

Presented before the Bullhead Chamber of Commerce U.S. Representative, District 2 Candidate Debate, August 5, 2004. Powell Gammill (L) opening statement:

American soldiers who volunteered to defend this country have had their lives interrupted and risked to invade and occupy a country that posed no threat to the USA. All to expand an empire, control oil and gas, and create huge military bases for the future invasion of the Middle East.

George Bush has eliminated virtually all of your Rights as reserved in the Bill of Rights, including imprisoning citizens without trial, denying them access to a lawyer, or even bothering to charge them.

Mr. Franks was there to support and enable Mr. Bush in this. He has enthusiastically supported the undeclared war in Iraq. He has staunchly defended the PATRIOT Act.

Mr. Franks would like you to believe he is a principled man. Principles are what you defend when the going gets tough, not just when it is convenient. When the votes in the U.S. House were tied, Mr. Bush would call on Mr. Franks to switch his vote, and Mr. Franks would comply.

Mr. Franks has made much lately of his voting against the Transportation bill, because of its excessive spending, which does not show anything about the man since he knew full well this bill would pass by a landslide. This does not demonstrate his fiscal responsibility.

In 19 months of office Mr. Franks has voted to spend over 3.7 trillion of your tax dollars, that is \$13,000 of additional debt for every man, woman and child in the USA. Can you afford to send Mr. Franks back to Washington? Republicans have a choice in September, and everyone has a choice in November. Choose wisely.

Powell Gammill closing statement:

47% of this district is registered Republican, 30% is registered Democrat. A 17% margin means that no matter how fine any of these three Democratic candidates are they cannot possibly defeat the Republican in November. But I can.

If you are as tired of the constant lies and broken promises coming out of your parties, if you are tired of your incumbent candidates not coming anywhere near your expectations, this election your one vote can make the difference.

Just this once. Just this one time, show your party they cannot blindly count on your support. They cannot scare you by saying a vote for a third party is throwing your vote away, or even throwing the election to the other party.

What does it matter? Both parties sound the same, vote the same, support the same ideas. Both parties simply divvy up your paycheck between themselves. Every vote for a Libertarian is a vote lost by these two parties. A vote that says, 'if you want my vote in the future you had better start consistently defining yourselves, and if elected, you had better accomplish what you promise.'

Libertarian federal office candidates Michael Badnarik, Ernest Hancock and Powell Gammill would appreciate your votes this November. Our message is consistent: Freedom from government in your lives. Thank you.