

Spannaus Files for Senate With Debt Warning

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Nancy Spannaus, the LaRouche Democrat running for the U.S. Senate seat now held by Republican incumbent John Warner, filed 14,000 signatures with the Virginia State Board of Elections on June 11, to qualify for ballot status in November. Upon qualification, Spannaus will become the only Democrat on the ballot—which will also contain Senator Warner, and Jacob Hornberger, a Libertarian running as an independent.

The corrupt Gore-Lieberman dominated State Democratic Party apparatus decided two weeks before not to field any candidate, after previously refusing to allow for a primary or caucus.

Upon announcing her filing, Mrs. Spannaus, a Lovettsville resident, issued a statement on the impending hyperinflationary financial blowout, and the increased danger of an ugly U.S. military adventure over the course of the next few months. While the media joined the Democratic Party in boycotting Spannaus' press conference at the Board of Elections

in Richmond, the candidate got out the word on a major radio talk show in Richmond that afternoon.

The abdication by the Democratic Party has created a political vacuum in Virginia—as it has around the country. Statewide, the Democratic Party is giving four Congressional Republicans a free ride, in addition to Senator Warner.

LaRouche's Support

Democratic Presidential pre-candidate Lyndon LaRouche, in his endorsement of Spannaus' candidacy on May 20, noted the dangers involved in the political parties distancing themselves from any semblance of meaningful dialogue with the constituents. "That must now be changed," LaRouche said, and "therefore, the policies associated with Manatt, Fowler, Mary Sue Terry, [Paul] Goldman, and Gore, must be overridden for the purpose of rebuilding the party into a form which can earn the mandate to govern under the conditions of escalating crisis gripping the Commonwealth and the nation at this time."

In a June 4 statement announcing her final petition drive, Spannaus picked up this theme. "As a close LaRouche associate, I have the unique qualifications to be your Senator. I will engage Virginia voters in the kind of discussion required, to solve the policy crises before us. LaRouche, who is running for President in 2004, is the only leader who has earned the respect of U.S. citizens, and the world, on the question of the economic crisis, and its solution. His solutions represent the core of my platform: the application of the principle of the

Party 'In Denial' on Debt

In an interview with Richmond's WLEE-Radio on the afternoon of her June 11 filing, Nancy Spannaus was asked by interviewer Jim Jacobs about her warnings that the debt blowout of the U.S. economy, forecast by LaRouche, is now upon us.

Jacobs: If elected, are you going to be joining Democrats?

Spannaus: Actually, I hope I'll be leading Democrats, because we lack leadership in the party nationally, with people not wanting to face the depth of the economic crisis we have; they are *in denial*, as you would say nowadays.

We are in a situation where we need a new monetary system—

Jacobs: What do you mean, "a new monetary system"?

Spannaus: What I mean is, we are so *bankrupt*—all that we have been creating in the last decade, to three

decades, is debt. I have some charts that will blow your mind, if you want to look at them.

Jacobs: I'm afraid of your charts. They scare me. They are frightening.

Spannaus: That is like some of the Democrats. They don't want to hear it either—but it's not really a party question; it goes into both parties. We need a new monetary system because we have got to *freeze* some of this debt, which is never going to be paid.

The tax base is collapsing, and people are facing total destitution. You see Africa? You see Argentina? That's where we're headed, unless we have a new monetary system.

Jacobs: That's a mighty dire prediction.

Spannaus: It's not a prediction; it's a forecast.

Jacobs: Is the monetary system that corrupt?

Spannaus: It is that *bankrupt*. The kind of measures that are required are similar to a Chapter 11 for a firm.

Jacobs: So, you want us to default on our notes?

Spannaus: I want you to put them aside and freeze them while we rebuild productive capabilities—not our Federal government debt.



LaRouche Democrat Nancy Spannaus with the Virginia Board of Elections official who accepted her 14,000-signature filing for ballot status in the U.S. Senate race, after the Virginia Democratic Party refused to field a candidate against Senate Armed Forces Committee member John Warner. Spannaus' charts on U.S. indebtedness "scared" a Richmond radio interviewer.

general welfare to a world depression collapse which will, otherwise, take us into a global religious war, and a New Dark Age."

Where Are the Democrats?

Unlike many political campaigns in Virginia—where the candidate buys petition signatures for \$2.50 each—the Spannaus campaign activated several score citizens around the state, to take action for a candidate of their choosing. Dozens of citizens new to the campaign got involved, many acting politically for the first time in their lives.

In order to meet the the grueling petition requirements that demanded 400 signatures of qualified voters in each of the State's 11 Congressional Districts, as well 10,000 statewide, Spannaus squads fanned out around that Commonwealth, collecting nearly 10,000 signatures in only two weeks. According to several political sources, this feat is unprecedented in recent memory, and it astounded some party regulars who did not think it possible.

Spannaus supporters could be seen standing in front of supermarkets and discount stores, handing out literature and gathering signatures, often in blistering heat. A spokesman for the campaign said that voters were shocked at the failure of the Democrats to even mount a campaign, with many saying that the party's behavior was a "disgrace."

The petitioning took place despite a virtual press blackout of the effort, imposed with the connivance of the Democratic Party apparatus, at both the state and national level. To the extent that there was any report of a petitioning effort, it was attributed to Alexandria Democrat Gail Crook, who like Spannaus had unsuccessfully sought the party's nomination. Crook could gather only 2,000 signatures in the same period

that the Spannaus campaign organized the major part of its petition drive.

A spokesman for the campaign said that the response to the petitioning was gratifying and broad-based. The best response came from Muslim Americans, and from African-Americans, particularly those who have worked with the civil rights movement. Constituencies that have been traditionally hamstrung by the Democratic Party leadership, such as trade unionists, continued to hold back. But many other Virginians, representing normal working people, dug in, and got the job done.

But, while the petitioning moved along at a slow pace for a couple of months, the response exploded after June 1, the day the Democratic Party wrote "None" across its official statement on the Senatorial candidacy, the Spannaus campaign spokesman said. Virginia Democrats do not believe that all is well in the Commonwealth, or nationally, and they were incensed at the failure of the party to run a candidate. (This is actually the second time they have done so against Senator Warner; in an earlier race as an independent against Warner, Spannaus received nearly 20% of the vote statewide.) Nor were they pleased that nominal Democrat, Gov. Mark Warner, went on WTOPT radio to effectively endorse the Republican Senator and indicate his support for not running a candidate.

While many Democrats and Republicans were willing to put a LaRouche Democrat on the ballot to ensure a debate, the fight now escalates to getting them to admit that they have been foolish to ignore LaRouche and Spannaus, and instead to mobilize behind LaRouche's solution to the global economic crisis. Spannaus has said that her campaign will become a leading element of LaRouche's own campaign. There is only one solution to the current crisis, Spannaus says. My solution is Mr. LaRouche's program.

Spannaus: Last Chance To Back LaRouche, Before Crash and War

Independent Democratic candidate for Senate in Virginia, Nancy Spannaus, announcing successful completion of her ballot petition drive on June 11 in Richmond, released a new and shocking picture of the indebtedness of the U.S. economy spiralling upward during 2002, and heading for a late Summer-early Autumn financial blowout.

In filing my candidacy for the U.S. Senate today, I am putting before Virginians, once again, the opportunity to listen to economist Lyndon LaRouche and myself, and support