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SULLIVAN COUNTY	SHERIFF		ATTORNEY		TREASURER		REGISTER OF DEEDS		REGISTER OF PROBATE	
	McCusker, r	Laramie	Tenney, r	Spanos, d	Palmer, d	Sargent, r	MacWilliams, r	LaForge, r	MacWilliams, r	Rency, d
September 8, 1970 DEMOCRATIC										
Acworth	2	..	..	2	..	1	..	3	3	..
Charlestown .....	..	..	..	48	..	..	..	..	..	..
Claremont—										
Ward 1	3	1	..	96	3	..	1	..	..	..
Ward 2	12	3	3	117	4	2	3	3	2	..
Ward 3	12	3	1	206	17	..	1	1	5	..
Cornish .....	..	..	..	28	..	..	..	..	..	..
Croydon	1	..	..	8	..	2	..	1	1	..
Goshen .....	..	..	..	11	..	1	..	1	1	..
Grantham .....	..	..	..	8	..	1	..	2	2	1
Langdon .....	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Lempster .....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Newport	5	..	..	193	22	..	..	21	9	22
Plainfield .....	..	..	..	23	..	..	..	1	1	..
Springfield .....	..	..	..	4	..	..	..	1	3	..
Sunapee .....	..	..	..	37	..	1	1	1	1	..
Unity	2	..	..	12	..	2	2	1	2	..
Washington	1	..	..	8	..	..	..	..	..	..
Totals	38	7	4	802	46	10	8	36	30	23

SCATTERING — Sheriff: Claremont, Ward 2, 1; Cornish, 1; Sunapee 2. Attorney: Claremont, Ward 3, 1. Treasurer: Claremont, Ward 2, 1; Claremont, Ward 3, 1. Register of Deeds: Claremont, Ward 2, 1, Claremont, Ward 3, 1; Grantham, 2. Register of Probate: Claremont, Ward 3, 1; Unity, 1.

**TOTAL REGISTERED REPUBLICANS AND DEMOCRATS
AS OF SEPTEMBER 8, 1970**

SUMMARY BY COUNTIES	REPUBLICANS	DEMOCRATS
Belknap	9409	3812
Carroll	8487	1272
Cheshire	11414	4843
Coos	6990	7298
Grafton	14272	4720
Hillsborough	37523	43269
Merrimack	20576	8162
Rockingham	33823	13284
Strafford	11939	9321
Sullivan	7483	4492
Totals	161916	100473

BELKNAP COUNTY	REPUBLICANS	DEMOCRATS	CARROLL COUNTY	REPUBLICANS	DEMOCRATS
Alton	792	156	Albany	70	32
Barnstead	240	157	Bartlett	460	64
Belmont	533	263	Brookfield	164	6
Center Harbor	182	45	Chatham	77	15
Gilford	1086	203	Conway	2335	421
Gilmanton	359	110	Eaton	103	17
Laconia—			Efingham	176	48
Ward 1	714	187	Freedom	167	35
Ward 2	457	775	Hale's Location .....	..	..
Ward 3	278	118	Hart's Location	8	2
Ward 4	622	251	Jackson	156	46
Ward 5	586	398	Madison	288	26
Ward 6	1001	380	Moultonborough	697	85
Meredith	1102	306	Ossipee	645	103
New Hampton	326	117	Sandwich	363	34
Sanbornton	341	72	Tamworth	517	114
Tilton	790	274	Tuftonboro	470	41
Totals	9409	3812	Wakefield	599	59
			Wolfeboro	1192	124
			Totals	8487	1272

CHESHIRE COUNTY		REPUBLICANS	DEMOCRATS	COOS COUNTY		REPUBLICANS	DEMOCRATS
Alstead	341	68	Atkinson & Gil. Ac. Gt.	..	..
Chesterfield	504	199	Bean's Grant .....	..	..
Dublin	340	85	Bean's Purchase .....	..	..
Fitzwilliam	428	64	Berlin—				
Gilsum	91	44	Ward 1	366	975		
Harrisville	137	102	Ward 2	587	1089		
Hinsdale	521	240	Ward 3	1159	936		
Jaffrey	825	479	Ward 4	186	1686		
Keene—			Cambridge				
Ward 1	870	506	Carroll	93	79		
Ward 2	622	322	Chandler's Purchase ..	..	..
Ward 3	650	223	Clarksville	44	23		
Ward 4	1493	436	Colebrook	575	183		
Ward 5	715	410	Columbia	86	31		
Marlborough	356	148	Crawford's Purchase ..	..	..
Marlow	112	48	Cutt's Grant .....	..	..
Nelson	127	37	Dalton	119	83		
Richmond	86	28	Dix's Grant .....	..	..
Rindge	396	163	Dixville	6	4		
Roxbury	44	15	Dummer	68	12		
Stoddard	59	6	Errol	53	5		
Sullivan	79	24	Erving's Gt. or Loc. ..	..	..
Surry	118	49	Gorham	677	693		
Swanzy	814	357	Green's Grant .....	..	..
Troy	217	256	Hadley's Purchase .....	..	..
Walpole	740	211	Jefferson	188	31		
Westmoreland	298	73	Kilkenny .....	..	..
Winchester	431	250	Lancaster	913	278		
Totals	11414	4843	Low & Burbank's Gt. ..	..	..
			Martin's Location .....	..	..
			Milan	149	99		
			Millsfield	3	..		
			Northumberland	414	580		
			Odell .....	..	..
			Pinkham's Grant	3	..		
			Pittsburg	265	77		
			Randolph	127	6		
			Sargent's Purchase .....	..	..
			Second College Gt. ....	..	..
			Shelburne	84	26		
			Stark	35	15		
			Stewartstown	197	76		
			Stratford	113	127		
			Success .....	..	..
			Thompson & Mes. Pur. ..	2	..		
			Wentworth's Loc.	10	6		
			Whitefield	468	178		
			Totals	6990	7298		

GRAFTON COUNTY		REPUBLICANS	DEMOCRATS	HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY		REPUBLICANS	DEMOCRATS
Alexandria	153	46	Amherst	1414	260		
Ashland	445	199	Antrim	493	122		
Bath	201	22	Bedford	1533	641		
Benton	42	5	Bennington	202	57		
Bethlehem	441	101	Brookline	280	124		
Bridgewater	184	36	Deering	166	53		
Bristol	593	108	Franchestown	260	35		
Campton	419	77	Goffstown	1739	1370		
Canaan	513	214	Greenfield	230	106		
Dorchester	70	19	Greenville	188	411		
Easton	50	16	Hancock	455	76		
Ellsworth	14	..	Hillsborough	883	214		
Enfield	428	251	Hollis	959	150		
Franconia	195	53	Hudson	1588	1986		
Grafton	117	28	Litchfield	184	146		
Groton	45	28	Lyndeborough	223	44		
Hanover	1499	665	Manchester—				
Haverhill	876	114	Ward 1	2857	1769		
Hebron	99	9	Ward 2	1977	1947		
Holderness	447	110	Ward 3	880	1446		
Landaff	65	19	Ward 4	732	1401		
Lebanon—			Ward 5	218	1039		
Ward 1	619	299	Ward 6	1427	3016		
Ward 2	422	416	Ward 7	342	1853		
Ward 3	724	282	Ward 8	1617	3316		
Lincoln	231	327	Ward 9	180	483		
Lisbon	343	119	Ward 10	1220	2024		
Littleton .....	..	..	Ward 11	217	1176		
Livermore	1718	469	Ward 12	334	1401		
Lyman	37	33	Ward 13	633	2363		
Lyme	318	84	Ward 14	830	2670		
Monroe	154	40	Mason	142	32		
Orange	33	19	Merrimack	1382	927		
Orford	326	29	Milford	1450	642		
Piermont	117	25	Mont Vernon	252	46		
Plymouth	1045	158	Nashua—				
Rumney	274	60	Ward 1	1150	796		
Sugar Hill	149	6	Ward 2	1170	559		
Thornton	196	40	Ward 3	772	963		
Warren	214	33	Ward 4	252	742		
Waterville Valley	29	15	Ward 5	210	856		
Wentworth	147	35	Ward 6	219	1265		
Woodstock	280	111	Ward 7	304	902		
			Ward 8	852	1049		
Totals	14272	4720	Ward 9	637	1104		
			New Boston	396	77		
			New Ipswich	402	210		
			Pelham	656	507		
			Peterborough	1482	302		
			Sharon	45	10		
			Temple	216	16		
			Weare	548	144		
			Wilton	698	416		
			Windsor	27	5		
			Totals	37523	43269		

MERRIMACK COUNTY		REPUBLICANS	DEMOCRATS	ROCKINGHAM COUNTY		REPUBLICANS	DEMOCRATS
Allenstown	167	764	Atkinson	487	216		
Andover	367	182	Auburn	383	221		
Boscawen	529	180	Brentwood	435	80		
Bow	878	112	Candia	634	105		
Bradford	316	42	Chester	598	50		
Canterbury	268	67	Danville	295	84		
Chichester	323	70	Deerfield	351	115		
Concord—			Derry	3242	1140		
Ward 1	533	403	East Kingston	237	84		
Ward 2	490	78	Epping	449	386		
Ward 3	559	96	Exeter	3468	753		
Ward 4	1527	318	Fremont	344	69		
Ward 5	900	143	Greeland	469	99		
Ward 6	636	293	Hampstead	925	210		
Ward 7	2103	529	Hampton	2378	625		
Ward 8	1128	320	Hampton Falls	571	56		
Ward 9	564	133	Kensington	257	111		
Danbury	155	52	Kingston	820	175		
Dunbarton	386	86	Londonderry	1056	447		
Epom	347	129	New Castle	328	118		
Franklin—			Newfields	229	55		
Ward 1	499	215	Newington	186	44		
Ward 2	250	474	Newmarket	309	1037		
Ward 3	552	421	Newton	631	244		
Henniker	531	152	North Hampton	945	209		
Hill	164	22	Northwood	461	56		
Hooksett	862	642	Nottingham	426	89		
Hopkinton	1254	238	Plaistow	1266	625		
Loudon	316	154	Portsmouth—				
Newbury	260	54	Ward 1	528	512		
New London	895	92	Ward 2	926	335		
Northfield	507	224	Ward 3	723	308		
Pembroke	782	949	Ward 4	835	267		
Pittsfield	597	285	Ward 5	302	197		
Salisbury	137	61	Ward 6	132	112		
Sutton	225	76	Raymond	655	308		
Warner	274	31	Rye	1119	240		
Webster	141	28	Salem	3844	2700		
Wilmot	154	47	Sandown	268	51		
Totals	20576	8162	Seabrook	940	294		
			South Hampton	116	57		
			Stratham	564	116		
			Windham	691	284		
			Totals	33823	13284		

STRAFFORD COUNTY		REPUBLICANS	DEMOCRATS	SULLIVAN COUNTY		REPUBLICANS	DEMOCRATS
Barrington		389	105	Acworth		124	27
Dover—				Charlestown		758	217
Ward 1		778	560	Claremont—			
Ward 2		412	546	Ward 1		708	651
Ward 3		738	329	Ward 2		1415	931
Ward 4		1622	639	Ward 3		963	1113
Ward 5		241	366	Cornish		291	88
Durham		1444	512	Croydon		117	33
Farmington		847	402	Goshen		132	43
Lee		314	116	Grantham		69	34
Madbury		175	33	Langdon		124	17
Middleton		32	9	Lempster		165	29
Milton		376	183	Newport		1345	918
New Durham		220	55	Plainfield		337	120
Rochester—				Springfield		125	24
Ward 1		462	233	Sunapee		603	126
Ward 2		1020	600	Unity		101	97
Ward 3		347	373	Washington		106	24
Ward 4		202	615				
Ward 5		565	215	Totals		7483	4492
Ward 6		486	182				
Rollinsford		292	466				
Somersworth—							
Ward 1		122	313				
Ward 2		172	488				
Ward 3		237	761				
Ward 4		98	813				
Ward 5		39	354				
Strafford		309	53				
Totals		11939	9321				

RECOUNTS AFTER THE PRIMARY

After the Primary, fifteen recounts of ballots were conducted by the Secretary of State, September 28-29, 1970; six recounts were Republican contests, and nine were Democratic contests.

One of the recounts resulted in a change in Manchester, Ward 2, Republican. Recount of write-in votes resulted in four candidates being nominated on the Democratic ballot of Manchester, Ward 1. Recount of write-in votes in Manchester Ward 2, resulted in four candidates being nominated on the Democratic ballot.

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

REPUBLICAN RECOUNTS

CHESHIRE COUNTY			
COMMISSIONER, First District			
		Recount	
David G. Adams	352	352	
Louis S. Ballam	382	380*	
Robert W. Moore, Jr.	370	373	

REPRESENTATIVES			
GRAFTON COUNTY			
District No. 19			
		Recount	
Richard L. Bradley	496	499*	
Herbert H. Karsten	330	329	
Lester E. Mitchell, Sr.	337	333*	

Londonderry			
		Recount	
William P. Boucher	323	321*	
Charles H. Hall	244	215	
Edward J. Ormiston	181	179	
Earle L. Soule	254	261*	

HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY			
Manchester — Ward 1			
		Recount	
Frances J. Abbott	858	855*	
John I. Adams	649	650	
Greta M. Ainley	992	1,017*	
Edward I. Carmen	656	655	
Forsyth Daniels	927	955*	

John C. Janko	161	164
George A. Lang	724	725*
Norman F. Milne, Jr.	824	821*
Maurice J. Savage	412	415
Emile J. Soucy	702	703
Kimon S. Zachos	840	849*

Manchester — Ward 2			
		Recount	
Elmer R. Ackerson, Sr.	648	639*	
Alice M. Hart	481	554*	
Jeanie B. Kazandjian	272	296	
Wilfred J. Lachance	517	501	
James L. Mahony	594	527	
J. Henry Montplaisir	599	584*	
Francis Murphy	556	545*	
Harry E. Nyberg	622	607*	

MERRIMACK COUNTY			
District No. 5			
		Recount	
Fred A. Blomquist	171	173	
John J. Hine	194	195	
Harry C. Parker	630	631*	
Samuel Reddy, Jr.	658	659*	
J. Wilcox Brown	21‡	26‡	

‡write-in votes

DEMOCRATIC RECOUNTS

COUNCILOR

District No. 2

		Recount	
Paul J. Dumont	2,000	1,999	
Aldrich Mitchell, Jr.	569	548	
Robert F. Preston	2,096	2,104*	

HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY

Treasurer

		Recount	
Thomas J. Bayko	3,953	4,013	
Aurele A. Beaudoin	6,053	6,102	
Gerard J. DeGrace	6,678	6,676*	

Representatives

Manchester — Ward 1

Write-in Votes

		Recount	
Frances J. Abbott		19*	
Greta M. Ainley		44*	
Edward I. Carmen		12*	
Kimon S. Zachos		17*	
Forsaith Daniels		8	
John I. Adams		6	
Robert Kirby		4	
George A. Lang		3	
Joseph Higgins		2	

Manchester — Ward 2

Write-in Votes

		Recount	
Elmer R. Ackerson, Sr.	24	25*	
C. Edward Bourassa	56	58*	
J. Henry Montplaisir	..	10*	
Francis Murphy	13	13*	

Manchester — Ward 6

		Recount	
William F. Barrett	548	547*	
Edward D. Clancy	618	618*	
Frank T. Conway	505	508	

Walter J. Duda	379	387
Claude E. Dupont	459	460
George P. Gagas	152	149
Daniel J. Healy	557	553*
Joseph Lomazzo	534	531*
John T. Lynch	578	572*
William J. McDonough	572	574*
Michael F. O'Connor	489	489
Robert P. Raymond	254	259

Manchester — Ward 7

		Recount	
Emile E. Boisvert	390	393*	
Betty M. Doumoussaris	323	323	
Charles J. Leclerc	423	423*	
Joseph A. Martel	408	410*	
Andre J. Simard	441	445*	
P. Robert Thibeault	302	306	

Nashua — Ward 6

		Recount	
Arthur G. Bouley	219	192	
Francis J. Chamard	272	273*	
Margaret S. Cote	309	308*	
Leo P. Gendron	151	152	
Margaret L. McGlynn	222	222	
Robert O'Neil	225	230*	

MERRIMACK COUNTY

District No. 5

		Recount	
J. Willcox Brown	81	89*	
Carol Carson	14‡	‡15*	
George Bean	9‡	10‡	

*write-in votes

MODERATOR

Manchester — Ward 7

		Recount	
Everett J. Godbois	380	379*	
Adelard H. Lanoie	363	365	

**PARTY
ORGANIZATION**

1970

REPUBLICAN ORGANIZATION

REPUBLICAN STATE PLATFORM

Adopted at The Republican State Convention
Concord, New Hampshire
October 3, 1970

PREAMBLE

We, the Republican Party of New Hampshire, in convention assembled on this third day of October in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and seventy, do hereby present to all the people of New Hampshire the following statement of principles and pledges in the belief that it represents a progressive program which will serve the best interests of all the citizens of our State.

Here in New Hampshire, we must all pledge to resolve those problems which confront us.

With courageous leadership, our strong Republican Party can preserve the natural beauty, the clean air and clear water of our glorious State.

Care for all our citizens in need, with compassion and with dignity. Assist the property taxpayer through aid to our local governments.

Combat the menace of drugs through education, effective rehabilitation and enforcement of the law.

And lastly, promote orderly and positive growth of recreation, tourism and industry to insure a high quality of environment and economy that will make this State a truly better New Hampshire in the years ahead.

Constitutional Amendments

We urge all citizens of New Hampshire to vote yes on the following Constitutional Amendments in order to make New Hampshire government better meet its responsibility.

1. 4-year term for Governor
2. Annual Sessions of the General Court
3. Legislative Compensation Committee to set salaries of members of the General Court
4. Oath of Office (technical change to conform with federal constitutional requirements)

Consumer Protection

We endorse the consumer protection division in the Office of the Attorney General and encourage the citizens of New Hampshire to take full advantage of the services made available by its creation.

We believe that the protection of New Hampshire's citizens from false and misleading advertising and from unfair and deceptive business practices is a legitimate goal of responsible government, as is the protection of the legitimate businessman from unfair competition.

Crime and Justice

The Republican Party commends the conscientious efforts of our local, county and state law enforcement officers in their continuing attempt to check the rising crime rate.

We recommend further expansion of the activities of the Governor's Commission on Crime and Delinquency in order to further aid in law enforcement on all levels.

We recommend that the Legislature consider codification of the New Hampshire criminal laws.

We recommend the activities of the Citizens Committee on the Administration of Justice and urge them to make specific proposals for action by the Legislature.

Drugs

The Republican Party pledged to continue its highly acclaimed attack on drug abuse with a three-pronged program of education, enforcement and effective rehabilitation. Our excellent progress in education and enforcement must now be emphasized in rehabilitation.

Ecology and Open Space

New Hampshire's wonderful natural beauties must be maintained and her inland and coastal wetlands preserved. Open space should be preserved consistent with sound growth. We will support open space legislation to offer deferred taxation on agriculture, forest, recreation and wild land. Such legislation should provide for tax recapture sufficient to recover deferred taxes and to prevent speculators from benefiting at the expense of our taxpayers.

Education

The Republican Party is firmly committed to greater quality of educational opportunity in New Hampshire at all levels.

We pledge a further increase in state aid to local school districts.

We pledge that there will be a continuing reassessment of educational organization, administration and methods.

We pledge to work for an equitable professional negotiations law.

We pledge to encourage the better utilization of our vocational-technical facilities.

We shall continue to support quality education for the non-public (parochial) schools of our state.

We urge improvement and expansion of the Higher Education Loan Plan.

We pledge to continue to fund our State University system at a level that will insure its continued excellence in higher education.

We strongly believe that state officials and college administrators must exercise firmness and vigilance to insure the rights of all students to the education they and their parents are paying for . . . an education free from subversion, violence, or threats of violence, while zealously guarding the rights of academic freedom and free speech.

We urge the continuance of the ROTC program at the University of New Hampshire, and we zealously guard the rights of the participants in this program to receive their commissions in the traditional manner.

We urge that under no circumstances is the American Flag to be removed from any public platform because of threats of violence.

Fuel Oil

The Republican Party of New Hampshire will do all in its power to persuade President Nixon to alter his present fuel oil formula for New England in such a way that a large enough quota be established at the earliest possible date to provide sufficient supplies of fuel oil for the winter of 1970-71 and the future for all needs at fair prices commensurate to other areas in the United States. Furthermore, to insure a stable supply of fuel oil for the future, the Party will exert all possible effort to cause the assignment of the construction of a petroleum refinery in New England, as has previously been proposed.

Health & Welfare

Having demonstrated our deep concern through initiating the program of State aid to local mental health Clinics, the Republican Party pledges continued emphasis in planning and in financial support of this established program.

The Republican Party pledges to improve services and conditions at the New Hampshire Hospital.

The Republican Party pledges to expand the geriatrics program at Glencliff, thus further reducing the permanent load at the New Hampshire Hospital.

The Republican Party, having initiated action which resulted this year in the State's acceptance of about fifty percent of the foster children for room and board payments, urges the Legislature to study provisions for additional responsibility in this field.

We encourage the increased use of our vocational-technical institutes to train para-professionals in the medical field.

Highways

The Republican Party pledges to support a realistic highway program toward completion of the master plan for primary and secondary highways.

Recognizing that the natural beauty of New Hampshire's highways is one of our greatest assets, we urge that every effort be made to maintain and beautify our highway system. We pledge to implement further programs to control highway litter.

We recommend that a greater percentage of the state gas tax revenues be allocated for use by cities and towns.

We urge the Federal government to return more highway funds to the states.

Industry

The Republican Party pledges to seek and promote the establishment in our state of new, high-wage industries with pollution-free facilities.

We pledge to continue to seek ways to assist our present New Hampshire industries to up-grade their wages and facilities.

We pledge to seek new industry through selective, personal salesmanship and promotion.

Labor

The Republican Party of New Hampshire will urge Congress to place sharp restrictions on foreign imports of shoes, textiles and electronics in order to protect the jobs of New Hampshire workers.

Unemployment compensation benefits should be increased to provide dependency allowances to workers laid off through no fault of their own sufficient maintenance during such periods of unemployment.

Local Government

Towns and cities should be given great latitude to form voluntary joint area or regional organizations to cope with problems that can best be served by such joint action. Local governments, including counties, should be urged to do for themselves to the maximum extent possible to assure a continuing high degree of home rule.

Pollution

It is the Republican desire to stop pollution and preserve our environment. In order to secure this goal promptly and effectively, we propose the following:

1. To investigate and enforce the present anti-pollution laws.
2. To introduce legislation in those areas where pollution controls are either weak or non-existent.
3. To supply individuals and local governments with technical advice and supervision in their anti-pollution efforts.
4. To accelerate the clean-up of our water ways by introducing legislation to ease the financial burden of towns constructing and maintaining sewerage systems.
5. To make those who pollute pay the clean-up costs.

We pledge to seek new ways to better coordinate all pollution control plans and efforts.

Recreation and Fish and Game

The Republican Party leadership has initiated orderly and prosperous expansion of New Hampshire's recreational facilities.

We recommend that immediate action be taken to protect and restore New Hampshire's historically valuable properties.

We recommend that New Hampshire residents receive preferential treatment at state-owned recreational areas.

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

We pledge to continue to protect the rights of New Hampshire sportsmen.

We oppose the enactment of gun control laws.

Senior Citizens

Because current Social Security regulations prohibit able elderly from earning significant additional income by reducing benefits proportionately, we propose that the New Hampshire Congressional delegation be urged to support amendments to the law allowing recipients to earn more money.

Older persons have specialized nutrition needs which are compounded by income and transportation problems. Not only do they need special foods, but they often cannot afford them, and cannot find ways to get to where the food is. Therefore, we should move on these problems by:

Instituting a pilot project to test the Federal Food Stamp Program, which will allow older persons who qualify to purchase the special foods they need at substantial savings from local stores.

Because the elderly are subject to increasing medical and drug costs, we propose that the New Hampshire Congressional delegation be urged to support a minimum extension of Medicare benefits to cover out-of-hospital drug costs.

Because loneliness is one of the pervasive problems facing our elders, and because older persons should have a variety of choices about how they decide to use their time, and further because towns and municipalities have not been able to allocate their money directly to serve the elderly, therefore, we should encourage the Legislature to amend the Powers and Duties of Towns Act (RSA 31) to allow allocation of funds directly for programs for the benefit of older citizens — both for recreation centers and facilities and for other service facilities needed by older citizens.

State Employees

The Republican Party recognizes the dedication and faithful service of the State's many employees.

We reaffirm our pledge that the salary and wage policy for state employees be based upon equal pay for equal work and that salaries meet prevailing rates.

We advocate the strengthening of the state's personnel system by supporting its review by competent professional consultants.

We are in favor of increased fringe benefits to state employees and as such recommend an amendment to the employees' retirement system in order to provide equitable death benefits to state employees' beneficiaries. We further recommend increased state contributions to both the employees' hospital and medical insurance and life insurance plans.

Taxation

The needs of the state can be met within the present tax structure. We do not propose nor will we support either a general sales tax or a personal income tax. We believe the Business Profits Tax, a tax which will grow with the economy, has eliminated the necessity for new taxes.

Direct property tax relief for New Hampshire's hard-pressed homeowners is desirable. Therefore, we recommend the Governor appoint a special commission to evaluate the equity and the cost to the State of the so-called Homestead Exemption Plan.

Young People

The Republican Party, recognizing the interest, vigor, imagination, and greater awareness of young people, pledges to seek and encourage responsible participation by our youth in the political process.

We are concerned with the incidence of violence and disorder created today by a small minority, and we urge responsible young men and women to turn their attention and political awareness to this serious problem.

We affirm our support for 18 year olds being given the right to vote. We invite and urge young people to join our Republican effort to continue the direction and leadership which this state so urgently needs and rightfully expects.