

Talk with Mike Walsh (Rep. Jim Greenwood-R/PA) Washington, DC
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- Mike sees JG as potential Senate candidate. He sees Jim in terms of the liberal-conservative spectrum. His strong supporters are moderate Republicans from center to mid-right and Democrats left of center. The latter are Democratic women. "We had a reverse gender-gap in the last election--very unusual for a Republican. Pro-choice Democratic women are strong for Jim. But that's what it takes for a Republican to be elected to the Senate. Jim went all the way on partial birth abortion. Thinks it's horrible, but doesn't want the government involved. If you are pro-choice, you have to be in favor of family planning. That's Jim's big emphasis."
- Re the committed right wingers: "Jim says that the first 15,000 people who come to the polls don't dance, don't drink and don't smile. After that, our supporters come to vote."
- "I told Jim that whatever we think might work in a Senate race, should be tried this time. Try them all. If they don't work, rub 'em out, never use 'em again. We ought to spend \$100,000 of our congressional race money on running a Senate-type campaign."
- He has an opponent in the Primary--a right winger who objects to paying taxes.
- JG is having first two fund-raisers in NYC soon--(1) Barbara Mosbacher and (2) Wall Street-types. Also going to Silicon Valley to meet with "biotech" group. "Jim is all over the biotech field--from his work on FDA. There may have been other names before his on the FDA bill, but it was his bill. He wrote it, and he pushed it through. Most people didn't notice. But the biotechs knew it. And so did Newt Gingrich. Gingrich loves Jim Greenwood. He knows how good a legislator he is. He did a fund-raiser for Jim in April when he was at 21% in the polls. And we raised \$90,000 from that one night--\$150 a person, \$250 optional, \$1,000 optional. It was the most money he had ever raised at one event. Before that, his record was \$30,000. Paxon is going to do a fund-raiser for us in March. One of those two men will be Speaker next time. We don't know which one; and we're working with both of them."
- Mentions that two of Jim's kids were born with severely cleft palates and club feet. They knew that before they were born, but "when Jim and his wife had to choose, they chose life." Doesn't talk about that.
- Jim had a pile of books on his otherwise empty desk. I wondered what they were; Mike leaned over and picked them up and read them off. "That's very interesting. That pile of

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books tells you a lot about Jim Greenwood. They are pretty close to who he is." They were: (1) History of the House of Representatives, House Committee on Administration, Government Printing Office, 1994. (2) Brain Injury: A Family Tragedy by Patt Abrahamson, HDI Publishers, Houston, 1997. Jim wrote the Forward to the book; and there's a warm inscription in it from the author, citing JG's bill on Traumatic Brain Injury. There's a framed picture of the bill with signatures and a pen and letter from Clinton on the wall. "Jim's bill." (3) Next of Kin: What Chimpanzee's Taught Me About Who We Are, by Roger Fouts, Morow, 1997. It has a warm inscription by the author, calling Jim "a compassionate man" for his work on protecting chimpanzees. (4) William Ayers, A Kind and Just Parent: The Children's Juvenile Court, Beacon Press, 1997. Jim is at the same conference in Europe now--auspices of a private group. "He goes to a lot of conferences abroad. He's the child advocate, the person who worries and talks about the family." (5) To Renew America, Newt Gingrich, Harper Collins, 1995. "He takes that book with him and takes it very seriously."

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