

U.S. SENATE CANDIDATES

Six Year Term — Salary \$133,644 — Vote for One

CONGRESS, THE LEGISLATIVE BRANCH OF THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT, is composed of two houses. The upper house is the Senate. The lower house is the House of Representatives. A majority vote by both houses is necessary to pass a law.

Candidates were asked to summarize their background in 25 words and were allotted 75 words to expand on an issue or issues of importance or list priorities if elected. Candidates were asked to provide "yes" or "no" responses to questions on the health care system and welfare. A "yes" or "no" indicates a candidate's response on the issue in general, and should not be regarded as opposing or supporting specific legislation. Where there is a blank, the candidate chose not to respond or had a more involved statement.

1. Issue: Health Care System

Background: Some believe that we must reform our health care system to provide all Americans with basic health care while keeping medical costs under control. As a candidate do you feel that we need:

- 1a. Comprehensive health care services
- 1b. To keep present system
- 1c. To offer universal coverage
- 1d. Coverage for dental care
- 1e. Coverage for preventive care
- 1f. Coverage for abortions
- 1g. Coverage for prescriptions

To pay for health care should we:

- 2a. Use tax dollars to pay for health care
- 2b. Have mandatory individual insurance purchase
- 2c. Have mandatory employer paid health insurance
- 2d. Have higher taxes on alcohol and tobacco
- 2e. Have controls on doctor and hospital fees
- 2f. Subsidize small businesses and/or low income individuals

2. Issue: Welfare

Background: Some people feel that our welfare system is too costly and does not serve our society's needs. As a candidate do you feel that we need:

- 3a. Tax dollars to develop community work projects
- 3b. A two year limit on welfare for most
- 3c. No additional benefits for larger families
- 3d. An increase in child care for parents in job training
- 3e. Tax dollars for more job skills training
- 3f. Government health care for marginally employed
- 3g. Supportive services (i.e., child care)



Bob Carr

Democrat, 51, East Lansing, MI, JD, University of Wisconsin; former Michigan Assistant Attorney General; U.S. Representative, 18 years; created 20,000 jobs, tough on crime, increased access to job training, education.

I've worked hard for Michigan's working families, creating more than 20,000 new jobs. There's nothing more important than a job. We need new approach that rewards hard work, responsibility. Government ought to be there to provide opportunity. In return people have to take responsibility. For people who won't play by rules, we need tough action like the "Two-Time Loser" bill I've offered to lock up repeat violent criminals for life. Government ought to be about...



Spencer Abraham

Republican, 42, Auburn Hills, MI, Graduated from Michigan State University and Harvard Law School; served as Chairman of Michigan GOP and Deputy Chief of Staff to Vice President Dan Quayle.

Congress needs to help families and create jobs. I will fight for a \$500 per child family tax credit which would provide \$1 billion in tax relief for Michigan families. I support cutting the capital gains tax, raising the personal exemption and oppose all new taxes. I support term limits, and will fight for a 10% pay cut each year Congress fails to pass a balanced budget. I oppose Bill Clinton's socialized medicine plan.



William Roundtree

Workers World Party, 44, Detroit, African-American, working class, socialist leader for 25 years; national organizer, demonstrations against racism, war; leader, job is a Right Campaign, for \$10 minimum wage.

Guaranteed union jobs or income for all. \$10 minimum wage. Free national healthcare. Fund AIDS research. End homelessness. Immediately free \$555 billion yearly to fund human needs by dismantling Pentagon (\$300 billion), stopping government interest to banks (\$200 billion), rescinding Clinton/Reagan tax giveaway to super-rich (\$55 billion). Outlaw racism, sexism, gay/lesbian oppression. End U.S. occupation of Haiti. Stop Pentagon's colonialism. Lift blockades on Cuba, Iraq. Socialism means people's needs—yes, profits—no.



Jon Coon

Libertarian, 35, Henderson, NV, Independent business owner (timber business); former Vice-Chair of the Libertarian Party of Michigan; currently serving on executive board of Libertarian Party of Michigan.

Many of the ideas listed under health care and welfare are important and worthwhile goals. There are ways to accomplish them which do not increase the size or scope of an already bloated federal bureaucracy, do not raise taxes on an over taxed American population, and do not limit individual freedoms or responsibilities. Those are the kinds of solutions I will support.



Chris Wege

Natural Law Party, 42, East Grand Rapids, MI, Psychology, Bowling Green University; MS, Human Communication, MERV, Switzerland; President/Founder, Perfect Health Development, Inc.; expertise in natural medicine; World Peace Project Coordinator...

There already exist a variety of simple, cost effective solutions that I supported financially over last 15 years that have been found to significantly reduce problems facing America today and which would save the nation over \$1 trillion annually (i.e., healthcare savings \$508 billion; defense \$94 billion; unemployment \$240 billion; crime \$32 billion per year). Implementation of these scientifically validated programs will create a prevention-oriented government focused on improving individuals to improve the country and to create world peace.

1a	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
1b	No	No	No	Yes	No
1c	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
1d	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
1e	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
1f	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
1g	Yes	No	Yes	No	No
1h	Yes	No	Yes	No	No
1i	Yes	No	No	No	No
1j	No	No	Yes	No	Yes
1k	Yes	No	Yes	No	No
1l	No	No	Yes	No	No
1m	Yes	No	Yes	No	No
2a	Yes	No	Yes	No	No
2b	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes
2c	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes
2d	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No
2e	Yes	No	Yes	No	No
2f	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
2g	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes