

Testimony of James J. Condit Jr. about Vote Discrepancies related to the published results for Dubuque County, Iowa during the Iowa Presidential Caucuses of 1996, and the central role assigned to Voter News Service based in New York City by the State Republican Party of Iowa, which was operating the Iowa Presidential Caucuses in harmony with the laws of the state of Iowa.

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I, James J. Condit Jr., being first duly sworn upon oath,

depose and state as follows:

- 1.) I am of legal age, competent, and if called to testify in this matter, could do so of my own personal knowledge and belief.
- 2.) I was in Dubuque County at Dubuque Hempstead High School on the night of February 12, 1996. I organized voters who also served as eye witnesses in each of the 41 classrooms, 31 at Hempstead High School, and 10 a short distance away at a school in Dyersville.
- 3.) I further saw with my own eyes the instruction sheet from the State Republican Party of Iowa sent to county leaders which informed them that they must all their results into Voter News Service, based in New York City. The sheet also said that the first ten county leaders to call in the results would receive a Voter News Service coffee cup. This sheet was noticed, and handed to me, by a senior college student from Loras College, Mr. Tim Wozniak.
- 4.) As each precinct reported their results, GOP County Chairman Rod Blum put the results for each candidate in each precinct on a big blackboard in the hall of the Hempstead High School. Rod Blum did an admirable and perfectly honest job. The final totals, which I saw with my own eyes and copied down, were 870 votes for Patrick Buchanan, 339 for Senator Robert Dole, and the rest far behind.
- 5.) I also saw with my own eyes, in the next few days, that major newspapers, including the Des Moines Register, published the AP reported results, which showed Buchanan at 757 votes, 113 votes short of what he actually received as witnessed by all who were watching the figures go up on the blackboard at Hempstead High School as posted as they came in by then-GOP Dubuque County Chairman, Rod Blum.
- 6.) Four months later, I received a copy of a letter dated June 6, 1996, sent to Mr. Lois Pusateri of Dubuque, Iowa by Senator Charles Grassley of Iowa. The letter was issued on his Washington office letterhead. A copy of that letter is attached to this affidavit. In that letter Senator Grassley confirms that in 1988, 1992, and 1996, the Iowa Republican Party turned the counting of the votes of the Iowa Caucus over to the Voter News Service organization. (It was publicly known at that time that Voter News Service, or VNS, was headquartered in New York City, and that it consisted of a consortium of ABC, CBS, NBC, CNN and AP wire -- all headquartered in New York City.) It was also publicly known that the Iowa Caucuses were conducted under the relevant state laws governing political parties who had achieved the status of being officially recognized by the State of Iowa, as regards ballot status, and so on. Senator Grassley goes on to say in said letter that: "The State Republican Party has no role in this reporting process and no independent verification of the votes."

FURTHER AFFIANT SAYETH NOT

James J. Condit Jr.
AFFIANT

SUBSCRIBED and sworn to before me
this 26th day of DECEMBER, in the year of 2007.

Thomas W. Condit

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Thomas W. Condit, Attorney at Law
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My Commission Expires on 12/31/2008
date: Section 147.03 R.C.

Senator Charles E. Grassley
Washington, D.C.

June 6, 1996

Mrs. Lois A. Pusateri
2425 Green Street
Dubuque, Iowa 52001

Dear Mrs. Pusateri:

Thank you for writing to me regarding your concerns about vote fraud in the Iowa caucuses. To start with, let me explain the system.

Seeking to ensure an honest reporting of voting information, since 1988, the Iowa Caucuses have operated under the system whereby the precinct gives its results to the county which, in turn, passes the information on to the "official" reporting outlet, the Voter News Service (VNS). All reports go directly from the county to VNS. The State Republican Party has no role in this reporting process and no independent verification of the votes. VNS is the first entity to get the results and then it reports them.

I don't know for certain why there was a discrepancy between what you saw reported and what the actual numbers were, but there is a significant lag time between the time the votes are cast and when the state party gets the final, confirmed information from the county. This is why the final numbers aren't available for several weeks.

I certainly understand your concern regarding voting fraud. It is, indeed, a very serious matter. But, under the system I described above, I believe a fair accounting of the Iowa Caucuses takes place.

Please contact me again when you have questions or concerns on any matter.

Sincerely,



Charles E. Grassley
United States Senator

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