

PROPOSED 1968 DEMOCRATIC PLATFORM



THIS IS A STATEMENT OF THE PRINCIPLES AND GOALS OF THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY FOR 1968

The Democratic Party survives as the oldest voluntary political group in the world because it continues to fight for creative and progressive solutions to the problems of all of the people of our society. To do this is a constantly renewing challenge. Literally thousands of Democrats from all walks of life have contributed their thinking to the formation of this platform statement.

Fundamentally, Democrats believe that democratic government should be used to serve the collective and individual interests of all of its citizens — not just the privileged few — in the belief that for all peoples, life can be better. We believe that there is no such thing as inevitable injustice or inevitable poverty or inevitable ignorance. A just, prosperous and wise society is a strong society.

With great confidence we rely on the magnificent leaders in our party to effectively implement this year's platform with the same dedication they have shown in the past. This leadership begins with President Lyndon B. Johnson and Vice President Hubert H. Humphrey. Washington's outstanding Congressional delegation — Senator Warren G. Magnuson, Senator Henry M. Jackson, Congressman Brock Adams, Congressman Tom Foley, Congresswoman Julia Butler Hanson, Congressman Floyd Hicks and Congressman Lloyd Meeds were effective spearheads of the revolution in domestic reform legislation which has characterized the last two sessions of congress.

Our national leadership is effectively complimented in Washington State by our distinguished state elected officials: John Cherberg, John J. O'Connell, Bert Cole, Robert S. O'Brien, Robert V. Graham, and Leel. Kueckelhan, and the democratic members of the legislature.

FOREIGN AFFAIRS

We propose:

1. That American survival and well-being depend on the survival and well-being of all the world's peoples, as theirs depends on ours; that America is confronted with a complex and ever-changing world situation and we must constantly re-evaluate and be ever flexible in our foreign policy.
2. That the Democratic Party present a comprehensive foreign affairs plank in its national platform that is consistent with the domestic objectives of the Democratic Party, in order for the American people to have the opportunity to give direction to a foreign policy that is consistent with our democratic principles and the long-term interests of the United States.
3. That the United States initiate international efforts to amend the United Nations Charter to reflect changes in the world power structure of the past 20 years, to improve procedures for conflict resolution and to strengthen the international peace-keeping activity and capability of the United Nations.
4. That the United States seek to increase the effectiveness and authority of the United Nations agencies through which economic aid contributed by the developed nations on the basis of the national income can be channeled to the underdeveloped nations in accordance with need.
5. That in a world growing smaller everyday, it is not possible to have a peaceful community of nations in which the Peoples Republic of China is excluded. The United States should start building bridges to The Peoples Republic of China that will hopefully lead to recognition of the government of The Peoples Republic of China and her admission to the United Nations on terms that will not reduce the effectiveness of the United Nations as a peace keeping organization.
6. We pledge full support to the efforts being made to secure a negotiated peace in Vietnam. The United States policy there is presently undergoing important re-evaluation. While we recognize the need for the United States to maintain a flexible position in order to negotiate effectively, we suggest greater emphasis on land reform and the elimination of corruption. We further believe, that peace and right of self determination be assured all the peoples of Vietnam.
7. The right of a reporter to travel to the site of any conflict in the world and return to the United States and report what he sees unobstructed by United States immigration officials is an element of freedom of the press guaranteed by the First Amendment to the United States Constitution.
8. To retain the gold exchange standard at the present rate of \$35.00 per ounce as a medium of International exchange supplemented by the proposed special drawing rights as recommended by the United States Treasury.
9. The abolition of all forms of military aid to anti-democratic regimes; this includes the use of liberal credit provisions by the Import-Export Bank to encourage the sale of weapons to such countries; particularly, military and economic aid to the Greek Military junta should be terminated.
10. That the United States make a unilateral declaration that we will not use nuclear weapons against non-nuclear nations.
11. Diplomatic recognition by the United States of any government in effective control of its country whether we favor its policies or not.
12. Giving birth control assistance to any nation requesting such help.
13. Reduction of restrictive trade barriers and the expansion of world trade.
14. Ratification by the United States of the Nuclear Non-proliferation Treaty.
15. We urge continued support and further expansion of Peace Corps activities which carry American knowledge and good will to all people.

16. In addition to maintaining or opening avenues for free dialog between the United States and all other countries of the world, we support principles of peaceful solution of all disagreements, non-intervention in the domestic affairs of others, and above all, the right of self-determination of peoples in accordance with the Charter of the United Nations.

Minority Report — FOREIGN AFFAIRS

6. Full support to the efforts being made to secure a negotiated peace in Vietnam. United States policy in Vietnam is presently undergoing an important re-evaluation. While we recognize the need for the United States to maintain a flexible position in order to negotiate effectively, we suggest the following initiatives:
 - a. Emphasis upon land reform and elimination of corruption by the foreign regime.
 - b. Indication of a willingness to negotiate with the NLF and accept it as part of a broad coalition government to include representatives of all major groups in South Vietnam.
 - c. Indication of a willingness to halt all bombing north of the 17th parallel in order to get negotiations expedited, using the 1954 Geneva Accords as a basis, with emphasis on immediate de-escalation of hostilities by all participants.

ECONOMIC AFFAIRS

I. ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY

We propose:

A. National Action

1. To expedite the programs for economic opportunity.
2. To press forward with the job training program at every level; retraining and re-location programs for workmen displaced by technological advances.
3. That the millions who are retired, disabled, or otherwise unable to seek active employment are entitled to share in our prosperity and to this end, we support income maintenance programs.
4. A program to create public service jobs for the unemployed and seriously under-employed to perform much needed services in parks, playgrounds, hospitals and other public facilities.

B. State Action

1. A joint effort between labor, industry and the state whereby those employables who have not had the opportunity to find jobs because of lack of training, be given on-the-job training with state subsidy, on a diminishing basis.
2. Legislation which will raise the educational and health standards for migrant workers and their families, and state and local health regulations be improved as applicable to migrant camps.
3. Broadening and expanding the pre-apprenticeship and apprenticeship training and vocational educational programs.

II. LABOR

We propose:

A. National Action

1. Immediate repeal of Section 14B of the Taft-Hartley Act.
2. Repeal of the discriminatory sections of the Landrum-Griffin Act, including sections which prohibit situs picketing by construction workers.
3. Federal minimum standards for the amount and duration of unemployment compensation benefits.
4. That all public employees and agricultural workers be covered under the provisions of the National Labor Relations Act.

5. Reducing the retirement age of all workers from 65 to 60 at the option of the worker without reduced benefits.
6. A gradual reduction of the work week.
7. A national health and safety code for all employees with federal grants in aid to qualifying states for improved planning administration and enforcement.

B. State Action

1. Extending unemployment compensation insurance to all workers, to non-striking workers who are victims of a "lock out" and to those workers who, while eligible for unemployment compensation benefits become ill or are accidentally injured off the job.
2. An immediate increase in unemployment compensation benefits to meet the increased cost of living, benefits to be set at 65% of the state average wage rate and at no time less than 65% of forty times the basic hourly minimum wage of \$1.60.
3. Converting present lump sum settlement for permanent partial disabilities to permanent pensions in the workmen's compensation program.
4. Extending industrial insurance to all workers, particularly migrant farm workers.
5. Opposition to any private insurance programs in industrial insurance.
6. Increasing workmen's compensation benefits to meet higher costs of living.
7. Extending the state minimum wage to those employees not now covered and the re-enactment of overtime provisions to meet constitutional objections.
8. Legislation giving clear cut authority to the Department of Labor and Industries to enforce state safety codes in all state, county, and municipal agencies.
9. Retention of jury trials in workmen's compensation cases.
10. Stengthen collective bargaining for all state and local public employees.
11. Increasing the minimum wage rate to \$2.00 per hour to all workers except minors and children.
12. Continued opposition to right to work legislation.
13. We urge investigation by the appropriate legislative body into the low state to which the Workmen's Industrial Rehabilitation Center has fallen in contrast to the high level it had achieved under our former Democratic administration.

III. BUSINESS AND TRANSPORTATION

We propose:

A. National Action

1. Determined action against mergers or informal agreements designed to limit output, administer prices, or stifle competition.
2. Further liberalization and simplification procedures to aid in securing Small Business Administration loans.
3. Finance tunnels, bridges, and ferries as integral parts of our national highway system, including a cross-sound bridge as an extension of the interstate highway system.
4. Federal subsidies for construction of urban mass transit be greatly increased, be automatically extended and include planning and design programs.
5. That federal subsidies for mass transit be increased to 90 per cent.
6. More adequate regulation of transportation of all agricultural commodities in interstate commerce.
7. Increase federal aid to solve urban highway and development problems.
8. Early construction of a 30-foot channel up the Columbia River to provide navigation to Pasco and barge traffic to Wenatchee.
9. Conversion of weights and measures to international standards (metric system).

B. State Action

1. Early construction of:
 - a. The Puget Sound to Columbia River Canal.
 - b. the Cascade Tunnel.
 - c. Highway 82 through the Tri-Cities, and
 - d. free left turn (fifth lane) systems where state highways pass through business communities.
2. Formation of a four-county Washington Transportation system for Snohomish, King, Pierce and Kitsap counties.
3. Enactment of a safe train crew law.
4. Expansion of state aid for general aviation.
5. Retention of the Highway Commission as it exists under the present law with retention of the Highway Personnel Department.
6. Bridges and ferries are extensions of the highway system and should be financed as such.
7. That the tonnage fee on vehicles should be assessed on the load-carrying vehicles as before.

IV. TAXATION

We propose:

A. National Action

1. Continued support of the administration's use of a counter-cyclical tax policy as a means of maintaining economic stability, and thus promoting full employment and economic growth.
2. Renewed efforts to close the loopholes in the federal tax base, under which over half of the income received in this nation escapes taxation. The federal tax base has been so greatly eroded that, typically, on the individual level, the effective rates actually decline for incomes above \$100,000. Taxation of oil and timber companies and nonprofit foundations should be re-evaluated.
3. The use of the net income tax as a vehicle whereby taxpayers may make contributions to political parties.
4. An upward revision of the present exemption allowed by income tax laws so that such exemption would reflect the present cost of living in a more realistic manner, which would permit a \$1,000 exemption for each dependent.

B. State Action

We condemn Washington's regressive tax structure with its reliance on a high general sales tax, a gross income tax on business and industry, high specific excise taxes, and with its ever-increasing and inequitable property taxes.

This situation can only be corrected by sweeping tax reform, the keystone of which must be the establishment of a graduated net income tax.

Present constitutional limitations such as those which today prevent the adoption of a graduated net income tax do not effectively limit the overall tax burden or protect our citizens. Rather, they foster and perpetuate Washington's existing undesirable and inequitable tax system.

Philosophically we support the elimination of restrictions upon the Legislature as to types and rates of taxation so as to allow the Legislature to adopt the most equitable allocation of tax burdens.

Specifically, we recommend immediate tax reform which would include in a single package:

1. The establishment of a graduated net income tax upon individuals in the State of Washington.
2. A corporate net income tax.
3. The reduction of the sales tax rate and the elimination of the sales tax upon food and prescription drugs.
4. Substantial reduction of the business and occupation tax.
5. Enforcement of uniform property tax assessments throughout the State.
6. Adoption of a "Truth in Taxation" program to make our property tax system more visible and understandable to the taxpayer, by assessment of property at its true and fair value, with proportionate reduction in the tax rates. Such rates should be expressed in terms of dollars per thousand dollars of true and fair value, or rates. Our present reliance upon property tax should be decreased.
7. Classification of property for purposes of ad valorem taxation.
8. We endorse Initiative 244.

In addition, we recommend:

1. Elimination of unfair tax privileges and exemptions throughout the state tax structure.
2. Equitable property tax relief for elderly citizens with low incomes, through a system which provides uniform treatment of homeowners, renters, and residents of retirement homes.
3. Authorization of special levies by a simple majority vote.
4. Use of the proposed net income tax as a vehicle whereby taxpayers may make contributions to political parties.
5. Establishment of a permanent Legislative Tax Study Council to conduct research and study of the state's tax problems. The council will be made up of selected members of the Senate, the House and the public.

GOVERNMENT SERVICES

I. SENIOR CITIZENS

We propose:

A. National Action

1. Increasing social security benefits to keep pace with the cost of living and increasing the amount which can be earned without penalty or reduction of old age assistance.
2. Broadening the Medicare program to cover out-of-hospital prescription drugs.

B. State Action

1. Discontinuing the practice of deducting from old age assistance the allowable \$50 property tax exemption for senior citizens.

X. CONDEMNATION COMPENSATION

2. Legislation to protect senior citizens from discriminatory insurance cancellation based on age factors alone.
3. Raising nursing home standards and providing more frequent inspection and strict enforcement.
4. Continuation of the program to use the knowledge and skills of our retired citizens in community service.
5. Accelerated construction of low cost housing facilities for rental or purchase by senior citizens.
6. Free fishing and hunting licenses for all citizens over 65.

II. EDUCATION

We propose:

A. National Action

1. Continuation of federal funds for school districts with increased enrollments due to defense plants, military facilities, and other federal projects.
2. Increased federal aid for expanded state vocational training programs and manpower re-training programs.
3. Ultimate enactment of broad purpose federal aid to education rather than a diversity of categorical aid programs.
4. Increased federal aid to school districts containing large numbers of youngsters needing special educational services resulting from culturally and economically deprived environments.
5. Continued and vigorous support for the National Defense Education Act which provides educational loans for students. To this end we more specifically urge the following:
 - a. Increased funds be allocated.
 - b. Loyalty oaths and other restrictions which seek to achieve ends unrelated to the purpose of the act be eliminated.
 - c. Repayment schedules be on a graduated basis to the end that repayment be related to increasing earning power.

B. State Action

1. Reaffirmation of our belief in Article IX of the State Constitution as expressed in its preamble; "It is the paramount duty of the State to make ample provision for the education of all children residing within its borders, without distinction or preference on account of race, color, caste, or sex."
2. That the state legislature provide the money necessary for full funding of the public schools through total tax reform.
3. A state program of scholarships and loans to college students of both public and private schools.
4. In recognizing the inherent differences between students, we urge a more extensive program of realistic vocational-technical training which would appeal to younger students.
5. Additional use of public school facilities for adult education and vocational training.
6. Continued programs, facilities, and research for the special students — those physically or mentally handicapped, the disadvantaged, and the intellectually gifted.
7. Development of curriculum programs for giving proper recognition to the contributions and roles of minority groups.
8. That more emphasis be made to insure that all students learn to read and improve upon their reading skills. Poor reading is the leading cause of student failure and discontent in our schools.
9. Guarantee to teachers full rights of freedom of speech, academic inquiry and political activity, security of employment and protection of their rights to civil court hearings in matters of tenure.
10. Recognition of the interests of students to participate through orderly democratic procedures in the development of curriculum for higher education.
11. Teacher certification based on thorough mastery of subject matter to be taught, supplemented by a meaningful combination of the theory and practice of instruction.
12. That Washington State join 49 other states and establish criteria for the preparation and certification of counselors.
13. Support of collective bargaining including their right to strike for teachers leading to written contracts between the school district and the teachers' organizations which have been recognized as the collective bargaining agent. Any teachers' group should be eligible for a position on the ballot.
14. Establishment of a uniform contract year of 180 days for teachers in grades 1 — 12 with the days beyond that period to be reimbursed at the same daily rate of the regular contract.
15. Voluntary retirement at age 55 with 25 years service and cost of living increases to retired teachers.
16. Extension of the Manpower Development Retraining Act, including full use of its Training Act Funds for preparing illiterates for vocational training.
17. Full support of the Regional Library Program with authority to develop libraries in unincorporated areas.
18. Continued support of sheltered workshops for handicapped individuals.

19. Establishment of a program to evaluate speech, hearing, and nutritional need of elementary school students to determine and eliminate obstacles to learning.
20. Improved salaries for social workers and other counseling personnel to stimulate more people to prepare for such careers and alleviate the current shortage.
21. Expanded programs, facilities, and services for the special student, those physically and/or mentally handicapped, disadvantaged, and the intellectually gifted.
22. New emphasis in our public school program toward expanded programs, including pre-kindergarten, kindergarten, small classes, more counselors and social workers and other specialists, to work with problem children and their families. Remedying the problem here can prevent far greater cost in wasted lives and in the cost of crime and delinquency, or institutional care, and of public welfare.
23. More intensive efforts to help older students find their way into studies and courses of their choice so they may develop into confident, productive citizens. This calls for more individual attention to the student, smaller classes, and more counselors.
24. We endorse the expansion of the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation's non-disabled program, as amended. We further advocate that emphasis be given to assisting individuals before a dependency pattern has been established.
25. Full matching funds for the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation's three separate programs — the physically disabled, the vocationally disabled, and the mentally disabled.
26. That community colleges should continue the "open door" policy and continue to serve the needs of academic, vocational, continuing and adult education.
27. Encouragement of educational research and the use of innovative teaching approaches.
28. That future teachers' salary increases voted by the state legislature require that such raises and/or percentage of increase be above the experience increment, which is a condition of work.

III. YOUTH CONCERNS

We propose:

1. Expansion of voluntary social services such as the Peace Corps and Vista.
2. Appropriations for funding city supervised recreational facilities for our youth, with young people sharing in the planning and managing of such facilities.

IV. HEALTH AND WELFARE

We propose:

A. National Action

1. Endorsement of Senator Warren Magnuson's proposal to extend federally supported health care for all citizens.
2. Support of the Food and Drug Administration's efforts to assure that all drug promotional literature distributed to doctors state all the known undesirable effects of drugs.
3. Reducing medical and hospital costs and increasing the supply of doctors.
4. A system that allows the recipient of public assistance to keep additional income earned up to the poverty level. A welfare system which cuts back aid when the recipient has earned income stifles incentive and is self-defeating.
5. Federal financial support of Kidney Center projects.
6. Legislation requiring all pharmacists be required to include trade or generic names on all prescription drugs.

B. State Action

1. Continue food stamps on donable foods programs for those citizens with inadequate incomes.
2. The licensing of child care agencies with increased inspections and substantial penalties for infringement of the law.
3. The elimination of residence requirements for public assistance.
4. The addition of florides to all public water supplies in the state which are now deficient in natural florides.
5. Reform the current abortion laws.
6. Family planning assistance by public health care centers where it is compatible with the conscience and religious faith of the individual.
7. Maintaining the profession identity, in licensing of Doctors of Osteopathy, Doctors of Medicine, Doctors of Dentistry, and Doctors of Optometry, and oppose any legislation that would limit their admission to practice through examination by any but an examining board of their peers.
8. That a law be passed that a PKU test be given each newborn infant by physicians.
9. Legislation to protect epileptics whose seizures are under control from discriminatory insurance cancellation and refusal to renew.

V. INDIAN AFFAIRS

We propose:

A. National Action

1. No alteration of any treaty of other federal-Indian contractual relationships without the free consent of the Indian tribes concerned..
2. That the American Indian be given free choice in self determination.
3. Concentrated action to improve the conditions that exist on many reservations for the purpose of bettering jobs and education.

VI. STATE INSTITUTIONS

That activity should be directed to improving state institutions to, or beyond their former level of competence. We hold the present Republican administration responsible for the steady decline of the state institutions which has existed since 1964.

We condemn the heartless and computerized administration of our state institutions which has led to the destruction of the morale of administrators, staff and patients.

We propose:

A. State Action

1. Additional funds for more facilities and research programs for the thousands of persons in this state classified as mentally retarded.
2. Expansion of services of community mental health centers.
3. Enlarging adult and juvenile rehabilitation programs through forest camps and parks.
4. Expansion of the research and diagnostic center at the Rainier School at Buckley.
5. The establishment of prisoner rehabilitation centers.
6. The care and rehabilitation of alcoholics in a farm type program such as is being developed in King County.
7. That we recommend state and federal financial support to assist the family courts of our state in furnishing marriage counseling services, as the most effective means of reducing the family problem which results in divorce and juvenile delinquency.

VII. VETERANS' AFFAIRS

We propose:

A. National Action

1. Support for HR1255 sponsored by Congressman Teague, Chairman of the House Veterans' Affairs Committee, which protects veterans' pension payments to avoid a net loss in the event Congress increases Social Security benefits.
2. Extending the benefits of the G. I. Bill to include veterans of the Vietnam conflict.
3. Recommending and supporting a bonus for combat veterans of the conflict in Vietnam.
4. Maintenance of veteran preference laws, and particularly employment opportunities for handicapped and disabled veterans.
5. Continuing the Veteran Administration as an independent agency.

B. State Action

1. Maintenance of the soldiers' and sailors' Civil Relief Fund.
2. Extension of the Veterans' Preference Law to cover wives of disabled veterans in the State Civil Service System to conform with the federal civil service law.
3. That the Soldiers' Homes at Retsil and Orting be combined in order to meet the needs of the aged, indigent and chronically ill veterans of all wars who would otherwise not be cared for and that the legislature abolish unreasonable and oppressive property and income limitations and restricting admission to veterans' homes.

VIII. PUBLIC FINANCING

We propose:

That the responsibility for certifying bonds offered for sale by governmental units be assigned to the Attorney General and that no governmental unit pay for legal services in connection with the sale of bond issues.

NATURAL RESOURCES

I. AGRICULTURE

We propose:

A. National Action

1. Permanent extension of the farmers' basic charter — the Food and Agriculture Act of 1965.
2. Continuation of the Food and Freedom Program through 1971.
3. Creation of a National Food Bank — a security reserve of wheat, feed grains, and soybeans to protect the consumer against food scarcity and the farmer against falling prices.
4. New bargaining authority for the farmer, to give him a stronger voice in setting terms and conditions for the sale of his products.
5. Stronger regulatory programs to guard the farmer against fraud in the marketplace.

6. Creation of a program to sustain the family farm unit.

7. Continued revitalization of America's rural heartland by improving men's lives through decent housing, better jobs, and more rapid community development.

8. Restoration of the wheat base acreage lost to growers who did not comply with the wheat allotment program in 1964 and are now in compliance.

9. Federal tax laws be amended to distinguish between bona fide farmers and ranchers and others who use spurious farm and ranch losses in order to obtain tax benefits.

10. Federal training and economic development programs directed mainly to solving the plight of the urban poor be expanded to include rural areas.

B. State Action

1. An increase in appropriations to maintain and improve the quality of research in the economic and crop production phases of agriculture and to expand markets.
2. Legislation to retain and zone prime agricultural land for agricultural use.
3. Measures, such as special tax classifications on special zoning, to preserve farm and forest land, and thereby open space; provided that such measures must provide that when such lands are thereafter converted to a different use, then any property taxes previously not paid by reason of such special treatment shall thereupon be paid.

II. NUCLEAR ENERGY

1. We urge the expansion of the nuclear power and other nuclear industries in the State of Washington, and we also urge the electric utilities of the state — public, private, and cooperative — to make early plans for major new nuclear power plants; provided that proper regard shall be given to the prevention of air and water pollution, including thermal pollution, in plant location, development and operation.

III. LAND USE

We propose:

A. National Action

1. More access roads and forest research to further implement the multiple use of our national forests.
2. Substantial expansion by land management agencies of forest management operations, such as thinning and reforestation, in order to obtain an increasing yield in forest growth.
3. An expansion of the Federal Youth Conservation Corps.
4. That state school lands in the Columbia Basin be made available for lease in family units but not for sale. In addition, that the Bureau of Reclamation 160-acre limitation be waived on these lands when utilized as family farm units.
5. The leasing, but not sale, of shale-oil lands consistent with the protection of the quality of the environment; the lease revenues to be earmarked for the support of programs for public health, welfare, and recreation.
6. A thorough investigation should be undertaken of early-day transfers of large land holdings from federal into private hands, with the objective to be the setting aside of those transfers and the restoration of the lands to the Federal Government where the transactions are shown to have been tinged with fraud.

B. State Action

1. More funds for forest research, reforestation, and for more access roads on public lands.
2. A crash effort for an expanded broad study and inventory of soil and water resources.
3. The completion of a definitive topographic and geological map program to enhance the sound economic growth of the State of Washington.
4. Study by the State Department of Natural Resources for the de-ashing of Washington coal.
5. A tax to be levied on all retained mineral rights.
6. We request a moratorium of all non-agricultural development along the Yakima River and its main tributaries from the city of Yakima upstream for a period of at least five years pending the formulation of a public policy governing the use of the watershed, and to this end we recommend the establishment of a Yakima River Watershed Research and Planning Center at Central Washington State College.
7. Establishment of a statewide system of natural rivers for the protection of scenic, recreational and watershed values.

IV. OUTDOOR RECREATION AND BEAUTIFICATION

We propose:

A. National Action

1. Legislation to preserve and develop the full use of our forest lands and recreational areas, and specifically oppose the proposal to remove 64,000 acres from the Olympic National Park as completely unacceptable and an outrage to the integrity of the National Park System.

2. Legislation in Congress for the establishment of four wilderness areas in the North Cascades, in addition to the already established Glacier Peak Wilderness Area as a priceless heritage for our future generations.
3. Legislation to create a North Cascades National Park as recommended by the combined efforts of the Federal North Cascades study team and the North Cascades Conservation Council, as being in the best public interest.
4. We vigorously oppose any efforts by the Kennecott Copper Mining Co. to mine within the Glacier Peak Wilderness Area.

B. State Action

1. The provision for massive additional funds to support our Democratically originated park acquisition program, and to rapidly increase the securing of open water-front lands and urban lands for recreational purposes, including the gradual acquisition of all Pacific Ocean beaches which are not tribal lands. To that end we support Referendum 18, for a \$40 million bond issue.
2. We commend the President on his program to enhance the national beauty of America, and especially in the assistance offered to state and local programs in making our communities better places in which to live and work.

V. POWER AND UTILITIES

We propose:

A. National Action

1. Enactment of the legislation for water resources and power development in the Pacific Northwest, including completion of the third powerhouse at Grand Coulee Dam, completion of the second powerhouse at Bonneville Dam, added generators at Chief Joseph Dam, study of the Ben Franklin Dam, and the construction of the high voltage transmission program of the Bonneville Power Administration.
2. Support of legislation now before Congress for research to place transmission lines underground.
3. Opposition to any joint venture between public and private power unless the public is protected by divided partnership with no intermingling of private and public money.

B. State Action

1. Strengthening the competitive yardstick principle provided by consumer-owned power facilities. Preserve the right of the people to serve themselves with power.
2. State legislation to prohibit political expenditures by utilities and other public service companies similar to the like prohibition now imposed upon the insurance companies and, by federal law, upon public utility holding companies.
3. We urge that local Public Utility Districts be authorized to engage in the development and operation of nuclear energy plants.
4. A thorough investigation of costs and rate structures of telephone systems looking to the elimination of exorbitant service charges and special rates not justified by the actual costs of services rendered.
5. We encourage Public Utility Districts to investigate the feasibility of developing or acquiring and operating telephone systems to provide optimum consumer service in the State of Washington.

VI. WATER RESOURCES

We propose:

A. National Action

1. Continued support of Senator Jackson, Senator Magnuson, and Congressman Tom Foley on their proposal for the establishment of a National Water Commission, which would study the water resources of the entire country to determine the best utilization of the water resources under any suggested river basin program and assure that the interests of the State of Washington are fully protected.
2. A policy on federal irrigation projects to provide for adequate studies of the control of both surface and sub-surface waters at the time the project is initiated.
3. Full development of the Democratically established oceanographies research program in the State of Washington.
4. Expanded effort to achieve increased up-stream storage for power, flood control, irrigation, navigation, pollution abatement, outdoor recreation, and other purposes.
5. Commend the Pacific Northwest River Basin Commission for its activities to provide optimum utilization of our region's greatest resource.
6. Commend the Washington State Democratic Congressional delegation for its vigorous defense of northwest water supplies from inter-basin diversion.

B. State Action

1. The strengthening of the Pollution Control Commission to insure the firm, impartial and effective enforcement of existing laws regulating water pollution by industrial, institutional, municipal, domestic and private wastes and contamination; and we urge that the legislature grant to this commission sufficient funds with which to accomplish this important task.

2. Continuation of management of water resources activities by state agencies other than the Pollution Control Commission directly under, and responsible to, the Governor.

3. Intensive study and experimentation to eliminate the danger of thermal pollution of the state's waters. To this end we encourage experimentation in the beneficial use of heated water so as to return the same to the state's waters in an unimpaired condition.

VII. FISHERIES

We propose:

A. National Action

1. Extension of our continental limits to 12 miles and immediate efforts to obtain control of all fisheries to the limits of the continental shelf to protect the established fisheries of this country; and enforce conservation principles designed to perpetuate the fisheries on a sustained yield basis.
2. Support for a coordinated federal and state research program for fisheries development in both fresh and salt water.
3. Federal food fish price stabilization to assure that prices paid to U.S. fishermen will allow our fishing industry to survive in competition with foreign fishing industries.
4. Recognition that protein deficiency is one of the major problems of nutrition throughout the world, we urge the government to take steps to include fish protein concentrate, the latest scientific breakthrough, in their food program in this and other countries.

B. State Action

1. That efforts be made to make full use of our fish farms with further development of spawning channels.
2. Reduction of commercial catch of Steelhead Trout in the Columbia River so as to protect and enhance the much more valuable recreational fishery.

GOVERNMENT ORGANIZATION

I. GOVERNMENT

The government should be a positive instrument of society if the needs of the people are to be met. Each level of government must have and use its powers if it is to be meaningful and responsible to the people. Servants of that government, to properly meet these ends, must be paid salaries commensurate with these responsibilities and allowed adjustment under provision of HJR 13.

A. National Action

We support the merit system within the federal civil service and we are insistent upon salaries commensurate with private industry.

B. State Action

1. An effective review and modernization of our state constitution, whether by a convention or specific amendments, is essential lest our state government become unworkable.
2. Consolidation of county-city-government with county the major jurisdictional body.
3. Direct the legislature to make a study of regional government.
4. Make appointive the office of coroner who must be a licensed physician in class AA counties of the State of Washington.
5. The establishment of an ombudsman program to act on complaints directed to administrative agencies.

II. LOCAL GOVERNMENT

We propose:

1. Partisan elections for all elected officials except judges.

III. THE LEGISLATURE

The legislature will be most effective and creative when it is independent and not under unwarranted pressures by the Executive branch or special interest groups. To protect the legislative process and to insure that public interest rather than special interest be served, we call for the following:

1. Annual sessions.
2. Full reporting of campaign expenditures and sources of contributions for both primary and general elections.
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6. A realistic "Code of Ethics" bill with proper controls.

IV. ELECTION REFORMS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

1. We propose the enactment of legislation establishing a closed Presidential primary in which all potential presidential candidates will be certified by the Secretary of State.

V. THE PARTY

1. Increase the present state central committee by one state committee man or woman from each legislative district within the boundaries of class AA-A-or I counties.
2. We support change to the open primary (secret selective).
3. Registered voters lists to be provided each major political party by the county auditor.
4. Endorsement of candidates by political parties during county conventions be allowed (Colorado Plan).
5. Restoration of the right of political activity to all public employees outside the armed forces.
6. Establish statutory duties for precinct-committeemen.
7. Change date of election of precinct-committeemen to the primary election. Reorganization dates be changed to allow reorganization prior to the convening of the legislature.

VI. THE VOTER

The voter will be better informed and will be able to participate more effectively when the election process is made easier and the parties are strengthened. We therefore support:

1. Registration be extended to any public or private facility such as fire stations, libraries, police stations, supermarkets, shopping centers, etc.
2. Two (2) paid at-large, full time, registrars for each legislative district to be appointed by each major political party, and not less than two (2) from each county.
3. Door-to-door canvassing by paid registrars.

4. We urge the FCC to regulate election returns by news blackout in each time zone until all polls are closed.
5. Residency requirements for voters be changed from one year to six months.
6. Presidential elections be declared a half-day legal holiday.
7. Federal income tax deductions be allowed for all levels of political party contributions not to exceed \$100.00 per individual.

URBAN AFFAIRS

Residential and industrial concentrations and the influx of people into the urban areas of this state have created overwhelming problems in transportation, housing, health, education and law enforcement.

Our present programs are completely inadequate. We need new planning and new solutions to meet these demands.

I. CIVIL DISORDERS

We propose:

A. National Action

1. Every public official study the Report of the President's Commission on Civil Disorders.
2. Implementation of the recommendations set out in the Report to expand the rights and opportunities in such areas as health, employment and education.
3. Adequate appropriations for the implementation of the recommendations.
4. Participation at the administrative level by those people to be served.

II. MASS TRANSIT

We propose:

A. National Action

1. Public subsidies, with financing on the same rate as the federal highway system, to provide metropolitan regions and adjacent urban areas with rapid transit to alleviate traffic congestion and insure the uninterrupted flow of community activity.

III. SCHOOL TRANSPORTATION

We propose:

A. National Action

1. Federal matching funds for free transportation of students to and from neighborhood areas as a contributing factor in the elimination of de facto segregation in urban areas.

B. State Action

1. We endorse area-wide, multi-district arrangements designed to eliminate de facto segregation. We support programs at every level, school district, city, county and state for elimination of de facto segregation and eliminate tuition charges and provide free transportation.
2. That free school bus transportation be guaranteed for the child living more than one mile from the school or less at the discretion of the school board.

IV. POLLUTION CONTROL

We propose:

A. National Action

1. The strengthening and strict enforcement of legislation designed to control pollution of air, water and soil.

2. Strict noise limits and controls be established and enforced by the F.A.A.
3. Legislation to enforce the installation of anti-pollution devices on automobiles, public vehicles and aircraft.

B. State Action

1. The State Pollution Control Commission set immediate controls on air, water and soil pollution.
2. That air pollution control laws, local, state, and federal, shall provide that if there is a conflict between the regulations of different levels of government, those that impose the highest standard of pollution control shall take precedence.
3. A regional air pollution control authority as the minimum of the air pollution unit.
4. In the adoption of standards we urge the following guidelines be applied:
- a. Forbid the discharge of industrial wastes into the air in line with the best technological capacity.
- b. Reduce and eventually eliminate the discharge of wastes which have a detrimental effect on human, plant or animal life.
- c. Realistic standards for thermal pollution of the rivers of this state.

V. FAIR HOUSING

We propose:

A. State Action

1. The state legislature enact a full fair housing act to insure the sale, rental and leasing of all property shall be accomplished without regard to the race, creed, color, or national origin of the purchaser.
2. We strongly endorse the principle of open housing. Existing state law must be strengthened and enforced, and similar action must be taken at the county and municipal levels. We must eliminate the restrictive housing practices that have for so long been a major cause of the racial ghettos and resultant tensions that rack our society.
- We urge a "No" vote on Referendum 35 because this pioneering piece of legislation has not been outdated by current regulations for open housing.
3. We condemn the Governor for not using his power until this late date to direct the Commission that there be a fair housing law throughout the state.

VII. EMPLOYMENT

We propose:

1. The establishment of an official employment agency set up in easily accessible urban neighborhoods devoted exclusively to obtaining jobs for teenagers for summer and out-of-school employment.
2. A minimum guaranteed annual income.
3. Tax credit and/or subsidies to private industry to defray the expense of on-the-job training, at prevailing wages of the hard-core unemployed, and technologically unemployed.

VIII. CITY-COUNTY COOPERATION

We propose:

1. The passage of any additional legislation necessary to authorize cities and counties to cooperate and jointly engage in the performance of all governmental functions and services necessary to cope with metropolitan and regional needs.
2. When combining governmental units:
- a. The officers of the new governmental units should be directly elected by the people.
- b. Election of legislative bodies of these new governmental units should take into consideration geographic or area representation.
3. A dynamic program of renewal of our aging urban core areas.
4. An attack on urban blight by providing incentives through tax concessions, elimination of assessment penalties for improvements and liberalization of LID requirements.
5. A statewide policy to encourage the most desirable use of land and aims at keeping and developing maximum open spaces.
6. Increased emphasis on small neighborhood playgrounds to provide close-to-home opportunity for children to enjoy games and sports.

IX. LAW ENFORCEMENT

We propose:

1. The continual upgrading of educational requirements for all law enforcement officers.
- That in the densely populated areas, police officers should patrol their beats on foot and that they should be given status and salary commensurate with the special responsibility of this urgent task.

X. CONDEMNATION COMPENSATION

We propose:

1. Laws be changed to liberalize compensation for property condemned for public use. Moreover, the condemning agency should be required to assist the home or small business in locating property of equivalent value. Specifically, in the case of large city areas (freeway, urban renewal, etc.) the condemning agency should be obliged to create new housing of at least equal quality and make it available at no increase in cost to the dispossessed owner or renter.
2. The laws defining "fair market value" as the compensation for property condemned for public use results in unjust and inequitable treatment of property owners. The present law places severe burdens on those least able to bear them and, in effect, exacts private subsidies even from the very poor to aid financing of large public projects.

HUMAN RIGHTS

I. INDIVIDUAL LIBERTIES

The Democratic Party, long the champion of minorities, pledges itself to continue its efforts to eliminate segregation and discrimination as exemplified by the 1964 Voting Rights Act and the 1968 Civil Rights Act.

We praise President Johnson for his successful efforts in causing enactment of progressive legislation in the civil rights area.

We commend the justices of the Supreme Court of the United States, who through their decisions, have given continued viability to the Bill of Rights and the Constitution of the United States.

We propose:

A. National Action

1. The draft laws be changed to a lottery system with such limited standardized exemption classifications as Congress shall provide; revision of the undemocratic method of selection of members to local and state selective service boards.
2. Increased use of civilians in such areas of the armed forces as supply and clerical service to reduce draft quotas.
3. The immediate abolition of the House Un-American Activities Committee and the Subversive Control Board.
4. Amendment of the Hatch Act and other statutes to allow voluntary participation of government employees in political activities.
5. Strict enforcement of legislation prohibiting racial discrimination in employment and apprenticeship programs or the denial of membership in any labor organization because of racial discrimination.

6. Opposition to the legalization of wiretapping and similar methods of investigation which infringe upon the right of privacy of the innocent in the pursuit of the guilty.

7. Easing United States passport policies on the principle of freedom of travel rather than arbitrarily restricting foreign travel as an instrument of foreign policy.

8. Self government for all citizens of Washington D. C.

9. Continued support for the principle of separation of church and state to particularly include the rejection of all attempts to promote any particular religious belief in tax-supported institutions.

10. Reaffirmation of the right of any citizen to legitimate debate or dissent — free of infringement of self appointed guardians of liberty, whether by public agency or by private individuals.

B. State Action

1. Legislation to lower the voting age to 18.
2. That the Washington State Liquor Board suspend the license of any private club which, after hearing, is found to be practicing racial discrimination in the admission of members or in any other manner.
3. That workmens' compensation, unemployment compensation and minimum wage acts benefits be extended to migrant workers.
4. Prompt improvement of employment conditions, educational opportunity and health and safety conditions of migratory workers, and urge that funds continue to be made available to provide for education of non-English-speaking American citizens as well as retraining programs for those migratory workers who wish to pursue a new vocation.
5. Withholding of state school funds from any school or school district which does not establish or develop a workable plan to eliminate de facto segregation.
6. To eliminate the literacy test requirement in registration laws and allow the registration, and the printing of ballots, in the Spanish language.

BE IT RESOLVED: Migrant Housing —

"Whereas housing for migrant workers in some areas of Washington is for the most part substandard in every respect, constituting a menace to public health and the health and well-being of those who are forced by circumstances to live under these conditions, NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that we call for the designation of an agency of the Federal Government with strengthened authority to establish and enforce the maintaining of acceptable standards for housing for migrant and agricultural workers," "and be it further Resolved that existing enforcement authority be vigorously applied and existing enforcement agencies be strengthened by additional staffing and appropriation."

II. CONSUMER PROTECTION

We commend the efforts of Senator Magnuson and the U.S. Senate Interim Insurance Committee in the investigation of insurance rates and urge continued efforts to achieve equitable premiums for all consumers.

We propose:

A. National Action

1. Consumer protection legislation covering the field of automobile safety, truth in labeling and truth in lending.
2. That the sale of Medicare Insurance supplements be more strictly regulated.
3. Legislation to eliminate unjust cancellation or refusal to insure.

B. State Action

We commend the efforts of the consumer protection division of the Attorney General's office and favor strengthening the existing consumer protection legislation.

1. Passage of Initiative 245 pertaining to limitation of maximum interest rates and services charges to 12 per cent.
2. Increasing small claims court jurisdiction to \$200.
3. Strict licensing of commercial debt consolidation agencies and increased development of cost-free voluntary debt consolidation companies.
4. Legislation requiring the registration and filing of financial statements of all companies selling land from out-of-state jurisdiction in the State of Washington.
5. That an individual, upon denial of credit or insurance, be furnished with a copy of any confidential or other credit report used by the firm which denied such application.

III. LEGAL REFORM

We propose:

A. National Action

1. That the recommendations of the President's Advisory Commission on Civil Disorders be immediately implemented by effective legislation on the local, state and national levels. Allocation of the necessary tax funds must be given the highest priority to meet the crisis in our cities. While we recognize dissent and individuality as the rightful products of a free society, we deplore civil strife and lawlessness. The minute percentage of our people engaged in overt acts of racial violence must not defile a social movement of surpassing importance.

2. That the national and state governments help the local authorities in their war on crime by giving increased financial support to provide better training and better pay for police, and to bring the most advanced scientific technology to police practices.

3. Establishment of national minimum standards for highway traffic safety in such areas as driver training and traffic control devices.

B. State Action

1. Legislation for the election of public defenders, in lieu of the existing inadequate procedures for the defense of indigents. The right to be represented by qualified legal counsel must be assured to all persons charged with crime.
2. The immediate abolition of capital punishment. It is a discredited adjunct to law enforcement, a brutal anachronism that has no place in our modern society.
3. Support of all efforts to modify the bail bond system to eliminate its inequities; specifically, we favor extending the practice of release on personal recognizance.
4. That drunkenness should not in itself be a criminal offense. Disorderly and other criminal conduct accompanied by drunkenness should remain punishable as separate crimes.
5. Adequate state financial support to cities and counties for the treatment and cure of alcoholism.
6. Flexibility in the penalties for the use and possession of marijuana. We favor a state-wide educational program to acquaint the public with the dangers of drug abuse. Provision should be made for civil commitment and treatment of drug addicts.
7. Revision of the juvenile court statute to bring it in line with recent decisions of the United States Supreme Court and the Supreme Court of the State of Washington.
8. The passage of legislation to adopt the Durham Rule rather than the McNaughton Rule as a test of criminal insanity.
9. That wages be exempted from garnishment.
10. Increased appropriations for institutions for the mentally ill and the retarded in order that the mental hospitals be again accredited and conform to the highest national standards as they did during the last Democratic administration.
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IV. ELECTION REFORMS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

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VI. WATER RESOURCES

We propose:

1. Continued support of Senator Magnuson and Congressman Tom Foley on their proposal for the establishment of a National Water Commission, which would study the water resources of the entire country to determine the best utilization of the water resources and any suggested river basin program and assure that the interests of the State of Washington are fully protected.
2. A policy, consistent with the protection of the public interest, to provide for adequate studies of the control of both surface and subsurface waters at the time proposals are initiated.
3. Full development of the Democratic Party's established cooperative research program in the State of Washington.
4. Expanded effort to achieve increased up-stream storage for power flood control irrigation, navigation, pollution abatement, outdoor recreation, and other purposes.
5. Command the Pacific Northwest River Basin Commission for its activities to provide optimum utilization of our region's greatest resource.
6. Command the Washington State Department of Ecology to continue its efforts to secure Congressional legislation for its groups before state or appropriate county central committee 90 days prior to election state requests of filing.

B. State Action

1. The strengthening of the Pollution Control Commission to make the firm, impartial and effective enforcement of existing law-enforcing better protection by industrial, institutional, municipal, domestic and private wastes and contaminants and water quality standards.