

Preamble of Jackson County Republican Platform

March 15, 2008

The county platform committee assembled all of the planks forwarded from the precinct caucuses held on January 3rd, 2008. We, the committee, met to discuss the planks forwarded from caucus night. The committee agreed to start with the 2006 county platform (instead of the 2006 State Platform), which we concluded was a base of planks representing the values of the county Republican Party. We added the planks that were submitted at the caucuses. We also added planks as deemed necessary to express and explain new changes confronting us as Republicans. We will have to suspend the rules governing the county caucus in order to add a new plank and modify the existing planks.

(08) 2008 Planks

(PC) Planks added by Platform Committee

Agriculture

Plank 1: (08) To Stop the Federal Animal ID Act

Plank 2: (08) To Make the Federal Animal ID Act which includes all livestock, domestic pets, more farmer friendly.

Plank 3: (08) Support Ethanol as a primary source to oxygenize gasoline for America.

Plank 4: (08) Support Soy Bio as an additive in Diesel Fuels.

Plank 5: (PC) Promotion of alternative energy sources.

Business/Labor

Plank 6: (PC) Repeal aspects of NAFTA, which causes a loss of U. S. Sovereignty.

Plank 7: (PC) Repeal Capital Tax Breaks.

Plank 8: (PC) Do Not Repeal-- Keep Iowa Right to Work State.

Economy

Plank 9: (PC) Keep Bush Tax Cuts Permanent.

Education

Plank 10: (08) We believe that to provide a choice, science that shows the existence of the world and of humans is the result of intentional, creative acts of a superior intelligence or being should be taught in all schools. In addition we recommend that tax-funded libraries include creation science materials on their bookshelves.

Plank 11: (08) We support voluntary teacher or student led prayer in the school; use of the Bible should be allowed as a local option.

Plank 12: (08) We recommend that educators stress abstinence outside of marriage as the surest way to prevent pregnancy and the spread of sexually transmitted diseases and associated psychological problems. We oppose the distribution of condoms in public schools.

Plank 13: (08) We support displaying the Ten Commandments and the American flag, along with the daily recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance in its entirety in Iowa Schools and classrooms.

Plank 14: (08) We advocate choice in education. We believe the best education begins at home. We believe that parents have the right to choose government, private, home or alternative education for their children without government interference. Therefore, we support the use of a school voucher system and/or tax credits to assist parents as they exercise their right to choose government, private, home schooling, or alternative educational programs for their children.

Plank 15: (08) We support the right of parents to know what their children are being taught concerning sexuality in any classes where this subject is part of the curriculum.

Plank 16: (08) We support school policy that would require parents to be notified and parental consent obtained whenever outside sources are going to be used in the school to address the students regarding sexuality. This would especially apply to organizations such as Planned Parenthood.

Energy/Transportation

Plank 17: (08) We advocate the expanded use of Nuclear energy to provide at least 50% of America's electrical needs by 2025.

Plank 18: (08) Promotion of alternative energy sources.

Health Care/Social Security

Plank 19: (08) We believe facilities which perform abortions or distribute RU486 to patients should be required to meet all medical requirements, including securing malpractice insurance.

Plank 20: (08) We support the collection, compilation, and statistical reporting of records on abortion, just as is done with any other surgical procedure. We likewise support requiring this same information be compiled and reported following the distribution of RU486. This includes statistics on maternal death and injury.

Plank 21: (08) Privatization of insurance (government stays out of insurance).

Plank 22: (08) We believe that AIDS should be classified as a communicable disease and treated as such under current law. We favor requiring the reporting of AIDS carriers and felony prosecution of any carrier who willfully exposes another person. We support mandatory testing of AIDS/HIV by all health-care professionals and support patient access to the results of those tests. We support the right of all health care and mortician professionals to have knowledge of the AIDS/HIV status of patients prior to providing services.

Plank 23: (08) We support elimination of the designation of AIDS as a disability.

Plank 24: (08) Allow tax credits for people who do not have health insurance.

Law and Justice

Plank 25: (Added) We support the Second Amendment right to bear arms.

Right to Life/Family Values

Plank 26: (08) We commend those who provide alternatives to abortion by meeting the needs of mothers and offering adoption services.

Plank 27: (08) We support the full dignity of a burial for all aborted human fetuses in their entirety.

Plank 28: (08) We believe every human being should have the civil right to life regardless of age of dependency, including human beings not yet born. Moreover, we believe the unborn child has a fundamental right to life that cannot be infringed. We therefore reaffirm our support for a human rights amendment to the United States Constitution and the Constitution of the State of Iowa, and we endorse legislation to make clear the Fourteenth Amendment's protections apply to unborn children.

Plank 29: (08) We support measures to prohibit any government funding of abortion-related services. We oppose using public revenues for abortion or funding organizations, which advocate abortion.

Plank 30: (08) We are opposed to all human cloning, embryonic stem cell research, and fetal tissue research from induced abortions, and the commercial use or sale of fetal parts.

Plank 31: We support a ban on partial-birth abortion for the state of Iowa in addition to the federal Ban.

Plank 32: (08) We support the reversal of Roe vs. Wade.

Plank 33: (08) We believe every human being should have the civil right to life regardless of age or dependency; we are opposed to euthanasia, assisted suicide and infanticide.

Plank 34: (08) We support the appointment of judges who respect the sanctity of human life.

Plank 35: (08) We support legislation requiring consent by a parent or legal guardian before a minor child receives an abortion. The Parental Consent Law should require proof of identity of the parent in order to protect children from continued abuse by sexual predators who pretend to be the parent taking their child for an abortion.

Plank 36: (08) We support a Women's Right to Know Law where abortionists must offer prior to the abortion, complete factual information to the pregnant woman about the complications of abortion, the biological development of the unborn, fetal pain, and the availability of alternatives to abortion.

Plank 37: (08) We believe the unborn child has a fundamental right to life, which cannot be infringed. We therefore reaffirm our support for a human life amendment to the United States Constitution and the Constitution of the State of Iowa, and we endorse legislation to make clear that the Fourteenth Amendment's protections apply to unborn children. We oppose using public revenues for abortion or funding organizations, which advocate it.

Plank 38: (08) We are opposed to all human cloning--reproductive or therapeutic. We strongly urge that the 2002 Human Cloning Ban, which was repealed by the Democratic Party in the 2007 Legislature, be reinstated.

Plank 39: (08) We support the use of life saving stem cell research that does not require the killing of Human life. We believe the government should fund stem cell research by promoting the use of adult stem cells.

Plank 40: (08) We support a ban on partial-birth abortion for the State of Iowa in addition to the Federal ban.

Plank 41: (08) We support a Constitutional amendment stating that only marriage between one man and one woman shall be valid or recognized in the State of Iowa, and that neither the State of Iowa nor its political subdivisions may create or recognize a legal status identical or substantially similar to marriage for unmarried individuals.

Plank 42: (08) We support a Constitutional amendment stating that only marriage between one man and one woman shall be valid, or recognized in the United States, and that neither the Federal Government, nor any state government, nor the political subdivisions therein may create or recognize a legal status identical or substantially similar to that of marriage for unmarried individuals.

Plank 43: (08) We believe that traditional, two-parent (one male, and one female), marriage-based families are foundational to a stable, enduring and healthy civilization. Therefore, public policy must always be pro-family in nature, encouraging marital and family commitment, and supportive of parental rights and responsibilities.

Plank 44: (08) We support adoption only by heterosexual married couples consisting of one man and one woman.

Plank 45: (08) We support Federal Legislation and legislation in Iowa that defines and supports marriage as the union of the one man and one woman.

Taxation and Spending

Plank 46: (08) We believe that less government is better government. We support every reasonable effort on the part of all governments and taxpayers to limit taxing and spending. We believe that the purpose of taxation is to fund the constitutionally mandated functions of government, not to “redistribute the wealth,” or fund ever increasing social programs. We should always strive to have less government, fewer government employees and lower taxes.

Plank 47: (08) We believe that the foundation of a strong country rests on the physical and spiritual health of its citizens, the individuals, and families in America. Although America’s churches and faith communities are greatly responsible for the spiritual health of the citizenry, we believe that government over-spending, and the subsequent tax increases to cover the eventual deficits, is contributing to the destruction of our families. We further believe that if there is no money in the home, due in great part to excessive taxation, and then there will be no parents there to supervise children, either. Therefore, we support any and all responsible efforts to reduce government waste, and spending on programs that government was never intended to undertake, constitutionally, in the first place. Further, we support the proposal to discount Iowa’s income tax at just 1% of earned income, with interest, dividends, pensions, Social Security and capital gains being tax-free, or the ability of Iowans to file on the basis of the current deductions, whichever puts the most money in their pockets, immediately.

Plank 48: (08) Social Security System Reform (Bush IRA system/make funds solvent).