

REBEL WITH A CAUSE

When my hero Czar Reed, the last Speaker of the US House from Maine, was asked if his party might nominate him for President, he noted "They could do worse, and they probably will".

As for my chances of being elected to Congress, I feel the same way.

Gather near. Herewith is my Final Pitch for your vote:

I was born in Farmington, Maine. My father went to Yale and Harvard and served in China as a businessman, later running the family wood turning business and playing for the Bangor Symphony Orchestra. I graduated from the University of Maine, BA 1964. Rutgers University, MA 1970. Graduate Study, Princeton University's Woodrow Wilson School, 1983. Part-time employment, Frary Wood-turning Co., 1952-1964. Professed history and Assistant Dean at Middlesex County College 1972-2004. Returned to Maine within 2 weeks of my retirement in 2004, where I became a philanthropist, bon vivant and member of Farmington Board of Selectman, since 2007 to the present.

I promise only what I can deliver as a freshman congressmammal—to donate my salary in the same way I have been donating 10-20% of my pension income: To actually say what I think, however unpopular: and To serve one term—so these are the only promises I will make.

I have proposed having Cianbro build a refinery at the former Loring AFB, which would process 200,000 barrels a day, use the existing pipeline right of way, and provide 800 to 1000 real jobs for the Maine. Deafening silence from Mike Michaud, my incumbent opponent. (I even offered to name it the Mike Michaud Memorial Refinery - how's that for bipartisan?). I have proposed building more hydroelectric dams to create energy in Maine, and to stop tearing out the dams we have. Michaud attends a press conference by Baldacci where the Gov praises the efforts of those who have torn the existing dams out, and Mike says nothing. I propose that we stop tearing up the railroad tracks and start bringing in some industry to use them. Crickets from Michaud. I have proposed a thorough review of the disastrous War on Drugs; banalities from Mike. Another mill closes; Mike is nowhere to be found.



"With contributor Senator Collins"

I hope that you can see that I intend to be a completely different sort of Congressman than the sound bite spewing metrosexual mediocrities currently infesting the Potomac. If you are ready for something new and bracing, I'm the breath of fresh air you've been waiting for. I would be honored to have your vote.

As for the other guy, Michaud, as of earlier this year, had sponsored 566 bills in his 5+ years in Congress. One bill was scheduled to be considered this year IN THE SENATE, because Collins picked it up. If it passes, it will not go into effect because there is no funding attached to the measure. All other legislation initiated by Mike has vanished into legislative limbo, 565 times.

Of course this includes his signature piece, the constitutional amendment 'that guarantees there will always be Social Security for our workers, children and grandchildren.' If this were passed and the current trends continue, the PAYROLL TAX ALONE would be 44% in 2050. Once you add federal income taxes and state and local taxes to that figure, you might get to take home 20% of your paycheck. I don't think I'll be voting for it, not that anyone has ever heard of this measure anyway.

Mike asked for more than 500 earmarks last year, 50% more than Collins, Snowe and Allen COMBINED, but only 22 were approved. He refuses, unlike Collins and Snowe, to reveal what earmarks he asked for.

Congress.org compiles a Power Ranking each year, showing how much pull the 435 members of Congress have in directing legislation and bringing home the bacon. Out of 236 Democrats, 230 rank HIGHER than Mike Michaud. Chillingly incompetent. The ones who rank lower than him include 5 freshmen and a member who is under indictment.

OK, my opponents claim I use too many big words and speak whimsically, but it is Michaud that is the farce here. Mike Michaud is the most useless member of the most useless Congress in history. One wag wrote to the Morning Sentinel: 'Michaud has the mental capacity of a field mouse.'- and then went on to say some unflattering things about me as well (he apparently objects to my elegant attire) but did conclude by saying he will vote for me. Why anyone would vote for Mike is a mystery to me. The phrase 'They could do worse, and probably will' scarcely applies.

You have absolutely nothing to lose by voting for The Professor. About the only power a common citizen has anymore is the power to say 'No'. Look for me on the ballot, and THROW THE BUMS OUT.



Had Enough Baloney?

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