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Congressional hopeful campaigns in Hoopeston, offers views

Medicare, education and the environment are issues a Congressional hopeful would like to resolve in Washington.

Laurel Prussing, Democratic candidate for the 15th district Congressional seat, was in Hoopeston Tuesday offering solutions to major problems in the federal government.

Prussing is the only Democrat seeking the seat. If no one challenges her in the March 19, 1996 primary, she will face incumbent Republican Tom Ewing next November.

Stumping the 15th district, which stretches from Kankakee to Arthur, Prussing said the Republican stance on Medicare, education and the environment top the minds of voters.

The GOP's Contract With America is not sitting well with voters now that actual plans are being unveiled, Prussing said. Even Republicans who once

backed Newt Gingrich's plan are balking. "As Republicans, they think it's embarrassing what he's doing," she said.

Prussing panned proposed cuts in Medicare and college loans and revised environmental laws.

"Does it make any sense to make getting an education harder," Prussing asked. Also, she said, the Clean Water and Air Acts and laws protecting endangered species are "being written by lobbyists. You don't have to be a member of the Sierra Club to be concerned (about environmental issues). You could be a fisherman or a hunter."

And proposed Medicare cuts, including higher individual premiums, will hurt not only Medicare recipients, but also hospitals, especially those in rural areas, she said.

Additionally, while Republicans claim to want to See **HOPEFUL** on other side

Briefly

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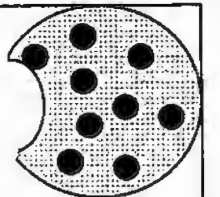
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fix the Medicare system, Prussing said Gingrich's "let it wither on the vine" comment shows GOP leaders want the plan to die.

Prussing also blasted the GOP proposal offering \$245 billion in tax cuts, which she said would go mostly to the wealthy, while cutting \$270 billion from needed programs.

Prussing stressed the importance of balancing the budget quickly, and not in seven years as Republicans plan. Another flaw in the GOP plan is that for the first two of the seven years, the national deficit will actually increase. "I don't think you fix the problem by making it bigger," she said.

Prussing said rather than cutting social programs, she would vote for cuts in subsidies to big businesses and corporations which are "getting subsidized when they can do quite well on their own."

One example is the tobacco industry, which receives government subsidies even though smoking has been linked to health problems and higher healthcare costs, she said.

Prussing said she has a reputation for being honest with the public, and I have a good record."

The Urbana resident is former state representative for the 103rd District. While serving as state representative, Prussing served on the education appropriations, higher education, agriculture and conservation, and transportation committees.

Obituaries

BESSELIEU - Wilson Farwell Besseliu, 86, of Hoopeston, died at 9:15 p.m. Monday, Nov. 27, 1995, at Hoopeston Community Memorial Hospital. Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at the Brown-Alkire Funeral Home. Burial will be in Floral Hill Cemetery. Visitation will be one hour before services Thursday. Memorial contributions may be made to the charity of the donor's choice.

BELLANDI - Wilma Boyden Bellandi, 81, of Oakland, CA., formerly of Prairie Green, died at 1 a.m. Tuesday, Nov. 28, 1995. Funeral services will be held Thursday in California.

She has also served as Champaign County auditor and was on the Champaign County Board.

Prussing has a B.A. in economics from Wellesley College and an M.A. in economics from Boston University. She has done all but the thesis for a Ph.D. in economics (public finance) from the University of Illinois.

She has won awards for financial expertise, including the Award for Excellence in Financial Reporting (1982-91) and Award for Distinguished Budget Presentation (1986), both from the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada.

She was the first Illinois county auditor to receive either award.

While expressing her opinions on issues, Prussing also urged residents to vote.

"People say their vote doesn't count, but it does," she said. "I won my first election by one vote."

Police News



Rodney A. Comstock, 39, of 1024 W. Young, was arrested at 11:54 p.m. Monday on an Iroquois County warrant for battery. He was released on \$200 cash bond.

Lonnie Bolton, 321 S. Second Ave., reported Tuesday that someone broke his kitchen window.

In the Hospital



Hoopeston Community Memorial Hospital

Nov. 27, 1995

Admitted: Nadine Longfellow and Eleanor Songer, both of Hoopeston.

Weather



Partly sunny and cold today with a chance of flurries. Accumulation of less than one inch. High 35-40. Tonight, clearing. Low in the mid 20s. Tomorrow, variable cloudiness. High near 54, low near 26.



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