

ANNOUNCEMENT OF GEORGE NOKES FOR
LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR OF TEXAS

I will be a candidate for Lieutenant Governor of Texas in the Democratic Primary in July.

The Lt. Governor, as presiding officer of the Senate, is a key figure in the legislative process. He can render great service to the people in this important office; or he can, by abuse of his position and power, block good legislation and shelter special interest groups who prey on the State for their selfish purposes and gain.

This office often escapes public attention, but unless the Lt. Governor is a man dedicated to serving the best interest of the public, the hands of other State officials are tied in their efforts to give Texas good government.

The present Lt. Governor took office 8 years ago and now seeks a 5th term. During his administration there has been more corruption in State government than in all the other years of Texas history combined. During this period, the Veterans' Land Board scandals erupted, scores of insurance companies went broke, influence peddling and official misconduct attracted nation-wide attention. One State official has been imprisoned, and a number have been indicted. During the past 8 years, public service has become associated with greed and misconduct instead of honor and faithfulness as it should be.

During the entire period of these scandals, our present 5th-term Lt. Governor has presided over the Senate, and some members of the Senate have been involved in every one of the State scandals. Many were involved in the Veterans' Land Board deals--one even

indicted. Nearly every corrupt insurance company that went broke had a Senator on its payroll; and some, like the U. S. Trust & Guaranty Co., had several.

In the House of Representatives, when a member went bad, the presiding officer charged him with misconduct, and the House censured him. In the Senate, the present Lt. Governor never raised his hand, but protected and shielded the wrong doers.

Scandals, corruption and economic collapse inevitably result when the Lt. Governor's office is taken over by a professional officeholder controlled by a powerful special interest clique.

I want to be Lt. Governor because this office can be used to help restore public confidence in State government. High moral integrity and responsibility, plus an awareness of the needs of the general public, must be the rules of conduct of the Lt. Governor, as well as other State officials.

I shall wear the collar of no individual or group. It shall not be necessary to hire any influence peddler or fixer to get fair treatment in the Senate when I am Lt. Governor.

As the Lt. Governor, I shall preside over the Senate in a democratic and fair manner. Every senator shall have the opportunity to have his bills considered by the Senate on the regular calendar, according to the rules of the Senate.

In a short time I shall present my platform and an outline of the needs of the State. In the meantime, I invite the support of all Texans who believe that courage, honesty and fair play are essential to good government.