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STATE RACES VITAL TO WV WORKING FAMILIES Joe Manchin, Warren McGraw & Eric Wells



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Local 3261 Secretary Treasurer Stacy North of Morgantown talks with AFSCME's endorsed candidate for WV Governor, Joe Manchin at a recent AFSCME WV function. Joe currently serves as our Secretary of State.

AFSCME Members in West Virginia, like working families everywhere, don't appreciate being told what to do. Your decision in who to vote for on November 2nd is a personal one that is vitally important to the future of your family and community, but AFSCME is only recommending candidates who have been talked to and endorsed by Labor.

These recommendations are based of spoken or written comments of the candidate who WV AFSCME leaders believe will be best for our public employees.

Warren McGraw for Supreme Court, Joe Manchin for Governor, Eric Wells for Congress (2nd District) and the



WV Supreme Court Justice Warren McGraw with AFSCME Retiree's Spud Terry. McGraw is an honest and effective Judge. Ignore his opponent's mud slinging and VOTE FOR McGRAW!

State endorsements on page 4 are the endorsed candidates we believe will lead our state in the right direction and help accomplish our goals of jobs, justice and affordable health care.

Make sure your family mem-

bers, friends and neighbors are registered to vote before the October 13 deadline and take responsibility for getting them to the polls along with yourself on November 2 or use early "no excuse needed" voting at your county courthouse.

WHAT ARE WV Public Employees Political Rights?

A lot of rumors circulate about what state and public employees can do politically in West Virginia. It is true that West Virginia has one of the most restrictive laws in the US regarding state employees political activities, which certainly needs changed, but you can still be involved.

To get all the details of what

state employees can do, such as: campaign for any candidate during non work time, sell tickets to political affairs, attend dinners and rallies, put up campaign signs, make contributions to a candidate, put stickers on your car and much more, call the Council 77 office or go online to:

www.wv.gov and click to get the Division of Personnel's page where all details regard-

ing your rights and restrictions are contained.

We, as state employees, may not be able to **run** for political office in the same way felons and the mentally insane are not allowed (yet), but you have the right and hopefully the desire...to do a lot.

Remember, EARLY NO EXCUSE Voting starts 10/13/04.

Bring your lawn chair!
 (No seating provided.)
 Coolers and glass bottles not allowed.
 A variety of food vendors will be present.

Check the web site listed on the flyer for detailed directions, parking information and event schedule...or call your AFSCME State office in Charleston at:

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What They Don't Want You to Know About John Kerry

The Bush campaign doesn't want you to know that John Kerry **will not raise taxes on working families to pay for his health care, education and other plans.**

John Kerry will pay for **expanded health care for the nation's citizens, quality education** and more by **rolling back Bush's tax cuts for the wealthy** who make more than \$200,000 a year, some 3.6 percent of all taxpayers.

(Associated Press, 4/2/04)

The Bush campaign does not want you to know that as a U.S. senator, John Kerry **voted to cut taxes for working families.**

(S. 1054, S. Admt. 656, R.C. 167, 5/15/03)

John Kerry voted to **expand the child credit** and **speed up marriage penalty tax relief.** He cast his ballot in support of **lowering the 10 percent tax bracket for working families** and **reducing taxes on small business.**

(Amdts. to S. 1054, R.C. 153, 154, 167 and 168, 5/15/03)

The Bush campaign doesn't want you to know is that John Kerry is a **strong supporter of your right to own a gun.** John Kerry is a gun owner and sportsman who **supports responsible gun use** and **will protect workers' constitutional right to own a gun.**

(NBC's "Today Show," 3/2/04. The AFL-CIO does not have a position on gun ownership.)

AFSCME Endorses Candidates for General Election

CHARLESTON — The state wide Executive Board of the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME), WV Council 77, AFL-CIO, unanimously endorsed the following candidates: Joe Manchin for Governor, Erik Wells, Alan Mollohan & Nick Joe Rahall for Congress, Warren McGraw for Supreme Court, John Perdue for Treasurer, Glen Gainer for Auditor, Ken Hechler for Secretary of State, Darrell McGraw for Attorney General and Gus Douglass for Agriculture Commissioner. (Legislative Endorsements below)

"These candidates and our legislative endorsements have a proven record of fighting for working families and a real plan to get this state and country back on track," said AFSCME West Virginia Political Chairman Kevin Boggs.

"We are proud to support candidates who will stand up for West Virginia's workers, fight to keep good-paying jobs here in the state and work to make sure every West Virginian has access to affordable healthcare," Executive Director Ed Hartman said.

Boggs added that AFSCME will work hard to get members and retirees registered and to the polls in November.

The American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME), AFL-CIO, is one of the nation's largest and fastest growing public service employees union with 1.4 million members. AFSCME organizes for social and economic justice in the workplace and through political action and legislative advocacy. AFSCME represents approximately 4000 state, county & municipal employees and retirees in West Virginia.

State Senate—endorsed

1st: Tal Hutchins
2nd: Jeff Kessler
4th: David Mullins
5th: Bob Pymale
6th: John Pat Fanning
8th: Margaret Workman
9th: Billy Wayne Bailey
10th: Anita Skeens Caldwell
11th: Shirley Love
14th: Jon Blair Hunter
15th: Clark S. Barnes (R)
16th: Gregory Lance
17th: Rusty Webb (R)

House of Delegates—endorsed

1st: Joe DeLong
2nd: Jack Yost
3rd: Ophly Klempa
4th: Ken Tucker; Scott Varner
5th: Dave Pethel
9th: Jeff Lewis
10th: Patrick Radcliff; John Ellem (R)
13th: Dale Martin; Brady Paxton
16th: Susan Hubbard; Dale Stephens; Bobby Nelson
17th: Richard Thompson; Don Perdue

19th: Greg Butcher; Lidella Wilson Hrutkay;

Jeff Eldridge; Joe Ferrell

21st: Harry Keith White

22nd: Richard Browning

23rd: Clifton Moore

25th: Michael Magann

27th: Virginia Mahan; Sally Susman; John

Wootton

28th: Tommy Scarles

29th: Tom Louissos

30th: Bonnie Brown; Bobbie Hatfield; Mark

Hunt

31st: Carrie Webster

32nd: Jon W. Cain, Sr.; Curtis Robinson

34th: Brent Boggs

35th: Sam Argento

39th: Bill Hamilton (R)

40th: Mary Poling

41st: Ron Fragale; Richard Iaquina; Tim

Miley;

42nd: Diane Parker

43rd: Mike Caputo; Tim Manchin; Linda

Longstreth

44th: Barbara Fleischauer; Charlene Marshall

46th: Stan Shaver

53rd: Jerry Lynn Burton

54th: Walter Duke (R)



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