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Democratic candidates predict favorable election

By Pat Higgins

This year will be the best year for the Democratic Party since the 1932 election of Franklin D. Roosevelt, state Sen. George "Bill" Burrows of Adams said Wednesday night.

Burrows, a Democratic candidate for governor, spoke at a rally at the Airport Inn. The Lancaster County Democratic Party and the Lancaster County Democratic Women's Club sponsored the rally. Burrows linked Gov. Charles Thone's economic policies to Ronald Reagan.

"The governor continues to endorse the Reagan policies of high interest rates, high unemployment and a disastrous farm bill," Burrows said.

The Reagan economic policy shifts wealth to the already rich, Burrows said. High income people receive tax breaks and benefit most from high interest rates, Burrows said.

Burrows blamed Thone for the decline in the state treasury. Burrows proposes to raise state corporate taxes

to increase the state treasury.

Corporations babied

"Corporations shouldn't be allowed to freeload," Burrows said. "Nebraska has one of the lowest corporate taxes in the country."

Taxes should be increased for people who make more than \$50,000, Burrows said.

"The governor's office needs to be a place of positive leadership," Burrows said.

Lincoln businessman Bob Kerrey, also a Democratic candidate for governor, criticized Thone for a lack of progress in the state. He said he was a candidate because of his administrative skills and his compassion as a leader during a time of dwindling resources.

"Nebraskans are willing to share abundance with the economically disadvantaged," Kerrey said. "The poor shouldn't be trampled while we wait for economic recovery. Nebraskans recognize that we only need leadership to accomplish our goals."

Curt Donaldson of Lincoln, a Democratic candidate for

the 1st Congressional District, said he was a candidate for the working person.

No blue collar voice

"The only place that you'll see a blue collar worker in Congress is in the janitor work pool," Donaldson said.

He said if Reagan was a carpenter, his advice would be to let the roof fall in. Congressman Doug Bereuter is the carpenter's, or the president's, assistant, he said.

"The roof is falling in on the housing and construction industry," Donaldson said.

Marlin Pals of Lincoln, another 1st District Congressional candidate, said he became a Democrat and is running for Congress because the social conscience of business has failed.

Larry Sather, a Democrat from Fremont, is also running for Congress from the 1st District. He said if he was elected he would work to protect pensions and health care.

"I'm furious about the Reagan tax cut because it is a windfall for the wealthy," Sather said.

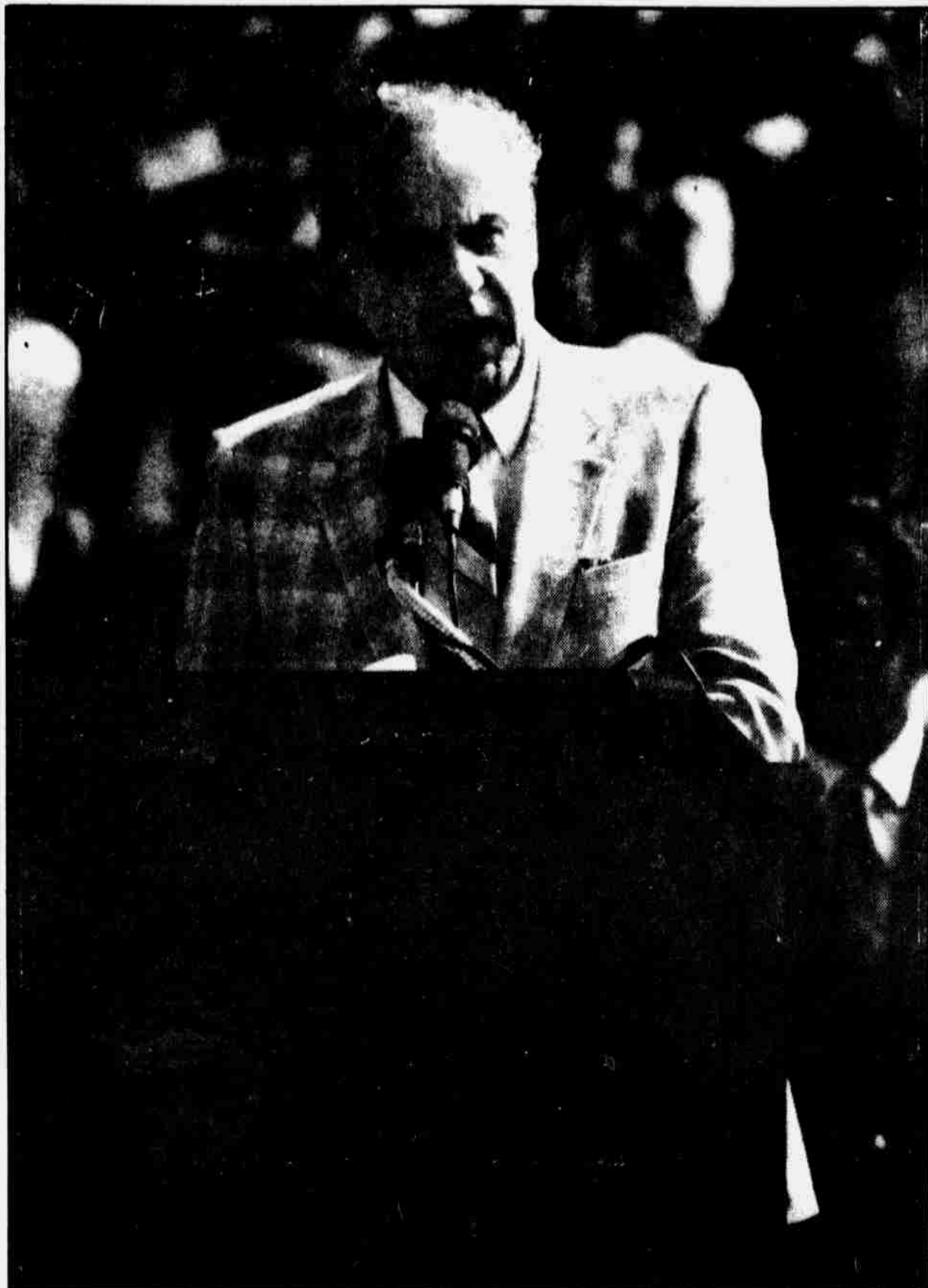


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Gov. Charles Thone speaks to a crowd of nearly 500 people Thursday afternoon at the rededication of the Nebraska State Capitol Building.

Bereuter says cutting programs will lower U.S.A.'s national debt

By Leslie Kendrick

Cutting such programs as the Guaranteed Student Loan program will lower national debt and provide a renewed level of confidence in the economy by U.S. businesses and citizens, U.S. Representative Doug Bereuter said Thursday.

Bereuter addressed the Lincoln Chamber of Commerce about budget issues and bills being considered in Congress.

Bereuter said there is a chance a stalemate could occur over the proposed budget in the House.

"Speaker of the House Tip O'Neill clearly thinks the political tide is moving in his direction in fiscal affairs and grant programs," Bereuter said.

"But there are people in both parties who want to get us out of inflation, who have the best interests of the nation in mind, and who will put political loyalties aside," he said.

This will probably be O'Neill's last year as speaker, so his influence will not be as great, he said. Bereuter has co-sponsored the mandatory balanced budget proposal. The proposal, he said, would impose a Constitutional spending limit based on a percentage of the Gross National Product. Bereuter said the proposed spending limit is not a panacea, but is an important step in limiting government spending.

The proposed corporate minimum tax might have a chance of passing in the House, Bereuter said. The proposal would impose a minimum surtax on corporations.

The Clean Air Act will probably receive "at minimum" a one year extension, although it's much too early to tell, Bereuter said.

Bereuter said he does not favor a re-

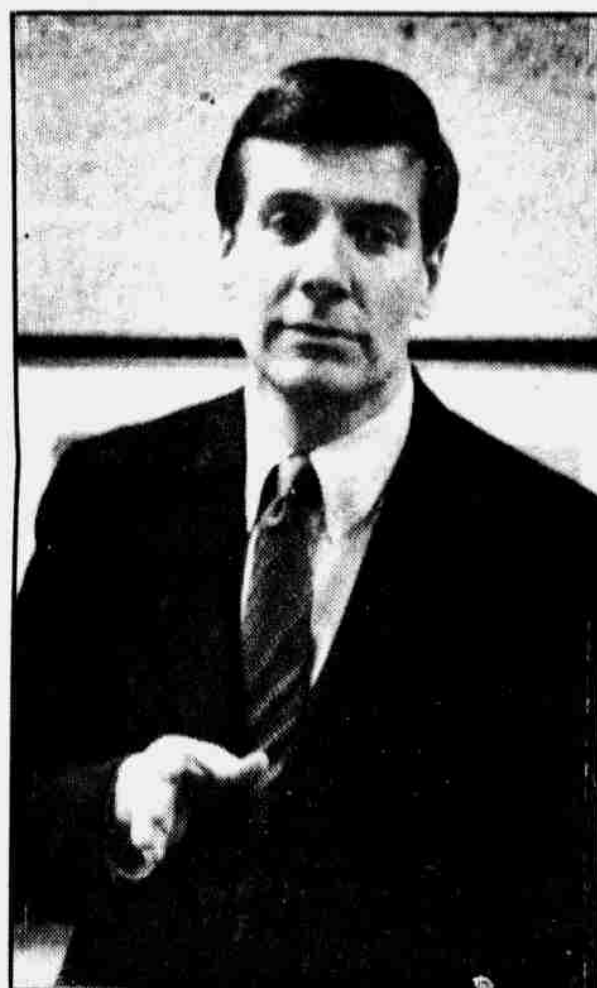


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Doug Bereuter

treat from existing air quality standards in the United States, but said he is in favor of guidelines and deadlines being extended for certain industries.

Bereuter said he is attempting to form a Prairie States Coalition to represent agricultural interests of the area.

All of the Midwestern states voted against the current agriculture bill in the House because it represented cotton, peanut and tobacco interests, he said.

Bereuter said he has a long-term commitment to knocking down tariffs against U.S. beef and citrus crops.

Bereuter said he favors taking the welfare and health care elements out of the Social Security program — leaving legitimate benefits. Bereuter said he doesn't want to reduce benefits for people who are now retired.

Voter registration packets not related to GLC

By Mary Louise Knapp

Voter registration information distributed Wednesday by the Students For Political Action has caused some questions on campus, the group's sponsor said.

Larry Weixelman said the information contained in the SFPA packets was identical to information released previously by ASUN's Government Liaison Committee and the Nebraska State Student Association. The SFPA packets contain voter registration information and sample ballots, he said. Weixelman explained that at the SFPA's booth, students were asked what political party they belonged to and were given a packet that contained the voter information and a sample Republican or Democratic ballot, depending on the student's political party.

Nette Nelson, GLC chairman, said some students saw

the SFPA packets with the sample ballots and asked her if the packets were from GLC.

"The difficulty was that anyone who saw one (SFPA) packet apart from the others might think it implied GLC's partisanship," Nelson said. The bylaws of GLC prohibit the group from political partisanship, she said.

Nelson said the voter information in question was compiled by GLC members from material given to it by the League of Women Voters, the Secretary of State's office and the Lancaster County Election Commissioner.

"It's public information," Nelson said. "I have no problem with them (SFPA) not giving credit to GLC or NSSA for it."

Nelson said that if the SFPA had contacted her and

told her that they planned to use the information in their voter registration packets, she would have suggested that they reword it so as not to cause confusion.

Weixelman said neither the names of GLC or NSSA were on the information when he received it.

"To the best of my knowledge, the information was delivered to us here on campus or we got access to it at registration booths," he said.

The group may have received the information during GLC's voter registration drive in February, he said.

Nelson and Weixelman said both groups wanted to achieve the same goal — getting students to register to vote — and both groups support one another.