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QUESTIONS

EVALUATION OF THE ROLE OF THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH

Phase 1: The Presidency

Send one copy of your report to LWVUS c/o Organization Department and one copy to the state League. Keep the third copy for your local League file. Please send completed report to LWVUS as early as possible. Deadline for receipt is November 24, 1975.

The Representative Government position calls for:

. . . an open governmental system that is representative, accountable and responsive . . . (Documents, LWVUS, Pub. #521, page 18)

. . . elimination of unnecessary secrecy . . . between Congress and the Executive Branch . . . (Documents, LWVUS, Pub. #521, page 21)

Please relate your discussion and answers concerning Question I to the above positions. (Please reply to this question on REPORT FORM attached.)

I. DOES YOUR LEAGUE SUPPORT OR OPPOSE ANY CHANGES IN THE PRESIDENTIAL POWERS?

* Consider the following in your discussion:

o Should there be periodic review by Congress and/or the public of legislation granting powers to the Executive.

o Should there be time limits on the exercise of executive powers specified in the legislation.

o Other changes you may suggest.

* Discuss specifically foreign policy powers such as executive agreements and war powers; emergency powers; fiscal policy powers.

* If your League has concentrated its study on one of the other presidential powers, you may include them also.

I. DOES YOUR LEAGUE SUPPORT OR OPPOSE ANY CHANGES IN THE PRESIDENTIAL POWERS?

A. Periodic Review by Congress and/or Public:

Executive Agreements: Yes

The public makes its' feelings known through Congress.

War Powers: Yes

Emergency Powers: Yes

Review of all existing present states of emergency with procedures set up for declaring, regulating and terminating as in some of the proposed bills.

Fiscal Policy Powers: Yes

support legislation as in 1973-74, with improvement of impoundment control procedures.

Other Powers:

B. Time Limits:

Executive Agreements: Yes (as specified by Congress)
Legislation as found in the Glenn Bill
might be used.

War Powers: Yes

As provided in the 1973 Resolution with
proposed changes as in the Eagleton Amendment.

Emergency Powers: Yes

Fiscal Policy Powers: Yes

There is a need to tighten Congressional control
and accountability for expenditures.

Other Powers:

C. Other Changes:

We feel there is a need for reorganization of the
Executive branch to consolidate function in order to
clarify and fix responsibility and accountability; a need
to cut back on the number of employees in the executive
office of the president with encouragement to restore
more reliance on the cabinet.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR QUESTIONS II AND III:

circle Y (yes) if your League supports the idea
 circle N (no) if your League opposes the idea
 circle U (undecided) if your League discussed but
 did not reach agreement
leave blank if your League did not discuss the subject

If you have other suggestions add these under "other" [II (j) and III (c)].

II. SHOULD THERE BE CHANGES IN THE SYSTEM OF PRESIDENTIAL SUCCESSION? Y N U

If yes, would you favor

(a) special election to fill vacancy in office of Vice President? Y N U

(b) special election if vacancies occur in both Presidential and Vice Presidential offices? Y N U

* (c) special election for both offices when appointed Vice President has succeeded to the Presidency? Y N U

(d) selection of all Vice Presidents using 25th amendment procedures? Y N U

(e) time limit on Congressional confirmation of Vice Presidential nominees under the 25th amendment? Y N U

(f) repeal of 25th amendment? Y N U

(g) changes in the Presidential Succession Act? Y N U

(h) abolition of office of Vice President? Y N U

(i) election of two or more Vice Presidents? Y N U

(j) other

If the president should die or become disabled or resign, we should have a special election immediately after. 7 yes, 3 no, others undecided.

III. SHOULD THERE BE CHANGES IN PRESIDENTIAL TERMS OF OFFICE? Y N U

If yes, would you favor

* (a) repeal of 22nd amendment? Y N U

(b) a single term for President? Y N U

(c) other

a majority thought a single six year term
 others thought unlimited four year term
 one person thought a single eight year term

* Minority report

II c. No III. a. No

member is Director LWV 85

members participating in this conference 17

Edward Pritzman, Representative Genl. chairman

Gene Keason, President LWV of District 11/24/75-

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Please return Report Form to the League of Women Voters of the United States,
c/o Organization Department by January 31, 1975

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LOCAL LEAGUE _____
STATE _____

LAND USE

QUESTIONS ON FEDERAL ROLE IN LAND USE

Be sure to use the everymember publication Land Use: Can We Keep Public and Private Rights in Balance? and the 1974 Committee Guide.

Instructions:

1. Where appropriate, circle Y (yes) if your League supports the idea
circle N (no) if your League opposes the idea
circle U (undecided) if your League discussed but did not reach agreement
leave blank if your League did not discuss the subject.
2. Please do not write comments or qualifications on this report form. Use separate sheets for any expository material including reasons for decision, explanation of League opinion, etc., clearly labeling the sheet to show the question to which it relates (e.g., II-7).

I. THE CONCEPT OF PUBLIC INTEREST IN THE USE AND OWNERSHIP OF LAND

Does your League agree with the following statements which set forth a general philosophy concerning the use and ownership of land?

1. Both public and private ownership of land imply stewardship Y N U
2. Land should be viewed as a finite resource as well as a commodity Y N U
3. It is imperative that citizens have meaningful participation in land use planning and regulation. Government must provide for (a) involvement of citizens in the earliest planning and regulatory stages and throughout the process (b) adequate funding of public information process (c) development of mechanisms to minimize conflict of interest on the part of persons who make land use decisions Y N U

N.B: Although no specific question has been posed on the conflicts between private interests and the public good, this issue is implicit in the questions in Sections II - V. On the basis of your responses, the national board will develop criteria for future guidance in making decisions where public and private interests conflict.

II. NATIONAL LAND USE GOALS

Please check all of the following land use goals with which your League agrees

- 1. Protect public health, welfare, and safety
- 2. Protect private property rights and values (in accordance with overall consideration of the public health, safety and welfare
- 3. Ensure public access to unique recreational areas such as beaches
- 4. Maintain and improve the quality of existing urban communities
- 5. Restore lands exposed by such activities as surface mining, overgrazing, construction, etc.
- 6. Relate use of land to its inherent characteristics and carrying capacities
- 7. Relate use of land to human needs - social, environmental and economic
- 8. Relate the conservation and wise use of energy and other natural resources to land use planning
- 9. Develop processes for comprehensive land use planning
- 10. Encourage regional planning and decision-making
- 11. Promote development of new concepts of community design
- 12. Enhance local and state capabilities for land use planning and regulation
- 13. Develop a national growth policy *in relation to land use.*
- 14. Other (List on additional sheet)

If there are any goals listed with which you do not agree, please explain why on additional sheet.

as long as they don't violate

III. ROLE OF GOVERNMENT (NATIONAL, STATE, OR LOCAL) IN LAND USE DECISIONS

(Please note: the question of the role of the federal government and of the relationship of federal-state-local activities is taken up in questions IV and V.)

Should some government level

- 1. Develop and provide inventories of land resources and present uses (Y) N U
- 2. Develop and provide information on social, environmental and economic needs (Y) N U
- 3. Identify and regulate areas of critical concern
 - a. fragile or historic lands, where development could result in irreversible damage (such as shorelands of rivers, lakes, and streams; estuaries and bays; rare or valuable ecosystems and geological formations; significant wildlife habitats; unique scenic or historic areas; wetlands; deserts) (Y) N U
 - b. renewable resource lands, where development could result in the loss of productivity (such as watershed, aquifers and aquifer recharge areas, significant agricultural and grazing lands, forest lands) (Y) N U
 - c. natural hazard lands, where development could endanger life and property (such as floodplains, areas with high seismic or volcanic activity, areas of unstable geologic, ice, or snow formations) (Y) N U
- 4. Identify and regulate areas impacted by public investment (such as transportation, energy uses, water and sewer utilities, waste disposal facilities) where siting results in secondary land use demands (Y) N U
- 5. Identify and regulate large scale private development (such as industrial parks, subdivisions, new communities, shopping centers, rural land sales and development projects) which may have substantial impact upon the physical, social and economic environment (Y) N U
- 6. Determine and provide land development of more than local benefit (such as low and moderate income housing, recreational and open space uses) not provided by private sector (Y) N U
- 7. Require environmental, social and economic impact statements on major public and private developments (Y) N U
- 8. Exercise the power to regulate the use of land without compensation, where reasonable and necessary, for the protection of the public health, safety, and welfare (Y) N U
- 9. Acquire land for public use *With compensation.* (Y) N U
- 10. Other (List on additional sheet)

IV. ROLE OF THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT IN LAND USE DECISIONS

Please check which of the following federal functions you support:

- 1. Give states and localities financial assistance
- 2. Give states and localities technical assistance
- 3. Collect, analyze and disseminate economic, environmental, and social data
- 4. Establish criteria for state and local land use planning and regulation
- 5. Develop standards for state and local land use planning and regulation
- 6. Provide financial incentives for states and localities that comply with standards or criteria
- 7. Impose sanctions on states or localities that do not comply with standards or criteria (such as denial of federal funding)
- 8. Mediate interstate land use conflicts
- 9. Broaden use of eminent domain (for such purposes as: land banking, purchase of land for parks and open space, large scale land assembly for new towns or major development, development of low income housing, redevelopment of inner city areas)
- 10. Review of federally-funded projects by all governmental levels for conformance with a comprehensive land use plan
- 11. Other (List on additional sheet)

If there are any functions listed with which you do not agree, please explain why on additional sheet.

V. MECHANISMS TO ENSURE FULL CONSIDERATION OF STATE, LOCAL AND NATIONAL INTERESTS IN NATIONAL LAND USE DECISIONS

- A. Should criteria be developed to identify scope of areas and activities of
 - 1. multi-state concern Y N U
 - 2. national concern Y N U

- B. Should federal land use activities conform to approved state land use programs? Y N U

Under what conditions? Use additional sheet if needed.

- C. Should mechanisms for decision-making on land use be developed which would include
 - 1. representation of
 - a. all levels of government Y N U
 - b. all public agencies affected Y N U
 - c. all public and private parties affected by a land use decision Y N U
 - 2. an administrative appeals procedure for arbitrating conflicts Y N U

- D. Should the federal government have the power to make preemptive decisions on matters of national interest? Y N U

For what kinds of land use decisions? (See question III, A, 3-6 for possibilities) Use additional sheet if needed.

B
** as good as, or better than*

D P.M with appeals

Scope of land use is too broad & National Board should be given more definite guides.

Number of members in local League _____

Is your local League a member of a recognized ILO or other inter-League group? If so, please name _____

Number participating in decision-making _____

Who filled out form? _____
(Name)

(Portfolio)

Signature of local League President _____

Date _____

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