2008 General Election ~ U.S. Representative ~ Congressional District 7

1. Did you grow up with animals?	
Ed Perlmutter (D)	Did not respond
John Lerew (R)	No answer given

2. Does your family have animals?	
Ed Perlmutter (D)	Did not respond
John Lerew (R)	Yes; Dogs - Rotweiler & Westie

The bills and resolutions referred to in the following questions are from the 110th (current) Congress unless otherwise noted. We thank the Humane Society of the United States (HSUS) for some of the legislation descriptions. For more information about any bill or resolution (including its complete text), please visit http://thomas.loc.gov.

3. The “Pet Safety and Protection Act” (S. 714 & H.R. 1280) would amend the Animal Welfare Act to ensure that all dogs and cats used by research facilities are obtained legally. Would you be likely to vote for this bill?	
Ed Perlmutter (D)	Did not respond
John Lerew (R)	Yes

4. The “Pet Animal Welfare Statute” (S. 1139 & H.R. 2669) would close a loophole in the Animal Welfare Act that allows large commercial breeders (“puppy mills”) that sell directly to the public to escape regulation, requiring them to meet the same minimal welfare standards as other facilities. Would you be likely to vote for this bill?	
Ed Perlmutter (D)	Did not respond
John Lerew (R)	Yes

5. The “American Horse Slaughter Prevention Act” (H.R. 503 & S. 311) would prohibit the slaughter of horses for human consumption and prohibit their export for slaughter in other countries. Would you be likely to vote for this bill?	
Ed Perlmutter (D)	Did not respond
John Lerew (R)	Yes

6. The “Preservation of Antibiotics for Medical Treatment Act” (S. 549 & H.R. 962) would curb overuse of antibiotics in animal agriculture, which supports overcrowded and unsanitary conditions on factory farms and endangers public health. Would you be likely to vote for this bill?	
Ed Perlmutter (D)	Did not respond
John Lerew (R)	Undecided

7. The “Downed Animal and Food Safety Protection Act” (S. 394 & H.R. 661) would end the use of certain nonambulatory livestock (cattle, sheep, swine, goats, or horses, mules, or other equines) in human food and require that these downed animals be humanely euthanized when presented at slaughter facilities. Would you be likely to vote for this bill?	
Ed Perlmutter (D)	Did not respond
John Lerew (R)	Yes

8. The ”Dog and Cat Fur Prohibition Enforcement Act” (H.R. 891) would strengthen the current law prohibiting the sale of domestic dog fur by requiring that all fur garments, regardless of value, identify the species of animal used and the country of origin. It would also ban the import of fur from “raccoon dogs,” an Asiatic member of the dog family whose fur is often intentionally mislabeled to mislead consumers. Would you be likely to vote for this bill?	
Ed Perlmutter (D)	Did not respond
John Lerew (R)	Yes

9. The “Captive Primate Safety Act” (S. 1498 & H.R. 2964) would prohibit interstate and foreign commerce in nonhuman primates (chimpanzees, monkeys, lemurs and others) for the pet trade. Would you be likely to vote for this bill?	
Ed Perlmutter (D)	Did not respond
John Lerew (R)	Yes

10. The “Yellowstone Buffalo Preservation Act” (109th Congress - H.R. 2428) would encourage non-lethal management methods and create a moratorium on the killing of Yellowstone bison so they can freely roam federal public lands surrounding the park. Would you be likely to vote for this bill?	
Ed Perlmutter (D)	Did not respond
John Lerew (R)	Yes

11. The “Inhumane Trapping Prevention Act” (109th Congress - H.R. 3442) would prohibit interstate commerce of steel-jaw leghold traps and the import, export, or interstate commerce of fur of animals caught with these devices. Would you be likely to vote for this bill?	
Ed Perlmutter (D)	Did not respond
John Lerew (R)	Yes

12. The Canadian Seal Hunt Resolution (S. Res. 118 & H.R. 427) calls on the government of Canada to end its commercial seal hunt. The hunt is the largest commercial slaughter of wildlife in the world, allowing hunters to club or shoot up to 975,000 baby harp seals over a three-year period. Would you be likely to vote for this resolution?	
Ed Perlmutter (D)	Did not respond
John Lerew (R)	Yes

13. The ”Sportsmanship in Hunting Act” (H.R. 3829) would prohibit interstate commerce in animals destined to be killed for trophies at canned hunting facilities. Would you be likely to vote for this bill?	
Ed Perlmutter (D)	Did not respond
John Lerew (R)	Yes

14. The ”Computer-Assisted Remote Hunting Act” (H.R. 2711 & S. 2422) would prohibit internet hunting whereby a person remotely controls the aiming and firing of a weapon to kill an animal at a canned hunting facility. Would you be likely to vote for this bill?	
Ed Perlmutter (D)	Did not respond
John Lerew (R)	Yes

15. The “Antifreeze Bittering Agent Act” (H.R. 4936) would require inclusion of a “bittering agent” in engine coolant and antifreeze. This would reduce the risk of poisoning of animals and children. Would you be likely to vote for this bill?	
Ed Perlmutter (D)	Did not respond
John Lerew (R)	Yes

16. Would you be willing to consider factual documentation from CHVL on a given issue?	
Ed Perlmutter (D)	Did not respond
John Lerew (R)	Yes

This concludes our questionnaire. Please add any general comments below.	
Ed Perlmutter (D)	Did not respond
John Lerew (R)	None given

Questionnaire Score	
Ed Perlmutter (D)	Did not respond
John Lerew (R)	93%