TENNESSEE CITIZENS FOR WILDERNESS PLANNING

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Contents:-- This Newsletter is devoted almost exclusively to giving you as much information as possible about the environmental views and performance records of the candidates (federal and state) who will compete in the Nov. 5 election. In addition, we bring you important information about TCWP's own election at the upcoming annual meeting; and announcements of a TCWP outing and an important hearing.

1. TCWP ANNUAL MEETING, NOV. 14

DATE: Thursday, November 14, 1974, 7:30 p.m.
PLACE: Meeting Rooms A & B, Oak Ridge Civic Center
PROGRAM: 1. Brief reports on the year's activities and a look to 1975
2. Election of officers and board (see nominees, item 4)
3. Refreshments
4. Movies "Planning for Floods" and "The Region -- In Change"

Both have land-use planning implications. In the first, dramatic views of recent severe floods are effectively used to demonstrate that structural measures do not solve flooding problems; floodplain zoning can. The second film examines the impact of change (development) on the people and environment of the southern highlands.-- We hope all of you will turn out to enjoy the program and to mark your ballot (make our elections truly representative!)

2. TCWP OUTING, NOV. 23

We shall hike in the newest Tennessee addition to the National Registry of Natural Landmarks: the Piney Falls area. Pres. T. C. Mercer of Bryan College, which owns the tract, has given his permission and welcomes TCWP's visit. Hike to upper falls of the Little Piney R., 1 1/2 miles on trail; then another 1/2 mile rockhopping to lower falls: total distance 4 miles. Meet 10 a.m. EST at Grand View School on highway 68, NW of Spring City (the school is on the left as TN 68 reaches the top, after its climb from the valley). There we'll consolidate cars and drive to the trailhead at the fire tower. Bring a lunch.

3. YOU ARE NEEDED AT IMPORTANT HEARING, NOV. 6

Wednesday, Nov. 6, 1974, 7:00 p.m. EST, Meeting Rooms A & B, Oak Ridge Civic Center. Your presence will be most important, even if you can't testify. EPA will for the first time be holding hearings on the issuance of pollutant discharge elimination permits to 14 Tennessee stripmine operations. It is highly important to assure that the stripmine industry, one of the biggest foulers of this region's watercourses, be rendered subject to the federal water pollution law. The industry is trying to avoid this by claiming stripmine discharges are not "point sources" of pollution. EPA has taken a giant step by scheduling this hearing. Please show citizen interest by your presence and, if possible, your testimony. Contact Mike Holland soon for further information (phone 482-2860, or 483-8611, ext. 3-7091).

4. NOMINEES FOR ELECTION

The nominating committee, consisting of Elizabeth Peelle, chmn, Bob Farmer, and Will Skelton, presents the following slate

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PRESIDENT: Donald E. Todd, Wartburg, science teacher, Wartburg school. TCWP Board, 1971-73; pres. 1974; stripmine comm., 1971- ; Pres. TTA 1971, 1972. Instrumental in securing passage of Tenn. Trails System Act, park status for new Frozenhead State Park. With his sons developed major portions of Cumberland Trail. Helped in bringing about control of stripmining on Obed. Director of weekly radio program, "Recreation Unlimited" WECO 9400. Is interested in conservation education and the development of a wilderness concept for parklands.

VICE PRESIDENT: Jack Sharp, Knoxville, prof. of botany, U.T. (retired). 47 yrs teaching, author of "Gt. Smoky Mt. Wildflowers" and 200 articles. Concerned with population, conservation, and wilderness issues.

SECRETARY: Mary Headrick, Oak Ridge, computer programmer at ORNL. Helped organize TCWP's Water Qual. Workshop. Interested in TCWP effort to safeguard quality of life by preserving environment from imprudent, degrading alterations,such as stripmining.

TREASURER: Charles Klabunde, Oak Ridge, physicist, Solid State Division, ORNL. TCWP Treasure: 1972, 1973, 1974. Outings Chmn. 1970, 1971. In charge of TCWP's computerized membership records and mailing labels. Special interests: Smokies wilderness and trails system.

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DIRECTORS: (vote for 5) [To conserve space, we have omitted listing of organization memberships]

Richard Ardell, Kingsport, research technologist, Tenn. Eastman Co. Chmn, Holston Valley Chapt. of TCWP. Past pres., Tenn. Eastman Hiking Club. Interests: hiking, backpacking, general conservation issues, keeping incompatible developments out of Bays Mtn. State Park.

Louise Currey, Lookout Mtn, housewife. Cons. chmn. and dir., Chattanooga Audubon; cons. chmn., Lookout Mtn. Garden Club; dir., Keep Tenn. Beautiful. Active in Nature Conservancy acquisition of part of Lookout Mtn. for Natl. Historical Park. Has organized two environmental conferences in Chattanooga. Received Chatt. Area Sertoma Service to Mankind Award and Kiwanis Service Award.

H. R. DeSelm, Knoxville, prof. of plant ecology, U.T., 65 publications. Former Natl. Park Service ranger-naturalist. Interested in trails, hiking, and scenic river preservation.

Reid K. Gryder, Oak Ridge, computer systems analyst, UCNC. TCWP vice pres. 1974; stripmine comm., 1973- , chmn, 1974; helped organize 1974 Water Qual. Workshop; has arranged 1974 TCWP meetings. Conservation chmn and past pres ETWWC. Special interests: water quality, wilderness protection, river preservation, stripmine regulation, energy conservation, land-use planning.

E. M. (Mike) Holland, Oak Ridge, veterinarian and pathologist, ORNL. Helped organize TCWP Water Qual. Workshop. Interested in whitewater boating, water quality legislation, and related stripmine control problems.

Donald W. Jared, Oak Ridge, biologist, Biology Division, ORNL. Has organized EACOR's tree-planting projects and helped with ETWWC activities. Especially interested in preservation of rivers by augmenting and implementing the State Scenic Rivers Act.

Liane B. (Lee) Russell, Oak Ridge, geneticist, Biol. Div., ORNL. TCWP founder, vice pres., 1966, pres., 1967-70, dir., 1971-1974. Has written TCWP Newsletter, 1966 - present, and carried on executive business of TCWP. Winner of 1969 HOLIDAY "Award for a Beautiful America". Speaker at National Wilderness Conference, 1971. Particularly active on stripmine, Big S. Fork, Obed committees, intergroup liaison. Coordinated the victorious Big S. Fork Conservation Coalition. Developed evaluations of environmental positions of political candidates (see also this NL). Wants to continue perfecting TCWP's effectiveness.

William L. (Bill) Russell, Oak Ridge, princ. geneticist, ORNL. TCWP founder, pres. 1971-73; dir., 1969, 1970, 1974. Winner, 1969 HOLIDAY "Award for a Beautiful America." Board of Adv., TSRA 1968-70. Active in formulation and passage of Tenn. Scenic Rivers Act of 1968, preservation of Obed, and trying to save the Duck R.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE (vote for 3):

Elizabeth Briggs, Oak Ridge, grad. student (English), U.T. Former co-chairman of EACOR. Special interest in Obed, stripmine control.

Edward E. C. Clebsch, Knoxville, assoc. prof.,botany and ecol., U.T. TCWP Director, 1967, 1969-71, 1973, 1974, VP 1972. Chmn. Conserv. Comm., Assn SE Biologists. Serves on SMHC conserv. comm. Advisor to U.T. Earth Day activities.

Jack Gibbons, Knoxville, physicist turned environmentalist, dir. of U.T. Environment Center. Spent past year as Dir., Office of Energy Conservation, FEA. Helped found TCWP's Harvey Broome Film Series.

Fred Sweeton, Oak Ridge, chemist, ORNL. TCWP Treasurer, 1969-71. Past pres. and dir., SMHC. Helped TCWP organize first Intergroup Conference, 1973.

Ruth Young, Oak Ridge, secretary, ORGDP. A TCWP founder, sec., 1967, 1969. Editor of SMHC Handbook, "Interested in worldwide conservation."

PLACE: Meeting Rooms A & B, Oak Ridge State Office

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I. GUBERNATORIAL CANDIDATES

Prior to the primary election, Tenn. Environmental Council, TEC, of which TCWP is a member, sent a questionnaire to 21 candidates. Lamar Alexander was one of six who responded. The same questionnaire was re-submitted to Blanton after the primary, both by TCWP and by TEC, and he responded to both organizations. In addition, since TCWP felt that certain issues of particular importance to its members were not covered in the broader TEC questionnaire, we sent a supplement of 7 questions (topics #15-17, below) to both candidates. Only Blanton has responded to these. In the following, we have omitted the background information in the question and the statements of fact -- as opposed to position -- in the answers.

1. Air Quality: Would you sponsor legislation to remove the present motor vehicle exemption?
Alexander: Yes. We need state authority to control traffic as well as to prevent unduly restrictive or inapplicable federal regulations.
Blanton: I pledge to push for legislation, where it is found necessary, to prevent all major pollutants from continuing to contaminate our air.
2. Water Quality: Is the existing Water Quality Act adequate to control sedimentation (from agriculture, mining, and construction)? and, if not, what amendments are needed?
A1. No. A separate law, administered locally through building codes, to require erosion and sediment control on major developments.
B1. No. [Cites various problems.] I shall implement present laws and seek new legislation where necessary .... will work actively with cities across Tennessee to improve some of our grossly inadequate sewage treatment plants.
3. Solid Waste Management: Would you sponsor and support legislation similar to Oregon's law which eliminated "no-return" bottles?
A1. I will have to study overall effects before committing my support.
B1. I support a plan under which all soft drinks and beer would be required to be sold in returnable bottles. A 5¢ fee would be refunded on return ... stores handling a product would be required to redeem that product's bottles.
4. Land Use: (a) Would you support the creation of a Land Use Study Commission to develop land use policy and legislation for Tennessee?
A1. Yes.
B1. Yes. To propose uniform guidelines and needed legislation.
(b) Would you support legislation for state regulation of second-home developments?
A1. I will be willing to consider legislation to cover (i) large developments which affect other counties and cities, (ii) property which has unique (e.g. historical) value to the state as a whole. and (iii) situations in which local government is unable to act.
B1. Resort and second home development areas must not spring up in a haphazard way but should be planned to avoid pollution and loss of wildlife habitat. I will work to protect areas of critical environmental concern at the state level.
5. Surface Mining: (a) Do you feel the present Tenn. law is adequate to prevent future damage to land, water, and people?
A1. Almost.
B1. I share your concern at the minerals extraction now proceeding.
(b) If answer to (a) was 'yes', how would you insure full enforcement?
A1. (i) Upgrade the capability and professionalism of the enforcement staff, (ii) Give strong backing to the enforcement of new regulations, and (iii) Maintain a continuous study of the effect of regulations and the need for improvement.
(c) If answer to (a) was 'no', what amendments would you propose?
A1. I will consider a requirement for variable performance bonds, based on estimated cost of reclamation. B1. I would first oppose the titanium mine now proposed for Land Between the Lakes (cites river pollution and "eyesore".) I am an enthusiastic supporter of the proposed federal law on surface mining. It includes both strong mining guidelines and site reclamation requirements.

and Natural Areas Acts?
A1. I will continue the emphasis on acquiring endangered lands first. A good start has been made, and a new staff is now available.
B1. I shall actively seek the creation of a State Recreation Commission.
(b) Would you support additions to the system? What additions?
A1. Yes. They will be selected by a professional staff, working with conservation groups.
B1. One of the functions of the Commission would be to study and advise on the procurement of scenic easements to implement our recreation system. Would also work with local communities.
7. Nuclear Power: (a) Do you favor the continued proliferation of nuclear power plants in Tennessee?
A1. Not proliferation, if that means producing at an accelerated rate. I do favor construction of power plants as needed, with appropriate safeguards.
B1. Before any more reactors are built, I advocate the establishment of a commission to study the relation to public health and welfare. Considerations would include: (i) the need for reactors; (ii) relative efficiency; (iii) safety -- the chances for and effects of catastrophic explosion; (iv) genetic and medical effects of radioactive wastes; (v) cost.
(b) Should the state license these facilities? What license conditions would you recommend to safeguard public health and welfare?
A1. I tend to prefer a one-step licensing process at the state level. A requirement that appropriate national and international limits on radiation dose be met, as well as all other necessary safety features and controls. B1. I am already on record as supporting nuclear

reactors only if they are proven absolutely safe for Tennessee.

8. Power Plant Siting: Would you recommend legislation -- and, if so, of what nature -- to give the state meaningful input into siting decisions for power plants (fossil, hydro, pumped storage, nuclear)?

A1. I will consider a power facility siting law, which could possibly help to get all information out in the open in the beginning, streamline procedures, and avoid conflict and delay. B1. I advocate legislation which would bring about the coordination of power plant siting procedures with conservation and environmental concerns.

9. Energy Conservation: (a) What energy conserving measures would you support for state facilities? A1. Adjust thermostat settings and lighting, better building design, burning trash as a source of energy, and modification of old buildings when appropriate and economical. B1. For state office buildings, minimum thermal insulating standards, positioning of windows, and maximum use of solar energy. Only economy cars to be used in government travel.

(b) What new energy-conserving regulatory measures would you recommend?

A1. I will carefully consider the possibility of open-disclosure laws for appliance efficiency and home insulation. B1. I shall seek legislation requiring electricity-use efficiency ratings to be affixed to all electrical appliances marketed in Tennessee.

10. Transportation: (a) Would you reevaluate (and possibly deauthorize) marginal existing long-range highway construction plans?

A1. Everything will be re-evaluated, not just highway plans.

B1. Our entire highway system will be evaluated early. I have consistently refused to commit myself to the construction of any specific highway -- none will be constructed or renovated unless vitally needed.

(b) Would you encourage development of urban mass transit? How?

A1. Yes, through aiding local governments. B1. Yes, by cooperating with municipalities in seeking available federal and state funds which would result in lower bus fares.

(c) Would you promote integration of different modes of transportation? How?

A1. Yes, e.g., through better route planning and development of satellite parking systems.

(d) Would you support construction of urban and rural bikeways?

A1. Yes, where appropriate and useful. B1. Yes, both urban and rural bikeways.

11. Environmental Education: (a) Would you sponsor legislation to implement the recently developed Master Plan for Education for Tennessee?

A1. The plan is not yet sufficiently defined to implement.

B1. I recognize the need for a conservation and environmental education program.

(b) What initial level of funding would you recommend?

A1. Impossible to answer at this time. B1. I shall seek adequate funding to implement.

12. TVA-State Relations: (a) Would you support national legislation to curb TVA's autonomy and make the agency more accountable to the people?

A1. Yes, but most Tennesseans now support these particular projects.

B1. TVA has adopted an escalator clause, thus abdicating any responsibility to keep coal prices down.

(b) What changes in the TVA Act would you recommend?

A1. Impossible to answer at this time.

B1. At least two: (i) a "sunshine" amendment, opening up all policy meetings of the TVA Board to the public; (ii) provisions that TVA cannot hike rates except at the end of 2-year terms when pressing need is shown. I shall also push for a federal investigation of possible meddling by gigantic oil and coal interests with TVA's rate-setting system.

13. Priorities. 14. Funding. We have omitted these answers as not particularly instructive.

questionnaire sent to both candidates on Sept. 18.
Only Blanton has responded.

15. River preservation: (a) Obed: would you lend active support to adding Obed and tributaries to the Natl Wild Rivers System? Blanton: Yes.
What is your view on TVA vs. NPS as the federal managing agency (in cooper. w. state)?
Bl. Inasmuch as the Scenic Rivers Act ... provides for administration to be under either the Dept of the Interior or the Dept of Agric. and Interior jointly, I feel we should follow the procedure set up in the Act.
(b) Big S. Fork Natl River: Would you provide state support in securing Congressional appropriations? Bl. Yes, I would lend support.

16. Dam proposals: (a) Would you be willing to consider alternatives to the Duck R. dams that would give most of the claimed benefits at a lower cost? Bl. Because there is a possibility that we might achieve the same benefits at less cost and with less environmental destruction, I believe we should consider alternatives to the Normandy and Columbia Dams.
(b) Would you exert pressure on TVA to seriously study alternatives before proceeding with their Sequatchie Valley pumped storage plan? Bl. In all situations (including Sequatchie), where there is potentially great environmental damage involved, I believe full consideration should be given to all alternatives.

17. Commissioner of Conservation: In your appointment of a Comm. of Conservation, will you consider a man who has training in the natural resource and conservation field? Bl. Yes
Will you consult with leaders of Tennessee's environmental groups prior to making your choice
Bl. Yes.

II. CONGRESSIONAL RACES

A. Record of incumbents

The League of Conservation Voters (LCV) has compiled records on 19 key environmental votes for 1973. To focus on issues of particular interest to TCWP, and also, to get more up-to-date, we have combed through Newsletters of the past 2 years (with great help from Ann Broome and Phyllis Sweeton) to pick out 8 items. Only two of these (Nos. 4 & 5) overlap with the LCV list.

	Items from TCWP Newsletters (see number, below)								LCV
	Stripmine 1	Stripmine 2	Landuse 3	NEPA 4	Mass transit 5	Envtl. standards 6	TVA Act amendt. 7	Eastern wilderness 8	1973 score**
Quillen	-	-	-*	-	-	-	-	0	0
Duncan	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	+*	16
Baker	0	-	-	-	-	-	-*	+	11
Evins	-	0	-	0	0	-	-	0	19
Fulton	+	+	+	-	-	+	-	+	59
Beard	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	4
Jones	0	0	-	-	-	-	-	0	9
Kuykendall	-	0	-	-	-	-	-	+	4

\+ = in agreement with TCWP position
\- = in disagreement with TCWP position
0 = not voting
* see remarks under item # below
** based on 19 key votes

1. Stripmine regulation: vote on Hosmer bill, a coal-industry substitute (Newsletter 64)
2. Stripmine regulation: vote on the final Int. Comm. bill, H.R. 11500 (NL 64)
3. Landuse Planning: vote on whether or not to vote on the bill, H.R. 10294 (NL 63). *Though Quillen did not vote on the floor, he voted twice in Rules Comm. against consideration of the bill.
4. NEPA: vote on whether the Alaska pipeline authorization should be allowed to violate NEPA -- the Dellenback-Owens amdt. (NL 60).
5. Mass transit: vote on whether to allow urban areas to spend part of Highway Trust fund for mass transit -- the Anderson amdt (NL 55)
6. Emergency Energy bill: vote on whether to weaken auto emission standards on the excuse of the "energy crisis" (NL 61)
7. TVA Act: sponsorship of H.R. 11929 that would make taxpayers at large -- rather than energy consumers -- pay for pollution control (NL 61). *Baker is floor manager of this bill.
8. Eastern Wilderness: sponsorship of Eastern Wilderness Areas bill (NL 64). *Duncan has not co-sponsored but has written to Committee, supporting bill.

Additional information from past Newsletters (omits unopposed incumbents).
Quillen: on Rules Committee tried to block Landuse Bill from reaching floor (NL 61); introduced bill to add Nolichucky to study category of Wild and Scenic Rivers Act (NL 58, 59).
Baker: supported Eastern Wilderness legislation by introducing a bill (NL 54), attempting to enlarge a Tennessee area (NL 52), and sending "Dear Colleague" letter (NL 63); strenuously opposed landuse planning bill (see item IIB).

B. The 3rd District race.

Both major candidates were asked to meet with conserv. leaders. In her meeting with leaders of environmental groups, Oct. 13, Mrs. Lloyd affirmed the following items of her late husband's platform.

1. Only land-use decisions ... having greater than local impact should be made at the state or federal level. The federal and state's role should consist of supplying technical assistance and establishing minimum planning standards, together with adequate funding.
2. With regard to stripmining I will favor:
   a. Rapidly phasing out stripping on steep slopes (above 15°).
   b. Prohibiting placement of spoil on the downslope.
   c. Prohibiting placement of spoil closer than 300 ft to watercourses.
   d. Strengthening the present rules and regulations, and especially their enforcement.
   e. Require the filling and planting on the abandoned mining sites.
3. I will work to provide for funding of Big South Fork National River and Recreation Area.

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4. I will introduce legislation to create the Obed River Canyon Gorge and its tributaries as an addition to the National system of wild and scenic rivers. The state should pledge all possible assistance to this magnificent project and should participate in the management, jointly with the National Park Service. An Act of Congress will be required to bring about designation.
5. I will work to implement the Wilderness Act of 1964 to bring in more areas, and with adequate funding.
6. I will support the pending Eastern Wilderness Bill that would include in the National Wilderness Preservation System three areas in the Cherokee National Forest: Slickrock Creek-Citico Creek watersheds (contiguous to Joyce Kilmer Memorial Forest in N.C.): Cohutta (also extends into Georgia): and Gee Creek, near the Hiwassee River.
7. I will work to establish a board and require public hearings on any project that will take or destroy natural or scenic areas.
8. I will work for the creation of a commission for overall study and long range planning of our natural and scenic areas.

Congr. Baker has not yet scheduled time for a pre-election meeting. An AP dispatch of Oct. 16 quotes Baker as follows: "We've gone on a protection binge... This is reflected in the creation of the Environmental Protection Agency ... But the most vicious thing that ever came before the Congress as far as I am concerned was a bill to create a federal land use administration. This bill would have wiped out state's rights to zone land* and give the federal government the power to dictate how every acre of property in this country can be used.* I am chairman of the Republican Steering Committee in Congress, and I view our defeat of that bill as one of our crowning achievements." -- As far as we know, Baker is still supporting the Eastern Wilderness bill.

3. Answers to questionnaire

	Dist.	Party	1		2			3		4		5		6				7				8	9		
			a	b	a	b	c	a	b	a	b	a	b	a	b	c	d	a	b	c	d	c	b	a	b	c
Quillen	1	R	-	0	-	+	0	+	+	-[f]	+	+	0[f]	+	-	+	-	+	?[g]	?[g]	+	?[g]	+	-	?[f]	+
Blevins	1	D	+	-	+	+	+	?[a]	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+
Fulton	5	D	+	?	?	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	?	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	?	+
Kuykendall	8	R	-	0	0	+	0	+	+	-[b]	+	+	-[c]	+	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	-[d]	-[e]	+

[a]"not familiar; would consider if national economy warrants
[b]Would consider alternatives to other dams (not Duck R.)
[c]"Too broad -- not enough consideration to public"
[d]Not until the system is complete
[e]"Present law should be implemented
[f]"Depends", or, "in some instances"
[g]"Generally"

Text of the questionnaire follows (background statements are here omitted),

1. LAND-USE PLANNING:-- a. Would you support legislation designed to provide federal grants to states for the purpose of developing state land-use guidance systems?
b. If yes, would you support the above type of legislation if it sets certain standards for state land-use decision making processes -- without exerting control over the substance of state and local land use decisions?
2. STRIPMINING:-- If, contrary to expectations, a stripmine bill fails to be enacted by this session of Congress and has to be re-introduced next year, would you support the following features: a. Prohibition of mining on steep slopes (over 15°) or where spoil would be deposited on steep slopes.
b. Requirement to restore approximate original contour.
c. Prohibition of mining closer than 500 ft from watercourses or public property.
3. RIVER PRESERVATION IN TENNESSEE: a. Big South Fork. Would you actively support implementation of the Big S. Fork Natl. River and Rec. Area by securing funds for land acquisition, starting with the next fiscal year?
b. Obed. -- Would you support legislation to create the Obed Wild River under management by the National Park Service and the State of Tennessee?
4. DAM PROPOSALS IN TENNESSEE: a. Regarding the proposed Columbia and the partly constructed Normandy Dam on the Duck River, are you willing seriously to consider alternatives that would give most of the major benefits at a lower cost?

b. Regarding the proposed pumped-storage projects in and surrounding the beautiful Sequatchie Valley, would you keep TVA from proceeding with their plans until they have made serious studies of alternative methods for solving the peaking-power problem?

(5.) WILDERNESS PRESERVATION: a. Would you support a bill adding certain areas (named in original) of the Cherokee National Forest to the National Wilderness Preservation System?

b. Do you support the "conservationists' proposal" for wilderness designation in the Great Smoky Mountains National Park?

(6.) TENNESSEE VALLEY AUTHORITY: -- Would you support legislation

a. To make TVA more accountable to the people?

b. To require Congressional authorization of TVA projects before funding requests can be made?

c. To require TVA to open its Board meetings to the public and the media?

d. To prevent TVA from stripmining in National Forests?

(7.) ENERGY AND THE ENVIRONMENT: a. Would you support increased funding for research on "unlimited" energy sources, such as solar, geothermal, and fusion?

b. Would you support measures to encourage less energy-consumptive modes of transportation, such as rail and other mass transport?

c. Would you support changes in the rate structure for electric power use designed to conserve energy (relatively higher rates for bigger consumers) and to diminish the peaking-power problem (relatively lower rates during off-hours)?

d. Since well over 90% of our total coal resources can only be deepmined, would you support measures to create incentives for deepmining as opposed to stripmining?

(8.) WATER RESOURCES:-- a. Would you support legislation that would broaden the role of water-resource agencies to include non-structural measures of flood control in addition to the conventional ones?

b. Would you favor a re-examination of the analytical methods used to evaluate water-resource projects (e.g., discount rates, calculation of secondary benefits)?

(9.) HIGHWAY LEGISLATION:--a. Would you support use of a portion of the highway funds for mass transit systems?

b. Would you support measures that will accelerate the removal of billboards?

c. Would you oppose measures that remove any portion of the highway system from the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act?

III. STATE LEGISLATURE

A. Response to questionnaire

Of 188 questionnaires we mailed to known candidates, 2 went to "unknown addressees" (Rolen in Powell, Yarbrough in Memphis), and 33 (=18%) were returned to us with the candidate's response. The results are shown in the table on p. 9. We hope you'll read the footnotes, in addition to the bare scores. And do give a candidate some credit for responding at all!

B. Text of questionnaire (background statements are here omitted)

(1.) LAND-USE PLANNING: Would you support legislative establishment of a Tennessee Land-Use Commission to study, assess, and develop solutions to land-use problems in Tennessee, and to recommend to the General Assembly legislation necessary to institute an effective land-use planning and management system?

(2.) STRIPMINING:--Do you think the following features should be part of a state program for Tennessee (under federal guidelines if fed. bill passes)

a. Coal stripping should be permitted only if the slope is less than 15°. (Deepmining for the plentiful coal supplies could be encouraged, instead.)

b. Mountain-top mining should be permitted only if the spoil is not deposited on any slope steeper than 20°.

c. Coal stripping should be permitted only if at least 500 ft distant from streams or public property.

(3.) RIVERS:--a. Would you actively support legislation that would aid the implementation of the Tennessee Scenic Rivers Act of 1968, e.g., by funding the program?

b. Would you actively support efforts to include additional eligible rivers and streams in the state system?

(4.) TRAILS:--Would you actively support the expenditure of state funds for the acquisition of trail rights-of-way under the Tenn. Trails Systems Act?

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5. STATE PARKS, FORESTS: -- a. Do you favor the concept that the proper place for luxury motel-type accommodations and restaurants is adjacent to, rather than within, state parks? b. Would you favor legislation to protect state parks, forests, natural areas, and wildlife preserves by restricting "off-road vehicles" to automobile roads, or to special areas set aside for their use?

6. NATURAL AREAS: -- Would you actively support the expenditure of state funds for the acquisition and maintenance of areas under the terms of the Tenn. Natural Areas Act?

7. ENDANGERED SPECIES:--Would you support legislation
a. to fund programs to inventory endangered species and to educate the public on the need for their protection?
b. to protect habitats necessary for the survival of these species?

8. ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION:--A Master Plan for Environmental Education for Tennessee has been developed as a joint effort of several government departments and private organizations. Would you support legislation to implement this plan?

9. SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT: Oregon has had much success in reducing litter, and the cost of waste removal, by placing a refund value on all beverage containers. Would you support similar legislation for Tennessee?

10. BIKEWAYS:--Would you support legislation to encourage the use of bicycles through development of safe bikeways?

C. Footnotes to questionnaire answers

[a]"I'm against anything that desecrates Nature."--[b]"My past record shows that I favor all questions asked." (This is indeed the case .. ed.) "I sponsored and passed bike trail bill last session but bill was vetoed. Will try again."--[c]Questions the cost. Or, "depends on funds required." Or, "if funds are available." [d]Would support funding only if it does not lead to increase in sales tax. [e]"Generally, I will support conservation objectives consistent with fairness to citizens and cost involved." [f]"I will sponsor and support any legislation that will protect our streams, forests, and wildlife. ... I think the Oregon litter law is a good piece of legislation." [g]"... I am not familiar with the technical aspects. I fully support the idea of controlled stripmining... Reclamation is a must." [h]Strongly affirmative (3 checkmarks; or exclamation points; or underlined 'active') [j]"I would place the general area of conservation very high on my list of priorities, perhaps just below ... education and correction, but far ahead of highway development, many kinds of construction, etc. ... If we lose the beauty and serenity of our state in a desire to develop, we are being penny-wise and pound foolish." [k]"Not necessarily if done tastefully." [m]"I actively supported and contributed financially to the 'Radnor Lake Drive'" [n]Through wildlife preserves [p]First page with name etc. not returned. Did we read signature correctly? [q]Questioning of costs led to omission of some answers. [r]"Sounds good ... but ... in West Tenn. do not know about stripmining. I do believe it needs to be controlled." [s]"If there was provision for the protection of the land being used." [t]"I sponsored such." [u]Stresses that deepmining should be encouraged. [v]"unless there is no chance of damage" [w]"I was co-sponsor of this Act and placed the Chickasaw Bluff Trail in it." [y]Was co-sponsor of original 1968 bill.

D. RECORD OF INCUMBENTS (omits those having no opposition)

Sen. Ray Baird spearheaded all efforts to strengthen stripmine legislation: passed TCWP bill, then TCWP amdts to adm. bill; passed bikeways bill; urged fund release to implement scenic rivers program.--Reps. Bissell, M. Murphy, Ashe, Ed Williams, S. Clark sponsored and supported a number of items related to stripmine control: TCWP and/or SOCM bills and amendments, coal severance tax, a stripmine tour, a tax investigation of strippers. Ashe, Jensen, M. Murphy, Watson, Hendren exerted themselves for a land-use study commission. Martin sponsored a bottle bill. Sen. Henry and Rep. Moore passed the Endangered Species Act. On the minus side, Denton sponsored a bill to take away power of eminent domain from the Conservation Dept.

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STATE LEGISLATURE	Dist.	Party	RESPONSE TO QUESTIONS**															SCORE
			Land use	Strip mining			Rivers		Trails	State Pks.		Nat. Areas	Endangered Species		Env. Ed.	Bottles	Bike-ways	
			1	2			3		4	5		6	7		8	9	10	
				a	b	c	a	b		a	b		a	b				
Senate																		
J. M. RUCKER[a] (Newport)	4S*	D	+	0	0	0	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	70
RAY BAIRD[b] (Rockwood)	5S	D	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100
VICTOR ASHE (Knoxville)	7S	R	+	0	0	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	0	+	83
BETTY CATHEY (Knoxville)	7S	D	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100
R. T. BYRD III (Cleveland)	9S	D	+	+	0	+	+	+	+	+	0	+	+	+	+	+	+	88
DOUG HENRY, JR. (Nashville)	21S	D	+	0	0	0	+	+	+	0	0	+	+	+	0	0	+	58
House of Representatives																		
"DICK" STOUT (Kingsport)	2	D	?	+	+	+	?[c]	?[c]	?[c]	+	+	?[c]	+	+	?[c]	–	+	43
RALPH YELTON (Kingsport)	3	D	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	?	93
HERB. DENTON (Blountville)	3	R	–	0	0	0	+	?	–	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	47
M. HOUSEHOLDER (Knoxville)	14	D	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100
BILL OWEN (Knoxville)	15	D	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	?[c]	+	+	+	+	93
DR. T.S. LUNDY (Knoxville)	18	R	+	0	0	0	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	85
MIKE ROWLAND[d] (Knoxville)	18	D	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100
"BO" HENRY[e] (Maryville)	20	R	0	0	0	0	?	?	?	–	+	?	+	+	0	+	0	21
BENNY STAFFORD (Lenoir C.)	21	R	0	0	0	0	+	?	?	–	+	?	?	0	+	+	?[c]	20
N. ALEXANDER[f] (Ch'nooga)	28	I	Wrote general letter. No specific answers.															?
BOB JOHNSON (Chattanooga)	29	R	p.msg	+	+	+	+[h]	+[h]	0	0	0	+[h]	+	+	0	0	+	(57)
CHRIS CAWOOD[d] (Kingston)	32	D	–	0	0	0	+	+	+	–	+	+	+	+	0	+	+	49
KEITH BISSELL (Oak Ridge)	33	D	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100
L. M. McCOIG (Oak Ridge)	33	R	0	?[g]	0	0	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	77
C. O. FRENCH (Nashville)	53	R	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	0	+	+	+	+	+	?	+[h]	86
MICHAEL MURPHY (Nashville)	55	D	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	0	+	93
DR. S. COBB[j] (Nashville)	56	D	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	–[k]	+	+	+	+	0	+	+	80[j]
JIM RAU[m] (Nashville)	56	R	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	?	+	+	+	?	+	85
M. A. DUMDEI (Clarksville)	67	I	+	+	+	+	0	?	+	+	+	0	–	+[n]	+	+	+	65
L. P. TAYLOR[p] (Huntingdon)	74	R	p.msg	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+[l]	+[h]	?	+	–	(72)
L. P. FUQUA[q] (Milan)	75	D	+	0	0	0	+	+	0	–	+	0	+	+	+	0	+	48
R. STALLINGS (Bolivar)	80	D	+	0	0	0	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	85
M. A. SARIPKIN (Memphis)	83	D	+	0	0	0	+	+	?[c]	+	+	?[c]	?[c]	?[c]	+	+	+	55
J. W. SPENCE (Memphis)	90	D	+	0[r]	0[r]	0[r]	+	+	?[s]	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	77
BRAD MARTIN (Memphis)	94	R	+	+	+	+	+	+	?	+	+	?	+	+	0	+[t]	0	71
ED WILLIAMS (Memphis)	96	R	+	0[u]	+	?[v]	+	+	+[w]	+	+	+	last page was missing					(56)
J. STEINHAUER (Hendersonvl)	45	D	+	+	+	+	+[y]	+[y]	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	0	+	93

*S = Senatorial districts; all others are Representative Districts (see over)

**For questions, see pp. 7, 8

a- For other footnotes, see p.8

+ = agreed with TCWP position (score 5 to 8, depending on question)

– = disagreed with TCWP position (negative score of 5 to 8)

0 = no answer (no score)

? = qualified answer (no score)

Districts

Senatorial: 4 = Claiborne, Cocke, Grainger; 5 = Anderson, Roane, part Knox; 7 = part Knox; 9 = Bradley, McMinn, Monroe, Polk; 21 = part Davidson.

Representative: 2,3 = part Sullivan; 14,15,18 - pt. Knox; 20 = pt. Blount; 21 = pt. Blount, Loudon; 28 = pt. Hamilton; 32 = parts of Roane, Campbell, Morgan, Anderson; 33 = pts. Roane, Anderson; 45 = Davidson, Macon, Robertson, Sumner, Trousdale; 53,55,56 = pt. Davidson; 67 = pt. Montgomery; 74 = Benton, pt. Humphreys; 75 = pt. Gibson; 80 = pts. Fayette, Hardeman; 83,90,94,96 = pt. Shelby.

SPECIAL NOTE TO OAK RIDGE VOTERS

Among the proposed amendments to the City Charter, #7 would require that a public hearing be held before city-owned land zoned "greenbelt" can be sold or leased. Presently, public hearings are not required prior to the sale of city-owned land.

Don't forget

vote Nov 5

EPA hearing Nov 6

TCWP annual mtg Nov 14

TCWP hike, Nov. 23