



Web Images News Audio Video

Search: Search

Quick Find

Advertise on Excite Powered by AdBrite

Excite | Lite | Email | Help

Find Your Graduating Class



I graduated in: 1937 1967 1977

1331/40441-12/01

FIND

Mail Addresses

Premium Services | POP Accounts | Mail Preferences | Help gofish12@excite.com sign out

<< Hide Folders ✓ Check Messages Compose Message

NEW! What's this? Search Email Advanced Search

Folders

- Inbox
- Drafts
- Sent
- Trash (Empty)
- Bulk Mail (Empty)

< Prev Next > Back to Inbox

Reply Reply All Delete Forward As Attachment

Message is not flagged. [Flag for Follow Up]

Date: Mon Apr 30 02:00:21 2007

From: Dennis Burke <burke@goodgovernment.org>

[Add to Address Book | Block Address | Report as Spam]

To: GrannyD <grannyd3@verizon.net>

Cc: Jim Haddock <gofish12@excite.com>

Subject: NH Legislature testimony

(I like this approach because it sets the tone without arguing the details. Let the younger people argue the details. Set the tone high for the debate.)

Attachment and text as email.

My Folders

- dell
- dennis
- diesels
- ebay
- Eddie
- Forevergreen
- grannyd
- hiroshi
- indian ridge
- kodak
- libby
- pay online
- personel
- pol
- Saved
- sophia heart
- speechs
- suzann pup
- townhall

Testimony in NH Legislature

My name is Doris Haddock and I reside on Cobb Meadow Road in Dublin, New Hampshire.

Spam Tools

- Spam Filter Level: High
- My Block List
- Image Filter
- Custom Filters

I have watched politics for a long time in this state, as I was born here and I am 97. I have watched as our young people have gone off to war to defend our freedoms. A constant feature of our people has been their deep sense of patriotism, and I am sure that this feeling runs deep in your own instinct for public service.

Great deals from Dell

Red Envelope Shop now, ship later

Free invitations, eCards, party ideas

Therefore, I do not have to waste your time in telling you that we will resist any slipping away of our belief that all citizens have a right to be heard and to take their turn representing us as our public servants. You will resist any changes that would reserve those rights to only the rich, just as our great grandfathers and mothers resisted the crown and its designated lords.

Sponsored Links

T 1 Internet Provider: Full T1 for \$399. No SI Up Costs. www.Speakeasy.net

Broadband Phone Service - Business Plans start at \$19.99 Free Analysis 1 50% Savings Packet8.net

If we could bring back our forefathers to this room, they would, I am quite sure, warn you of the fact that the costs of running for office have changed in a way that threatens the freedom of the average man and woman. They would appeal to your patriotism to amend the law so that average people could again be heard and again give service.

Some states have confronted that patriotic challenge. In Maine and Arizona, and more recently in other states and cities, the people can raise small contributions among their fellow citizens that qualify them for public funds so that public elections can again belong to the people, and not to the wealthy elite. The candidates and public officials under this system owe allegiance not to self-serving special interests, but to the people of their districts. That is where they now spend their time during the campaigns. That is who they listen to first, when they are in office. That is a dramatic return to the kind of democracy that America's young people have been willing to risk and sacrifice their lives for. This is the freedom of a free people.

In passing a Clean Elections program for New Hampshire, you are not being asked to embrace an unproven, radical reform. You are being asked to return us to the time when the public paid for the debates in the park, when the family businessmen of our main streets made the small contributions to modest campaigns to get the word out.

debates in the park, when the family businessmen of our main streets made the small contributions to modest campaigns to get the word out.

The cost of advertising is of course the distortion to the system that threatens our idea of a government of, by and for our people. The Clean Elections program is the logical and quite necessary adjustment to that new fact.

Making this change is something we owe to ourselves, to the coming generation, and, in all patriotism, it is what we owe to those who have again and again secured our freedom as a self-governing people.

The system will cost money. Roads cost money. Schools cost money. Public health costs money. Democracy costs money.

You may resist the idea of doing what Arizona did, which was to add a 10% surcharge on civil and criminal penalties to fund the system. In Arizona, no one has to contribute to the system; all they have to do instead is to obey the law.

Or there may be other ways to fund the program here.

You may say that, if we had that additional revenue, we would be better advised to use it for our schools or something else.

That argument is not a fair one if the underfunding of schools is of your own doing, of course.

Even so, if a free democracy is the item you would choose to underfund because you have underfunded other necessary needs, how does that square with your patriotic commitment to a free people's democracy? Would you tour the veteran's hospitals and cemeteries with that message? Would you not feel more like messengers of the crown, making your argument that the wealthy elite know best to govern, and that they will dole out the budget in breadcrumbs as they see best?

I would expect better patriotism of you, and you would probably expect better of yourselves, if you will but think deeply upon it.

We are entering a time of great change. It is in the very weather. Will we enter these new times as a free people, or as a people led only by the millionaires who grace us with their courteous power?

Argue the matter on its merits. That is your job. But get the job done, and do not tell us that we cannot afford freedom and democracy. Other states have figured it out. All the men and women of your family and mine who have sacrificed for our freedoms would certainly expect this much patriotism from you.

Thank you very much.

[TestimonyinNHLegislature.doc \(62 KB\)](#) [[Download](#)]



[Reply](#) [Reply All](#) [Delete](#) [Forward](#) [As Attachment](#)

[Move to Folder](#)

Internet Phone Service

ViaTalk Broadband Phone Service Starting At \$9.95/mo.

[Your Ad Here](#)

[< Prev](#) [Next >](#) [Back to Inbox](#)

[Print View](#) [Full Header](#)

Sponsored Links

[T 1 Internet Providers](#) - Full T 1 for \$399. No Start Up Costs.
[www.Speakeasy.net](#)