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Les AuCoin is a tough, dedicated fighter for peace, for a secure America in a safer world.

His first priority is to reduce the danger of nuclear war. He says "We need to prevent the new first-strike weapons that will tempt both sides to throw the first punch."

The best way to reduce first-strike capability on both sides, Les believes, is the nuclear freeze. He was a floor leader in the nuclear freeze resolution that passed the House last year.

Even in the absence of a freeze, Les has been working on the Defense Appropriations Subcommittee to reform military priorities.

"We have to avoid senseless commitments of American military force such as Vietnam, Lebanon, and El Salvador," Les says.

"But," he points out, "we also have to recognize that there may be legitimate occasions in which we'll have to show and possibly use military force. The better the conventional forces we have to show, the better the chance that we won't have to fire a shot. But the more first-strike nuclear weapons like MX we build, the better the chance that either we or the Russians will touch off Armageddon."

Les' record typifies his thoughtful approach to national problems. He has . . .

- . . . Led the fight for the nuclear freeze, but also led the fight against the so-called "nuclear build-down."
- . . . Led the fight against binary nerve gas, but also supported improved conventional readiness.
- . . . Led the fight against U.S. military involvement in Central America, but supported military programs to defend the sea lanes and other genuine American interests.
- . . . Supported the Trident I and air-launched strategic cruise missiles that deter nuclear attack, but opposed the first-strike Trident II and MX missiles that would encourage nuclear attack.
- . . . Supported military budgets needed to maintain our military security, but opposed the Reagan Administration's excessive budgets that would wreck our economic security.
- . . . Led opposition to the Reagan Administration's trillion-dollar "Star Wars" program, but supported the peaceful exploration of space.

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Congressman Les AuCoin believes that as a nation, our role in the world is to defend the people and territory of the U.S., deter nuclear war, and reduce the international tensions that can lead to war.

That means having a defense that's second to none. Les believes in a lean, cost-effective military based on conventional forces, adequate pay, and a foreign policy that puts arms reductions at the head of the list.

Les is fighting three major battles this year to advance the prospects for peace and help reduce the \$121 billion deficit by trimming the Pentagon's \$1.6 trillion build-up:

First, a nuclear freeze. This is a sane, logical step toward new negotiation to halt the testing and deployment of nuclear weapons. Les is an original co-sponsor of the Congressional call for a freeze, and co-chairs the statewide freeze committee.

Second, nerve gas. The Administration is seeking \$120 million for binary production. Les is fighting this hideous program within the Appropriations process.

Third, El Salvador. Last year, Congress placed restrictions on aid to El Salvador. The President has flouted the intent of Congress and continues an aggressive policy of military aid. Les co-sponsored legislation to hold the administration to the original aid conditions and will oppose additional appropriation requests.

Les' record consistently underscores his belief that our vital interests can be protected by spending our defense dollars more sensibly. He has . . .

- . . . Opposed budget-busting defense bills.
- . . . Fought to delete funds for the MX missile and B-1 bomber.
- . . . Backed creation of a National Academy of Peace and Conflict Resolution.
- . . . Supports a foreign policy that respects legitimate aspirations for self-determination, social justice and economic progress.
- . . . Co-sponsored legislation to create a World Peace Tax Fund.
- . . . Supported an increase in the pay of Army personnel.
- . . . Supported increased funding to upgrade conventional weapons systems.

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Nuclear Freeze

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The nation's highest policy makers, both civilian and military, seem to believe that nuclear war is "survivable." Alexander Haig incorporates this attitude into his "first strike" strategy. President Reagan incorporates it into his defense budget.

To Congressman Les AuCoin that attitude represents a "monstrous fallacy," one that is also extremely dangerous because it makes the idea of nuclear war thinkable.

Last March 30, Les took to the floor of the House and warned:

"There is no survivor in a nuclear war. I have heard those who say that this insane arms buildup is a deterrent of some kind that is going to spare us all of these nightmares ever coming to pass... But that is a monstrous, monstrous fallacy."

These steps are part of Les' consistent effort to reduce the worldwide arms glut and nuclear tensions. He's also...

... Co-sponsoring legislation to break the 30-month logjam in ratifying the SALT II treaty with a Congressional joint resolution, bypassing the Senate impasse.

... Sponsoring an amendment to the 1983 Defense Appropriations bill to delete funding for the MX Missile system.

... Co-sponsoring legislation to create a Select Committee on Nuclear Proliferation.

... Co-sponsoring a bill to mandate a ban on the testing of nuclear weapons.

... Sponsoring a resolution to halt the proposed introduction of nuclear weapons in the European theatre.

... Voting for legislation to ban the export of highly enriched uranium to other countries.

... Writing President Reagan, urging him to reevaluate his administration's decision to proceed with production of advanced radiation, neutron weaponry.



Arms Control



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As new first-strike nuclear weapons become ever more dangerous, the need for far-reaching arms control has never been greater.

But for the first time in a quarter-century, the United States and the Soviet Union are no longer negotiating to control the weapons of Armageddon. Negotiations were begun under President Eisenhower and carried forward with bipartisan continuity by Presidents Kennedy, Johnson, Nixon, Ford, and Carter. But under today's Administration, this progress toward peace has been brought to a halt.

Today, competent Members of Congress who take a deep and abiding interest in arms control are needed as never before.

The 1984 Congressional election offers a clear choice between two views on arms control. Congressman Les AuCoin believes we should seek new mutual, verifiable, and useful treaties and keep the ones we have. His opponent would go in the opposite direction, scrapping the SALT I treaty negotiated by President Johnson and signed by President Nixon.

Congressman Les AuCoin is recognized as one of the House of Representatives' two or three top arms control experts. He was one of the floor leaders of the Nuclear Freeze resolution which passed the House last year. When the National Freeze Campaign wanted someone to analyze the Administration's "nuclear build-down" and brief the press on its defects, the Campaign turned to Les for expertise.

"Build-down is Hollywood arms control," Les says. "It would reduce the numbers of warheads, but allow unlimited improvement in nuclear weapons potency. By permitting this qualitative build-up, it would let weapons get ever quicker and more accurate. They would get better and better for first strike, but weaker and weaker for deterrence. Nuclear war would come nearer."

Les opposes funding weapons as arms-control bargaining chips. "It's hokum," he says. "When the case for a weapon is so weak it would sink of its own weight and its supporters are desperate, they trot out this 'bargaining chip' business. They say we need to build MX, or whatever, to get arms control. But somehow the arms control never arrives and the weapon never leaves.

"Bargaining chips mean all arms and no control."

In the service of arms control, Les . . .

- . . . Considers the mutual and verifiable nuclear weapons freeze to be the best arms control plan yet conceived, because it controls quality as well as numbers of weapons. He co-authored the successful Freeze ballot campaign in Oregon in 1982 and co-chaired the grassroots campaign.
- . . . Insists upon U.S. adherence to arms control treaties it has signed and ratified.
- . . . Supports a treaty banning anti-satellite weapons, which the Air Force Chief of Staff has described as destabilizing.
- . . . Supports immediate ratification of SALT II.
- . . . Supports prompt completion of the Comprehensive Nuclear Test-Ban Treaty.
- . . . Supports replacement of the superhawk incompetents who are presently in charge of arms control policy.
- . . . Supports establishment of a National Peace Academy and research on new approaches to comprehensive arms control.

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