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Where the Candidates Stand on Gay Rights

Vote September 13th!

This election year is a unique one for gay and lesbian Vermonters. We actually can choose among several candidates who have gone on record, with varying degrees of enthusiasm and candor, as being supporters of gay and lesbian rights.

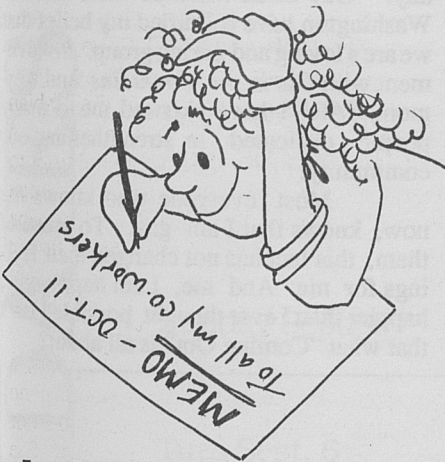
Out in the Mountains urges you to take a close look at the candidates in your districts and vote. Your support in the fall election for a legislator who worked hard for S.278 and S.239 is the most important and heartfelt thanks you can offer. As a community, we must demonstrate, loudly and clearly, that we will remember who our friends are at election time. Following is a quick look at the candidates for the U.S. House of Representatives and Senate and their position on federal anti-discrimination legislation based on sexual orientation.

Senate

Bill Gray (D)- willing to co-sponsor. Attended VGP.

James Jeffords (R)-unknown but un-supportive in the past.

Michael Griffes (R)- would NOT co-sponsor.



John from page 5

John is survived by his mother, father, three brothers, and sister, who live in Massachusetts and New York, his long time friend, companion and roommate, Terje Anderson of Burlington, and numerous loving friends in Vermont and across the country.

Memorial services for John were held in Burlington and New York City. A quilt panel for the Names Project was completed in August. In keeping with John's wishes, memorial donations may be made to Vermont C.A.R.E.S., Box 5248, Burlington, VT 05402.

House of Representatives

Dolores Sandoval (D)- willing to co-sponsor. Attended Vermont Gay Pride (VGP) in June.

Jim Guest (D)- willing to co-sponsor. Sent a representative to VGP.

Paul Poirier (D)-willing to co-sponsor, depending on the text of the legislation. Sent a representative to VGP.

Peter Welch (D)- willing to co-sponsor. Attended VGP. Vocal supporter.

Bernie Sanders (I-Progressive Coalition)- willing to co-sponsor. Sent a rep to VGP. Has been a no-show, no-respond to other invitations.

Peter Smith (R)- would not respond to requests for position statements.

James Hedbor (I-Libertarian)- no information available.

David Gates (R)- anti-gay, would not co-sponsor.

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