

Resolutions Presented to the 2nd & 3rd Congressional District Conventions by the Democratic Party of Sauk County

1. CAMPAIGN FINANCE REFORM (88 words)

WHEREAS, campaign spending has reached absurd levels;

WHEREAS, special interest groups, PACs and the very wealthy have disproportionate advantages in electing and influencing public officials;

WHEREAS, campaign costs keep worthy candidates from running for office; and

WHEREAS, the perpetual need to raise campaign funds consumes valuable time of elected officials;

THEREFORE, RESOLVED, the DPW encourages comprehensive finance reform laws which include public funding of campaigns, free and fair media coverage, sane caps on all categories of contributions and on campaign spending, and honest and accessible campaign funding reporting.

2. GLOBAL WARMING (95 words)

WHEREAS, global warming is a scientifically proven, serious threat to the planet;

WHEREAS, dependency on fossil fuels and foreign oil poses environmental, economic and political threats to the well being of our country and the world; and

WHEREAS, knowledge and technology are available to slow, stop and reverse the trends of global warming;

THEREFORE, RESOLVED, the DPW urges the U.S. to adopt the Kyoto Protocol, enact legislation to regulate tailpipe emissions, create "cap and trade" carbon emissions programs, and enact a corporate carbon tax with dollars collected going toward the creation of renewable energy sources.

3. PROHIBIT PRESCRIPTION DRUG ADVERTISING IN PUBLIC FORUMS (68 words)

WHEREAS, drugs that require a physician's prescriptions are being advertised in public forums, undermining the physician's professional judgment; and

WHEREAS, the cost of said advertising exceeds the cost of the corporate research for new drugs, and is one third of the cost of the drug charged the consumer;

THEREFORE, RESOLVED, by the DPW that advertising prescription drugs in public forums, and that which originates in Wisconsin, be prohibited.

4. PROTECTING GLBT FAMILIES (86 words)

WHEREAS, Section 13 of Article XIII of the Wisconsin Constitution denies equal treatment under the law to gay and lesbian couples and harms the children of gay and lesbian couples by denying them the legal protection afforded to children of married parents,

THEREFORE, RESOLVED that the Democratic Party of Wisconsin is committed to (1) repealing Section 13 of Article XIII of the Wisconsin Constitution, and (2) pending repeal, enacting legislation protecting gay and lesbian couples and their children to the extent permitted by the Wisconsin Constitution.

5. RESOLVING THE ISRAELI-PALESTINIAN CONFLICT (98 words)

WHEREAS, a just and lasting resolution to the Israeli-Palestine and Arab-Israeli conflicts is essential to the national interest and national security of the United States,

THEREFORE, RESOLVED, that the Democratic Party of Wisconsin (1) supports vigorous pursuit of a diplomatic resolution to the Israeli-Palestinian and Arab-Israeli conflicts based on the establishment of two viable states, the State of Israel and the State of Palestine, living side by side in peace and security, and with mutually recognized borders, and (2) calls on the international community to aggressively pursue efforts to facilitate a just and lasting resolution of these conflicts.

6. SAVE OUR SCHOOLS (81 words)

WHEREAS, Wisconsin schools have always enjoyed a reputation for excellence, from starting the first kindergarten to the world renowned University of Wisconsin, in recent years that reputation has been tarnished by a school funding formula that is unfair not only to rural school districts but inner city schools as well,

THEREFORE, RESOLVED, The Democratic Party of Wisconsin will commit to supporting legislation that will rework school funding so that it will be fair and equitable to the taxpayer and the student.

7. SAVING AND SUPPORTING THE VIABILITY OF FAMILY FARMS (81 WORDS)

WHEREAS, agriculture continues to be a strong economic factor in Wisconsin,

WHEREAS, family farms are diminishing in number as mega-farms are moving to Wisconsin,

WHEREAS, family farms are having more difficulty earning a living wage, encouraging youth to enter farming and passing on the farm to family,

WHEREAS, farmland preservation is a rising issue needing considered action by community coalitions,

THEREFORE, RESOLVED, that Wisconsin government support sustainable opportunities, partnerships and markets in the state ensuring the future of Wisconsin family farms.

8. SUPPORTING A WISCONSIN SINGLE-PAYER HEALTH CARE REFORM BILL (87 words)

WHEREAS, our current health care system, based on disease management instead of prevention, is broken;

WHEREAS, skyrocketing premiums make health care unaffordable to millions of people; and

WHEREAS, health care institutions waste billions of dollars on administrative costs, devastating families and our economy;

THEREFORE, RESOLVED, the DPDC demands a Wisconsin Universal Health Care Bill that guarantees comprehensive health care coverage (medical, psychological, dental, vision, hospitalization, therapeutic, and prescription); preserves patients' rights to choose their own doctors and hospitals; and saves consumers, employers, taxpayers, and state and local governments millions of dollars.

9. UNIVERSAL VOLUNTARY PUBLIC SERVICE (69 WORDS)

WHEREAS, Americans were not asked to serve after 9/11,

WHEREAS, there is insufficient federal support for service and

WHEREAS, there is need for more R&D in the Nonprofit Sector,

THEREFORE, RESOLVED, the DPW will support Barack Obama and Joe Biden's plan for universal voluntary public service which will enable all Americans to serve to meet the nation's challenges, integrate service into learning and will invest in the nonprofit sector.

10. SINGLE PAYER NATIONAL HEALTH INSURANCE (75 WORDS)

WHEREAS, our current health care system is broken,

WHEREAS, fewer and fewer families are able to afford health insurance.

WHEREAS, fewer businesses are able to afford providing health care benefits to its employees.

WHEREAS, preventative health care saves lives

THEREFORE, RESOLVED, DPW will support mandatory health care and insurance for all citizens and the commitment to achieving that end as a starting point and those unable to afford mandatory participation will be supported and subsidized.