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SULLIVAN COUNTY	Sheriff			Attorney			Treasurer	Reg. of Deeds	Reg. of Prob.	
	Johnson	McCusker	Scattering	Elliot	Tenney	Scattering	Palmer	Scattering	LaForge	MacWilliams
September 10, 1974										
DEMOCRATIC										
Acworth . . . . .	—	2	1	—	1	—	—	—	1	1
Charlestown . . . . .	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Claremont —										
Ward 1 . . . . .	1	15	3	6	5	6	8	—	—	5
Ward 2 . . . . .	—	14	—	15	17	—	19	—	—	—
Ward 3 . . . . .	57	8	26	23	3	8	47	4	3	2
Cornish . . . . .	—	1	3	—	—	2	—	1	—	1
Croydon . . . . .	—	—	1	—	—	—	2	2	2	1
Goshen . . . . .	—	—	—	—	1	1	—	4	—	1
Grantham . . . . .	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Langdon . . . . .	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Lempster . . . . .	—	—	1	—	2	—	—	—	—	—
Newport . . . . .	—	136	—	142	—	—	76	—	137	23
Plainfield . . . . .	—	4	2	—	3	—	—	3	3	2
Springfield . . . . .	—	4	—	—	3	—	—	5	5	4
Sunapee . . . . .	—	4	1	3	2	4	—	4	2	3
Unity . . . . .	—	5	—	4	4	—	4	2	1	2
Washington . . . . .	—	—	3	—	—	1	—	1	1	1
Totals . . . . .	58	193	41	193	41	22	156	26	155	46

## Scattering:

Register of Deeds: Claremont Ward 3 2, Cornish 1, Goshen 1,  
Unity 1.

Register of Probate: Claremont Ward 3 1.

SULLIVAN COUNTY	COMMISSIONERS					
	1st District		2nd District		3rd District	
	O'Brien	Scattering	Woodhull	Edes	Ackerman,	Scattering
September 10, 1974						
DEMOCRATIC						
Acworth . . . . .	—	1	1	—	8	2
Charlestown . . . . .	—	—	—	—	64	—
Claremont —						
Ward 1 . . . . .	2	—	—	3	220	—
Ward 2 . . . . .	10	—	—	—	240	—
Ward 3 . . . . .	21	1	1	19	247	—
Cornish . . . . .	—	—	—	—	36	1
Croydon . . . . .	—	—	—	—	21	1
Goshen . . . . .	—	—	—	—	37	—
Grantham . . . . .	—	—	—	—	7	—
Langdon . . . . .	—	—	—	—	3	—
Lempster . . . . .	—	—	—	—	13	—
Newport . . . . .	95	—	—	111	264	—
Plainfield . . . . .	—	2	2	—	44	—
Springfield . . . . .	—	3	3	—	10	2
Sunapee . . . . .	—	—	1	—	57	—
Unity . . . . .	—	—	—	—	18	2
Washington . . . . .	—	—	—	—	6	—
Totals . . . . .	128	7	8	133	1295	8

TOTAL REGISTERED REPUBLICANS AND DEMOCRATS  
AS OF SEPTEMBER 10, 1974

SUMMARY BY COUNTIES	REPUBLICANS	DEMOCRATS
Belknap . . . . .	9,804	4,363
Carroll . . . . .	8,776	1,714
Cheshire . . . . .	11,757	6,573
Coos . . . . .	6,688	7,416
Grafton . . . . .	14,612	6,643
Hillsborough . . . . .	37,933	45,953
Merrimack . . . . .	22,090	9,720
Rockingham . . . . .	34,349	17,819
Strafford . . . . .	11,596	9,889
Sullivan . . . . .	6,858	5,707
Totals . . . . .	164,463	115,797
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BELKNAP COUNTY	Republicans	Democrats	CARROLL COUNTY	Republicans	Democrats
September 10, 1974			September 10, 1974		
Alton . . . . .	891	162	Albany . . . . .	76	36
Barnstead . . . . .	417	223	Bartlett . . . . .	510	97
Belmont . . . . .	722	455	Brookfield . . . . .	174	17
Center Harbor . . . . .	173	57	Chatham . . . . .	30	21
Gilford . . . . .	1298	389	Conway . . . . .	2101	508
Gilmanton . . . . .	488	138	Eaton . . . . .	119	24
Laconia —			Effingham . . . . .	99	27
Ward 1 . . . . .	657	227	Freedom . . . . .	185	38
Ward 2 . . . . .	383	574	Hart's Location . . . . .	10	3
Ward 3 . . . . .	274	128	Hale's Location . . . . .	—	—
Ward 4 . . . . .	527	283	Jackson . . . . .	160	49
Ward 5 . . . . .	572	468	Madison . . . . .	254	23
Ward 6 . . . . .	975	410	Moultonborough . . . . .	803	99
Meredith . . . . .	1067	255	Ossipee . . . . .	580	88
New Hampton . . . . .	336	118	Sandwich . . . . .	365	70
Sanbornton . . . . .	398	147	Tamworth . . . . .	556	165
Tilton . . . . .	626	329	Tuftonboro . . . . .	640	57
Totals . . . . .	9804	4363	Wakefield . . . . .	728	176
			Wolfeboro . . . . .	1386	216
			Totals . . . . .	8776	1714

CHESHIRE COUNTY  September 10, 1974			COOS COUNTY  September 10, 1974		
	Republicans	Democrats		Republicans	Democrats
Alstead . . . . .	390	151	Atk. & Gil. Ac. Gt.	—	—
Chesterfield . . . . .	575	256	Bean's Grant . . . . .	—	—
Dublin . . . . .	358	122	Bean's Purchase . . .	—	—
Fitzwilliam . . . . .	435	115	Berlin —		
Gilsum . . . . .	100	61	Ward 1 . . . . .	391	1209
Harrisville . . . . .	165	95	Ward 2 . . . . .	547	1179
Hinsdale . . . . .	541	360	Ward 3 . . . . .	949	887
Jaffrey . . . . .	823	608	Ward 4 . . . . .	143	1226
Keene —			Cambridge . . . . .	—	—
Ward 1 . . . . .	652	482	Carroll . . . . .	125	97
Ward 2 . . . . .	701	424	Chandler's Pur. . . . .	—	—
Ward 3 . . . . .	648	351	Clarksville . . . . .	53	29
Ward 4 . . . . .	1230	577	Colebrook . . . . .	648	225
Ward 5 . . . . .	784	476	Columbia . . . . .	90	40
Marlborough . . . . .	388	217	Crawford's Pur. . . . .	—	—
Marlow . . . . .	119	66	Cutt's Grant . . . . .	—	—
Nelson . . . . .	144	50	Dalton . . . . .	71	42
Richmond . . . . .	117	39	Dix's Grant . . . . .	—	—
Rindge . . . . .	471	253	Dixville . . . . .	8	7
Roxbury . . . . .	47	20	Dummer . . . . .	59	45
Stoddard . . . . .	168	26	Errol . . . . .	18	3
Sullivan . . . . .	107	81	Erving's Gt. or Loc.	—	—
Surry . . . . .	129	45	Gorham . . . . .	534	689
Swanzy . . . . .	840	482	Green's Grant . . . . .	—	—
Troy . . . . .	230	356	Hadley's Pur. . . . .	—	—
Walpole . . . . .	851	347	Jefferson . . . . .	224	54
Westmoreland . . . . .	316	118	Kilkenny . . . . .	—	—
Winchester . . . . .	428	395	Lancaster . . . . .	877	300
Totals . . . . .	11757	6573	Low&BurbankGt. . .	—	—
			Martin's Loc. . . . .	—	—
			Milan . . . . .	174	128
			Millsfield . . . . .	2	—
			Northumberland . . .	431	639
			Odell . . . . .	—	—
			Pinkham Gt. . . . .	—	—
			Pittsburg . . . . .	275	83
			Randolph . . . . .	164	12
			Sargent's Pur. . . . .	—	—
			Second College Gt.	—	—
			Shelburne . . . . .	91	35
			Stark . . . . .	40	15
			Stewartstown . . . . .	193	99
			Stratford . . . . .	100	155
			Success . . . . .	—	—
			Thomp.&Mes'sPur. . .	—	—
			Wentworth's Loc. . .	10	4
			Whitefield . . . . .	471	214
			Totals . . . . .	6,688	7,416

GRAFTON COUNTY			HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY		
	Republicans	Democrats		Republicans	Democrats
September 10, 1974			September 10, 1974		
Alexandria . . . . .	155	71	Amherst . . . . .	1989	601
Ashland . . . . .	460	214	Antrim . . . . .	493	173
Bath . . . . .	235	33	Bedford . . . . .	1829	891
Benton . . . . .	52	11	Bennington . . . . .	224	83
Bethlehem . . . . .	465	177	Brookline . . . . .	340	179
Bridgewater . . . . .	208	56	Deering . . . . .	201	69
Bristol . . . . .	635	112	Fracestown . . . . .	291	55
Campton . . . . .	446	108	Goffstown . . . . .	1768	1532
Canaan . . . . .	477	213	Greenfield . . . . .	238	98
Dorchester . . . . .	78	29	Greenville . . . . .	215	437
Easton . . . . .	39	10	Hancock . . . . .	499	113
Ellsworth . . . . .	20	2	Hillsborough . . . . .	792	245
Enfield . . . . .	517	388	Hollis . . . . .	1014	282
Franconia . . . . .	225	132	Hudson . . . . .	1493	2292
Grafton . . . . .	143	65	Litchfield . . . . .	274	247
Groton . . . . .	46	38	Lyndeborough . . . . .	211	49
Hanover . . . . .	1491	1276	Manchester —		
Haverhill . . . . .	953	205	Ward 1 . . . . .	1934	1235
Hebron . . . . .	109	20	Ward 2 . . . . .	1383	1651
Holderness . . . . .	489	88	Ward 3 . . . . .	685	1643
Landaff . . . . .	79	16	Ward 4 . . . . .	782	1766
Lebanon —			Ward 5 . . . . .	477	1769
Ward 1 . . . . .	539	483	Ward 6 . . . . .	878	1905
Ward 2 . . . . .	360	456	Ward 7 . . . . .	502	1976
Ward 3 . . . . .	469	263	Ward 8 . . . . .	730	1567
Lincoln . . . . .	219	309	Ward 9 . . . . .	520	2105
Lisbon . . . . .	386	139	Ward 10 . . . . .	865	1897
Livermore . . . . .	—	—	Ward 11 . . . . .	359	1908
Littleton . . . . .	1697	792	Ward 12 . . . . .	606	2275
Lyman . . . . .	53	43	Mason . . . . .	156	55
Lyme . . . . .	369	125	Merrimack . . . . .	2029	1703
Monroe . . . . .	198	51	Milford . . . . .	1830	832
Orange . . . . .	50	38	Mont Vernon . . . . .	295	70
Orford . . . . .	387	60	Nashua —		
Piermont . . . . .	94	16	Ward 1 . . . . .	1031	996
Plymouth . . . . .	1090	229	Ward 2 . . . . .	1388	883
Rumney . . . . .	356	91	Ward 3 . . . . .	732	1094
Sugar Hill . . . . .	87	16	Ward 4 . . . . .	390	1358
Thornton . . . . .	242	51	Ward 5 . . . . .	481	1265
Warren . . . . .	232	43	Ward 6 . . . . .	580	1694
Waterville Valley . . . . .	45	33	Ward 7 . . . . .	437	1757
Wentworth . . . . .	169	39	Ward 8 . . . . .	1061	1380
Woodstock . . . . .	248	102	Ward 9 . . . . .	633	896
Totals . . . . .	4612	6643	New Boston . . . . .	522	107
			New Ipswich . . . . .	448	296
			Pelham . . . . .	949	1334
			Peterborough . . . . .	1642	469
			Sharon . . . . .	59	19
			Temple . . . . .	256	42
			Weare . . . . .	704	229
			Wilton . . . . .	690	417
			Windsor . . . . .	28	15
			Totals . . . . .	37933	45953

MERRIMACK COUNTY	Republicans	Democrats	ROCKINGHAM COUNTY	Republicans	Democrats
September 10, 1974			September 10, 1974		
Allenstown . . . . .	212	655	Atkinson . . . . .	730	330
Andover . . . . .	426	223	Auburn . . . . .	498	344
Boscawen . . . . .	645	212	Brentwood . . . . .	447	124
Bow . . . . .	1139	214	Candia . . . . .	741	216
Bradford . . . . .	358	56	Chester . . . . .	547	66
Canterbury . . . . .	317	107	Danville . . . . .	310	113
Chichester . . . . .	369	92	Deerfield . . . . .	471	180
Concord —			Derry . . . . .	2706	1221
Ward 1 . . . . .	880	501	East Kingston . . . . .	248	111
Ward 2 . . . . .	1335	386	Epping . . . . .	549	554
Ward 3 . . . . .	940	245	Exeter . . . . .	3904	1185
Ward 4 . . . . .	1046	399	Fremont . . . . .	346	123
Ward 5 . . . . .	797	246	Greenland . . . . .	448	102
Ward 6 . . . . .	736	481	Hampstead . . . . .	1046	379
Ward 7 . . . . .	1462	381	Hampton . . . . .	2307	811
Ward 8 . . . . .	1342	529	Hampton Falls . . . . .	513	101
Danbury . . . . .	143	44	Kensington . . . . .	259	121
Dunbarton . . . . .	345	123	Kingston . . . . .	1024	376
Epsom . . . . .	384	134	Londonderry . . . . .	1236	664
Franklin —			Newcastle . . . . .	208	57
Ward 1 . . . . .	492	299	Newfields . . . . .	261	96
Ward 2 . . . . .	235	557	Newington . . . . .	223	83
Ward 3 . . . . .	357	317	Newmarket . . . . .	326	1054
Henniker . . . . .	620	171	Newton . . . . .	596	284
Hill . . . . .	137	17	North Hampton . . . . .	1007	320
Hooksett . . . . .	834	644	Northwood . . . . .	555	130
Hopkinton . . . . .	1397	291	Nottingham . . . . .	318	146
Loudon . . . . .	392	209	Plaistow . . . . .	1012	546
Newbury . . . . .	271	80	Portsmouth —		
New London . . . . .	1060	162	Ward 1 . . . . .	347	374
Northfield . . . . .	526	309	Ward 2 . . . . .	466	257
Pembroke . . . . .	920	900	Ward 3 . . . . .	182	153
Pittsfield . . . . .	634	322	Ward 4 . . . . .	381	270
Salisbury . . . . .	160	73	Ward 5 . . . . .	383	272
Sutton . . . . .	232	73	Ward 6 . . . . .	154	136
Warner . . . . .	576	131	Raymond . . . . .	876	499
Webster . . . . .	214	72	Rye . . . . .	1648	409
Wilmot . . . . .	157	65	Salem . . . . .	4238	4261
Totals	22090	9720	Sandown . . . . .	309	102
			Seabrook . . . . .	914	373
			South Hampton . . . . .	137	77
			Stratham . . . . .	611	179
			Windham . . . . .	867	620
			Totals . . . . .	34349	17819

STRAFFORD COUNTY	Republicans	Democrats	SULLIVAN COUNTY	Republicans	Democrats
September 10, 1974			September 10, 1974		
Barrington . . . . .	514	227	Acworth . . . . .	144	35
Dover —			Charlestown . . . . .	765	447
Ward 1 . . . . .	545	466	Claremont —		
Ward 2 . . . . .	385	700	Ward 1 . . . . .	613	753
Ward 3 . . . . .	645	620	Ward 2 . . . . .	1297	1087
Ward 4 . . . . .	683	507	Ward 3 . . . . .	488	1038
Ward 5 . . . . .	922	522	Cornish . . . . .	335	151
Ward 6 . . . . .	504	375	Croydon . . . . .	119	69
Durham . . . . .	1331	784	Goshen . . . . .	116	81
Framington . . . . .	819	506	Grantham . . . . .	79	40
Lee . . . . .	398	206	Langdon . . . . .	119	20
Madbury . . . . .	172	57	Lempster . . . . .	52	30
Middleton . . . . .	21	14	Newport . . . . .	1179	1361
Milton . . . . .	394	226	Plainfield . . . . .	364	161
New Durham . . . . .	267	64	Springfield . . . . .	166	46
Rochester —			Sunapee . . . . .	709	241
Ward 1 . . . . .	573	356	Unity . . . . .	102	114
Ward 2 . . . . .	808	538	Washington . . . . .	211	33
Ward 3 . . . . .	435	478			
Ward 4 . . . . .	554	870	Totals . . . . .	6858	5707
Ward 5 . . . . .	623	375			
Rollinsford . . . . .	288	456			
Sommersworth —					
Ward 1 . . . . .	108	272			
Ward 2 . . . . .	56	252			
Ward 3 . . . . .	58	255			
Ward 4 . . . . .	63	339			
Ward 5 . . . . .	45	310			
Strafford . . . . .	385	114			
Totals . . . . .	11596	9889			



### RECOUNTS AFTER THE PRIMARY

After the Primary, fourteen requests for recounts were received. The request for a recount of ballots cast for Rockingham County Commissioner, District No. 2, Democratic, was withdrawn.

Thirteen recounts of ballots were conducted by the Secretary of State, September 30, 1974; eight recounts were Republican contests, and five were Democratic contests.

One of the recounts resulted in a change in Bedford – Democratic.

The recount in Hillsborough County District No. 5 – Republican, resulted in a tie vote between Henry B. Richardson and Mervin E. Willard. The tie was broken by drawing lots and Henry B. Richardson 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

##### STATE SENATOR

District No. 12		Recount
Fred Fletcher	1,198	1,196
Betty B. Hall	1,544	1,550*
D. Alan Rock	1,485	1,436

##### REPRESENTATIVES

##### CHESHIRE COUNTY

District No. 1		Recount
Louis S. Ballam	363	368*
Francis P. Callahan	373	371*
Robert L. Galloway	395	394*
Jutta Maria Goss	360	358

##### GRAFTON COUNTY

Littleton		Recount
Ira E. Allen	585	592*
Paul Dovholuk	449	448
Greta Poulsen	360	356
John H. Tilton	573	579*
Kathleen W. Ward	462	466*
E. F. John Young	228	181

##### HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY

Bedford		Recount
Michael B. Ingram	607	605*
Elaine Nelson	557	559
Marjorie Y. Peters	590	587*
Anna S. Van Loan	596	596*

##### District No. 5

		Recount
Clyde S. Eaton	283	282*
Philip C. Heald, Jr.	492	493*
Donna Mae Hoover	244	247
Henry B. Richardson	278	278*
Edward George Warren	262	264
Mervin E. Willard	279	278

## ROCKINGHAM COUNTY

		Recount
District No. 3		
William P. Boucher	547	547*
Peter C. Gaskill	422	423*
Juanita E. Kashulines	535	536*
Vance R. Kelly	278	280
Patrina R. Nesmith	391	392
Patricia M. Skinner	584	583*
Earle L. Soule	401	405
George J. Thibeault	439	436*
District No. 8		
Robert C. Erler	474	472*
Vera E. Goodrich	395	391*
John Hoar, Jr.	404	409*
T. Anne W. Marvel	387	389
District No. 15		
Michael P. Harney	372	369*
W. Douglas Scamman, Jr.	604	605*
Bertha J. Wolfsen	369	366
Franklin G. Wolfsen	376	377*

## DEMOCRATIC RECOUNTS

## STATE SENATOR

		Recount
District No. 12		
Fred Fletcher	# 3	# 6
Betty B. Hall	# 71	# 74
D. Alan Rock	# 72	# 77*

## REPRESENTATIVES

## GRAFTON COUNTY

		Recount
Littleton		
Robert S. McCullen	296	295*
Steven L. Plant	285	290*
R. Shep Melnick	# 127	# 128*
Kathleen W. Ward	# 108	# 110

## HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY

		Recount
Bedford		
Michael B. Ingram	# 13	# 17*
Elaine Nelson	# 14	# 14
Marjorie Y. Peters	# 18	# 19*
Anna S. Van Loan	# 39	# 40*

## STRAFFORD COUNTY

		Recount
Dover - Ward 2		
Mary E. Bernard	190	192*
Helene R. Donnelly	171	172*
John Maglaras	159	159
Somersworth - Ward 5		
David J. Bouchard	133	133*
George M. Bald	# 128	# 127

# Write-in votes.



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PREAMBLE TO THE  
1974 REPUBLICAN STATE CONVENTION PLATFORM

We, the Republican Party, in Convention assembled at Manchester, on Saturday, the 28th day of September in the year of Our Lord 1974, do hereby adopt the following statements of principle and beliefs for our Party for the next biennium of the State of New Hampshire.

We will maintain the basic Republican Doctrines of free enterprise and fiscal responsibility.

We pledge to accelerate our efforts to combat inflation and resolve energy related problems. We support increased industrial productivity and effectiveness in government by common-sense business management.

We recommend that the State impose no unfunded programs on subsidiary levels of government.

We believe we should always be responsive to the needs of our people and accountable at all times to the taxpayer.

We firmly subscribe to the philosophy of Abe Lincoln—that government be of, by and for the people.

Therefore, we urge solid support for all Republican candidates as a means of assuring continued good government.

## HUMAN RESOURCES

### Social Services

We recognize that top priority lies with our state institutions. We therefore urge expanded and modernized mental health services for New Hampshire, capable of early intervention in the causes of mental illnesses and disorders and of rehabilitating a larger number of those presently cared for in the state's institutions.

We will strive for the 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.

We will continue to insist that waste and fraud in Welfare be eliminated and see that the taxpayers and worthy welfare recipients receive fair consideration.

We believe that without decency and morality our society would indeed perish, therefore, we urge continuing resistance against, smut, pornography and depravity throughout our state.

We will continue to work to relieve our elderly citizens from burdensome taxes and will insist on a more efficient delivery of federal funds to our elderly citizens.

We pledge expansion of child care services.

We urge continued study and adoption of a fair mobile home law that will carefully define the rights and responsibilities of mobile home owners, park owners and our communities.

### Education

We believe that the entire secondary and post secondary education resources of the state, including vocational-technical schools, should continue to be strengthened.

We will continue our strong support of the University System, but insist that costs for our in-state students be kept to a minimum, that greater efficiency be effected and that educational preference continue to be given to New Hampshire students.

We believe our private schools and colleges contribute to a better New Hampshire. Our goal is to keep them healthy and productive.

We advocate increased emphasis on vocational education in our secondary schools.

We recognize that the learning disabled and the handicapped child present a major concern. We urge that legislation on the state and national levels be focused on this problem.

We encourage the continuation of our Vocational Rehabilitation and Manpower Training Programs to encourage people to be working, productive members of society with dignity and self-respect.

We believe it is the right of each citizen, child and adult, to attain the completion of a high school education, should that be his desire, and declare our support of plans and programs that will provide all New Hampshire citizens, during their lifetime, a continuing opportunity to reach this level of attainment that is recognized so broadly as a requirement for job opportunity and promotion.

## NATURAL AND ECONOMIC RESOURCES

### **Environment**

We will continue the cleanup of our air, lakes and rivers with all possible speed; however, environmental considerations should be balanced with economic progress.

### **Recreation**

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

We will continue the orderly and prosperous expansion of New Hampshire recreational facilities, including snowmobile trails.

### **Fish and Game**

We support the efficient operation and more responsive service to our sportsmen within income limits.

### **Development**

We support land use legislation based upon the ability of the land to support the proposed use and where most decisions are made at the local level.

We oppose the creation of any new state control system: rather we support the simplification of existing agencies.

We strongly support efforts to preserve our agricultural and forest lands recognizing their importance to our economy and way of life.

We support the adoption of a 200 mile fishing limit.

We accept the New Hampshire-Maine boundary compromise approved by the Governor and Council and the State's legal counsel. We recognize the problems of the New Hampshire fishermen in this settlement and their right to submit new and better evidence.

**Transportation**

Recognizing the inadequacy of Route No. 3 to carry the existing traffic load safely, and the economic need of industry in northern New Hampshire, and further recognizing the proven ability of the New Hampshire Department of Public Works and Highways to design and build roads which enhance, rather than destroy the scenery, we therefore support the construction of an adequate highway through Franconia Notch.

We support the continued orderly growth of our state transportation system, including continued improvement of our secondary road system, and the rejuvenation of our railways.

**Business, Industry and Agriculture**

During this inflationary period, we favor continued encouragement and assistance to our present industrial and recreation base in all manners consistent with their needs, with continued attention toward solving their energy requirements.

We pledge to continue development, research and promotion of agriculture on a basic economic factor in our state.

We pledge to oppose any and all legislation which would tend to restrict the free enterprise system.

**State Employees**

New Hampshire State Employees have had a tremendous influence in making our state the leader of them all. We owe them no less. We support an improved negotiation law, as well as a cost of living supplement, improved benefits and an improved retirement system, for our state family.

We support Question No. 1 on the November referendum to amend the Constitution by removing the one year clause in granting pensions, striking out the line under Article 36, Part I, of the Constitution which says that pensions shall only be granted for one year at a time.

**Labor**

We applaud the great labor force within the State of New Hampshire, particularly for its cooperation and restraint during these difficult inflationary times. While fully realizing restraint does not help make ends meet, our Platform, therefore, encourages the adoption of efficient negotiation guidelines for all employees within the state, based upon practicality and need.

**VETERANS**

It is the aim of the Republican Party to revive and perpetuate the same degree of honor and reward for our veterans today as was theirs when they just came home.

We support the traditional dates of May 30th and November 11th as the appropriate time for honor and mourning.

We urge its uniform adoption throughout the nation.



## LAW ORDER AND JUSTICE

We honor the constitutional right of every citizen to possess firearms legally but urge more severe penalties for those who use such weapons in the commission of a crime.

### Judiciary

We support a periodic review of judiciary appointments, reviewable by a board.

We urge mandatory long-term prison sentences without parole for convicted traffickers of heroin and other hard drugs.

We recommend the adoption of the concept of probate reform as set forth by the American Law Institute and the American Bar Association.

### Prison System

We support a long range building program; training for correctional officers; adequate hospital facilities; and cooperation with local departments and institutions.

### Law Enforcement Personnel

We support adequate income, retirement benefits and equipment to aid law enforcement personnel in their tasks.

### Parole System

We support reform of the parole system with tighter controls and supervision of parolees and rehabilitation programs.

### Highway Safety

We support the adoption of National Highway Safety Programs because of the high fatality and accident rate on our highways. We support a strong enforcement program to save lives.

## OPERATION OF GOVERNMENT

We recommend economical operation of all levels of government with adequate planning, budgeting, auditing and performance controls.

We recommend enactment of a strong conflict of interest law with full disclosure.

### Taxation

No new taxes. State programs can be maintained within existing state tax structure without imposition of a general income tax or a general sales tax. We will oppose either of these taxes.

We believe that the best government is government closest to the people. We further believe that greater responsibility should be given to local and county governments. Therefore, we recommend that local home rule should continue as a vital principle of our system of government.