

Republican platform, resolutions

votes on school district bond and plant facilities elections.

Several planks backed concepts for the family farm, promote the tourism industry, expand Idaho markets to foreign nations, and for increased diversity of jobs and the economy.

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Several planks took indirect potshots at the Republican-controlled Legislature by calling for local option taxes and local option government which the lawmakers have failed to pass.

Also backed was the homeowners exemption, an increase public employee salaries and benefits, sunset provisions for special districts to justify their continued existence, and a bare land plus severance tax for the timber industry.

Also backed were plans for improving legislative organization, the Idaho Land Use Planning Act of 1975, funding for local governments, increased mineral tax, avoiding duplications of service among local and county governments, a grocery tax exemption for senior citizens, and a "responsible tax reform aimed toward establishing uniform

assessment practices and distributing the funds with equity and fairness."

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In the matter of energy, support was extended for Congress to establish a national nuclear waste disposal policy, for securing lower BPA electrical costs; support for transit and public transportation; gasoline; and alternative energy sources.

It also solidly backed the INEL for its role in energy research and development, fusion and breeder reactor technology, with adequate safety precautions.

The planks backed increased nuclear waste management and elimination of radioactive discharges in the Snake River aquifer.

Another plank supported best uses of coal and natural gas resources, including incentives for greater use of coal, and to make natural gas available from the Alaskan North Slope fields; more hydro generating capacity on Idaho waterways, and research and development of such inexhaustible energy sources as photovoltaic direct conversion for active solar energy, laser fusion development and hydrogen energy fuels.

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The human resource plank called for increasing funding for social service programs, including public housing; help in paying gas, heating oil and electrical bills for those who can not afford them and various services for senior citizens, such as homemaker, chore, nutrition, transportation, adult day care and home health programs.

Also asked was enforcement of nursing home accreditation, regulations to eliminate Medicaid fraud and abuse; support of quality health care; support of Adult and Child Development Centers and Community Mental Health Centers.

Other plans asked for support of the Idaho Arts Commission, Association for the Humanities, adequate Idaho State Library fund, tax incentives to enable the private sector to restore and reuse of old buildings.

Other proposals called for support of human services to preserve and enhance a positive family life, such as backing for group homes, sheltered workshops, child care and early education options for children, and program aimed at eliminating child neglect and child abuse; support of regional and local detention centers and programs for providing training and counseling for displaced homemak-

ers.

In the matter of human rights, proposals back the Idaho Commission on Human Rights and that it be granted enforcement powers; oppose discrimination on basis of age, race, creed, sex, nationality or physical limitations; and oppose economic and social exploitations of migrant labor, illegal aliens and other minority groups and the rights

of all people to organize, also providing the right of arbitration, conciliation and mediation.

So there you have it, but it's doubtful that many of them will be remembered for the political campaign. It will be interesting to see how they compare with the Republican platform and resolutions, which will be adopted in 10 days.



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