

# POLITICAL HOPEFULS

## SEN. CANNON FILES FOR REELECTION



SENATOR HOWARD

Citing Nevada's investment in his experience, committee memberships and in the strength of his three terms in the U.S. Senate, Senator Howard Cannon formally announced his candidacy for reelection.

In making his announcement before the Clark County Women's Democratic Club, Cannon said his campaign would focus on Nevada's priorities in meeting the challenges of limited natural resources and of a rapidly changing world.

"As the nation enters this new age of scarcity, we will find ourselves competing for our share of almost everything. The competition is going to be tough. The contest for available resources will be severe. It will be fought out on a region-by-region, state-by-state basis," he said.

Cannon said the major battleground will be on the federal level in Washington. "The issues will undoubtedly be decided in the Congress. And Nevada must be represented there in these next few critical years with all the strength and

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experience we can muster."

In his announcement Cannon emphasized changes in this Bicentennial year which are "as great as those brought on by the American Revolution 200 years ago."

"For this shortage of critical materials on which we depend is going to change our posture both at home and abroad. It is going to change our attitudes, our way of living and thinking, our sense of values, our distinctive American character," he declared.

He said the changing world has brought with it a limitation in our power and influence over other nations. "We are going to have to realize that we can't and we shouldn't try to support, to police, to feed, to house and to otherwise serve the entire world."

Cannon is chairman of the powerful Senate Aviation and Tactical Air Subcommittees which shape national policy for both civilian and military aviation. As Aviation Subcommittee chairman, Cannon was successful in achieving improved air service for Reno and Las Vegas.

During his stint as key member of the Armed Services Committee, Cannon helped Nellis Air Force Base expand to become a major tactical fighter - weapons training center, supporting some 20,000 civilian and military personnel and charged with a critical defense role.

Cannon was author of a law that has returned to Nevada 80 percent of all federal slot machine taxes paid by Nevada business, so far returning to the state more than \$40 million.

He has been instrumental in the continuing development of the lower Colorado River Basin, the southern Nevada water supply project and the Las Vegas Wash.

Cannon is currently working to obtain immediate Environmental Protection Agency clearance for Kennecott Copper Corp. to resume mining and milling operations at McGill.

He is chairman of the influential Senate Rules Committee which develops campaign and election reform legislation. The committee held hearings resulting from the Watergate crisis on the Vice Presidential nominations of Gerald Ford and Nelson Rockefeller.

## JOE SWESSEL FOR ASSEMBLY 3

Las Vegas businessman Joe Swessel has filed as a Democratic candidate for Assembly District Three.

Swessel, of 405 Wisteria Ave., is owner of Claire's Flowers in the Westland Mall Shopping Center. He is a 19-year resident of Las Vegas and has lived in his district for 16 years.

He said he is running for the post because he likes to get involved. He ran unsuccessfully for Las Vegas city commissioner in 1969.

Referring to the issue of financial responsibility, Swessel said, "It's time for everyone seeking public office to begin placing his priorities in proper perspective. Pocketbook issues are more important than anything else at this time, and we must devote a majority of our efforts in that direction."

Swessel said he would support any legislation to make the police depart-



JOE SWESSEL

ment stronger.

Swessel said the voters should have the right to vote on the Equal Rights Amendment.

Swessel and his wife Joyce have been married for 28 years and their family includes daughters Linda, Cindy and Kris.

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## AL BECKER FOR JUSTICE OF PEACE

Attorney Al Becker has filed his candidacy for Justice of the Peace, Las Vegas Township.

He said Las Vegas has a "revolving door" for habitual criminals. He said he blames the upward spiraling crime rate on what he calls a "\$50-and-out" bail policy at present.

"It's a vicious circle," he said. "People with felony records charged with dope and burglary, and they walk out on \$500 bail which only costs them \$50 for a bond. They ought to get slapped with a \$5,000 to \$20,000 bail limit in some cases," Becker said.

He said he would "get tough" on crime if he wins the race for the post.

He said, "The only way to reduce crime is to keep the hoodlums off the street and away from society."

Becker, a member of the Nevada Bar Association, has served as chief of Child Welfare for the City of Las Vegas, and is former chairman of the Clark County Child Welfare Board.

He said his many years of experience as a trial lawyer qualifies him for the judgeship.



Al Becker

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