



# The Rhode Island Diogenes

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## WHAT'S THE USE?

Providence – Governor Carcieri today announced yet another sweeping change in his office, eliminating all the staff that works on legislation.

“Since we exist in a veto-proof environment, why should I be paying people to lobby the legislature and to review legislation? They are going to do what they want anyway whether I like it or not.”

“The job is a do-nothing position. Why duplicate the operations of the Lieutenant Governor’s office?” questioned the Governor.

“Instead of having my staff engage in intellectual masturbation, I will reassign them to snow storm planning or engage them in yet another round of musical chairs” he continued.

Outnumbered in the legislature has its advantages, said one Republican leader. “If we can’t govern, then why even participate in the system? Let them run the show. Why should we lift a finger to help them with ideas that could actually help right the state?”

House and Senate leaders have been considering various legislation that would eliminate the office of Governor. “We can’t find enough ways to emasculate him any more so I guess it is time that we put an end to a totally useless office” said a House leader.

## CHANGE YOU CAN'T EVEN COUNT

Providence – As the Obama campaign bandwagon rolled through Rhode Island it had to adjust its campaign slogans.

In a state where scores show students to be dreadfully underachieving in their mathematical skills, the Obama message of “Change” was too ominous for most Rhode Island voters.

“We thought about it and came up with a Rhode Island version of the “Change” theme” said one campaign spokesman. “We decided to use “Change that you can’t possibly count, but it will be good for you. Trust me”.

The message of change has encouraged many. Students who denied cash register jobs due to the inability to master counting change now have hope. “Forget about all that village crap” said one campaign manager.

“This is a message of empowerment. Sure, the Clinton message was “Hope”, but that is so-o-o passé. Change is now the buzz word. Once elected we are sure that Obama will change, especially on the issues. What refreshing honesty from a politician” said one supporter at the recent Rhode Island College rally.

“Hey, if he’s good enough for Oprah and he’s good enough for Patrick, he’s the guy for me” said one grandmother waiting in line to have the candidate autograph a photo of JFK she had temporarily removed from her mantel.

Political observers have been noting the public’s interest in elections. “This is clearly a result of the fact that young Americans have been exposed to voting by way of American Idol. They feel empowered to select the candidate of the day. Voting has returned to its rightful place as a popularity contest” said pollster Darrell West.

## SENATOR REED OFF THE SHORT LIST FOR NOW

Cranston – Senator Jack Reed today has taken his name off of several short lists, including the short list of short Senators.

“I’m just plain sick and tired of being considered for this or that. I am running for another term as United States Senator from Rhode Island”

“Only then, once I secure the seat, will I see if there is a Democrat as President. If not, I stay as the Senator”

“Also, after the elections this November we can see if the General Assembly remains veto proof. If so, then I will merely time my move to allow for the Assembly to change the law that currently allows the Governor to appoint the next Senator. Maybe they should give that power to the Lt. Governor anyway. She needs something to do”

Such political savvy is virtually unmatched in Rhode Island, the exception being Representative Langevin who has an uncanny knack of picking races that provide little or no competition.

With a war chest packed full with special interest presents, the Senator appears invincible.

“By taking my name off all short lists I am hoping to avoid any controversy before the nomination, I mean, election.

“Hell, I’ve got seniority and the world’s greatest health care plan, which, incidentally, I hope to someday bring to the people of Rhode Island, and I get all expense paid trips to Iraq whenever I need a break. Who could ask for anything more?”

“Monty, I think I’ll pass on that box that Jay is bringing down the aisle.”

## HILLARY – A GIRL FOR ALL SEASONS

Washington – Engaged in the political struggle of her life, Hillary Clinton is showing her many sides. The recent love-hate relationship with Obama is but the most recent of her ability to suspend reality and live for the day.

Many recall the feminist-homemaker duality of her personality. “One day she wouldn’t be caught dead making cookies and the next day she’s standing by her man. Go figure” said one political observer.

“Hell, she’s the Senator from New York and couldn’t decide whether she was a Mets fan or a Yankee fan” said a veteran of the Guiliani campaign.

“If the real issue is “change” who is better prepared to change than Hillary. She has even changed her position from supporting the war in Iraq to denouncing her own vote to support it. What could be a better example of change than that?” said a Hillary campaigner.

Others have noted that Hillary has even changed her address so that she could get elected in New York. “Here’s a person willing to change her entire home to be a carpetbagger to win a Senate seat. She is truly the candidate that has a record of real change”.

The Hollywood community has long recognized that talent in both Bill and Hillary and has long supported them, and is currently supporting the Hillary campaign in large numbers. “We need a real thespian in the White House” said one script writer during the recent strike.

## What Do You Think?

We’ve heard a lot about new plans for taxes disguised as revenue enhancements and we have been seeing the budget argument shape up as the rich versus the poor. What do you think?

There’s nothing like class warfare to unify America.  
RH - Barrington

If Democrats eat fluffernutters and Republicans eat lobster, why aren’t there more Republicans in the legislature?

DY - Cumberland

A society is judged by how it treats its poor. I am considering buying a new show shovel for anyone who broke one in the last snowstorm

FC - Providence

You can’t tax a poor man or a rich man with a good accountant.

SC - Providence

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## NARRAGANSETT TO BREW “BICENTENNIAL BEER”

Providence – The brewers of Narragansett beer have been so overwhelmed by the popularity of the revived Gansett that they are planning to revive other lines. Up next is “Bicentennial Beer”.

“People have interest in the past. So what if the bicentennial was thirty-two years ago. Rhode Islanders are still as patriotic as ever” said the spokesman for the brewer.

The brewery is expanding to meet marketing conditions. “With the mass exodus of people leaving Rhode Island there were fewer and fewer neighbors to drink a Gansett with” said Bryan Rodrigues, the marketing consultant for the firm.

## ASK LIZ Advice on Anything

**Dear Liz:**

**I have been supporting a colleague for a new position in the office, but I find that I am really only supporting her because of her name. Her husband has a family history in the politics of the company.**

**A rival has come on to the scene and in my heart he speaks to me.**

**What should I do?**

**Judy - Woonsocket**

**Dear Judy:**

**Family names are important. Take for example the recent presidential election in Argentina where the past president’s wife is now the leader of the country after being a senator. And consider how much better off Alabama was when George Wallace’s wife took over where he left off.**

**If names weren’t so important then people would be drinking RC Cola. Stick with the name brand. Since politics is advertising, why would you consider anything else?**

## PRIMARY ELECTION RESULTS -- IT’S HILLARY

Providence – Early election results here show that Hillary Clinton will take the Democratic primary by a wide margin.

The results send a crushing blow to the Kennedy family and its attempts to colonize Rhode Island through extending its political muscle with powerhouse Representative Patrick and cheap oil.

“We are not sure whether it is a sign of Patrick’s weakening or whether the warmer winter made Rhode Islanders less reliant on oil” said one political observer.

The results repudiate the claim that Obama is the next Jack Kennedy, even though his own daughter claims such an affinity.

“Rhode Islanders knew Jack Kennedy. Rhode Islanders voted for Jack Kennedy. And Obama, he’s no Jack Kennedy” said one primary voter.