENTATIVES

<b>BELKNAP COUNTY District No. 4</b>		
Donald Alden	† 1	1
Paul A. Golden	† 38	39*
Warren W. Leary	† 37	32
George B. Roberts, Jr.	† 56	54*
Jane F. Sanders	† 36	35
<b>CHESHIRE COUNTY — Keene, Ward 2</b>		
Francis A. Dostilio	126	127*
Barbara A. Dwane	125	125
Patricia T. Russell	168	168*
<b>CHESHIRE COUNTY — Swanzey</b>		
Carol L. Jeffrey	114	115*
Russell C. Johnson	113	114
Margaret A. Ramsay	136	138*
<b>ROCKINGHAM COUNTY District No. 6</b>		
Barbara A. Goddard	215	213*
D. Ronald Cutliffe	† 16	27
Natalie S. Flanagan	† 19	21*
Delight Reese	† 4	13
Clarence L. Webster	† 10	15

† Write-in Votes.

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**PREAMBLE TO THE  
1976 REPUBLICAN STATE CONVENTION PROGRAM**

We, the Republican Party in Convention assembled at Manchester, on Sunday, the 3rd day of October, 1976, and in the Bicentennial year of our nation's birth, do hereby adopt the following statements of principle and beliefs for our Party for the next biennium of the State of New Hampshire.

The Republican Party has traditionally stood for economical government that is responsive to our people, with the full realization that

government will always face continuing problems. We reaffirm these Republican principles: that government be of, by and for the people; that the best government is the government closest to the people that provides the least interference with their daily lives and that rejects unnecessary taxes.

We reaffirm our Federal and State constitutional rights, to govern ourselves as a free, sovereign, and independent State, except for those powers expressly delegated to the Federal government — and we urge the Federal government not to exceed these constitutional bounds.

We endorse the Republican Party's National Platform.

We pledge to maintain the basic Republican doctrines of free enterprise and sound fiscal management of public affairs. Within these Republican doctrines, we pledge to accelerate our efforts to provide for the economic well-being of our citizens through the creation of new jobs, the attraction of industry, and maintaining fiscal responsibility and common-sense business management in our government's operations.

We believe we should always be responsive to the needs of our people and that our public officials should be accountable at all times to the taxpayers.

We urge greater participation in government by all the voters.

We urge support of and for all Republican candidates as a means of assuring the continuation of good government in New Hampshire.

## HUMAN RESOURCES

### Elderly

We will continue to work to exempt our elderly citizens from the payment of the interest and dividend taxes and from rooms and meals tax.

We will introduce a simple identification card system which will verify the status of our senior citizens for participation in services and programs available throughout our state.

We will seek continued expansion of our nutrition services.

We will give priority to greater utilization of available transportation and coordination of transportation programs for our elderly citizens.

We will encourage a true \$5000 tax deduction for the needy elderly as the present law intended.

We encourage expansion of programs for elderly housing.

### Social Services

We are proud of the gains we have made in the field of social services. We continue to make substantial improvements in our State Hospital and will make the improvement of Laconia School a top priority.

We understand the dire need for welfare benefits for those in honest need. We will continue to fight vigorously against waste and fraud in welfare funds so that these monies may be directed to the truly needy in our state.

Pornography, particularly in the hands of children, will meet with our strong resistance.

Careful regulation of homes for child and day care will be maintained.

We will strive for sanitary, pleasant housing for all of our citizens within reasonable tenant-landlord relations.

We will continue to seek adoption of a uniform code on alcoholism and drug abuse with provisions for medical care and rehabilitative treatment for all persons who are alcohol and drug dependent.

### **Education**

We pledge to encourage public and non-public school systems to re-emphasize the basic skills. Also, we will urge instruction in the lower grades in money management and economics.

We pledge to support the University System within the framework of the ability of the taxpayer to pay and we will continue to give preferential treatment on tuition and acceptance in the University System to New Hampshire residents.

We urge the United States Supreme Court to re-examine the question of voluntary prayer in our schools and therefore recognize that our country's greatness is built upon values which are based upon a belief in God.

We encourage education of the handicapped and those with learning disabilities with the ultimate aim of getting these persons into the mainstream of our society. We urge National and State legislative bodies to give attention to this problem.

We feel local control and parental involvement makes for a stronger, healthier and better managed school system.

We know that non-public schools and colleges are strengthening factors in making a better New Hampshire. We advocate keeping them healthy and productive.

We enthusiastically endorse the vocational education regional programs in the secondary schools and support increased emphasis on the expansion of this program.

Dignity and self respect are most easily achieved when one is working and productive. Therefore, we continue our support for the Vocational Rehabilitation and Manpower Training programs.

## **NATURAL AND ECONOMIC RESOURCES**

### **Environment**

We urge the continuance of the clean-up of our air and waters. We support environmental considerations which are in balance with needed economic programs.

### **Recreation**

We reaffirm our pledge to encourage the expansion and development of recreational areas by the public and private sectors.

### **Development**

We believe land use considerations should be based upon the ability of the land to support a proposed use and that decision to effect this end be made at the local level.

We support the simplification of existing control agencies and oppose any new state control systems.

We strongly support efforts to preserve our forest and agricultural lands recognizing their importance to our economy. We support improved funding to promote our vital agricultural pursuits and industries.

We support the expansion and development of our harbors.

We advocate Federal legislation barring any Coast Guard jurisdiction over New Hampshire's inland lakes and waters.

### **Labor**

We support the legislation passed which guarantees collective bargaining for public employees. We oppose strikes in the public sector.

We pledge our continued efforts to develop an economy that provides good paying jobs in the private sector.

### **Business and Industry**

We endorse orderly expansion of employment opportunities through private enterprise. We urge the Federal government to protect our shoe and other industries from foreign competition.

We urge the Federal government to protect the interests of our fishermen by strictly enforcing the 200 mile limit against competitive foreign encroachment.

### **Fish and Game**

We strongly feel that there should be more emphasis placed on better stocking of waters for our fishermen and more attention to game stocking for our hunters. Further, we urge a shift in emphasis from administrative — technical — research activities to field operations to conserve, replenish and increase available fish and game resources.

We strongly oppose any attempt to transfer fish and game license income to the general fund.

## **VETERANS**

We reaffirm our aims to revive and perpetuate the degree of honor and reward for our veterans today as was theirs when they first came home from military service.

We have reestablished traditional dates for Memorial and Armistice Day. During this Bicentennial era, we urge their early adoption throughout the nation.

We strongly support the National Republican Platform that there shall be no blanket amnesty for those who fled this country in its time



of national need or for those who deserted from the Armed Forces of the United States.

In addition to the Vietnam veterans bonus, already enacted, we pledge our continued support for programs promoting the educational and employment opportunities for veterans of all wars.

## **LAW — ORDER AND JUSTICE**

The primary responsibility for raising our children and instilling proper values toward society lies with the family and not the government or its agencies.

### **Parental Responsibility**

We support the concept of parents being held responsible for the acts of their minor children.

### **Forensic Unit**

Republican leadership has provided funds for the establishment of an adequate forensic unit and we urge support for its construction.

### **Gun Ownership**

We will promote legislation which will safeguard and protect the right of every responsible citizen to own, possess and use firearms for safe and lawful purposes. We will strenuously oppose all attempts to deny or diminish this right.

### **Judiciary**

We support the need for periodic review of judicial appointments.

We continue to support mandatory long-term prison sentences without parole for convicted traffickers of hard drugs and other heinous crimes.

We will promote legislation requiring mandatory sentences for those using a deadly weapon in the commission of a felony.

We encourage the consideration of a family court system to provide greater expertise over family matters and to relieve heavy court calendars.

### **Law Enforcement and Correctional Personnel**

Republicans have established and continued to work for adequate training, income, retirement benefits, and equipment to aid law enforcement and correctional institute personnel.

We strongly advocate improved efficiency in the State Prison operation that will ensure the safety of the public and inmates alike.

We will continue to improve rehabilitation programs for correctional institutions. We also recognize the necessity to incarcerate dangerous offenders so that our streets might be safe.