

Comments from Keyes supporters who attended the Iowa caucuses

From Cedar Rapids:

I did caucus for Alan Keyes. Dr. Keyes' name was not mentioned. They did let people speak for each of the other candidates. A friend of mine knows that someone spoke for Dr. Keyes at his caucus site. He did tell me that that precinct had 6 votes for Dr. Keyes. I was the only one at my precinct.

When they read out the names of the candidates and listed how many votes that person got, they did not mention my vote for Dr. Keyes. I went and talked to them and said my vote needed to be counted. Another man stood up behind me and agreed that that vote needed to be listed even though his name was not on the roster. They did end up listing it, and then it was supposed to have been called in to Des Moines. . . . My sister lives in Des Moines and she went to the caucus as well and voted for Dr. Keyes. Again, they did not mention his name there, either.

From Lawton:

All other candidate names were mentioned, but not Alan Keyes.

From Woodbury County:

Alan was not mentioned as a candidate by the temporary chairman. All of the other candidates were mentioned and got their two minutes.

From Union:

There was a ballot and his name was not on it.

From the 18th Precinct:

They didn't have Keyes on the list of candidates. . . . There was someone there that asked to speak for Alan. . . . They didn't announce any votes for Keyes, or even mention his name (even though they mentioned the others. I think Duncan Hunter and/or Tancredo had 0 votes, and they mentioned that).

From Bettendorf:

I listened as the Chair called off roll for who would speak on behalf of each candidate. Finally they moved to local offices and candidates, without calling, "Alan Keyes." I stood in protest and

asked to speak for (him). The audience said, “Who?” I repeated, “Ambassador Alan Keyes.” Before I could speak, the Chairperson had to check with the precinct captain.

From Ames:

The Chair read out the names on the ballot. I spoke up at the end of the names listed and pointed out that Tancredo had dropped out of the race . . . and that Alan Keyes was not listed, but had joined the race back in September. She (the Chair) asked if Dr. Keyes was a Democrat or a Republican, at which point several people called out that he was a Republican. She said, “Well, this is what I was given so that’s all I have to go on.” I voted for Dr. Keyes anyway, and I was the only one. I know that because the vote count was announced before we left.

From Precinct 51:

The officials did not mention Alan. However, I asked and was granted the opportunity to speak for Alan. . . . One person from Precinct 52 . . . came up to me after the voting was tabulated and thanked me for speaking up for Alan. The results were read out loud, one vote for Alan from each precinct.

From northwest Iowa:

I attended [my] caucus and spoke for Keyes. I was interrupted by the Chairperson and told that I could not speak on behalf of a candidate whose name did not appear on the list. I pointed out that Tom Tancredo was listed but had previously withdrawn and appealed to rules. The Chair was reluctant but yielded the floor. There seems to be a general fear on the part of party officials (and especially Republican Party Candidates) to allow Keyes a hearing.

Dr. Keyes’ staff also received the following email:

I served as Precinct Chair for my caucus. We had one individual vote for Dr. Alan Keyes. The phone number that I called to report the votes did not have a code for Alan Keyes. However, the following day I turned (in) the official tally sheet—signed by myself as well as the recording secretary—indicat[ing] the vote for Alan.