

**PLATFORM COMMITTEE REPORT  
FOR THE  
2006 IOWA DEMOCRATIC PARTY  
SECOND CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT CONVENTION**

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**An appendix with explanations of abbreviations and acronyms is provided at the end of the platform.**

**Statement of Principles**

We salute the heroes of our nation, and we stand united in support of our troops. Our right to legitimate diversity of opinions is seen as one of our greatest strengths. We are proud to call ourselves Americans, especially in these trying days and tough economic times.

We support America's return to its historic role as a leader in the search for a just peace in the world.

We continue to stand with people everywhere who demand freedom, justice, and opportunity. We strive toward peaceful progress while extending a helping hand to support new, fragile democracies.

The legitimate function of government is to accomplish those goals which we cannot achieve as individuals. We believe in and strive for a truly representative government, working for the good of the people.

We believe none are truly free unless all are free; that justice is the right of all, not just those who have the means or power to seize it.

We are justly proud of America's oldest party, its heritage, its accomplishments and its diversities. No part of that heritage is more valuable than our belief in the rights and worth of each individual. Whenever the rights of any of our citizens are threatened, the rights of all are endangered. We take seriously the obligation to preserve, protect and secure constitutional and civil rights for ALL.

We are temporary stewards of our natural resources. We demand that our governing bodies develop policies and laws promoting sound agricultural and energy practices that permanently protect our environment from wasteful and indiscriminate use. Clean air, clean water, and diverse ecosystems are part of our children's future and must be protected.

Education is the foundation of Iowa's future. Therefore, we demand a stronger investment in accessible, affordable, and high quality education at all levels. We are committed to restoring Iowa's legacy of educational leadership, setting the standard to which all others aspire.

All Americans have a stake in local, national and global economic systems that provide first and foremost for the basic human needs. An equitable and wide distribution of wealth and a free and fairly compensated labor force expand our economy and create a healthier society. We support and encourage Iowa's family farms and small businesses.

Therefore, be it demanded that for endorsement and support of the Democratic Party a candidate must commit to the ideals of the Democratic Party and, in writing, guarantee support for a high percentage of the planks in the platform so earnestly and sincerely arrived at through countless hours of effort by dedicated grassroots Democrats who believe in, and work for, a better place to live.

### **Second District Congressional Democratic Platform**

“To me, party platforms are contracts with the people.”

- President Harry S. Truman 1955

## **STATEMENT OF ISSUES**

### ***AGRICULTURE, ENERGY and ENVIRONMENT***

#### **Recycling**

##### **We Support:**

- 1) Increased collection for residential and commercial generators;
- 2) Including all recyclable containers in the Bottle Bill;
- 3) Economic incentives and packaging standards to encourage recycling;
- 4) Manufacturers labeling product parts for recyclability and collecting hazardous components;
- 5) Use of recycled material in construction projects.

#### **Environmental Enhancement & Regulation**

##### **We Support:**

- 6) Increased funding and enforcement for environmental legislation and organizations, especially REAP;
- 7) Banning MTBE;
- 8) Strengthening toxic emission limits;
- 9) Expansion and protection of ecological systems, especially wetlands and waterways;
- 10) Research and marketing for new agricultural products;
- 11) Immediate greenhouse gas emission reductions;
- 12) Prohibition of persistent organic pollutants;
- 13) Expanded air and water quality monitoring, standards and increased penalties for all polluters;
- 14) Enforcement of hazardous materials transport management and tracking regulations;
- 15) Product life-cycle costing from raw material through disposal.

##### **We Oppose:**

- 16) Subordinating environmental protection and public health to corporate profits;

- 17) Exempting the timber industry from regulation;
- 18) Drilling and clear cutting on public lands, including ANWR;
- 19) Construction of nuclear plants until by-products are neutralized.

## **Livestock Management**

We Support:

- 20) Moratorium on all CAFOs until:
  - a) Counties control zoning and permits;
  - b) Required technology, regulation and enforcement control odor, maintain clean water, and capture by-products;
  - c) Required environmental impact statements are approved;
- 21) Prevention of dangerous waste and chemical discharge;
- 22) Local entities recouping all public costs associated with CAFOs.

**We Oppose:**

- 23) Prohibition of “nuisance” lawsuits against CAFOs.

## **Agricultural Policy**

- 24) We support agricultural policy reform to reverse farm consolidation, restore production diversity, and regain the functioning of local food systems, including:
  - a) **Substantial reduction in the maximum amount of federal subsidy a producer can receive;**
  - b) Anti-trust enforcement in the food industry;
  - c) Halting export dumping of below-cost-of-production commodities;
  - d) Protecting farmers on contract with large contractor companies;
  - e) Sound crop rotation practices, integrated pest management, soil enhancement and inter-cropping;
  - f) Incentives for oil-seed based agriculture;
  - g) Full disclosure and labeling of food products to indicate ingredients, hormonal enhancement, pesticide treatment, hydroponics, organics, irradiation, genetically-modified organisms, and country-of-origin;
  - h) Protecting the food chain from bio-terrorism;
  - i) Increasing testing and inspection of foods;
  - j) Incentives, education and research for organic farming to include time-release organic farm fertilizers and pesticides.

## **Sustainable Development**

We Support:

- 25) Taxes on harmful materials and activities, including emissions and harvesting virgin resources;
- 26) Special tariff status for countries that protect the environment and workers;
- 27) Land use planning/zoning to prevent urban sprawl.

## **Energy Policy**

We Support:

- 28) U.S. energy independence;
- 29) Renewable energy;
- 30) Fair net-billing for small energy producers;

- 31) Increasing standards, economic incentives and research for energy efficiency and alternative energy sources.

## **Watershed Management**

### **We Support:**

- 32) Vegetative filter strips reducing erosion;
- 33) Reinstating the wetlands review process;
- 34) Flood-plain zoning to facilitate flood control and minimize damage;
- 35) Increased funding to build and maintain wastewater infrastructure.

## ***EDUCATION***

### **Educators**

#### **We Support:**

- 36) Adding paid teacher contract days for professional development and new teacher mentoring;
- 37) Student loan forgiveness for teachers in shortage areas;
- 38) Dramatically increasing funding for K-14 teacher salaries to at least 25<sup>th</sup> in the nation;
- 39) State-funded reimbursement for special education teachers for attaining certification required by 2004 IDEA;
- 40) Establishing a discretionary fund for K-14 instructors for classroom materials purchased out-of-pocket;
- 41) Increasing salaries for substitutes and para-educators.

### **Higher Education**

#### **We Support:**

- 42) Expanding eligibility and increasing state and federal funding of student financial aid for post-secondary education such as a fully refundable College Opportunity Tax Credit;
- 43) Programs of public service for student loan repayment;
- 44) Timely disbursements of student loans and grants;
- 45) Fully funding community colleges;
- 46) Federal incentives to keep tuitions affordable;
- 47) Increased funding for regent universities.

#### **We Oppose:**

- 48) Mid-year funding pullbacks to Iowa Board of Regents institutions.

### **Pre-K-12**

#### **We Support:**

- 49) Increasing allowable growth rate for 2007-08 to 6 percent;
- 50) Public pre-school and Head Start programs for ages 3-5 with minimum curriculum standards established by DE;
- 51) Mandatory kindergarten;
- 52) Challenging curricula for all students, including gifted;
- 53) Multi-cultural, non-sexist curricula with global emphasis;

- 54) Expanded vocational education funding;
- 55) Foreign language in early elementary years;
- 56) State and federal funding for Citizen Diplomacy programs;
- 57) Each special education student be weighted by degree of need when determining classroom size;
- 58) Funding before, after and summer school programs;
- 59) Funding for public school districts to improve energy efficiency;
- 60) A state-wide “anti-bully law” to protect ALL children;
- 61) Repeal of NCLB Act.

**We Oppose:**

- 62) NCLB penalties until fully funded;
- 63) Databases of personal information under NCLB;
- 64) Teaching “intelligent design” as science in public schools;
- 65) Cutting art, music, physical education, media specialists, counseling programs and nurses to balance school budgets.

## **Pre-K-12 and Higher**

**We Support:**

- 66) Timely delivery of school aid payments;
- 67) Addressing out-of-control textbook costs;
- 68) Reinstatement of full funding for technology;
- 69) Development of a state-wide career academy system;
- 70) Public-private partnerships for Pre-K-14;
- 71) Best-in-the-nation student/teacher ratios.

**We Oppose:**

- 72) Diverting monies from public schools to fund or subsidize private educational ventures.

## **Special Needs**

**We Support:**

- 73) Federal funding of IDEA at the 40% level as legislated;
- 74) Enforcement of Equal Access to all educational services, **including physically-impaired accessibility for schools still without;**
- 75) Restoring all funds cut from the area agencies;
- 76) Increased funding for campaigns against illiteracy;
- 77) Increased special needs students funding (at-risk, talented and gifted, ESL and disabled);
- 78) Funding Vocational Rehabilitation to eliminate waiting lists.

## **Library /Media**

**We Support:**

- 79) Increased funding for The State Library of Iowa, Iowa Library Service Areas, Enrich Iowa, Open Access and Access Plus;
- 80) Free and open access to knowledge;
- 81) Patron privacy;
- 82) Funding for NEA, NEH, **NSF** and CPB.

## ***GOVERNMENT and LAW***

### **Civil Rights**

#### **We Support:**

- 83) Repealing provisions of the Patriot Act weakening democratic processes and curtailing civil liberties;
- 84) Affirmative action and enforcement of Title IX;
- 85) State and federal Equal Rights amendments;
- 86) An Employment Non-Discrimination Act;
- 87) Strengthening and enforcing the American Disabilities Act;
- 88) Legal recognition of domestic partnerships and same sex marriage;
- 89) Due process for all detainees under U.S. control;
- 90) A “Death with Dignity” act;
- 91) Direct access to courts by individuals seeking remedies under federal and state civil rights acts;
- 92) Addition of political affiliation and sexual orientation as protected classes;
- 93) Constitutional Right to Privacy;
- 94) Civil rights protections in housing, employment, insurance, credit, education, government and public accommodations.

#### **We Oppose:**

- 95) Any constitutional amendment limiting civil rights;
- 96) The erosion of Miranda rights;
- 97) Search-and-seizures without benefit of warrant, or selective enforcement to harass individuals or groups.

### **Government Process**

#### **We Support:**

- 98) Requiring all legislative mandates to be fully funded;
- 99) All votes by members of Congress be by public roll call using electronic voting.

#### **We Oppose:**

- 100) Unrelated riders on legislative bills.

### **Immigration**

#### **We Support:**

- 101) Legal Immigration;
- 102) Protecting immigrants and their families’ civil rights;
- 103) Equal treatment for everyone seeking political asylum.

### **Law**

#### **We Support:**

- 104) Responsible gun ownership;
- 105) Equal access to the justice system;
- 106) Authorizing and fully funding a non-discriminatory Domestic Violence Act and services to crime victims;
- 107) Rights of all victims of abuse and harassment to obtain no-contact orders;
- 108) Addressing substance abuse as a public health issue;

- 109) Requiring that forfeiture of private property include adequate due process, protect innocent property owners and fit the crime.

**We Oppose:**

- 110) Domestic surveillance without warrants;  
111) Unfair restraint of trade;  
112) Limiting judgments in civil liability lawsuits;  
113) Capital punishment;  
114) Limiting reproductive rights;  
115) Mandatory minimum sentencing laws.

**Corrections**

**We Support:**

- 116) Using alternatives to incarceration for non-violent offenders;  
117) Substance abuse assessment and treatment for inmates;  
118) Restoring voting rights to felons upon completion of their sentence.

**Taxation**

**We Support:**

- 119) An equitable, progressive tax system;  
120) Increasing the Earned Income Tax Credit;  
121) Increasing the per-dependent Personal Exemption;  
122) Rescinding the Republican tax cuts;  
123) Reestablishing the Estate Tax;  
124) Reestablishing property tax credits to qualified seniors, disabled and veterans;  
125) Establishing equitable renters tax credits;  
126) Balanced Budgets.

**Social Security**

**We Support:**

- 127) Eliminating the cap on personal contributions to Social Security;  
128) Decoupling Social Security funds from the general fund.

**We Oppose:**

- 129) Privatization of Social Security.

**Government Services**

**We Support:**

- 130) Permanent establishment of the Child Support Recovery Amnesty Trial Program at the state and federal level, including the armed forces;  
131) Equal consideration of men and women in custodial matters;  
132) The protection of historically significant structures and neighborhoods with tax credits and restoration effort funding;  
133) Improved funding and availability of public transit;  
134) Public and private sector deployment of broadband networks in a competitive, non-proprietary manner to enable low-cost, highly flexible broadband access;  
135) Reinstatement of the FCC Fairness Doctrine.

**We Oppose:**

- 136) Media consolidation;
- 137) **Government use of unattributed video news releases.**

## **Military Service**

### **We Support:**

- 138) Military service pay adequate to support service members and their families, including cost of living increases;
- 139) Family health benefits for all soldiers called to active duty;
- 140) Expanding the Voluntary Active Duty and Reserve Military strength and adequate funding to properly equip and support all troops;
- 141) The reorganization, funding, and training of the National Guard to ensure readiness for any state or national emergency;
- 142) Full rights and privileges of adulthood for all military personnel;
- 143) Veterans receiving promised benefits, retirement, and severance pay without offsets of disability compensation;
- 144) Increased support for homeless veterans;
- 145) Fully staffing and funding of VA hospitals, clinics, and services;
- 146) Enhanced specialized treatment for all service-related conditions;
- 147) Declaration of a POW-MIA and disabled veterans' day.

### **We Oppose:**

- 148) Mercenaries for combat operations;
- 149) Torture.

## **Elections**

### **We Support:**

- 150) **Voter-verified paper audit trail, mandatory random audits of at least two percent of precincts, and public disclosure of software used on voting equipment;**
- 151) National Election Day as a holiday;
- 152) Same-Day and Universal Voter Registration;
- 153) Campaign Finance Reform;
- 154) Regulation and disclosure of lobbyists;
- 155) The Voting Rights Act.

## **HEALTH and HUMAN SERVICES**

### **Universal Health Care Coverage**

#### **We Support:**

A National Health Care System (NHCS) that guarantees universal access to comprehensive, non-discriminatory, high quality and cost effective, single payer healthcare that emphasizes prevention for all persons living in the U.S. The NHCS will be financed by equitable contributions from individuals, employers and government.

- 156) The system will guarantee full treatment for:
  - a) Chemical dependency and mental disorders;
  - b) Dental and eye coverage;
  - c) Full reproductive health care;

- d) HIV/AIDS;
  - e) Mental retardation and developmental disabilities.
- 157) Prescription drug coverage:
- a) Access to prescription drugs for all people;
  - b) Coverage under traditional Medicare/Medicaid;
  - c) State and federal agencies negotiate prices and discounts;
  - d) Legalize medical use of marijuana;
  - e) Limit advertisement of prescription drugs;
  - f) Limit patent extensions for “me-too” or copycat drugs.
- 158) Reproductive health care
- a) Legal right of women to continue or terminate a pregnancy and preserve Roe v. Wade;
  - b) Adequately fund reproductive education services regarding age appropriate, medically accurate sex education, sexually responsible behavior, STDs, and non-directive reproductive counseling including alternative methods like abstinence;
  - c) Encourage common ground between pro-choice and anti-choice activists to prevent problem pregnancies;
  - d) Full prescription coverage for contraceptives by public and private health insurers;
  - e) **We support unrestricted access to safe and legal abortion.**

## **Stem Cell Research**

### **We Support:**

- 159) Strengthening stem cell research by increasing the sources available for study.

## **Standards of Quality**

### **We Support:**

- 160) The right of all persons to total confidentiality of health care records, including genetic information and anonymity for HIV/AIDS testing and treatment;
- 161) Full funding for development, monitoring and enforcement of quality of care and treatment standards;
- 162) Health care providers freedom to discuss medical treatment options with patients without limitations or penalties;
- 163) Dramatically increasing funding for adult residential substance abuse treatment.

## **Housing and Homeless**

### **We Support:**

- 164) Providing food, shelter, financial intervention, education and job training opportunities for all who fall below the poverty guidelines;

- 165) Fully funded enforcement standards of quality for nursing homes and alternative living arrangements including adult day care and in-home services;
- 166) Increased investment by government sectors in construction, maintenance and rehabilitation of affordable housing;
- 167) Encouraging home ownership by low and middle-income people;
- 168) Safe, suitable, affordable housing for those with special needs.

### **Child Protection**

#### **We Support:**

- 169) Adequately funded programs promoting child development, health and safety, prenatal care, after school programs, and programs that eliminate abuse and neglect;
- 170) Education on nutrition, exercise and obesity;
- 171) Child welfare programs fully funded with attention to family preservation and permanency planning for children;
- 172) With adoption of children, where needed, the state provides full funding for the child to be placed in the appropriate setting.

### **Elderly Services**

#### **We Support:**

- 173) Development and full funding of government programs to promote independence of the elderly and disabled;
- 174) Increased funding to eliminate abuse and neglect of dependent adults;
- 175) Restoring all the money, with interest, to the Senior Living Trust fund that was used to reduce taxation for upper income Iowans.

## **INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS**

### **The Rule of Law**

#### **We Support:**

- 176) Renewed commitment to cooperation in and fair-share support of the U.N.;
- 177) An enforceable body of International Law;
- 178) Adherence to the U.N. Universal Declaration of Human Rights;
- 179) Increased commitment to eliminating chemical, biological, nuclear weapons and land mines;
- 180) Fair trade initiatives requiring human/worker rights, public health and environmental protections;
- 181) Penalizing companies operating in the U.S. who knowingly create or sell to foreign governments technology that suppresses free speech of its citizens.

#### **We Support:**

- 182) Space based weapons and missile shield development plans.

### **Treaty Negotiations and Conventions**

#### **We Support:**

- 183) U.S. ratification and full adherence to the following international treaties and conventions:
  - a) The Geneva Convention,

- b) Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women,
- c) Convention on the Rights of the Child,
- d) Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty,
- e) Biological Weapons Convention Protocol,
- f) Ottawa Landmines Treaty,
- g) Kyoto Treaty on Global Warming,
- h) International Court of Criminal Justice,
- i) Convention on The Destruction of Chemical Weapons, and
- j) The Prohibition of Development, Production, Stockpiling and Use of Chemical Weapons.

## **Foreign Relations Policies**

### **We Support:**

- 184) General Policies that:
  - a) Allowing countries to “discriminate between like products based on the method of production,”
  - b) Strengthen international institutions by diplomatic measures to prevent terrorism,
  - c) Redefine circumstances calling for use of U.S. military forces, e.g., an operational definition of “terrorism” linked to focused and proportional responses, and
  - d) Prevent ownership or control of vital U.S. infrastructures by companies owned or substantially controlled by foreign entities;
- 185) Foreign Policies that promote peace in the middle east;
- 186) **A two-state solution for the Israeli/Palestinian conflict based on international law and the right of return of the Palestinians;**
- 187) Foreign Policies that:
  - Mandate the prompt, orderly and complete withdrawal of U.S. troops from Iraq, to begin immediately, with no U.S. military bases to be maintained in Iraq;**
  - Remove trade, financial and travel restrictions relating to Cuba.

### **We Oppose:**

- 188) Pre-emptive wars and wars of conquest;
- 189) Perpetual war on terrorism resulting in the curtailment of constitutional and civil rights;
- 190) Rendition of captives for interrogation and/or imprisonment;
- 191) U.S. military assistance, aid or training for the purpose of repressing citizens of foreign countries and the operation of the “School of the Americas” at Ft. Benning or elsewhere;
- 192) U.S. military aid or training for the international war on drugs, including foreign mass aerial herbicide applications;
- 193) Military or terrorist acts aimed at civilians.

## **Developmental Assistance**

### **We Support:**

- 194) U.N. Millennium Development goals and U.S. funding at levels to meet goals;

- 195) Compliance with the U.N. Universal Declaration of Human Rights on the part of entities receiving U.S. aid;
- 196) International development assistance for comprehensive reproductive healthcare and family planning;
- 197) Fully funding our share of the Global Fund for AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria;
- 198) Cancellation of unsustainable debt by impoverished countries;
- 199) Administering reconstruction or disaster relief contracts under an open bid process.

**We Oppose:**

- 200) International Monetary Fund imposition of "structural adjustments" upon impoverished countries.

## **WORKERS' RIGHTS, ECONOMY and COMMERCE**

### **Jobs, Safety, and Labor Law**

**We Support:**

- 201) Repeal of the "Right to Work" law;
- 202) Project Labor Agreements;
- 203) Strengthening the National Labor Relations act including full funding for the NLRB;
- 204) Workers negotiating "fair-share" clauses into labor agreements;
- 205) Part-time employees receiving proportionate wages and benefits;
- 206) The right of all workers to unionize, and all issues be mandatory subjects of bargaining;
- 207) Those involved in labor disputes qualify for unemployment benefits;
- 208) Strong penalties for hiring undocumented workers;
- 209) Equal pay for equal work;
- 210) The state of Iowa abiding by labor contracts and arbitrator's decisions;
- 211) Consider a bidder's safety record for government contracts;
- 212) Discouraging the use of temporary employees;
- 213) Eliminating employee/independent contractor misclassification;
- 214) Public entities entering into construction contracts pay prevailing wages;
- 215) Adequate funding and staffing of OSHA and NIOSH;
- 216) Worker's right to refuse unsafe work;
- 217) Coverage of agricultural workers by health and safety statutes;
- 218) Adequate staffing levels in the workplace for safety;
- 219) Allowing employees' and unions' greater participation in OSHA;
- 220) Reform of workers compensation to provide timely resolution, penalties for delay or non-payment of valid claims and allowing workers to select their treating physician.
- 221) We support strong whistleblower protection for health care workers and any workers whose jobs are partly funded by public dollars.

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**We Oppose:**

- 223) Employment-at-will doctrine;
- 224) Privatization of public jobs and services;

- 225) Employment-related polygraph tests;
- 226) Prison labor that displaces non-incarcerated workers;
- 227) Mandatory overtime;
- 228) Efforts to limit or end overtime pay;
- 229) Out-sourcing of jobs;
- 230) Replacement workers for those on strike.

## **Wages, Pension and Benefits**

### **We Support:**

- 231) Raising minimum wage and indexing it to inflation to support a living wage;
- 232) Keeping IPERS solvent, incorporating a cost of living increase, and increasing contribution rate;
- 233) Retirement and health care plans that are appropriately funded, fully honored, secure and portable;
- 234) Non-discriminatory parental leave benefits;
- 235) Requiring large employers to contribute to health care costs or to Iowa's Medicaid funds.

## **Economic Development**

### **We Support:**

- 236) Incentives for companies to remain in the U.S.;
- 237) Strengthening bankruptcy laws to protect employees from plant closing or bankruptcy;
- 238) Student loan forgiveness for staying in Iowa;
- 239) Rebuilding America with a WPA-type program;
- 240) Encouraging Americans to buy American;
- 241) Funding to encourage new business;
- 242) A federal jobs program, vocational training and retraining.

## **Business Abuses**

### **We Support:**

- 243) Eliminating tax benefits and loopholes for companies moving out of the U.S.;
- 244) Aggressive enforcement of anti-trust legislation;
- 245) Prohibiting double charges on ATM's, and controlling bank fees, interest rates for credit cards, payday loans, etc.;
- 246) Closing loopholes that allow non-banking entities such as Wal-Mart to establish banks;
- 247) Closing tax loopholes, including off shore havens.

## **Commerce**

### **We Support:**

- 248) A uniform system for licensing all non-commercial vehicles;
- 249) Products labeled "Made in the U.S.A." have a minimum of 90 percent U.S. manufactured content;
- 250) Labeling everything sold in the U.S. with country of origin;
- 251) Free trade if it is fair trade (reciprocity).

### **We Oppose:**

- 252) Manipulation of foreign currency that adversely affects U.S. commerce;
- 253) Deregulation of the electric utility industry;
- 254) Corporate welfare, indiscriminate bailouts, and tax breaks;
- 255) WTO;
- 256) Price gouging, fraud and other consumer abuses;
- 257) Non-bid government contracts (e.g. Halliburton);
- 258) Large business/conglomerates (e.g. Wal-Mart) that destroy small businesses.

<b>Abbreviations</b>	<b>Acronyms</b>
ANWR	Alaska National Wildlife Refuge
ATM	Automated Teller Machine
CAFO	Concentrated Animal Feeding Operations
CPB	Corporation for Public Broadcasting
DE	Department of Education
ESL	English as a Second Language
FCC	Federal Communications Commission
HIV/AIDS	Human Immunodeficiency Virus / Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome
IDEA	Individuals with Disabilities Education Improvement Act
IPERS	Iowa Public Employees Retirement System
MTBE	Oxygenate methyl tertiary butyl ether (a carcinogenic gasoline additive)
NCLB	No Child Left Behind
NEA	National Endowment for the Arts
NEH	National Endowment for the Humanities
<b>NSF</b>	<b>National Science Foundation</b>
NIOSH	National Institute for Occupational Health and Safety
OSHA	Occupational Safety & Health Administration
POW/MIA	Prisoner of War / Missing in Action
REAP	Resource Enhancement and Protection program
STD	Sexually Transmitted Disease
Title IX	Federal Law that provides gender equity
U.N.	United Nations
VA	Veterans Administration
WPA	Work Projects Administration
WTO	World Trade Organization

**Resolutions passed by the entire 2<sup>nd</sup> District Convention:**

**To be resolved, that any county platform submitted to the District be limited to 3,000 words.**

**We support the movement to censure the U.S. President by the U.S. Senate.**

**We support a general call to the US House of Representatives to begin an investigation of President George W. Bush and Vice-President Dick Cheney as a first step toward forwarding articles of impeachment for high crimes and misdemeanors to the Senate.**