

## **Video Debate (by Coeur d'Alene Press): state Rep. Kathy Sims v. Anne Nesse**

Bill McCorry's basement looks lovely again. We've got two old ladies waiting for their bingo cards to be distributed.

Let's get this party started...

First topic: Mental health crisis center bill.

Kathy starts by saying good idea, bad bill. There was no support for staffing. Very good idea, Kootenai County needs a mental health facility.

Anne: She supported the idea for a mental health facility in CDA. We have dire need. I do my homework. She spent an hour with Ben Wolfinger (I wonder if she got to see the BearCat?) Idaho Falls was smarter enough to accept the gift. Sleepy time... Kathy and I bored.

Kathy is disconnecting herself from her own voting record and acts like she's in favor of the mental health crisis facility she voted against. Says this is a local problem, not a state problem? Huh?

Keith Cousin points out that she she is not making sense.

Kathy promises to talk to people and work with people on the problem.

Zinger alert: Anne says, "Nice to say, but you have to do it."

Kathy rambles again.

Anne interrupts Kathy at 7:19. Kathy seems annoyed. Keith points out that mentally ill people have no place to go unless they commit a crime. Kathy says it should be a local level problem – not the state.

Jobs

Anne: Complex problem. We haven't been funding education for jobs. We have to admit We are tourist economy. We have to add a little bit to the minimum wage they could work their way up and study and get higher paying jobs. We haven't funded enough for jobs. We have to look at what Idaho does really well and expand on that (I want a potato chip). Last four years she looked all over the world for possible jobs Doesn't want to steal business from someone else? I am confused...

Interesting tidbit: Anne has solar vacuum tubes on her house. We could create 1,000 of jobs putting those in (How many solar panels does Anne need?). Calls for a middle class. Not having customers. She works full time. Willing to donate her salary. Rambles by saying if you work really, really hard kids know where they're going and they will study hard. Says agriculture jobs

do well, solar energy on her house. Carbon fiber, doing out the valley, talking about a car that goes 300 miles to the gallon. Anne is all over the board with what Idaho does well. Hard working state. Look around you and see what you have and work your way up. Unless you're living in your parents basement, it limits what you can do. Amen sister. (Bjorn is cheering too).

Kathy: I've been an employer for 46 years. I know what it takes to create jobs. You have to pay to have the very best employees. Yes you'll start at the lowest wage and work your way to the top. I know what it takes to create jobs. It takes a good tax structure and regulation structure. Idaho does that well. Mostly it's our lifestyle. Talks about how she's hired people from Spokane (stay local Kathy). Anne looks she's dozing off. More wage talk. Kathy is celebrating low wages and they lead to the next job. All kids need a place to start. Great community college, rambling now. Says the free market should determine wages.

Anne: Promoting higher wages. Says you need to have customers in order to succeed. She is getting exciting about raising the wages. Lots of hand gestures. Says it's a conservative principle, quotes Henry Ford. Points out that if the rich created jobs, we would be swimming in jobs.

Kathy twiddling her thumbs during, glances at her watch.

Kathy says that service jobs are also provide income that are only looking for a part time job. Says we won't be able to afford the newspaper if the person delivering it is making \$17 an hour. (People still read newspapers? Seriously out of touch moment).

If a pizza business pays more wages, everybody will have to give up having pizzas delivery to their home (Whoa this just got real). Predicts drive-through pizza places (I like it).

Anne interrupts, says we weren't asking, raising her voice. Sounding shrill, makes a mocking head nod. Ouch, not cool Anne, not cool.

Anne continues about what she was advocating for regarding wages. Kathy's body language conveys, I don't like you.

Kathy says we will have to decide if government decides wages or the market will.

Weird fade out edit, like they took a break.

Anne: lists of her experience. blah, blah, blah. She says has more experience writing laws than Kathy.

Kathy looks at her shoes. Anne has a web site, kind of zings Kathy for not having one.

Kathy: Lists her experience blah blah blah. I have a voting record. I am 10 percent of conservative voters. My training has been in business. She researches legislature. Promotes part-time legislature and her constituents. They all contribute to make Idaho great.

Keith did great one this one by keeping awake.