

U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTE FOR ONE
TWO YEAR TERM

Candidates were asked to summarize their biographies in 50 words and answer each question in 50 words.

1. What measures do you support to reduce the federal deficit and the national debt?
2. What is your position on reproductive choice?
3. Should the federal government be doing more to rebuild this country's infrastructure? If so, where will the necessary money come from?
4. What is your view concerning currently proposed legislation to provide employee leave for fathers and/or mothers for the care of an infant, of a seriously ill child or of an elderly dependent?

6th District

Bob Carr

Democrat

Material not available at time of printing.

7th District

Dale E. Kildee

Democrat

AGE—60, Flint

OCCUPATION—Teacher; University of Detroit High School, 1954-1956; Flint Central High School, 1956-1984

EDUCATION—B.A., Sacred Heart Seminary, 1952; Teaching Certificate, University of Detroit; M.A., University of Michigan, 1981

BACKGROUND—Michigan State Representative, 1964-1974; Michigan State Senator, 1974-1976; U.S. Congressman, 1976-present

1. The dramatic events in Eastern Europe and the Soviet Union make it possible to significantly reduce U.S. military spending. The peace dividend and prudent increases in federal revenues should be sufficient to reduce the federal deficit while reordering our national budget priorities toward pressing domestic needs.
2. I have a pro-life record. I have also supported governmental research into safer, more effective methods of male and female contraception. I am also the chief sponsor of the Act for Better Childcare and have supported programs of family planning, adoption assistance, nutrition and health services.
3. As a member of the House Budget Committee, I helped draft the House budget resolution which provided significant increases for housing, highways, and aviation, while meeting the Fiscal Year 1991 Gramm-Rudman deficit target by cutting the Pentagon's budget and raising the same amount of revenues as proposed by President Bush.
4. I am an original cosponsor of H.R. 770, the Family and Medical Leave Act. As a member of the House Education and Labor Committee, I opposed all weakening amendments to the bill in committee and when the House passed it, with my support, on May 10, 1990.

David J. Morrill

Republican

AGE—60, Grand Blanc

OCCUPATION—Independent Life Insurance Agent; former Division Manager, Prudential Life Insurance Co.; retired General Manager, B.O.C.

EDUCATION—Ann Arbor High School, 1948; B.A. (Business Administration), Michigan State University, 1953; Chartered Life Underwriter

BACKGROUND—Received from Prudential and General Motors Community Service Awards. Republican State Central Committee.

1. Line item veto, giving the President, "Republican or Democrat", the ability to force a stop to the free spending by a liberal Congress, of which the incumbent is a prime example. After the budget is brought in line, the surplus can be used to eliminate the National debt.
2. This is one issue I agree with the incumbent.
3. Yes. Replace the current welfare system with a program of guaranteed employment repairing the nation's infrastructure.
4. I support the needed benefit, but it should be implemented by a tax incentive given to the employer, rather than a legislated mandate which would be impossible to make fit all situations fairly.

14th District

Dennis M. Hertel

Democrat

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Kenneth C. McNealy

Republican

AGE—46, Madison Heights

OCCUPATION—Classroom Teacher

EDUCATION—B.S., Ferris State University

BACKGROUND—Affiliated with Republican Party for 34 years

1. Cut the budget until it hurts. If we raise taxes, there is a good chance of major economic recession.
2. I do not support the killing of unborn babies and do whatever I could to stop the slaughter!
3. User-taxes.
4. I am in favor of such a program if there is no cost or inconvenience to the employer. Any added costs will be passed on to the consumer making our products that much more uncompetitive in the world markets.

Robert John Gale

Tisch Independent Citizens

AGE—32, Detroit

OCCUPATION—Self-employed businessman

EDUCATION—High School graduate, 1976; Insurance state licensing school, 1984

BACKGROUND—Retail store manager, 1976-84; insurance agent, 1984-87; self-employed businessman, 1987-present

1. I support the passing of an amendment to the constitution for a balanced budget, completely wipe out the wild and unnecessary spending that goes on in government and I support the reduction of all taxes.
2. This is an individual right and should not be taken away and the taxpayer should not have the burden of paying for abortions. People should be accountable and responsible for their own actions, not at the taxpayers expense.
3. No, the federal government should not be involved in fixing the country's infrastructure. The responsibility should be left up to the private sector, local communities, and individual states.
4. This whole idea should be abolished. The federal government has no right at all in passing or even thinking of passing this type of legislation. This should be left up to the employee and employer only, and any arrangements or agreements should be between the employee and employer only.

17th District

Sander M. Levin

Democrat

AGE—58, Southfield

OCCUPATION—U.S. Representative, 1982-present

EDUCATION—B.A. University of Chicago, 1952; M.A. (International Relations), 1954; J.D., Harvard University, 1957

BACKGROUND—Assistant Administrator, Agency for International Development, 1977-81; Michigan State Senator, 1964-70; Democratic candidate for Governor, 1970 and 1974

1. Cut unnecessary federal spending. With the collapse of the Soviet Bloc, we don't need new weapons like the MX missile or the ultra-expensive B-2 'stealth' bomber. Reject the Administration's proposed capital gains tax cut for the rich. Finally, any new taxes should be progressive so everyone pays a fair share.
2. I am pro-choice. This is a decision which is best left to individual conscience; a choice to be made by a woman and her doctor.
3. We have to do a better job on infrastructure. Economic growth is not possible without it. Because federal dollars are scarce, developers and other beneficiaries of roads, sewers, etc., will have to help foot the bill.
4. I am an original co-sponsor of HR 770, the Family and Medical Leave Act. America is the only major industrialized country, other than South Africa, without a family leave policy. I also voted to override President Bush's veto of HR 770. Unfortunately, the President's veto was sustained.

Blaine L. Lankford

Republican

AGE—44, Royal Oak

OCCUPATION—Graphic artist; own ad agency

EDUCATION—Oscoda High School; Ferris State College;

U.S. Navy; University of Detroit

BACKGROUND—Married, 2 children

1. Stop spending. Congress can reduce the deficit by (a) reorganizing the military into one armed forces organization, (b) limit foreign aid, (c) withdraw financial support from the U.N., (d) stop funding the National Endowment for the Arts.
2. I support the right of every woman to decide for themselves. At the same time, I do not favor government funded abortions—that places government in the position of taking sides and government should not be involved. Minors should not be allowed an abortion without parental consent.
3. This country's cities need more and better mass transit systems. Our highways and interstates are in need of repair. Perhaps, if we took the \$425 million we have given Israel to build refusenik resettlement communities in the West Bank, we could repair our roads and improve Arab-American relations.
4. This is how bad government makes itself look good at the expense of business. If we don't win the Trade War, the question will be singularly academic.

18th District

Walter O. Briggs, IV

Democrat

AGE—33, Birmingham

OCCUPATION—Management and Financial Consultant

EDUCATION—Michigan State University (graduate work in accounting); B.A. (Mathematics), Duke University

BACKGROUND—Grandnephew of Philip A. Hart, former U.S. Senator of Michigan; great grandson of Michigan (Detroit) industrialist, Walter O. Briggs

1. In order to reduce the federal deficit and national debt, assessment of current programs and reorganization of their administrative infrastructure is necessary in order to cut expenses. Ineffective programs must be cut and funds must be reallocated from programs such as the military to pay for social programs.
2. I am pro-choice. I believe that a woman should make her own reproductive choices and the state and federal government should not be involved in any way in such a private and personal decision. We should encourage research into more effective contraception and to reverse infertility.
3. An effective national transportation system is critical to competing in the world economy. Federal highway money now being used to offset the deficit should be used first. Then we should look at reallocating funds from the military before increasing user fees. A strong economy is our best defense.
4. I completely support legislation to provide employee leave for both fathers and mothers to care for infants or ailing family members. It is essential to the health and productivity of our country to keep the American family strong.

William S. Broomfield

Republican

AGE—68, Lake Orion

OCCUPATION—U.S. Congressman

EDUCATION—Attended public schools of Royal Oak and Michigan State University

BACKGROUND—Lifelong resident of Oakland County. Began political career in 1948; Michigan House and State Senate, eight years (youngest Speaker Pro-Term of House in Michigan history). First elected to Congress in 1956. Committees: Foreign Affairs (Vice Chairman), Small Business

1. New taxes are not the answer. Restoring fiscal responsibility requires a commitment to eliminating government waste (such as the millions we waste each year maintaining a "ghost fleet"). To ensure that our deficit-reduction efforts are long-term, we need a Balanced Budget Amendment and to give the President line-item veto authority.
2. Over the years, I have consistently voted against the use of federal funds for abortions.
3. Because transportation is a critical issue for Michigan's 18th District, I serve on the Congressional Task Force on Infrastructure. Transportation trust fund monies should be put to work to improve our deteriorating road system, not left sitting to disguise the size of the federal deficit.
4. While I am a strong supporter of the family, I agree with President Bush that it is preferable to encourage employers to continue to adopt family and medical leave policies voluntarily. A government-mandated policy eliminates the employer's flexibility to run a business effectively while meeting employees' legitimate personal needs.