

STAR-JOURNAL

MISSOURI HOUSE QUESTIONNAIRE

DIRECTIONS

We plan to use your answers word for word, providing you answer each question in 25 words or less. We edit for length, grammar, spelling, etc.

Start each answer by circling YES or NO as indicated; otherwise, an "X" will designate failure to answer, or equivocation. Again, answer in 25 words or less.

Return by e-mail to jackmiles@npgco.com.

This questionnaire is due by 5 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 21.

Questions? Call Editor Jack Miles at (660) 747-5676.

GENERAL QUESTIONS

Name? **Bill Wayne**

Age? **66**

Address? **431 SE Y Hwy**

City? **Warrensburg**

Married? **Yes, to Sandra, since 1977**

Number of Children? **0**

Highest grade completed? **MBA University of Missouri. BS degrees from USAF Academy (International Affairs) & UCM (Ag-business)**

What office do you seek? **State Representative, 121st District**

Present employer? **Self – Cedarcroft Farm B&B**

Relevant political/work experience? **Retired USAF Officer, including 14 years as Contract Management Officer. With my wife, operate Cedarcroft Farm B&B since 1988. Currently President of state B&B association.**

1. Why are you running for office? **To provide an alternative voice for those fed up with the policies and campaign tactics of major parties and to speak for personal liberty.**
2. Name your top three endorsements/supporters. (No elaboration, please.)

TAX QUESTIONS

1. Missouri has the lowest state tax on tobacco in the nation. Given that fact, and the state's budget, should Missouri raise the cigarette tax? **No. I oppose any net tax increases. Cut spending by eliminating/merging departments, boards, regulations & programs.**
2. Do you have a plan to add to Missouri's revenue stream in 2011? **No. If we eliminate barriers to business formation and quit trying to pick winners with incentives, revenue will increase – but not immediately.**

3. Can you name a Mo. tax credit you would vote to end in 2011? **Yes All credits should be reviewed and eliminated unless they have provable benefits, not pie-in-the-sky overestimates. Start with film production incentives.**

4. Is it true that many Missouri tax credits do more to line the pockets of wealthy business owners than to provide jobs to Missourians. **No. Actually, they line the pockets of well-connected persons, whether or not they are wealthy or business owners. Limit or eliminate TIF, TDD, NID, etc.**

5. Did Jay Nixon act correctly to veto a measure that would have given a legislative committee authority over how to spend some ARRA funds? **No. Our elected representatives should have had a say in how this money was spent – or not spent!**

6. Is a flat sales tax better than continuing to rely on property taxes? **No. Towns with little retail activity would be hurt. I favor replacing the state income tax with consumption-based taxes - the Fair Tax.**

7. Do you favor Proposition A? **Yes. Income taxes are economic disincentives. Let's require all taxes over a minimal base to sunset, and require a vote to extend them.**

EDUCATION QUESTIONS

1. Is the legislature, in this economy, doing a good job for K-12? **NO. We need vouchers and a form of school choice to make schools compete to do better.**

2. Is the legislature, in this economy, doing a good job for higher ed? **Yes. About as good a job as can be expected right now. There is no extra money; colleges need to trim admin costs.**

3. Are all NCLB test benchmarks reasonable? **No. It punishes districts that need the most help. NCLB should be repealed and states set their own standards.**

ENERGY QUESTIONS

1. Does coal-to-energy threaten Missourians' water, air and health? **No. If we can't meet energy needs, our health would be threatened.**

2. Is Missouri doing enough to end coal-to-energy reliance? **No You can't legislate technology. The market will produce the products when the demand is there. Drop the irrational ideology and allow consumer choice.**

3. Should electric utilities have authority to charge present customers for future projects? **Yes. How else are they to reasonably finance long-term projects? Power plants (of any type) or improved distribution systems take years and money.**

SOCIAL QUESTIONS

1. Is Proposition B a threat to the rural economy? **Yes. It's misleading and funded by groups that oppose any kind of animal husbandry.**
2. Would you vote to end abortion in cases of rape and incest? **No. We have reasonable restrictions right now; we can reconsider if biological research and the Supreme Court provide reasons to change.**
3. Has the legislature done enough to make sure Johnson County families are better off now than they were two years ago? **No. It's not their job to make us better off by "doing things." They can make us better off by freeing us from useless restrictions.**