

Begs to differ - LTE *Bisbee Daily Review* (November 1, 1982)

I am sorry to have to disagree with three of the Review's recommendations in Tuesday's election, but the Review's choices seem to me to be so far away from the best interests of the majority of people in this county that I feel must write,

First, your preference for Steve Vukcevich (District & House) seems to be based wholly on the fact that he has been elected before and has served, as all representatives must, on committees of the legislature. Actually, Vukcevich's performance on the Health Committee is one of the best reasons for voting against him Tuesday. He has shown himself to be profoundly unknowledgeable in matters of public health, and has consistently voted against the best interests of county residents while serving on that committee.

Similarly, you've endorsed Joe Lane (District 8 House) for re-election mostly, it seems, because he has been in Phoenix for awhile. But again, if we look at the record, we find that Lane has almost always voted against anything that would really help the people of this county. In fact, as chief sponsor of the notorious Sagebrush Rebellion legislation, he has cost the people of this state thousands of dollars and made us a laughingstock of people all over the country. Had the now thoroughly discredited Rebellion he advocated been accomplished, thousands of acres of federally-administered land would have been lost to the people of Arizona, and millions in revenues from them. A vote for Lane is a vote for the worst kind of reactionary politics.

Third, I must disagree with your belief that the Bottle Bill is too radical for Arizona. Is making people pick up their mess too radical? Is making industry that pollutes clean up their pollution too radical? On the contrary, these are quite conservative approaches. Thirty years ago as a child in Ohio I can remember searching hard to find pop bottles to take to the store for refunds. It was hard to find the bottles because it was taken as a matter of course by everyone that bottles should be returned and recycled. The deposit system guaranteed a non-littered countryside then, and it works the same way in other states today. It would do the same for our Arizona. This is not a radical proposition.