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Official Announcement of Allen W. Barkley For Governor

At November 11th I announced that I would be a candidate for Governor and that later I would make known my views on important questions before the people. Since that time I have been unable, because of the pressure of the fact that the announced position has resulted in fulfillment, to personally make my views known.

I am not a candidate for Governor because I am interested in a public position, but because I am interested in dealing with them the voters are entitled to know how his mind is made up and what he hopes to accomplish. I shall be candid and plain in my statements and will not be misled into misrepresentation of a campaign program. I shall endeavor to discuss with sound reason.

THE STATE DEBT—In approaching any discussion of the State Debt, we must start from the floating debt expressed in warrants. The first duty of the next Governor will be to pay off this debt as fast as there is money in the treasury, and like all debts, to the amount of it are elected themselves for economical administration, and I am pledged to practice economy in the administration of the affairs of the State. I am pledged to reduce the floating debt as fast as possible, and to this end I will recommend to the next Legislature that it provide for the issuance of bonds to the amount necessary to pay off the floating debt, and that it provide a sinking fund sufficient to pay the principal and interest of the bonds as they mature. I will recommend that the Legislature provide an annual appropriation sufficient to pay off the floating debt, and that it provide that the Governor shall not be allowed to issue warrants in excess of the appropriation. I think it proper to withhold the suggestion of the amount of the appropriation which I will recommend to the Legislature, but I am sure that the amount of the floating debt can be paid off in a few years without any hardship to the people, and that the amount of the floating debt can be paid off in a few years without any hardship to the people, and that the amount of the floating debt can be paid off in a few years without any hardship to the people, and