

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE-May 18, 2006

Contact: Diane Russell

Phone: (207) 221-6448

Web: www.mehnertformaine.com

Senate Candidate Eric Mehnert Delivers Address on Impeachment

Who: Eric Mehnert, Democratic Candidate for US Senate

What: Remarks to South Portland City Democratic Committee on Impeachment of President George W. Bush

When: 7:00pm, May 17, 2006

Where: South Portland Congregational Church, 301 Cottage Rd, South Portland.

SOUTH PORTLAND, May 18 - US Senate Candidate Eric Mehnert was the featured speaker at the monthly meeting of the South Portland City Democratic Committee on Wednesday, May 17. Following remarks from Committee Chair Richard Rottkov, Mr. Mehnert addressed his views on the movement to impeach President George W. Bush. The text of these remarks follows:

In America, each citizen is considered innocent until proven guilty. We are guaranteed the right to due process, the right to a fair, impartial trial and the right to be judged by our peers. But if we are found guilty, we are held accountable based on the severity of the crimes we have been convicted of.

As a citizen of this country, and as a lawyer, I support a fair, impartial investigation of our President by the House of Representatives into potential "high crimes and misdemeanors" as outlined by our Constitution. As your Senator, if a House investigation concludes crimes may have been committed, I will then support a proper trial where the President is afforded an opportunity to prove his innocence. Or, impeachment proceedings, as the Constitution refers to it.

Each of us is accorded a process by which our innocence or guilt may be proven. As a lawyer, I've dedicated my life to ensuring that process is fair and just. As your Senator, I will fight to protect our rights and preserve the processes that ensure justice for each and every one of us. This is part of my contract with you.

He then fielded questions from Committee members on the issues of national security and civil rights, immigration reform and affordable healthcare. Mr. Mehnert also remarked on his distress with the President's propensity for making signing statements that project his disregard for vast portions of legislation. "Our Senators need to do an analysis of the President's signing statements to determine their legality. In effect, Bush is issuing a line-item veto on such as legislation as the torture ban and the recent changes to the so-called Patriot Act"

State Senator Lynn Bromley (D-South Portland) attended the address.

Find more information on Eric Mehnert (pronounced MAY-nert) including his schedule of events at www.mehnertformaine.com.

###