

IVI-IPO 2004 US SENATE QUESTIONNAIRE – Section 1

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Please use an additional sheet to complete the following background information:

A) Elective or appointive public or party offices previously held including dates.

Member Illinois Senate 1992- present

Hanover Township Republican Committeeman 1994-present

B) Other elective offices for which you have been a candidate.

none

C) Principal business, education, professional and civic activities of the past ten years.

Fulltime legislator

D) What subjects have you studied and what experience have you had which will be most helpful to you in the office you seek?

BBA in accounting College of William & Mary 1978; background has been invaluable in my work on Illinois State Budgeting.

E) Activities for other candidates. Please be specific.

I have worked over the last ten years on state, local, & federal races as the Hanover Township Republican Committeeman. I have been an active fundraiser for state and local candidates for the last eight years.

F) Please list all endorsements you have received so far.

21 of 25 Republican state senate colleagues, 20 Republican state representatives, Congressman Henry Hyde, Operating Engineers Local 150

G) As concisely as possible, please state why you feel you should be endorsed over the other candidate(s). What goals for the office you seek are most important to you personally?

I have been impressed and proud of the work of IVI in Springfield. I have enjoyed working with IVI and Common Cause on important issues like Procurement Code reform, Internet disclosure, and ethics reform. I would be very proud to tell people that I was supported by the leading independent organization in Illinois.

H) Please outline the place of patronage, personnel codes, race, gender, and sexual orientation in establishing criteria for hiring and promoting public employees.

Public sector employment should be openly and publicly posted. Hiring should be based only on verifiable criterion that relates to job performance. Promotion should be based on publicly accessible job performance reviews.

I) What is your campaign budget? How much have you raised to date?

Best case budget...\$ 1,100,000.00; Likely budget...\$ 780,000.00; raised through 1/3 in excess of \$ 400,000.00

J) How many people are on your campaign staff? How many volunteers are on your list?

Paid campaign staff 10; volunteers currently active 300; volunteer list 975.

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Foreign and Military

1. a. What should be the US role in multi-national alliances such as the UN, NATO and the International Criminal Court?

The US should be an active member, but should retain its rights of sovereignty.

b. What should be the policy of the IMF and World Bank toward countries that are essentially bankrupt?

The IMF and World Bank should work actively to obtain forgiveness of loans that potentially cripple the restructuring of essentially bankrupt countries.

2. What should be Congress' role in formulating foreign policy?

Congress should thoughtfully and aggressively provide oversight of the Executive Branch's foreign policies and expenditures

3. Should the US wage war without a declaration from Congress?

No

4. a. Do you support funding to assist conversion of the defense industry to civilian applications?

Yes

b. Do you agree with the current proposed level of funding for the military? If you agree, explain. If you disagree, how would you distribute the funds?

I am concerned about the continued long term deployment of the National Guard and the Reserves. The current reliance on these troops for multiple, long term, commitments could seriously effect re-enlistments. The sacrifices of these troops and our regular forces need to be more adequately be recognized with pay and benefits.

I support efforts to provide our military with the best, safest, military technologies and equipment. I am disturbed with some Congressional interference with military procurement; specifically those proposals that seem to be driven by local job and manufacturing interests rather than by military needs.

5. Do you support
 - a. continued funding for WHISC (the re-named Army School of the Americas)?

Assisting our southern Neighbors with law enforcement training is worthwhile, teaching them to torture their citizens is not.
 - b. fast-track authority?

Generally, yes.

6. Do you support the way the drug war is being carried on, both abroad and at home? What would you change?

No. For non violent, first time, low level drug offenders, we need to stress treatment and rehabilitation, and other creative alternatives to incarceration, including home confinement monitored by the Internet.

7. Do you support
 - a. normalization of relations with Cuba?

With conditions, including civil rights assurances and monitoring.
 - b. the Helms-Burton Act?

I have significant concerns about the Act. See above.

Environment

8. Do you support the environmental policies of the current administration?

Current policy needs some adjustment, to firm up new source review (NSR) emissions requirements, and to insure that enforcement settlements benefit the environment.

9. How do we balance the need to protect the environment with our need for economic development? Your comments should include water resources, air quality, wetlands, coastline development, deforestation, use of public lands, and pesticides and herbicides.

Irreplaceable natural resources should receive the highest level of protection. Conservation should be a driving force in policy development. Current development and exploitation policies often fail to account for the "social costs" of the use of scarce and irreplaceable natural resources. Economic development needs to take place within a framework of cautious conservation of natural resources.

10. Do you support oil drilling in Alaska and other protected wilderness?

I support careful development of ANWR with some royalty on the oil being set aside for conservation needs. Other development on a case by case basis.

11. So you support pollution credit schemes?

I support carefully regulated trading of pollution credits that effectively reduce the net pollution.

Transportation

12. What transportation policy do you favor regarding
 - a. infrastructure improvements?

Improvements and modernization are needed, particularly for urban and inter-urban transit.
 - b. highways?

High quality, well maintained, highway system will always be important, to the economic health of both Illinois and the nation.

- c. mass transit?
Emphatically, yes. Our best hope to improve urban environments is a vastly expanded commitment to mass transit.
- d. high-speed rail?
Yes. Inter-urban high speed rail should be a federal priority.
- e. Amtrak?
Support continued subsidy funding of Amtrak, also support passenger based reforms.
- f. Air transportation, particularly the proposed O'Hare expansion and third airport?
Support modernization of O'Hare airport only combined with procurement reforms and operational oversight reforms. Support state and federal partnership with private entities to develop a south suburban airport. I support increased efforts to develop and maintain regional air service access.

Taxes and Economic Policy

13. Do you favor
- a. a more progressive income tax?
I favor a simple, fair, and flatter federal income tax. Current policies favor tax planning and manipulation rather than compliance. The current bloated tax code serves primarily to benefit wealthy taxpayers who can best take advantage of it.
 - b. a flat tax?
See above.
 - c. a national sales tax?
No, state's sales tax is a critical state source for state education funding
 - d. reduction of the capital gains tax?
In some cases yes.
 - e. reduction or elimination of the estate tax?
I support a much higher exclusion for estates to be taxable.
 - f. elimination of the corporate alternative tax?
No, elimination would mean that some sheltered corporations would have no tax liability at all.
 - g. tax cuts on stock dividends?
I favor elimination of double taxation, but not other tax cuts.
 - h. any other changes in our tax structure? Please explain.
I support modernization and simplification of state sales taxes (the Streamlined Sales Tax Project Proposal) and Congressional reversal of the Quill decision for states that comply with SSTP.
14. Do you favor a roll-back of the Bush tax cuts?
NO
15. Do you support total or partial privatization of the Social Security fund? Please explain.
I support choice for partial privatization for taxpayers under a given age as long as we provide specific assurances to current and future beneficiaries of Social Security solvency.
16. What is your position on federal deficit spending vs. balanced budget?
Federal deficit spending is appropriate within reason during times of recession and war.
17. Do you support unfunded mandates to local government?
I believe both the Federal and state governments need to exercise great restraint when mandating programs and costs to local governments. When justified, (ADA for example) I support them.

Consumer Rights

18. Do you support

a. granting consumers the right to an annual free copy of their consolidated credit report, including credit score?

Yes

b. banning the use of Social Security numbers as identification in consumer transactions?

Despite the fact that social security numbers were not intended as national ID numbers, they have become de Facto identifiers for financial and many government institutions. As a result, they have become an essential element in the growing crime of identity theft. The federal government should do everything it can to insure the privacy of these numbers, encourage states to do the same, and educate the public. Banning their use, however, is probably unrealistic with out raising spectre of a national identity card, which would only shift the problem anyway.

c. federal legislation to cap interest rates on consumer loans?

I do not believe political caps have been effective in the past. Mostly they reduced or eliminated credit access. Would support other efforts to protect consumers (ie right of consumer to repudiate a loan, increased disclosure, statutory cancellation period, etc.).

d. federal legislation to regulate ATM fees and service charges on credit cards and other consumer loans?

In some cases yes.

e. federal legislation to give banks and finance companies priority over other unsecured lenders in bankruptcy proceedings?

I do not think so.

f. allowing states to enact consumer laws which go beyond the protection of federal legislation?

YES

Government and Ethics

19. Do you support term limits? Describe briefly.

NO. My experience in Springfield leads me to believe that term limits will not achieve the goals of its proponents. In states that have enacted term limits the professional staffs, the executive branch, and the people who professionally lobby the legislature have gained most of the power. If term limits are considered they need to be long enough to permit the development of legislative competence and leadership.

20. Do you support

a. public financing of Congressional campaigns?

Under some circumstances.

b. spending limits?

Under some circumstances. For example coupled with free media access.

c. abolition of PACs?

I do not think so.

21. Would you support increased Congressional oversight of federal contracting? Why or why not?

I would support improved federal procurement rules and greater access to federal contracts, but I am uncertain that a political Congress is the best tool for day to day oversight. I support Congress' right to provide oversight to all executive branch decisions.

Health & Human Services

22. Do you support comprehensive, universal, single-payer health care? If not, how would you address the need for healthcare for the uninsured and underinsured?

I do not believe in single-payer healthcare. I support universal access to healthcare and efforts like Kidcare and Familycare to close the gap of uninsured.

23. Do you favor funding changes for the following:

- a. supplemental food programs for Women, Infants and Children (WIC)?

Support and would increase modestly.

- b. food stamp allowances?

Support.

- c. Head Start?

Support and would support expansion with modernization and reform.

- d. school lunch programs?

Support.

24. Do you support

- a. increased funding to develop affordable housing?

Yes.

- b. restrictions to ensure development of low-income rather than market rate housing?

Possibly, depending on the restrictions.

- c. a National Affordable Housing Trust Fund to build, rehabilitate and preserve at least 1.5 million units of primarily rental, primarily deeply targeted housing?

Possibly

- d. Protection against housing discrimination based on source of income?

Yes

25. What services, if any, should be offered to those whose time on Welfare has run out and do not have adequate income to support themselves and their families?

Healthcare, continued job training, continued job placement assistance. Perhaps transitional loans or grants (ie aid to acquire transportation or housing stability if they are specific barriers to employment).

26. Do you favor

- a. increased federal aid to public education?

Yes, more complete funding of IDEA.

- b. vouchers, tuition tax-credits or other any direct public support for parochial or private schools?

I support targeted aid to families of children in non-public schools.

27. Are the provisions of the No Child Left Behind Act the appropriate way to advance student achievement?

NO! One size fits all federal solution is not right way to improve school and student performance.

28. Do you support

- a. the Human Life Amendment?

Yes

- b. parental or spousal notification or consent to obtain an abortion?

Yes.

- c. restoration of Medicaid coverage of abortion?
No
- d. a ban on so-called partial birth abortions?
Yes
- e. insurance coverage for abortions for federal and military employees and their dependents?
No

29. Do you support increased funding for HIV/AIDS research, education, prevention, and services? Please discuss compulsory licensing of essential drugs where needed, in the US, Africa, Asia and elsewhere.
I support increased Ryan White funding. I support efforts to make essential drugs available worldwide.

- 30. Do you support
 - a. federal funding for stem cell research?
I support the current research measures pursued by the administration
 - b. legislation prohibiting stem cell research?
I support the current research measures pursued by the administration

Law, Justice, and Correctional System

- 31. Do you support:
 - a. admissibility of illegally obtained evidence?
No
 - b. electronic eavesdropping?
No
 - c. roving wiretaps?
Only under specific court supervision
 - d. capital punishment?
Yes
 - e. criminal prosecution of juveniles as adults?
Yes
 - f. mandatory sentencing?
No, not generally effective.
 - g. criminalization of hate crimes?
On a case by case basis
- 32. Do you support legislation prohibiting racial profiling in law enforcement?
I have.
- 33. Do you favor detention of suspects and material witnesses without charges and/or probable cause? Do you favor giving such detainees access to counsel?
I have significant concerns about the Patriot Act, and believe it needs extensive review and curtailment.
- 34. Would you support legislation authorizing or prohibiting secret military tribunals? Please explain your position.
I do not generally support the use of secret tribunals. See above.
- 35. Do you support legislation to ban the manufacture, sale and possession of
 - a. handguns?
No
 - b. assault weapons?
I support current law.

c. ammunition for handguns and assault weapons?

Support restrictions on sales of large magazines and so-called “cop Killer” bullets.

36. Do you support legislation

a. mandating background checks of purchasers of weapons at gun shows, through the internet and through print advertisements?

In some cases.

b. increasing penalties for illegal resale of weapons?

Yes, and increased enforcement.

37. a. Should funding for the Legal Services Corporation be increased?

Yes.

b. What restrictions, if any, should Congress enact or repeal regarding the scope of federally funded legal services for the poor?

Should exclude lobbying.

Civil Liberties and Civil Rights

38. a. Do you favor repeal of the Patriot Act or any of its provisions?

I favor careful review and possible repeal of some parts.

b. Would you vote for Patriot Act II?

I have concerns.

39. Do you support

a. federal legislation to prohibit discrimination based on sexual orientation in housing, employment and education?

Do not know.

b. repeal of the Defense of Marriage Act?

No

c. a Constitutional amendment prohibiting states from recognizing gay civil unions or same sex unions?

No

40. What is your position on gays and lesbians in the military?

Do not have a position.

41. a. Do you support prior government restraint of the press?

No

b. Do you support State censorship of the arts?

No

c. What should be the guidelines in determining government support for the arts?

Similar to the Illinois Arts Council.

d. Should funding for the NEA be increased, decreased or stay the same?

Stay the same until deficits are better managed.

42. Do you support

a. prayer in public schools?

No

b. moment of silence?

Yes, voluntary.

43. Do you support mandatory drug testing in private and public employment? Briefly state the reasons for your answers.

Only in very limited cases for public safety. For example train engineers, pilots law enforcement, etc.

44. Do you support mandatory AIDS testing for insurance or employment?

NO

45. Do you support legislation to redress inequities in pension benefits for women?

Probably

46. Would you support the acceptance of completed ratification of the Equal Rights Amendment?

NO

Labor

47. What changes, if any, in the Taft-Hartley Act would you work for?

None that I know of.

48. Do you support a prohibition on permanent replacement of strikers?

No

49. Do you favor giving federal employees the right to strike?

No

50. What is your position on Affirmative Action with specific goals, targets and timetables for federal employment, grants and contracts and as a requirement for federal contractors and grantees?

I do not believe they are very effective. I support their intent and would work to reform their mechanics.

51. a. Do you support comparable worth legislation?

No

b. What steps, if any, should the government take to monitor pay equity between men and women?

None, too political

52. Do you support a federal living wage law? Please explain why or why not.

I do not believe that the Federal Government should regulate earnings beyond the Minimum Wage Act.

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