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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
<b>Totals .....</b>	<b>161916</b>	<b>100473</b>

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
<b>Totals .....</b>	<b>9409</b>	<b>3812</b>	Wakefield .....	599	59
			Wolfeboro .....	1192	124
			<b>Totals .....</b>	<b>8487</b>	<b>1272</b>

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*
Forsyth 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

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## 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.