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BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION

To help voters get to know you better, please complete the following biographical information. Please e-mail or mail us a photograph. If you prefer, we can use the "filing-day" photo taken by the Secretary of State's office. You may choose to omit any portion of the biographical information.

Date of Birth July 2, 1947 Place of Birth Heber Springs, AR
Marital Status Married Spouse's Name Betty Sue
Number of Children: Boys 1 Girls 1
Military Service U.S. Army 1966-1969
Occupation and Employer Retired from S.W. Bell Tel. Co. (now AT_T) with 35 years service.
Previous Elected Offices Held None
Current Elected Office Held None
Education or Schools Attended Heber Springs High School, U.S. Army electronics, corporate, self, Held 1st class FCC license.
Religion or Denomination Ordained Baptist minister
Volunteer Service Church functions, invited speaker,
Civic Clubs _____
Organization Memberships NRA, VFW, Craighead County Republican Committee, Act for America
Hobbies reading, research, Bible study, hunting, chess

Candidate's Signature John Cooper

Please include a **photograph** of yourself for us to publish in the survey. If you prefer you can e-mail a photo to Jerry@FamilyCouncilActionCommittee.com OR we can use the "filing-day" photo that was taken by the Secretary of State's office. Call Jerry Cox at (501) 912-6600 if you need clarification regarding any portion of this survey.

MAIL OR FAX THIS SURVEY AND BIO SHEET BY 5 p.m. Sept 23, 2013
Family Council Action Committee, 414 S. Pulaski, Suite 3, Little Rock, AR 72201
(501) 375-7000; FAX (501) 375-7040; Jerry@FamilyCouncilActionCommittee.com

Please mail or e-mail your **photograph for us to publish with your survey.**

FAMILY COUNCIL ACTION COMMITTEE CANDIDATE SURVEY 2013,

State Senate District 21 Special Primary Election

Deadline: September 23, 2013

Complete this survey and return it to us:

By Mail to: Use the enclosed self-addressed envelope.

By FAX to: (501) 375-7040

By Email to: Jerry@FamilyCouncilActionCommittee.com

Below are bills passed by the 2013 Arkansas General Assembly. Legislators had the option of voting “For,” “Against,” or “Not Voting.” Please mark how you would vote on the following bills.

Education

- 1. For X Against Not Voting** Allowing home schooled students to participate in interscholastic extracurricular activities at their local public school. *Act 1469 (HB1789)*
- 2. For X Against Not Voting** Requiring the Department of Higher Education to put no student, including home schoolers, at a disadvantage when awarding the Governor’s Distinguished Scholar Scholarship. *Act 512 (HB1629)*
- 3. For X Against Not Voting** Requiring all public schools to observe one minute of silence at the beginning of each school day. *Act 576 (HB1690)*
- 4. For X Against Not Voting** Allowing public schools to offer the academic study of the Bible as an elective course. *Act 1440 (HB1017)*
- 5. For X Against Not Voting** Allowing limited public school choice that permits school districts to allow students to apply for a transfer from their resident school district to a neighboring district as long as a district’s enrollment does not decrease more than 3%, and allowing students in failing school districts to transfer to a neighboring district that is not failing. *Act 1227 (SB65)*

Taxes and the Economy

- 6. For X Against Not Voting** Increasing the state income tax exemption for net capital gains on current investments from 30% to 50%, and exempting capital gains in excess of \$10 million from state income tax. *Act 1488 (HB1966)*
 - 7. For X Against Not Voting** Reducing the State Income Tax by one-tenth of one percent for all tax brackets. *Act 1459 (HB1585)*
 - 8. For Against Not Voting** Providing \$125 million in financing to Big River Steel to help construct a \$1.1 billion facility in Osceola, Arkansas. *Act 1476 (HB1870)*
- "This has significant pros and cons. The pros are significant and so are the risks. I have no position on this now, however if I had been in the legislature when this vote was taken, I would have voted one way or the other. I would not have 'not voted'" - JC
- 9. For X Against Not Voting** Preventing tax-payer funded grants from going to organizations that perform abortions or abortion referrals. *(SB818) Passed the Senate Only*

Abortion

- 10. For X Against Not Voting** Prohibiting abortions after the 12th week of pregnancy except in cases of highly lethal fetal disorders, rape, or incest, or to save the life of the mother. *Act 301 (SB134)*
- 11. For X Against Not Voting** Prohibiting abortions after the 20th week of pregnancy except in cases of rape or incest, or to save the life of the mother. *Act 171 (HB1037)*
- 12. For X Against Not Voting** Allowing prosecutors to file charges if an unborn child, at any stage of development, is killed except during a legal abortion or medical procedure; and changing the definition of unborn child from “living fetus of twelve (12) weeks or greater gestation” to “offspring of human beings from conception until birth.” *Act 1032 (SB417)*
- 13. For X Against Not Voting** Making abortion clinic employees mandatory reporters of child abuse, and requiring abortion clinics to preserve fetal tissue samples if the mother is under age 14. *Act 725 (HB 1447)*

14. For X Against Not Voting Affirming the right of a pregnant woman to use physical or deadly force to defend her unborn child against criminal assault. *Act 156 (SB170)*

15. For X Against Not Voting Prohibiting health insurance exchange policies under the federal Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act from paying for abortions with tax dollars except in cases of rape and incest or to save the life of the mother. *Act 72 (HB1100)*

Guns

16. For X Against Not Voting Allowing church congregations to permit concealed carry permit holders to carry guns in church. *Act 67 (SB71)*

17. For X Against Not Voting Permitting colleges to allow licensed staff members to carry guns on campus. *Act 226 (HB1243)*

18. For X Against Not Voting Preventing the release of names and zip codes of concealed carry gun permit holders under the Arkansas Freedom of Information Act. *Act 145 (SB131)*

Religion

19. For X Against Not Voting Passage of a State Religious Freedom Restoration Act preventing the government from burdening the free exercise of religion unless there is a compelling governmental interest. *(SB1119) Passed the Senate Only*

Crime

20. For X Against Not Voting Increasing penalties for people engaged in human trafficking and establishing protections for human trafficking victims. *Act 133 (HB1203)*

Health Care

21. For Against X Not Voting Arkansas' "Private Option" Medicaid expansion plan to provide taxpayer funded health insurance through private insurance companies to over 200,000 more Medicaid recipients under the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act. *Act 1496 (HB1219)*

Government

22. For X Against Not Voting Requiring voters to show photo identification at the polls before voting. *Act 595 (SB2)*

2014 Ballot Measures

23. For X Against Not Voting Amending the Arkansas Constitution to increase the percentage of valid petition signatures required in order to place a measure on the ballot for a vote. Requiring a petition signature validity rate of at least 75% of the statewide number required and a validity rate of at least 75% of the number required in at least 15 counties. *(SJR16) Referred by the legislature for a statewide vote on the November 2014 General Election Ballot.*

24. For Against X Not voting Amending the Arkansas Constitution to change term limits by allowing members of the General Assembly to serve more years in office. Prohibiting elected state officials from accepting gifts from lobbyists. Establishing a citizens commission to set salaries for the legislators, constitutional officers and judges. Prohibiting certain corporate contributions to candidates. Requiring former legislators to wait at least 2 years before becoming a lobbyist. *(HJR1009) Referred by the legislature for a statewide vote on the 2014 General Election Ballot.*

I would like to post comments on three issues.

One, Big River Steel will have significant employment opportunities in the region but should it fail, it could have serious consequences both for itself and Nucor. I hope it works out.

Two, concerning the "ethics" referral to the ballot. It has good and bad provisions. I believe it is unconstitutional as written. The most important aspect of this to me is the weakening of term limits which I oppose. Therefore I oppose the resolution.

Three, I am firmly opposed to the private option.