

# Taking ACTION

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*Where were you then, Joe?*

## Manchin Ads Don't Tell All

Gubernatorial candidate Joe Manchin's recent television ads talk about his support for hiring West Virginians on state-funded projects.

His ads were so similar to the Affiliated Construction Trades Foundation's "Jobs Act" advertising that a number of people even wondered if ACT had endorsed Manchin.

"The ads caused some confusion at first," said B.B. Smith, ACT's Legislative Representative, "but people who know Manchin's record realize he is just playing politics on this issue."

Manchin's legislative votes tell a different story on the issues of concern to working people:

Manchin voted to remove prevailing wage requirements from a bill which would have required at least 50 percent of the workers be from West Virginia on projects funded by state issued industrial bonds.

Manchin offered an amendment to Economic Development legislation to eliminate unemployment benefits for all workers who did not have at least 20 credit weeks.

Manchin tried to replace working West Virginians in the Department of Highways with inmate chain gangs.

And Manchin helped remove worker's protections by supporting the so-called Workers Com-

pensation reforms last year.

"No matter how much Senator Manchin spends on television ads he can't erase his record," Smith said.

"After all, that is what really counts."

Letters to the editor regarding Manchin's voting record are needed as soon as possible to help get the word out.

Many newspapers have a deadline before the election date after which they will no longer print letters regarding candidates.

"So we want to urge members to get started on their letter-writing so they will get there on time," Smith said.

### ***Watch Your Mailbox: Volunteer Cards Are Coming From Your B.A.***

ACT is working in conjunction with every affiliated local to produce and mail a card to all members.

The card accompanies a letter asking that members volunteer only eight hours toward some type of legislative or political work.

"We really want to help get AFL-CIO endorsed, labor-friendly candidates elected," said B.B. Smith.

"It helps tremendously when we try to get labor backed legislation passed."

**ARE YOU REGISTERED TO**



**With the Primary Election drawing near we need to work to get as many of our members registered as possible. You may register at your County Courthouse or by returning a postcard registration form. Postcard forms are available through the ACT office (304) 345-7570.**

**Deadline Monday April 15**

# West Virginia AFL-CIO Primary Election Endorsements

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## STATEWIDE

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*U.S. Senate:* Jay Rockefeller  
*Gubernatorial:* Charlotte Pritt  
*Attorney General:* Darrell McGraw

*Justices of the Supreme Court:*  
Joseph P. Albright (12 yr. term)  
Arthur M. Recht (12 yr. term)  
Robin Davis (unexpired term)

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## CONGRESSIONAL

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*1st District:* Alan B. Mollohan

*2nd District:* Bob Wise

*3rd District:* Nick Joe Rahall

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## STATE SENATE

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1st: John G. Chernenko  
2nd: Gene Tribett  
3rd: Louis F. Flade  
4th: Steve Donohew

6th: John Pat Fanning  
7th: Moss R. Burgess  
8th: David Grubb  
9th: Bruce O. Williams

10th: Bill Morefield  
11th: Bob Holliday  
12th: Mike Gissy  
13th: Vernon Swisher

14th: Jon Blair Hunter  
16th: Herb Snyder  
17th: Richard L. Hines II

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## STATE HOUSE OF DELEGATES

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1st: David Scott Barrett  
Jeff Davis  
Loretta Price (R)

15th: David Bell (R)  
Mark Forest Underwood

26th: Mary Pearl Compton

34th: Brent Boggs

2nd: Paul R. Higgins

16th: Susan Hubbard  
Joe Hutchinson  
Jack R. McComas

27th: Larry Van Cox  
Virginia Mahan  
Warren R. McGraw II  
Clyde D. McKnight Jr.

35th: George Kallai  
37th: Stephen W. Montoney\*

3rd: Tal Hutchins  
Paul Rusen

17th: Jerry "Mike" Damron

28th: Jim Gerl  
Tommy D. Scarles

40th: Steve Tilson

4th: Kenneth D. Tucker  
Scott G. Varner

18th: Larry Jack Heck

29th: Sidney Fragale  
Tom Louisos

41st: Ron A. Fragale  
Larry Linch\*

5th: Mark Tucker

19th: Grant Preece

30th: Pam Nixon  
Conni Grato Lewis  
Curtis G. Robinson, Jr.  
Larry L. Rowe  
Gary L. "Gig" Robinson II  
Sharon Spencer  
Roger L. Weir

42nd: John R. Taylor

6th: Kenneth R. Livingston\*

20th: Tracy Dempsey  
Harry Morgan Freeman  
Noel A. Napier  
David E. Whitman

31st: Norman Ferguson

43rd: Mike Caputo  
Paul E. Prunty  
Nelson Jay Starcher

7th: Paul Janes

21st: Ernie Kuhn

32nd: Lucille "Lue" Chandler  
Bill Thomas\*  
Debra Whanger  
David R. Workman

44th: Bob Beach  
Eugene Claypool  
Barbara Fleischauer  
Twila S. Metheney

9th: Larry Godfrey

22nd: Mike Joe Gonzales

33rd: David A. Walker\*

46th: David "O.B." Collins

10th: Sam Henry  
Fred Gillespie (R)

23rd: Ted Angle  
Joe Sparks

34th: David C. Smith

51st: Larry D. Miller

11th: Joseph L. Weiland II\*

24th: David C. Smith  
25th: Richard D. Flanigan  
Gregory S. Prudich

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54th: Laura R. Rose

13th: Brady Paxton  
Gary Tillis\*

25th: Richard D. Flanigan  
Gregory S. Prudich

36th: David A. Walker\*

56th: Dale Manuel

\*Indicates building trades members. Please note: Districts not listed had no endorsed candidates, or no action was taken.