

# Straight Facts

## ABOUT OUR Candidates



**BILL RITTER**

### **BILL RITTER WILL FIGHT FOR WORKING FAMILIES**

#### **✓ Will Improve Our Health Care.**

Bill Ritter said he will not wait for a national solution to the health care crisis because “it isn’t coming.” He will create a task force of business and labor leaders, insurers and health care providers to create a plan for affordable health care in Colorado. (*Rocky Mountain News*, 3/30/06; Associated Press State & Local Wire, 3/30/06)

#### **✓ Will Protect Our Pensions.**

Bill Ritter has promised to protect public and private retirees’ pensions. He will use his “bully pulpit” as governor to keep employers from using bankruptcy courts to eliminate our pensions and believes “the state must find a way to keep its promise to workers.” (*Pueblo Chieftain*, 3/18/06; Associated Press State & Local Wire, 4/2/06)

#### **✓ Supports Raising the Minimum Wage.**

Ritter said we need to “provide a minimum wage that truly is a livable wage” and supports the ballot initiative to raise the minimum wage to \$6.85 an hour. ([www.ritterforgovernor.com](http://www.ritterforgovernor.com); *Denver Post*, 8/16/06)



**BOB BEAUPREZ**

### **BOB BEAUPREZ HAS FAILED WORKING FAMILIES**

#### **■ Weakened Our Health Care.**

Bob Beauprez voted to let employers avoid state insurance regulations, increasing insurance premiums for working families. (H.R. 525, Vote 426, 7/26/05; *Rocky Mountain News*, 7/7/05)

#### **■ Undercut Our Retirement Security.**

Bob Beauprez voted against protecting pension benefits for more than 120,000 airline workers and supports privatizing Social Security. (H.R. 3010, Vote #309, 6/24/05)

#### **■ Opposes Raising the Minimum Wage.**

Bob Beauprez opposes the ballot initiative to give Colorado a raise because he doesn’t think “we ought to be putting the minimum wage on autopilot.” (*Rocky Mountain News*, 8/16/06)

**CHECK THE FACTS. GET THE RECORDS.**

# VOTE Nov. 7

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