U.S. REPRESENTATIVE

A United States representative serves a two-year term in the lower house of Congress. A representative must be at least 25 years of age and an inhabitant of the state he or she represents. Salary is $60,662 plus expense and staff allowances.

Candidates were asked to summarize their biographies in 35 words or less and to answer each of these questions in 50 words or less:

1. What steps do you advocate to deal with the current state of inflation/recession?

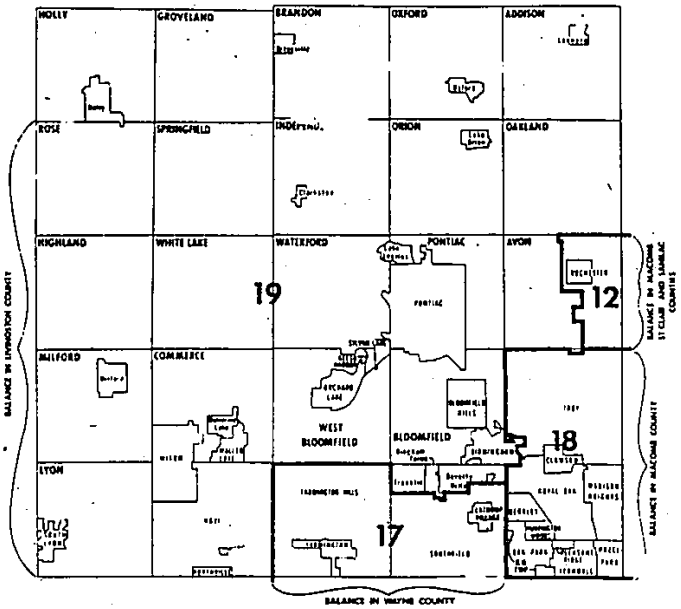
2. How can the U.S. best meet its long-term energy needs and balance environmental concerns?

3. What changes, if any, are needed in U.S. foreign trade policies?

4. Do you feel that the defense budget should be increased? If so, how would you fund it?

5. Are you in favor of an amendment to the U.S. Constitution requiring a balanced budget? Explain.

U.S. CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICTS



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12th District

David E. Bonior

Democrat, incumbent, 35, of Mt. Clemens. U. S. representative to Congress. Education: Attended Sacred Heart Seminary and Notre Dame High School; BA, University of Iowa; MA, Chapman College. Qualifications: Served four years in the Air Force and in the Michigan State Legislature from 1972-76.

1. I support wage and price controls because they would allow us to halt our runaway economy and give it new direction. Voluntary controls restrict wages without limiting health costs or interest rates. To escape recession, I support fair tariffs to protect American jobs and incentives to encourage investment.

2. The expansion of wind, water and solar energy research programs will redirect us from a dependence on foreign oil to energy independence without damaging our environment.

3. While I generally support free trade, it must be fair trade. In the short term, imports must be reduced. Recently, the tariff on light trucks was increased from 4 percent to 25 percent. I support legislation that would impose the same fees on Japanese imports that they impose on our cars.

4. The defense budget should not be based on an increase, but on the proper use of existing funds. Spending on extravagant military hardware drains funds and attention from our conventional weaponry, maintenance capabilities and fair salaries for trained military personnel.

5. I am fearful that a strict balanced budget requirement would unnecessarily hamper our ability to respond to a war, recession or national emergency. Instead, the Congress must continue to reduce the deficit and eliminate the waste and duplication within the government.

Kirk Walsh

Republican, 49, of St. Clair Shores. Consultant/federal liaison specialist. Education: U. of D. High School; Grosse Pointe High; graduate, Holy Cross College, theology and philosophy; Boston College, BD. Qualifications: Eleven years experience dealing effectively with government problems for non-profit organizations and local governments. A distinguished career in public service. . .

1. An immediate 10 percent tax cut effective Jan. 1, combined with faster depreciation write-offs for business investment. Congress is fiddling during an economic disaster. Business investment will create more jobs. We must avoid deficit spending that fuels inflation.

2. Immediately decontrol the price of oil produced here at home. Also, increase the production and use of coal. We should expand nuclear power, while putting to work our scientific and technological capability to guarantee safety and address environmental concerns.

3. We need a foreign policy that will strengthen our mutual security agreements and create new energy and economic partnerships with our traditional allies and new friends—a foreign policy that will promote regional stability and counter the Soviets.

4. The nation is no longer the unquestioned global leader. Our defense capability must be increased to protect our freedom. Our conventional and nuclear capabilities must be increased. Elimination of waste and duplication would be important sources of funding.

5. I am in favor of an amendment to the U.S. Constitution that would call for new congressional elections any year the budget was out of balance by more than 5 percent of the previous year.

17th District

William M. Brodhead

Democrat, incumbent, 38, of Detroit. Member of Congress. Education: BA, Wayne State University, 1965, in psychology; University of Michigan Law School, 1967. Qualifications: Member, Michigan House of Representatives; attorney.

1. Congress must eliminate wasteful and unnecessary federal spending. We must create incentives for energy conservation and develop alternative energy sources. Current high unemployment is centered in the auto industry. We must provide tax incentives to boost auto sales, and provide long run aid to the industry to increase its competitiveness.

2. The United States must develop a balanced energy program which consists of: limited expansion of coal use, heavy reliance upon conservation, development of a synthetic fuels program, and a major commitment to renewable energy, particularly solar, capable of delivering 30 percent of our total energy needs by the year 2000.

3. The United States can no longer afford to extend free trade policies unilaterally. We must pursue policies which will allow our domestic industries to compete fairly in the international market. We must also improve our Trade Adjustment Assistance program to protect workers who lose their jobs because of imports.

4. Maintaining a strong defense sometimes requires higher spending, to keep up with inflation and technological change. I voted for such an increase. Defense capabilities can also be improved by cutting waste and using money more wisely. In this way, defense spending will not jeopardize other valuable federal programs.

5. I strongly support balancing the federal budget. However, I have reservations about using the Constitution to mandate a particular economic policy—an action which could tie the hands of government to meet national emergencies. I believe that the new Congressional Budget Act provides the discipline to balance the federal budget.

L. Patterson

Republican, 24, of Detroit. Business owner, negotiate new patented products with manufacturers. Education: Florida Air Academy, Military School. Qualifications: Have an ability to find the foundation of a problem, give a concrete solution, and persuade my future colleagues to accept my solution.

1. Tax indexing. Deflation through intense competition of business. A Business Commission in the U.S., state, city department of commerce not to regulate in any way but only to advertise to the consumer of products price and where.

2. An appropriate tax cut to utility for coal burner cleaners, coal gasification increase. OPEC creating oil refiners and gasohol plants in the countries they export to, to increase the length of their oil, to reduce price increases, and loosen their grip.

3. Reduce business protectionism to have deflation and intense competition. It must be understood that if Japan had no import restrictions our cars are too large for their roads and streets. Our fuel efficiency car can not meet theirs.

4. Yes, but only in the appropriate areas. No. 1, the same way we get rid of our disgraceful national debt, produce our way out through the economy and increasing our gross national product.

5. Yes, as long as the national debt is not used as a loophole. Reduce the rate of fiscal government budget increases. Get the government out of policies that can and should be formed at the state and local level.

William B. Krebaum

Libertarian, of Detroit. *Material not available at time of printing.*

18th District

Jim Blanchard

Democrat, incumbent, 37, of Pleasant Ridge. Attorney. Education: Graduated Ferndale High School; BA, Michigan State University; MBA, JD, University of Minnesota. Qualifications: Former deputy assistant attorney general, State of Michigan.

1. To fight inflation, I favor temporary wage-price controls, a tight fiscal policy and a moderate monetary policy in tune with the growth of the economy, a vigorous effort to break our dependence on OPEC through alternative energy technologies and conservation. To move us out of the recession and provide new jobs . . .

2. I strongly support research and development of renewable alternative energy technologies such as solar, wind, biomass, etc., which are virtually inex-

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