



# Reese Gains Voter Support

## *Voting Record Of 76-Year-Old Mahon Alarms Conservatives*

Voters throughout the Texas 19th Congressional District are seeing that an important difference exists between the two *congressional* candidates. More and more people are supporting Jim Reese.

The growing voter awareness of the incumbent's recent voting record is causing a dramatic shift from George Mahon toward Jim Reese. This is the first time in more than a decade that a real opponent has focused on Mahon's voting record.

Voters are realizing that 76-year-old George Herman Mahon has talked like a conservative to the home folks but voted with the liberal bloc in Washington.

Voters now perceive Jim Reese as a solid conservative while they link George Mahon with the liberal political philosophy of "politics as usual" in Congress.

Reese replies to the question, "How's the campaign going" with this statement: "the people who want to continue what Congress has been doing to us will vote for my opponent. The people who want to reduce the size, expense and interference of the federal government will vote for me."

Recently a professional voter attitude survey showed the 19th Congressional District growing in opposition to the "spend-thrift" liberal Congress."

In order to maintain his chairmanship and maintain favor with the liberal leaders, George Mahon has been forced to vote with them leaving the people of West Texas unrepresented. The highly regarded Americans for Constitutional Action, an organization which annually rates members of Congress on their conservative performance, has labeled Mahon a liberal voter almost 50% of the time. Endorsing Reese, the A.C.A. stated:

"On a scale of 0% to 100%, Mahon has a cumulative rating of 53%. This rating indicates that he has voted as follows:



57% of the time against a sound dollar, therefore helping to cause inflation.

65% of the time against a private market and individual freedom of choice and for government price fixing and controls.

50% of the time against private ownership and for government ownership.

49% of the time against a strong national defense."

Another indication that the Reese campaign is gaining momentum is the large number of volunteers that are joining his campaign organization. These people are actively telephoning, addressing letters and walking their blocks for Jim Reese. This increased volunteer support of the Reese candidacy, coupled with the latest survey results, has experienced political observers closing the odds on what may well be a major political upset, a Jim Reese win on November 2.

# 12 Reasons Why A Conservative Won't Vote For George Mahon For Congress

- 1 PANAMA CANAL . . . Mahon voted for funds to continue negotiations to give away the Panama Canal. H.R. #8121 — Oct. 7, 1975.
- 2 HOUSE INTERNAL SECURITY COMMITTEE . . . Mahon voted to abolish the committee. H.R. #5 — Jan. 14, 1975.
- 3 CONGRESSIONAL PAY RAISE . . . Final vote was 214-213 . . . Mahon voted for. Also included inflationary automatic cost-of-living escalator. H.R. #653 — July 30, 1975.
- 4 OSHA . . . Mahon voted against this amendment which would have exempted small businessmen with 25 or fewer employees from first-time penalties for alleged OSHA violations. H.R. #8069 — June 25, 1975.
- 5 WAYNE HAYS' POWER . . . Amendments by Armstrong (R-Colo.) and Bauman (R-Md.) to strip Hays of his power. Mahon voted to let Hays keep his power. H.R. #6950 — May 21, 1975.
- 6 FOOD STAMPS FOR STRIKERS. Mahon voted with the Liberals to give food stamps to strikers. H. R. #15690—June 29, 1972.
- 7 FOOD STAMPS ABOVE THE POVERTY LEVEL . . . Mahon voted against cutting off stamps to those making above the poverty income level. H.R. #10647 — Nov. 13, 1975.
- 8 PAROLE REORGANIZATION ACT. Mahon voted for. Included an amendment which would make prisoners eligible for parole after only ten years of imprisonment regardless of the offense. H. R. #5727 — May 21, 1975.
- 9 MACOS . . . Mahon voted to continue funding HEW's "Man: A Course of Study." An educational program that some say teaches children to challenge our family and ethical values. H.R. #12566 — March 25, 1976.
- 10 BALANCING THE BUDGET . . . Mahon voted against balancing the budget all four times. H. Con. Res. #728 — Sept. 9, 1976. H.R. #619 — May 29, 1976. H.R. #466 — Nov. 12, 1975. H. Con. Res. #218 — May 1, 1975.
- 11 PUBLIC WORKS PROJECTS JOBS . . . Mahon voted for temporary government jobs at a cost to the taxpayers of 6.1 billion dollars. H.R. #5247 — Feb. 19, 1976.
- 12 DEBT CEILING . . . Mahon voted to increase the debt ceiling by 73-billion dollars to a total national debt of 700-billion dollars. H.R. #14114 — June 14, 1976.

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## Where I Stand...



I didn't plan to be a candidate for the U.S. Congress. After leaving the Mayor's job two years ago, I was content to enjoy my family and to run my business.

But I was concerned about what this Congress has been doing to us out here in West Texas. I could see that my children wouldn't have much freedom left if the growth of big government continued unchecked.

Somebody remarked to me the other day, "Boy, you sure picked a tough race." I replied, "I didn't pick it. I just happen to be here. This is the only place I can do something about what's going on in Washington... and it's the only place you can do anything about it - by helping me. I need your help."

Jayne and I have more friends and a better life here in West Texas than anything we are going to find in Washington. We don't intend to leave West Texas for long, either. We will keep our home here and will spend our time in the district when the Congress is not in session.

Those Washingtonians sit around their big, polished conference tables, pooling their ignorance, and think that they discover truth! It doesn't work out very well for the people because the taxpayers have to pick up all the bills.

Look at your children. You *have* to be concerned when you realize that our national security has been compromised by a reckless Congress. The politicians seem to be dedicated to protecting our country with little more than a wall of food stamps.

Over the past forty years, that Congress has spent us almost into bankruptcy. Now, they are mortgaging the future of our children. The Congress will not change - we must change the Congress!

Our founding fathers did not envision our country being run by professional politicians. Yet, that is exactly what has happened. We have professional officeholders who have perpetuated themselves in office for decades by trading off votes at taxpayer expense. The time has come to say, "Whoa, that's enough!"

We can't afford to wait two years, or four years, or six years to start changing the direction of the U.S. Congress. The longer we wait, the harder it's going to be to turn things around.

Now, we *can* make a difference. For the sake of our children and with the help of the Lord, together we *will* do it this year.

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## Biographical Sketch

An active concern for people and versatility of accomplishment distinguish the life of this 46-year-old Texan.

Jim Reese was born at Comanche, December 14, 1929 and graduated from high school at Gustine. After two years at Howard Payne College he transferred to The University of Texas at Austin, receiving his Bachelor of Fine Arts degree magna cum laude in 1951.

Jim Reese entered the United States Air Force in 1953 for two years of active duty which included the responsibility of Station Manager, AFRS Radio Station, Wheelus Field, Tripoli. In 1954 he was Editor, Reese Air Force Base Newspaper, Lubbock.

Returning to civilian life, Mr. Reese was a staff announcer for radio stations in West Texas and from 1956 to 1964 he was Account Executive, KOSA-TV, Odessa. He then entered the brokerage business and is currently senior Vice-President Eppler Guerin & Turner Inc.

Reese was elected Mayor of Odessa in 1968 by a seven-to-one majority. He was re-elected in 1970 and 1972. He served as President of the Texas Association of Mayors, Councilmen, and Commissioners in 1971-72. Vigorous in discharging his responsibilities, the Mayor has witnessed these signs of progress: mechanization of trash collection and processing of solid waste as the first step in a land reclamation program without federal grants, first statewide Mayor's Prayer Breakfast, building of one of the finest YMCA facilities in the nation. He is known in many states as an accomplished public speaker stressing individual obligation to community, country and God.

Currently he is a member of the Board of Directors: Odessa Chamber of Commerce, Ector County United Way, Odessa Family YMCA, Presidential Museum, and is Chairman of the Odessa College Foundation.

He formerly was President of the Texas Jaycees and Vice-President of the United States Jaycees. For his contributions to society he received the Liberty Bell Award from the Junior Bar Association, was selected for 1965 edition, "Outstanding Young Men of America," named JCI Senator #4901, State "Speak-up Jaycee" winner, and is a life member of Odessa and Texas Jaycees.

Reese is also a member of Airplane Owners and Pilots Association, American Legion, Barbershop Quartet Singing Society, University of Texas Ex-Students' Association and Delta Sigma Phi Fraternity. He is a YMCA certified scuba diver.

Reese is a member of the First Presbyterian Church of Odessa. He and Mrs. Reese, who was Jayne Damron of Muleshoe, have three children, Greta, Rocky and Lori Jan.

*There's a big difference between  
Jim Reese and George Mahon*



**Jim Reese**



**George Mahon**

Jim Reese, age 46, was born on December 14, 1929, in Comanche, Texas.

George Mahon, age 76, was born on September 22, 1900, in Haynesville, Louisiana.

He resides at 2929 Kirkwood Drive, in Odessa, Texas. Jim's legal address is the same and he pays taxes in Ector County, Texas.

He does not maintain a private residence in Lubbock but lives at 1200 Nash Street in Arlington, Virginia. George's legal address in West Texas is 611 Federal Bldg. in Lubbock. He has not paid any taxes in Lubbock in years.

Jim graduated from the University of Texas in 1951 with a degree in Business Administration.

George got his degree in liberal arts in 1924 from Hardin-Simmons University.

Jim is an active working citizen who served in many regional and national positions before becoming Mayor of Odessa for three terms. He is a businessman.

He is a professional politician lawyer. Mahon held some local offices before being elected congressman in 1934. George has spent most of his adult life (42 years) in Washington.

*How you decide to vote can make a  
difference in what happens in Washington!*

**VOTE FOR JIM REESE FOR CONGRESS**

# Jim Hines Believes...

**1.** too many freeloaders have muscled in on welfare. We must decentralize welfare programs—get control of welfare out of Washington so that Congressmen can't buy their own re-election by giving away our tax money to those who won't work. We should help the needy, not the greedy!

**2.** national defense is our most important domestic program. In many areas now the Russians are ahead. If present trends continue, the United States will be subject to the threat of "nuclear blackmail". To be second in national defense is to be last!

**3.** all of us are drowning in a sea of government regulations and red tape. It's tough for a small businessman to survive the costs imposed by OSHA and all the other government agencies. We should repeal OSHA, eliminate the FEA, and place end-dates on all bureaus and agencies with the "sunset" provision.

**4.** the cornerstone of our "farm policy" should be to guarantee free access to world markets. Protection against natural disasters should be available, but agriculture should be allowed to operate without government interference. Washington bureaucrats couldn't run a fruit stand in West Texas if the highway patrol flagged down the traffic and gave them the watermelons.

**5.** the liberal Congress has done for the energy problem what Evel Knievel did for the space program. If we had strong free enterprise leadership in the House of Representatives, we could be solving the supply situation instead of distributing the shortage.

**6.** too many of our present laws seem to protect the criminals instead of the victims. I oppose the liberal suggestion of gun registration or confiscation. A better solution is to provide for mandatory prison sentences for anyone convicted of committing a crime while having a gun in his possession.



**7.** forced busing to achieve racial balance in schools is both a fraud and a failure. Parents and children of all races resent the dehumanizing influence of loading up the yellow buses in an attempt to pursue a social experiment which doesn't work. Congress should limit the power of the courts to impose forced busing. No judge or court should be telling us how to raise our children.

**8.** we must protect the future of those who have invested in social security and who now rely upon it for their livelihood. We should remove the earnings limitation so that an individual can continue to earn and be productive without fear of having his payments cut. Congress has treated the social security system like a political football for too long.



**9.** we should limit the terms of those serving in Washington...ten years for a Congressman, two 6-year terms for a Senator, and one 6-year term for the President. Then, perhaps those elected to these offices would think more about how their actions will affect the next generation rather than their own next election.

**10.** inflation slowly is crushing us all. The primary cause of inflation is deficit spending by the reckless Congress...but asking a professional politician serving in the Congress to balance the budget is like asking Typhoid Mary to stop the epidemic. Congress will not change—we must change the Congress!





**“George Mahon is 76-years-old. He has lived the last 42 years in Washington. I think it is time for him to retire.**

**When you consider the disastrous growth of welfare, bureaucracy, regulations and taxes, you have to come to one of two conclusions: As fine a person as he is, either George Mahon has become a willing cog in the whole big government machine or he is totally ineffective in stopping it....either way, we’re in trouble.”**

# Has George Mahon done anything to reduce taxes, bureaucracy, criminal coddling and welfare greed? He says yes. His record says no.

## More Spending!

Add it up—on a **BIG** adding machine. While serving in Congress since 1934, 76-year-old George Mahon has participated in the spending of more money than any man in the history of the world! And the tragedy of it is—it isn't his money—it belongs to us, the taxpayers of the United States. Since Mahon became chairman of the Appropriations Committee in 1964—the federal budget has increased almost 400%. It has increased 42% in the last two years. He voted four times against balancing the federal budget. (H. Con. Res. #728 on Sept. 9, 1976, H.R. #619 on May 29, 1976, H.R. #466 on Nov. 12, 1976, H. Con. Res. #218 on May 1, 1975.)

## More Debt!

Under Mahon's leadership the United States now has a national debt ceiling of \$700 billion—more than the combined total of all the debts of all the other countries in the world! In the 94th Congress, Mahon voted to increase the debt every time it came up for a vote.

## More Control!

Mahon repeatedly has voted to provide operating money for the ballooning bureaucracy which includes OSHA, HEW, FEA and EPA. On June 26, 1975, H.R. #8069, he voted against a proposal which would have exempted small businessmen from fines for alleged first-time OSHA violations.

## More Food Stamps!

Although Mahon insists that he opposes the disastrous growth of the food stamp program, in fact, his voting record supports giving more taxpayer's dollars to more recipients of food stamps. On November 13, 1975, H.R. #10647, Mahon voted with the liberals *against* cutting off stamps to those making above the poverty income level.

## More Secrecy!

When it was proposed in 1975 that Congressional committees hold public hearings, Mahon objected. He announced that he expected the Appropriations Committee and all Appropriations Sub-committees to meet in *secret!* (Taken from Congressional Almanac, 1976 Edition)

## More Subversion!

At a time when the United States needs maximum protection against foreign infiltration and subversion, Mahon voted with the liberals in the House of Representatives to abolish the House Internal Security Committee (H.R. #5, January 14, 1975). This committee had a distinguished record over the years for rooting out communist influence.

## More Busing!

While professing a strong anti-busing stand, Mahon steadfastly has refused to sign the discharge petition designed to stop busing. H.R. #12365 (The McDonald School Bill) is bottled up in the Civil and Constitutional Rights Sub-committee of the House Judiciary Committee under Peter Rodino. It takes only the signature of a simple majority of members of Congress to get action on this important legislation. Mahon has chosen to ignore the wishes of parents and children of all races in West Texas. He should act, not just talk against forced busing!



## More For Congressmen!

On July 30, 1975, Mahon voted for H.R. #653. That action increased his salary immediately. (Secrecy prevailed, no public hearings were permitted.) He also tied his salary permanently to the cost-of-living index, thereby permanently insulating the Congressman from the very inflation being caused by federal deficit spending. The vote on H.R. #653 was 214-213—it passed by one vote—Mahon's vote. Then, slightly more than two months before the 1976 election, when the Congressman was faced with voter resentment at this reward for creating inflation, Mahon voted to postpone his 1976 raise.

## More Wayne Hays Power!

On May 21, 1975, H.R. #6950, Mahon voted *against* amendments by Armstrong (R-Colo.) and Bauman (R-Md.) to strip Wayne Hays of some of his power. Mahon voted to continue the practice of allowing Hays to bestow favors with taxpayer's money upon members of Congress without the Congressmen having to go on record with their vote. Only a subsequent scandal stripped Hays of his power.

## More For Strikers!

On June 29, 1972, H.R. #15690, Mahon voted with the liberals to allow food stamps for strikers. He was given another chance on this same issue on June 21, 1974. This time he didn't vote at all, although he is recorded as voting on five other roll call votes on the floor of the House that same day.

## More For Panama!

Mahon voted for funds to continue the negotiations to give away the Panama Canal (H.R. #8121, October 7, 1975). He says he is opposed to giving away the Canal but his vote is the opposite of what he's telling West Texans.

## More Crime!

On May 21, 1975, Mahon voted for the Parole Reorganization Act (H.R. #5727). This act included a provision which would make prisoners eligible for parole after only ten years of imprisonment—regardless of offense.

## More Big Government!

Under Mahon's leadership, the Congress has funded (with taxpayer's money) a spectacular growth in the number of federal employees and agencies. In just the last 15 years, 236 departments, agencies, bureaus, and commissions have been created while only 21 have been eliminated.