

TSTAR2010 COMMITTEE
Of and For the People
Committee to Elect Tom Stark
WV District 1 Congressional Seat – 2010
(Republican)

Issues, Concerns, & Suggested New Initiatives

Our candidate believes:

CONSTITUTIONALLY LIMITED GOVERNMENT

...In justification of all legislation being offered by stating the Article/Section of the Constitution under which it is justified. (This is sometimes referred to as the Enumerated Powers concept)

...In limiting federal funding to constitutionally mandated obligations of the Federal Government such as national defense, international border protection, removal of international trade barriers to US companies, and regulation of interstate commerce, among others specifically stated in the U.S. Constitution as originally interpreted.

...In the eventual dismantling of those government departments of the federal government that have no clear Constitutional mandate. This is a necessity if we are to preserve our economy and our culture of freedom from tyranny.

NO GUN CONTROL

...In strictly upholding of 2nd Amendment Rights at the individual level including prohibition against any and all registration or licensing efforts (including ammunition).

NO ABORTION

...That there is nothing about abortion in the constitution, life begins at conception, and public funding of abortion should never be permitted. Notwithstanding the Roe v. Wade decision, this is a state responsibility to control if there is to be any government control of this activity at all. The ONLY exception to this belief is when a medical doctor (not an abortionist whether medically licensed or not) certifies that there is imminent danger to the life of the mother and she concurs in the need to end the pregnancy.

MARRIAGE

Marriage is the union of one man and one woman. This is the basis of the family unit. It has been the natural law of nature and of God since time began, and is necessary to the health of any society. A constitutional amendment is needed to prevent same sex marriages from being forced on the citizens through individual state action. There is no constitutional method of preventing this other than through amendment since the "full faith and credit" clause of the Bill of Rights puts the Defense of Marriage Act in slight question. Congress does have the power, however, to interpret exactly how this clause is put into practice making this Act potentially able to withstand a challenge.

PROTECTED “CLASSES”

...In the abolition of all forms of so-called “hate crimes” legislation on the basis of the “equal protections” clause of the U.S. Constitution. If we support “equal protection under the law” we cannot offer more protection to one class than another.

IMMIGRATION

...In strictly enforcing all existing immigration laws including the deportation of all individuals found in the country illegally. It has been estimated that 30% of our prison population is now made up of illegal immigrants. By deporting these particularly undesirable people, prison overcrowding and costs can be significantly reduced while offering a strong deterrent to future attempts to enter the country illegally. Additionally, particularly in a time of economic strife, we cannot afford to allow jobs that would otherwise be taken by American citizens to be held by those here in violation of our laws. While the issue of family separations has been raised as a bar to deportation, the elimination of “birth-right” citizenship would instantly eliminate this problem by making the desire to have a baby in this country while here illegally of no impact on the child’s citizenship.

TAXES/PUBLIC DEBT

...By eliminating federal spending on things that should not be the responsibility of the federal government (or government generally) we can reduce taxes on individuals and businesses to promote jobs and economic growth. These jobs and growth can only be created by the private sector.

...A minimum of 10% of all future budgets should be committed to payment of the national debt until it is eliminated.

...When government shrinks those cost reductions should translate to tax reductions. Upon elimination of functions now performed by the Federal Government that exceed the enumerated powers of the Constitution, the budget of that department should be diverted to immediate debt and tax reductions rather than shifting those revenues to other federal functions. Once unfunded liabilities and debt are eliminated, these savings should be returned to the citizens through reductions in tax rates overall.

ENVIRONMENT

...Other than as they affect inter-state commerce (i.e., hazardous material handling on Interstate Highways, nuclear waste transportation across state lines) environmental regulation is a state-level function which should be tempered with common sense. Regulations should be limited to those that do not stifle/impede economic growth and opportunity or those that protect citizens from injury to them or their property. We are endowed by our Creator with dominion over the earth and all that is on the earth. We should act responsibly in the use of our resources. They should, however, be used where they benefit society and our economy, not hoarded without sane reasons. When given the choice between sacrificing a small salamander or bird for the sake of providing our nation with the resources to prosper, there should be no question as to which is most important.

ENERGY

...That our country is rich in natural resources that are capable of seriously reducing our dependence on foreign sources for our energy needs. Energy policy should encourage private development of all feasible domestic energy sources including but not limited to nuclear, oil, oil shale, natural gas, solar, wind, and geo-thermal. Federal efforts should center on and limited to clearing obstacles to such development and to those situations that cross state boundaries or involve directly connected multi-state operations (as opposed to ALL multi-state operations). Just because an energy product or commodity, at some point, crosses state lines between origin and final consumption does not represent an excuse for the federal government to regulate every aspect of its development, production and marketing.

INITIATIVES TOM STARK WOULD SUPPORT:

Constitutional Amendments:

Repeal Amendment 17. Return appointment of the Senators to State Legislatures as a means of controlling growth and power of Federal Government. The problems that caused the amendment to be needed can be overcome with some simple processes that will prevent deadlocks within state legislatures during the appointment process. The appointment of Senators was a cornerstone of states' protections in the Constitution. Without it, the states have no real control over dominance by the federal government.

New Amendment - Balanced Budget with provision that any debt incurred in the future be in the form of bonds that expire in a maximum of 20 years and must be related to a constitutionally mandated function of the Federal Government (i.e., Defense, Infrastructure, Public Health Catastrophes or Public Safety Emergencies)

Return control of the currency to the Treasury of the United States and rescind the charter of the Federal Reserve Bank System. In the absence of this, a legislative mandate for a retroactive and future annual audits of all financial transactions of the Federal Reserve Bank.

Establish rules under which Congress operates that are transparent, even-handed, and permanent so that they cannot be changed to the advantage of the party in power. If this requires a Constitutional Amendment, then such an amendment deserves consideration.

Repeal of limitations on ads during political campaigns mandated by McCain/Feingold Campaign Finance Law as it is an infringement on the 1st Amendment right of free speech. In considering this position which many say allows big money interests to prevail, we need to put the monkey on the back of our elected officials to honor their **oath of office** making the influence of these interests subordinate to their purpose in serving. We also must put the monkey on the back of the citizens to stay informed and watch their representatives actions, not just what they claim to support.

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