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Watch Endorsements Ritter for Governor

Mostly because Coloradans have to wonder how Republican Bob Beauprez would have governed had his side in last year's debate on Referendum C, temporarily relaxing the Taxpayers Bill of rights, prevailed, his opponent Democratic opponent Bill Ritter has been dominating this contest. Beauprez succumbed to the far right impulse to always oppose taxes, even when basic government services are at stake and even when tax cuts are draconian. This is despite the fact that even current Governor Bill Owens, no flaming liberal, campaigned hard for Referendum C.

Ritter, by comparison, understands that a growing state needs adequate revenues to maintain services, and he supported Referendum C.

This is hardly the only difference between these two candidates, but it is all you really need to know to pick Ritter over Beauprez. Beauprez was a lackluster member of Congress, a seat he gave up to run for governor, and he has run a dismal campaign for governor. More reasons to support Ritter.

Ritter has campaigned that he will bolster Colorado's energy production, with a strong emphasis on renewable sources, and create what he calls a "New Energy Economy." He recognizes that Colorado has shortsightedly shortchanged higher education. Ritter gets our vote.

Salazar for Congress

It is troubling that Rep. John Salazar voted for Pres. Bush's Torture Bill, and we'll call it just that, and not the Military Tribunals Bill, because it's permissiveness regarding torture – Bush may define torture any way he chooses – is so unforgivable. So, too, the bill deprives foreign enemy combatants of any right of

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