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I went to Iron County Republican Caucus on Thursday, which was held at the Cedar City South Elementary School. I first turned up to the star room but I found out that is not my district. The District leader informed me that I had to go to the 13th district. I brought my friend Dallin he had a hard time getting into the event, he had to tell them he was an libertarian and he just wanted to hear their platform. I was explicitly asked not to ask questions, vote or participate in anyway because I'm not registered as an Republican. The program started out with a flag ceremony and a prayer. We then read a letter from the chair of the republican party, which was about all the hopes and accomplishments for/of the republican party. We listened as the platform was read, and district representatives were voted for. There was a lot of voting and sustaining. This was the first time I have been at a Caucus meeting, and frankly I was not impressed. I don't like the caucus or the electoral college system. I believe in a direct voting system, not voting one person represent a group or district. It makes my vote seem less important or valued. But I was impressed with the people who do go to the caucus meeting and do participate, because they are doing a service.