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ASSOCIATED PRESS LEGISLATIVE SURVEY

1. Are you Representative ☒ Senator ☐ Re-elected ☒
Republican ☐ Democrat ☐ Midterm ☐

2. Should the state divest of South Africa-related investments?
Yes ☐ No ☐

Please comment?

It appears that the private sector concerns are selling their interests in South Africa on their own and that this question may become moot.

3. Who is the best individual lobbyist; on what issues; and why?
James Buente - NFIB. The National Federation of Independent Business. All districts have small business concerns. Since this is the age of the entrepreneur and the risk taker, most members pay special attention when NFIB takes a position on an issue in the General Assembly. We know that most new jobs are created by small business, so we must be especially aware of their needs.
4. What grade do you give the Thornburgh administration:
A ☒ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ F ☐

5. What have been the administration's biggest successes and its biggest failures?

As a member who served during the last six years of the Shapp Administration and all eight years of the Thornburgh Administration, the change in philosophy from "tax and spend" of Shapp to "doing more with less" under

6. Is Robert Casey's campaign promise to replace the Commerce Dept. likely to become a reality? (continued)

Yes ☐ No ☒

Please comment:

Remember Reagan's plan to do away with Energy and Education Departments. We're still waiting.

7. What are your thoughts on Casey's overall economic development proposals?

Because Casey is beholden to labor union leaders, AFSCME and the trial lawyers. I suspect his economic development programs will need approval from these groups. This means likely attempts to make welfare easier to receive; no tort reform; hiring more state workers. For the most part, I disagree with the directions Casey may be forced to take.

8. Do you favor a mandatory \$18,500 starting salary for teachers?

Yes X No

Comments:

9. Should state law be amended to prohibit teachers from striking?

Yes No X

Comments:

10. What, if any, new programs should be funded through the Pennsylvania Lottery?

We should not expand lottery programs unless funds are available for the new programs we added over the last several sessions. If funds are available, we should take a look at increasing eligibility income limits.

11. What is your position on legalizing other forms of gambling, such as dog racing, slot machines or small games of chance?

Strongly favor Moderately support No opinion

Moderately oppose ✓ Strongly oppose

Comments:

12. How much power should local governments have in the siting of a low-level, radioactive waste disposal facility?

As one who lives in the shadow of the Three Mile Island cooling towers, I believe that local government must have input through public hearings and open meetings to determine environmental impact. But I cannot say that I support the Not In My Backyard philosophy. This is not a responsible position to take.

13. What factors, in order of importance, should the state consider when picking a site?

Soil, population, land use, etc.

14. Would you favor multi-county agreements for the disposal of hazardous but non-nuclear wastes?

Yes ☒ No ☐

15. Do you believe lawmakers should get a pay raise? If yes, how much?

Yes ☒ No ☐

Comments:

In line with pay raises in other similar professional businesses.

16. Would you support a limit on the amount of outside income legislators may earn?

Yes ☐ No ☒

Comments:

This would be unfair to legislators who are not independently wealthy with young families. Otherwise legislative salaries would have to be raised to the level of Congressmen to justify banning outside income.

17. Should legislators be allowed to hire their own staff or should leadership continue to do so?

Yes ☐ No ☒

Comments:

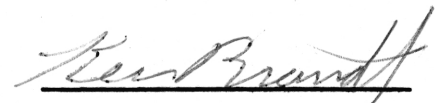
Leadership should continue to hire staff based on the differing needs of each member and district.

18. Should there be a cap on how much money candidates for the General Assembly and statewide offices can spend on their campaigns?

Yes ☐ No ☒ If yes, how much? _____

Comments:

Money is not the key factor in determining the outcome of House elections but recruiting quality candidates is.


Your name (optional)

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5. Thornburgh was a dramatic success. Cutting the state payrolls and welfare rolls while increasing private sector payrolls and job training and opportunities were positive results. The biggest failure was not being able to leave a legacy in electing his Lt. Governor to continue the Administration's programs and policies.