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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:**

The Stonington Republican Town Committee has become the first in the State of Connecticut to officially endorse the candidacy of Rob Simmons for U.S. Senate.

Mr. Simmons, a former U.S. Representative, Connecticut State Representative and the State's first Business Advocate, announced his candidacy for U.S. Senate recently after a meeting with his family and closest advisors.

After the endorsement, Simmons released a statement: "I am honored by your support. The Stonington Republican Town Committee has been the heart and soul of my political support since 1985, and I thank you for that. I am proud that Stonington is the first to endorse my candidacy for U.S. Senate."

Also present at the meeting was Timothy Plungis, Vice President of the University of Connecticut College Republicans, who stated, "We vow to work hard for all the Republican candidates in the 2010 cycle, and we are happy to see Rob Simmons enter the race for U.S. Senate. We wish him all the best."

Simmons is running against Senator Dodd, who is the Chairman of the Senate Banking Committee, is currently under fire for adding \$165 million in AIG bonuses to the stimulus bill, and for his *Friends of Angelo* status in receiving a low interest rate from Countrywide mortgage company. The latest Quinnipiac Poll, shows that if the race were held now, Simmons would be the likely winner.

