

6TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT REPUBLICANS

Candidates were asked to answer each question in 40 words or fewer. Compiled by John Cheves.

The district includes Anderson, Bourbon, Boyle, Clark, Estill, Fayette, Franklin, Garrard, Jessamine, Madison, Mercer, Montgomery, Powell and Woodford counties and parts of Lincoln and Scott counties.

THE QUESTIONS

SPENDING

You have pledged to reduce federal spending. About two-thirds of the federal budget goes to the Defense Department, Social Security, Medicare, Medicaid and interest on the debt. In which specific ways would you cut or eliminate these programs?

SOCIAL SECURITY

To keep Social Security solvent, would you raise payroll taxes, reduce benefits, raise the required retirement age or abolish the program?

AFGHANISTAN

U.S. troops entered Afghanistan in 2001. Congress appropriated about \$73 billion for this fiscal year to keep them there. How much longer should our troops remain?

ENVIRONMENT

Do you believe that global warming is occurring as described by the United Nations' Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, and if so, what actions, if any, would you propose the United States take to address it?

GOVERNMENT

Name two things the federal government currently taxes, regulates, subsidizes, mandates or bans that you would seek to overturn.

MILITARY

How should the United States deal with hostile nations that have nuclear weapons, like North Korea, or that are trying to develop them, like Iran?

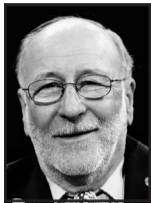
ABORTION

In what instances do you think abortion should be legal?

IMMIGRATION

The Department of Homeland Security estimates there are more than 10 million illegal immigrants living in the United States. Do you favor removing them, and if so, how?

PERRY WILSON BARNES



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Each department is going to have to face a reduction in senior staff and home office expenses to balance the budget. This coupled with a restored economy by income tax reduction and business improvement should further help balance the budget.

Benefits are going to have to be reduced. Payroll taxes are already too high. Ways must be found to reduce waste, fraud and abuse, none of which fall under "entitlement." There are other means to reduce costs, like tort reform.

Wars must be fought to win. Our troops should remain until peace and victory are won by unconditional surrender and civilized governments are established. Afghanistan must assume some of the war debt rather than receive foreign aid forever.

Human-caused global warming is a hoax being perpetrated on, and at the expense of, the American people by such organizations as the United Nations. We need to clean up our environment but not with "carbon credits" and green jobs.

Two things that currently need to be overturned are the so called health care reform and the tax code, which would require a constitutional amendment.

The United States should deal sternly with hostile, uncivilized nations that have or are developing nuclear weapons. We need to enforce and tighten travel, trade and banking restrictions. We need to continue to develop our defense shield.

Abortion (murder of the unborn child) itself should not be legal. *Roe v. Wade* needs to be revisited. Moral and Christian family values, including abstinence education, need to be restored. Absolutely no federal funds should be used to subsidize abortion.

I favor removing illegal immigrants living in the United States. Illegal is illegal. Our laws must be enforced. Further, the border must be secured, and the benefits of being illegal must be eliminated. This would help balance the budget.

GARLAND H. 'ANDY' BARR



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Flexibility on Social Security and Medicare depends in large part on how well Congress is able to slow domestic discretionary spending. I support ending the stimulus, repealing the health care entitlement, earmark reform and term limits for Appropriations Committee chairmen.

I support ending the practice of spending the Social Security surplus on unrelated programs. As long as we have a surplus, we should fund the Social Security trust fund with real dollars to prepare for retirement of the baby boom generation.

I support our mission in Afghanistan, as a necessary front in the war on terror. I will support soldiers with the resources needed to come home safely, with victory. Sustained funding for maintenance and upgrades is the most cost-effective approach.

Economic growth and environmental stewardship are not mutually exclusive. Rather than burdening our economy with a cap-and-trade tax, American entrepreneurs should be unleashed through the free enterprise system to develop superior technologies that limit pollution without threatening jobs.

I have pledged to vote to repeal the federal health care takeover enacted in 2010 and replace it with real reforms that lower health care costs without growing government. I will also repeal its taxpayer subsidy of abortion services.

We should renew a rigorous program of testing and deployment of a strong missile defense system. We should impose tough economic sanctions, specifically, the Iran Refined Petroleum Sanctions Act. We should do all we can to support voices of freedom.

Congress should protect the life of every human being, born and unborn. In Congress, I will oppose taxpayer funding of abortions, protect the ban on partial-birth abortions and promote adoption as an alternative to abortion.

The federal government's failure to enforce immigration laws threatens national security. It's unfair to those who have applied for legal status. I will oppose amnesty and work to secure our borders. I think states have concurrent jurisdiction to regulate immigration.

JOHN T. KEMPER III



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America has commitments to her legal citizens in mandatory spending of 56 percent of the budget. To meet these: reduce benefits of all new government hires as record numbers of government workers retire. Incentivize federal employees to cut waste.

Social Security is the world's largest government-sponsored Ponzi scheme. Any Ponzi scheme is not sustainable. I am opposed to raising any taxes, including payroll taxes. Raise the retirement age as proposed, phase out and replace the current program.

Our military has not fought a war since WWII. They have been sent into "police actions." "Unleash" our military, allow them to wipe out our enemies, or bring them home and be prepared to fight on American soil. But decide!

I have read the Summary for Policymakers. The models, data and methodology used in reaching their conclusion is flawed. As a good steward of this planet created by God, we must take reasonable steps to protect the environment.

Privatize Freddie and Fannie: as a GSE (government-sponsored enterprise), they can monetize their debt through the Federal Reserve, effectively hiding their practice of enormous risk-taking and handing their debt off to the American people. Stop subsidies for Chinese ethanol.

China and South Korea are keys in our ability to "disarm" North Korea. America must find common ground where it will be beneficial for China and South Korea to join effective economic sanctions. Iran won't be stopped without military intervention.

Our Constitution clearly states a God-given right to life. Life begins at conception, so there is no instance when abortion should be legal or state-funded. Go to www.JohnTKemper.com for more in depth responses to these eight questions.

I favor removal of illegal immigrants. I have a deportation plan that would deport 10 million illegals, create jobs and be self-funding while saving America \$1.7 trillion over 20 years. Read it at www.JohnTKemper.com.

MATT LOCKETT



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I wouldn't cut the Defense Department budget or Social Security to those over the age of 55. The debt must be reduced, thereby reducing our interest payments. Medicare and Medicaid expenditures can be reduced by requiring co-pays and eliminating fraud.

We made a promise to our seniors for Social Security, so we should keep that promise. For those that are under the age of 55, benefits may be reduced, or given the option to invest in retirement savings accounts.

Our troops should remain until the job is finished. They should be given the tools and troops necessary to win the war and then come home in victory.

We should take care of the planet God blessed us with. I do not believe, however, that global warming is occurring. Our current weather patterns of warming and cooling are within the natural cycles of past patterns.

I would seek to repeal HR 3590, the newly passed health care bill. I would also seek to reduce taxes and regulations on businesses so that they can provide jobs and our economy can experience sustained growth.

We should be proactive, not reactive. Tough sanctions ought to be enforced to ensure nuclear disposal. If sanctions don't work, military force is necessary. We should not allow a country like Iran to obtain nuclear weapons.

I have a strong pro-life stance and believe that the only instance abortion should be legal is to save the life of the mother. I'm proud to say that I have been endorsed by the Northern Kentucky Right to Life.

I favor strengthening our borders, stopping illegal immigration and ending entitlement programs to illegals. I favor Arizona's new law, giving law enforcement the ability to check citizenship status. If someone is here illegally, they should be immediately deported.

GEORGE PENDERGRASS



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No answers were provided.

MIKE TEMPLEMAN



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First, we must cut abuse from entitlements so those who need them can remain in place. Second, we restructure entitlement programs that eliminate complete dependency. We must only allow military commanders to make decisions on spending and cutting.

Social Security must be protected. Reducing benefits or raising the retirement age is not a solution. We must honestly look at the program for waste, stricter enforcement on fraud and re-examine sound restructuring.

The current conflict in Afghanistan is necessary to the national security of our nation, and we must continue to fight those who would fight to destroy our society on their soil and American soil.

Implementing new technologies to reduce pollutants and adequately meet our energy needs must take place. These technologies must be sound and based upon cost and market viability. We must do it with economic stability in mind.

There are 27 unfunded mandates that I would abolish. But the first priority would be to reel in Medicaid in Kentucky because it is bankrupting the commonwealth. Then we must abolish overreaching government entities that curb economic growth.

We must stop countries like Iran or North Korea from developing nuclear weapons at all cost. A rogue state such as Iran with a nuclear weapon is a potentially destabilizing force in the world and cannot be allowed to develop.

None. I am pro-life with no exceptions.

Removing illegal dependents should be a priority, and we should deport those we already have in custody. We must enforce immigration laws in America but continue to bring talented, hard-working individuals to the U.S. legally.