

# FAMILY BULLETIN ALERT

Faith, Freedom & Citizenship Class

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## VOTE TUESDAY JUNE 14 PRIMARY ELECTIONS – REPUBLICAN & DEMOCRATIC

Republican and Democratic primaries will be held across Virginia on Tuesday June 14, 2005 for the purpose of deciding which candidates will be on the ballots in November. You must declare before you vote which you want to vote, Democratic or Republican. There are 100 seats up for re-election in the House of Delegates in Richmond. In Virginia Beach I there are at least 3 precincts that are contested at the party level and most are contested by the two parties. Normally only 5-6% of the electorate vote in the primaries. This is unacceptable but true. Delegates who have tremendous control over all aspects of your life are elected by only 5% of the eligible voters. Think about it!  
Ed.

### VOTE IN THE PRIMARY TUESDAY

#### POLITICS 101

*I rarely write a full column, it is not my talent. I felt this was an important subject that needs writing. So here goes, hope you enjoy. Editor.*

Most people do not understand the importance of local politics and God's command in Exodus 18:21 (explained later). If you wait for the national elections, you limit your choices (and voice) down to two major political parties, one of which you will vote for president. So how do these candidates get selected for the political party? First impression of our political process seems that it is a very complex system, but after you read this article, you will realize that the process is not so hard, and hopefully you will be eager to participate as our political process all starts at the local level.

It all starts at the City Committee and most cities have one for each political party. As an example, I will use the Republican Party in Virginia Beach with which I am familiar. Democrats use almost an identical system. Much of the process is defined in Federal & State laws for standardization. The City Committee in Virginia Beach has a membership of about 150 faithful who get elected from about 80 precincts every 2 years. The membership fee is \$40/year and meetings are held once a month. The management is vested in the Executive Committee

which also meets monthly to decide on issues for the general meeting. If you are not on the Executive Committee, you can also bring up issues at the General meeting. To have your voice heard, you must have a majority in the City Committee in order to pass a vote. Virginia Beach is in a conservative (Christian) area, and one would think God-fearing individuals are in the majority, but not so recently. More on this later.

The City Committee holds local primaries when necessary to fill local & state positions. Again, we must have numbers to elect good God-fearing men/women candidates to these elections. The persons nominated here will be the candidates on the ballot in November. Again the City Committee controls the input. Although you can run as an independent, but independent candidates do not stand a chance in most elections.

The City Committee also votes on Delegates to the Regional and State committees. The Commonwealth of Virginia is allowed 11 delegates to the Electoral College which equates to the number of Congressmen in the House of Representatives. It is these delegates that actually vote for President in the Electoral College. ***By the way, the Electoral College is a good thing so don't fall for the argument that we should do away with it.*** These delegates meet in

Richmond and later in a national city so designated to vote on the election of the President and the plank of public policy standards to guide not only the political party but society. Electors are not required to follow directions either so that causes some interesting possibilities.

Having said all this, which is a quick brush of our political process, it is important for Christians to get involved at the lowest level. In Virginia Beach, it is the City Committee and you need to have sufficient numbers to overcome the entrenched opposition. Believe me there is opposition to the Christian values and morals. But we must take back the high ground. Exodus 18:21 directs us to "provide out (select from; elect) of all people able men such as fear God, men of truth ... to be rulers ..." and the question is -- are you involved in doing what Scriptures tells us to do? Check out the rewards in Exodus 18:23.

Consider this, locally elected representatives are very influential in the judgeship process. Judges selected here may be later considered for Federal Judgeships and even the Supreme Court. Again, God-fearing people need a say in these too.

Locally elected members become powerful through fund raising skills and the loyalty of followers. Often the most powerful do not share our views on family values and life. Once they are

Sen. Warner, 441-3079 and Senator Allen at 518-1674. Congresswoman Drake – 497-6859.  
Cong. Randy Forbes 547-1000. Cong. Robert "Bobby" Scott - 380-1000

in Richmond or Washington, they have much more control over the local party. This control comes from more monies gained from their fund raising.

If a person wants to run for an office, he/she better be in good graces at the local level or have broad backing. By the way, incumbent candidates win by a 98% ratio. It is extremely difficult to defeat an incumbent who wants to run.

Remember this, the party with the most votes (the majority party) select committee heads and assign friends to key positions. At the state and federal level the majority party assigns the heads of all committees. These committees control all bills to be considered – legislative bills that affect everyone. As you have seen in the media, these committees also control which Judges get passed on to the full Senate and which are held up.

In summary, you can now see why it is important that we participate at the local level of politics (the lowest level) if we wish to have a voice at the state and the highest levels on bills, policies and judges. Study Exodus 18:21 and let your Spirit be your guide. Editor.

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## Letters from Nebraska

Twenty state senators from Nebraska, truly showing they understand the heartbeat of the nation, have sent a letter



**Marriage:**  
One man,  
One woman.

to Nebraska's congressional delegation asking that they support an amendment to the U.S. Constitution protecting marriage as a union between a man and a woman. The letter follows a federal judge's recent decision declaring a similar Nebraska state constitutional amendment

unconstitutional. While both U.S. senators and two of the three U.S. representatives from Nebraska voted in support of the Federal Marriage Amendment when it came up for a vote last year only one, Representative Tom Osborne (R- NE) showed his full support by sponsoring the legislation. Senators Ben Nelson (D-NE) and Chuck Hagel (R-NE) should cosponsor Senate Joint Resolution 1, the

Marriage Protection Amendment (a House version has not yet been introduced). I know of at least 20 state legislators from the Cornhusker State who would agree with me.

**Comment:** Does anyone know of a good Delegate that would carry a bill to Richmond this year to copy this law. Maybe Del. John Welch? Sounds too good to be true but maybe Christians through hard work are beginning to win. Ed.

## CAFTA: More Bureaucracy, Less Free Trade

*by Rep. Ron Paul, MD*

The Central America Free Trade Agreement, known as CAFTA, will be the source of intense political debate in Washington this summer. The House of Representatives will vote on CAFTA ratification in June, while the Senate likely will vote in July.

I oppose CAFTA for a very simple reason: it is unconstitutional. The Constitution clearly grants Congress alone the authority to regulate international trade. The plain text of Article I, Section 8, Clause 3 is incontrovertible. Neither Congress nor the President can give this authority away by treaty, any more than they can repeal the First Amendment by treaty. This fundamental point, based on the plain meaning of the Constitution, cannot be overstated. Every member of Congress who votes for CAFTA is voting to abdicate power to an international body in direct violation of the Constitution.

It is absurd to believe that CAFTA and other trade agreements do not diminish American sovereignty. When we grant quasi-governmental international bodies the power to make decisions about American trade rules, we lose sovereignty plain and simple. I can assure you firsthand that Congress has changed American tax laws for the sole reason that the World Trade Organization decided our rules unfairly impacted the European Union. Hundreds of tax bills languish in the House Ways and Means committee, while the one bill drafted strictly to satisfy the WTO was brought to the floor and passed with great urgency last year.

The tax bill in question is just the tip of the iceberg. The quasi-judicial

regime created under CAFTA will have the same power to coerce our cowardly legislature into changing American laws in the future. Labor and environmental rules are inherently associated with trade laws, and we can be sure that CAFTA will provide yet another avenue for globalists to impose the Kyoto Accord and similar agreements on the American people. CAFTA also imposes the International Labor Organization's manifesto, which could have been written by Karl Marx, on American business. I encourage every conservative and libertarian who supports CAFTA to read the ILO declaration and consider whether they still believe the treaty will make America more free.

CAFTA means more government! Like the UN, NAFTA, and the WTO, it represents another stone in the foundation of a global government system. Most Americans already understand they are governed by largely unaccountable forces in Washington, yet now they face having their domestic laws influenced by bureaucrats in Brussels, Zurich, or Mexico City.

CAFTA and other international trade agreements do not represent free trade. Free trade occurs in the absence of government interference in the flow of goods, while CAFTA represents more government in the form of an international body. It is incompatible with our Constitution and national sovereignty, and we don't need it to benefit from international trade.

*Dr. Ron Paul is a Republican member of Congress from Texas.*

**Comment:** We must all write/call our elected reps. Senators and congressmen/women and tell them in NO uncertain terms that we don't want CAFTA or FTAA. Do it today and then again and again. Ed.

## GET THE US OUT OF THE UN!

**FLAG DAY JUNE 14**  
**Don't forget Flag day. It is a time to honor our flag and all it represents. Fly it every day until July 4<sup>th</sup>, 21 days, for additional respect. Learn how to fly it with respect. Love our country. Be a PATRIOT!!!**