

GOP Senate hopefuls sound off on the issues

John Anderson

Q-Who is your favorite candidate for governor? Why?

I believe that either Jim Brickley or Richard Headlee would make good gubernatorial candidates.

Q-Do you favor the death penalty for certain crimes? Explain.

Yes. First-degree murder.

Q-What are the most important three (or so) measures the Michigan Legislature could enact to diversify the state economy and provide stable jobs? Please be specific (don't just say "reform something" without saying how).

a) Reform or repeal the Single Business Tax so as to eliminate the provision which requires payment of the tax even if the employer makes no profit.
b) Reform the unemployment compensation system so as to make qualifying standards more strict by extending eligibility requirements from 18 to 20 weeks and by reinstating the "waiting week" in order to qualify for benefits.

c) Provide jobs by encouraging business development through tax incentives and reforms in costly government regulations.

Q-The Single Business Tax has been under attack from all sides. What, if anything, should be done to change it?

Reform or repeal so as to eliminate the provision which requires payment of the tax even if the employer makes no profit.

Q-How will you vote if an equal rights amendment comes before the Congress and Legislature again? Why? How do you feel about the enactment of an equal rights amendment to the state constitution?

I support the Equal Rights Amendment.

Q-Why did you agree/disagree with the six-month, 1-percent increase in the state personal income tax voted in last May?

I disagreed with the recent tax increases.



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crease because public sector spending in Michigan is 22.2 percent higher than the national average. The money could have been found through budget cuts rather than a tax increase.

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James Clarkson

Q-Who is your favorite candidate for governor? Why?

Richard H. Headlee, because he is in step with today's fiscal problems and the majority of the citizens desire to limit taxes and curb state spending.

Q-Do you favor the death penalty for certain crimes? Explain.

No. Capital punishment is not a deterrent to murder, and the state should never be employed to take another person's life.

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The question should be what the state should not enact or better yet, what laws should be repealed, such as: personal property tax, single business activities tax and income taxes not approved by a vote of the citizens. The government cannot produce jobs or

wealth, only encourage business to locate in Michigan and thus provide jobs.

Q-The Single Business Tax has been under attack from all sides. What, if anything, should be done to change it?

It should be repealed.

Q-How will you vote if an equal rights amendment comes before the Congress and Legislature again? Why? How do you feel about the enactment of an equal rights amendment to the state constitution?

I am for the equal rights of all citizens.

Q-Why did you agree/disagree with the six-month, 1-percent increase in the state personal income tax voted in last May?

I disagreed with the tax increase. If we're going to have income taxes, we should have them with the consent of the people. This tax was passed without their consent. My feeling about income tax legislation is that it's always said



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that the tax won't exceed a certain percent, yet it always goes higher. The same music was played while I was in the legislature. If we have to have income tax increases and there's sufficient need for them, I'm sure the people will pass the necessary legislation.

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Richard Corey

Q-Who is your favorite candidate for governor? Why?

Richard Headlee. I think he is a fine, upstanding man. He is a proven, successful businessman. I like what he has to say and the manner in which he says it. I hope we will both find ourselves in Lansing and working together.

Q-Do you favor the death penalty for certain crimes? Explain.

No, but I am in favor of "true" lifetime sentences and not a "slap on the wrist." It has not been proven that the death sentence decreases heinous crimes.

Q-What are the most important three (or so) measures the Michigan Legislature could enact to diversify the state economy and provide stable jobs? Please be specific (don't just say "reform something" without saying how).

Jobs, of course, is the most important issue facing this state at this time.

Independent businesses provide more employment and new jobs than any other type of business. Therefore, help must be given to the small, independent businessmen so they will, once again, be in a position to give employment to the recent graduates, the youth who are working their way through school, and those who are not trained professionals. This can be done in a number of ways — cutting worker's compensation, unemployment costs, the Single Business Tax, lowering the minimum wage, especially for those under age 20, to name a few.

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I would vote to repeal the Single Business Tax as soon as possible.

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of an equal rights amendment to the state constitution?

I would vote for the Equal Rights Amendment.

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Markus Simon

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Patterson — ability and integrity.

Q-Do you favor the death penalty for certain crimes? Explain.

No.

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1. A constitutional amendment providing for non-partisan election of state legislators, county commissioners.
2. Help agriculture — encourage creation of industries to process our farm products.
3. By legislation, set aside the supreme court decisions that widen, beyond reason, the claims under the workmen's compensation law.

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Eliminate it.

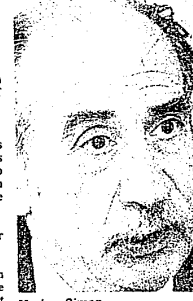
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Yes. Make sure of equal rights under law.

Q-Why did you agree/disagree with the six-month, 1-percent increase in the state personal income tax voted in last May?

This time yes. Never again. Know your income before you budget.

Q-Our state and federal road system has reached maturity in the last few years and rapidly is deteriorating. What programs should be implemented to restore the roads?



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Heavier taxes on trucks.

Q-SEMTA has experienced a 20-percent cut in its operating budget and expects more cuts as federal aid shrivels. How should the public transit operating funds question be addressed?

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David Pickering

Q-Who is your favorite candidate for governor? Why?

All of the candidates for governor offer the citizens of Michigan some valuable asset over one of their opponents in the primary election. It is most important for the Republican Party to go into the November election united. We need to avoid bitter primary elections and unite behind the winners on Aug. 10. I have not endorsed any of the candidates for governor, but on Aug. 10, I will support the nominee of the Republican party.

Q-Do you favor the death penalty for certain crimes? Explain.

The death penalty is a difficult issue because it touches a human problem. The families of victims want justice served. The Bible has passages that indicate that the death penalty is justified. The Bible also asks for people to forgive.

Our total criminal system in Michigan should be reviewed. Criminals that commit violent crimes seem to be sentenced for a shorter period of time than the criminal who commits a non-violent crime. This implies that there is a problem in our judicial system.

States that have the death penalty have fewer violent crimes, however, no action will stop violent crimes. If enacting the death penalty would prevent the death of an innocent victim, its enactment would be beneficial. However, generally I believe that the death penalty should not be used on the first-time criminal. I believe people should have a chance to pay their debt to society.

The death penalty should only be invoked for totally inhuman crimes. I believe that the death penalty is a deterrent to crime. Personally, if I were the governor of Michigan, I question whether I would be able to pull the plug on an individual.

Q-What are the most important three (or so) measures the Michigan Legislature could enact to diversify the state economy and provide stable jobs? Please be specific (don't just say "reform something" without saying how).

We must create a favorable environment for business to remain in Michigan and new industries to relocate to Michigan. Due to the unfavorable economic climate, Michigan has lost jobs and industries. The cost of operating a business in Michigan is among the highest in the nation.

Changes in unemployment compensation, workers compensation insurance, and the single business tax are essential along with a reduction in unnecessary, unreasonable, and unworkable regulations.

We must be sensitive to the loss of self-esteem of those currently unemployed or relying on the public sector for support. Retraining and the development of ways to help them become productive members of the community again must be a high priority item. The legislature must realize that 68 percent of all current jobs and approximately 90 percent of new jobs are represented by small businesses. A



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climate attractive to small business — as well as big business — is vital in the restoration of Michigan. Only when we restore Michigan's economic strengths will we have tax money to restore services.

Michigan has many good fortunes and assets that we must protect and find ways to create growth around: from our natural resources to the educational system that we have, which has built a highly skilled work force.

Lastly, each government program should be reviewed as to its effectiveness. Those programs that do not achieve the goals they were intended to should be changed or dropped.

Q-The Single Business Tax has been under attack from all sides. What, if anything, should be done to change it?

The Single Business Tax is the most unfair tax to business in this state. Michigan is the only state that has such a tax. This tax is not based on profits. Many a company actually loses money during the year, yet still has to pay the Single Business Tax. This tax should be shifted so that the amount paid is based on profits. Until some positive reform is made in the Single Business Tax, Michigan will not be able to attract new business investment.

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