

platform, approval of party rules, and the election of the first National Chairman of the new U.S. Taxpayers Party.

The party has already made significant progress toward ballot access in states all over America. In addition, some state political parties which are already ballot-qualified have decided to affiliate themselves with the new U.S. Taxpayers Party, either directly, or by virtue of determining to nominate the same Presidential candidate.

These parties include the American Independent Party of California, the Independent American Party of Nevada, the Tisch Independent Citizens Party of Michigan, and the American Party of South Carolina. Howard Phillips, who is the principal contender for the Taxpayers Party presidential nomination has also won the statewide presidential primary of the ballot-qualified Independent Voters Party in Massachusetts.

New taxpayers parties have been formed and accorded ballot qualification from Washington State to Mississippi and Arkansas, and Howard Phillips is running as an identified Taxpayers Party candidate in many other states as well, including Maine, Colorado, and New Jersey.

By convention time it is expected that the Taxpayers Party will have its candidates on ballots in a majority of the states with a majority of electoral votes. In fact, finances permitting, it is possible that ballot position can be secured in as many as 35 or 40 states.

The enclosed newsclips from *The Washington Post* and *The New York Times* underscore the point that, even with Ross Perot in the race drawing votes away from the nominees of the Republican and Democratic Parties, there is still widespread popular demand for another candidate and for a new party.

Whatever happens in the 1992 election, it is clear that the new U.S. Taxpayers Party is poised to play an historic role during the years immediately ahead.

Already, prominent Americans have stepped forward to campaign for a number of state and Federal offices on the Taxpayers Party ticket.

The Illinois Taxpayers Party is seeking to field candidates for U.S. Senator and University Trustee. The Washington State Taxpayers Party has nominees for U.S. Senator and State Land Commissioner (the U.S. Senate nominee is former Washington Supreme Court Justice William Goodloe, the leader of that state's fight against condoms in the schools). The American Independent Party of California is also running well qualified citizens-statesmen candidates for key offices.

There are one or two races where, if ballot qualification is secured during the next several weeks, it may even be possible to elect one or more Taxpayer Party-backed candidates to the U.S. Senate and House of Representatives because of the three-way split in the vote.

A great line-up of speakers is planned for New Orleans. The chairman of the Rules Committee is former Nevada GOP legislator Chuck Horne, who is running for reelection this year on our ticket. Chairman of the Platform Committee is Rus Walton, who heads the nationally renowned Plymouth Rock Foundation.