

The Patriots' Truth

Flint Hills TEA Party News

ON OUR CALENDAR

MEDIA COMMITTEE MEETING – MCALISTER'S EVERY WED AT 5:30PM Depending on weather.

April 9 – 9:30am-Monthly Mtg; 10am-Larry Halloran, Wichita 912 Group; 10:45am-Richard Fry, Patriot Coalition-General Counsel; 11:30am Lunch available & Jessica Furney singing; 12:15am-Angelo Mino, Born in Ecuador, Made in America; 1pm-Kris Kobach, Kansas Secretary of State at Riley County High School, Riley, KS, Hwy 24/Falcon Rd, Riley, KS

April 15 – TAX Day – 3rd Annual TEA Party -- Obamaville Bean Soup in Wamego City Park Shelter House at 11AM

April 16 – 3PM at the Riley County Courthouse Plaza in Manhattan with Congresswoman Lynn Jenkins followed by Joe Miller of Alaska as guest speaker; Jud Jones of Wamego TEA Party; Elizabeth Patton, Fill in for Senator Jerry Moran. Paul Ibbetson, radio show host & author will MC this event.

Ernie Honas will introduce the Constitutional Scholarship sponsored by the Flint Hills TEA Party Educational Fund at each of these events.

Get Involved with the FLINT HILLS TEA PARTY!



SCHEDULE OF EVENTS FOR APRIL

You Are Invited to Join Us For Flint Hills Tea Party's "RALLY IN RILEY II"

Riley County High School (2 mi. North of Riley)
Hwy 24/Falcon Rd, Riley, KS

Saturday, April 9



- 9:30 am Doors open
- 10 am Larry Halloran, Wichita 912 Group
- 10:45 am Richard Fry, Patriot Coalition-General Counsel
- 11:30 am Lunch Available
- 12:15 pm Angelo Mino, "Born in Ecuador/ Made In America"
- 1 pm Kris Kobach, Kansas Secretary of State

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Jessica Furney, American Idol contestant, will sing.

Lunch and Refreshments Available

Join Us for the 3rd TAX DAY TEA PARTY Manhattan Courthouse Plaza Saturday, April 16—3 pm



Speakers include:

- Congresswoman Lynn Jenkins, 2nd District for Kansas
- Joe Miller, Republican nominee for U.S. Senate for Alaska. A graduate of West Point and Yale Law School, Joe is a decorated combat veteran from the First Gulf War, a former state magistrate and federal magistrate judge. He and his wife, Kathleen, are the proud parents of eight children and live in Fairbanks where he is a practicing attorney.
- Jud Jones, Wamego Tea Party
- Elizabeth Patton, Representative for Senator Moran

Refreshments Available

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Turnaround Day Has Passed

Carlson's Committee Can Still Work On Bills

By Richard Carlson, Representative from the 61st District

The Legislature is quickly reaching the halfway point of the 2011 session – commonly known as turnaround

The official turnaround deadline is Friday, Feb. 25. In order to be considered for the remainder of the session bills introduced in the House must be passed before Friday while those not passed will be considered dead for the remainder of the session.

However, a select group of bills are exempt from the deadline and work on those pieces of legislation can continue after turnaround, even if not passed out of the House My Taxation Committee is one of the exempt committees so I can hear new bills all session. Post turnaround, our primary focus will be on legislation, which passed the Senate.

Workman's Compensation

On Wednesday, the House debated HB 2134, which revises portions of the Workers Compensation Act. The first piece of workers compensation legislation was adopted in Kansas over 100 years ago to ensure the care of injured workers while also protecting employers. However, 17 years have passed since the existing statutes were revised and court action dictated the need for updating workers compensation law in Kansas.

HB 2134 is the work of labor and business interests who negotiated the main provisions of the bill to ensure its fairness for employers and employees. I supported the bill as I felt the compromises were fair to both employers and employees.

HB 2134 reinstates the \$75,000 functional impairment cap and raises the permanent partial and total caps by \$30,000 while increasing death benefits from \$250,000 to @300,000. The measure clarifies that employers are only responsible for injuries experienced while at work and protects them from civil litigation. Bill provisions allow employees to collect compensation for work related injuries without needing to prove the fault of negligence of their employer HB 2134 raises the threshold required for monetary payment from an accident by removing opportunities for multiple permanent total disability claims, creating new qualification standards for work disability and clarifying injury reporting requirements.

Illegal Immigrant Tuition

In 2004 the Kansas Legislature passed legislation establishing statutory criteria for determining the eligibility of illegal immigrants to qualify for in-state tuition and fees at Kansas post secondary institutions.

Current law allows such student to qualify for in-state tuition if they attended an accredited Kansas high school for three or more years; graduated from a Kansas high school or obtained a Kansas, GED certificate; have been accepted to a Kansas post secondary institution and have filed an affidavit stating they have begun the process of legalizing their immigration status, are working to become a U.S. Citizen or their parents have filed for such applications.

House bill 2006 would repeal the above provisions allowing illegal immigrants to be considered in-state residents for the purposes of paying fees and tuition at Kansas post-secondary institutions. The bill declares anyone unlawfully present in the United States is not a resident of Kansas and is prohibited from receiving in-state fees and tuition at any Kansas postsecondary institution. Debate on this legislation was scheduled for Monday, February 21.

I have voted to repeal the in-state tuition in the past for illegal immigrants and will continue to support that position. I will vote in favor of HB 2006.

Carlson Describes Contents of Several Bills

By Richard Carlson, Representative 61st District

Late Term, Partial Birth Abortions

House Bill 2035 places further restrictions on late term abortion procedures, expands parental consent requirements for minors seeking abortions and strengthens the state's partial birth abortion law to where it better aligns with lighter federal law. This particular measure is a combination of legislation passed during prior sessions that was vetoed by democratic governors Sebelius and Parkinson.

Key provisions: of the bill:

- Requires a specific medical diagnosis for a late-term abortion to occur.
- Requires women seeking abortions to be provided with information that states they procedure will terminate the life of a human being.
- Allows for civil lawsuits against doctors who violate late-term abortion law.
- Mandates additional reporting of sex abuse evidence on minors wanting an abortion.
- Clarifies when courts can bypass parental consent requirements.

On Thursday, February 24, the House passed HB2035 by a vote of 96 to 25 and I voted in favor of the bill.

Fetal Pain Abortion Regulations

House Bill 2218 enacts new restrictions on certain late term abortions by adding provisions addressing the ability of an unborn child to feel pain. I also supported this bill.

Voter Identification

The secure and Fair Election (SAFE) Act. Contained in House Bill 2067, was another bill I supported and it requires all Kansas voters to show photo identification before voting, requires proof of citizenship when registering to vote, and extends the power to prosecute alleged cases of voter fraud to the Secretary of State's office. At the polls, voters must show government issued photo ID before casting their ballot. The measure requires voters who request an advance or main-in ballot must include their driver's license number or a photocopy of their ID with their ballot application.

The bill strengthens the penalties for voting without being qualified, voting multiple times during the same election, for tampering with elections, falsely impersonating another voter and for illegally handling advance ballots.

Opponents argue the measure is a modern day poll tax that disenfranchises the disabled, poor and elderly. In response, current provisions in the bill allow low-income Kansans to get a free ID or birth certificate if they reside in a household with an annual income of 150% of the federal poverty level (approximately \$33,000 for a family of four). For residents over the age of 65, an expired driver's license or photo ID can be used in lieu of a current form of photo ID.

On Friday, February 25, the House passed HB 2067 by a vote of 83 to 36.

Union Contributions to PACs

House Bill 2130, known commonly as paycheck protection – helps ensure labor, public employee and professional employee union members’ wages are not automatically withheld for political contributions. Current law permits these organizations to use paycheck deduction for the political activities. The bill changes that law to give union members the freedom to chose how they would like their contribution to be spent. Union members still have the option of donating funds through personal payments to union PAC activities. If the union uses an employee’s paycheck deduction improperly, the bill allows the employee to sue the union for damages.

If workers want their financial support to go to a political candidate, they are still given the opportunity to direct their money to that respective candidate. If workers would like their funds to go towards negotiations or other union activity, then those dollars must be specifically directed to those endeavors.

This was certainly our most explosive issue this week, with union workers arriving at the Capitol to protest the final action vote Thursday. While spirited dissent and thorough debate has always been a cornerstone of our democratic process – some of the tactics employed this week by the unions during their visit crossed the line of civility and rational dissent. Regardless, the bill easily cleared the House, and I trust you will hear more on the issue as the Senate considers the bill. This type of coercion by a few is precisely why I supported this bill. All Kansans, whether union members or not, deserve the states protection from coercion from their union or employer.

(Editor’s note: The lobbyist that “crossed the line of civility and rational dissent” was taken from the House and will NOT be permitted back during this session.)

On Thursday, February 24, the House passed HB2130 by a vote of 75 to 46.

NAF Funding Resolution

Senate Concurrent Resolution 4605 urges the United States Congress to fund the construction of the National Bio and Agro-defense Facility (NBAF) in Manhattan, The concurrent resolution also encourages the Department of Homeland Security to advance the sale of the Plum Island Animal Disease Center so the proceeds of that sale can be directed to assist with the funding of NBAF.

SCR 1605 passed the Senate with a unanimous voice vote on Thursday, February 24. The House passed SCR 1605 on Friday, February 25 by a vote of 119 to 0. I am hopeful the federal government funds the construction of NBAF quickly. This facility will bring hundreds, if not thousands, of good paying and stable jobs to Kansas.

Legislative Report 3-18-2011

Last week the House passed H.Sub SB 1, March to Economic Growth Act (MEGA) which will significantly change the direction of Kansas tax policy toward one of pro-growth and over a period of years will allow Kansas to join the high growth states which have no income tax. While it has passed the House, we now will see what the Senate does.

House Speaker, Mike O’Neal , a Republican from Hutchinson, said it will create an atmosphere in the state that’s conducive to genuine growth, instead of imposing high taxes on Kansas residents.

“Some of us want to earn revenue the old fashioned way, by earning it rather than going to an existing tax base and continuing to increase their taxes,” O’Neal said. “We’re wanting to grow the pie bigger, reduce the tax burden on those that have already chosen to make Kansas their home.” Quote: Kansas [Reporter.com](#)

Quotes from the Wichita Eagle: "Income tax does not get cut by a dime until revenues increase," said Taxation Committee Chairman Richard Carlson, R-St. Marys."There's very little risk to the state," added Rep. Kasha Kelley, R-Arkansas City. "If we don't grow, we don't reduce."

The MEGA bill reduces the corporate and individual income tax with a trigger based on growth. If state tax receipts increase over the immediately preceding fiscal year, then a corresponding reduction in both taxes will

occur. The overall goal of this bill is institutional change that will shift to more consumption (sales) taxes and less production (income) taxes. The House is committed to collecting Kansas tax revenue by growing the economy rather than increasing the tax rate on current revenue streams. By providing a consistent and less complicated tax structure, this bill limits the role of state government and fosters business growth and investment. People vote with their feet. From side-by-side comparisons we know that states without individual income tax experience population and revenue growth at a consistently higher rate than states with high rates.

Kansas experienced a net out-migration of over 17,000 workers during the last ten years. Kansas Government cannot sustain even the present levels of service to our citizens if we do not increase our tax base through additional growth of revenues. Any additional expenditures in future years, be it for our disabled, Medicaid recipients, or our public school system can only be funded two ways: increased revenues or higher taxes. If government wants more of something, it taxes it less, if it wants less of something it taxes it more. Government has the history of doing it in exactly the opposite manner. For years, Kansas economic growth has lagged behind most of midwestern neighbors, H.Sub SB1 will begin to reverse that trend, encouraging business leaders from across the nation to consider Kansas as the destination headquarters for companies wishing to expand and create more high paying jobs for our workers. Reducing the tax burden on productive income and capital investment allows more cash to be invested in our Kansas economy, broadening the tax base and increasing total revenues to state and local governments.

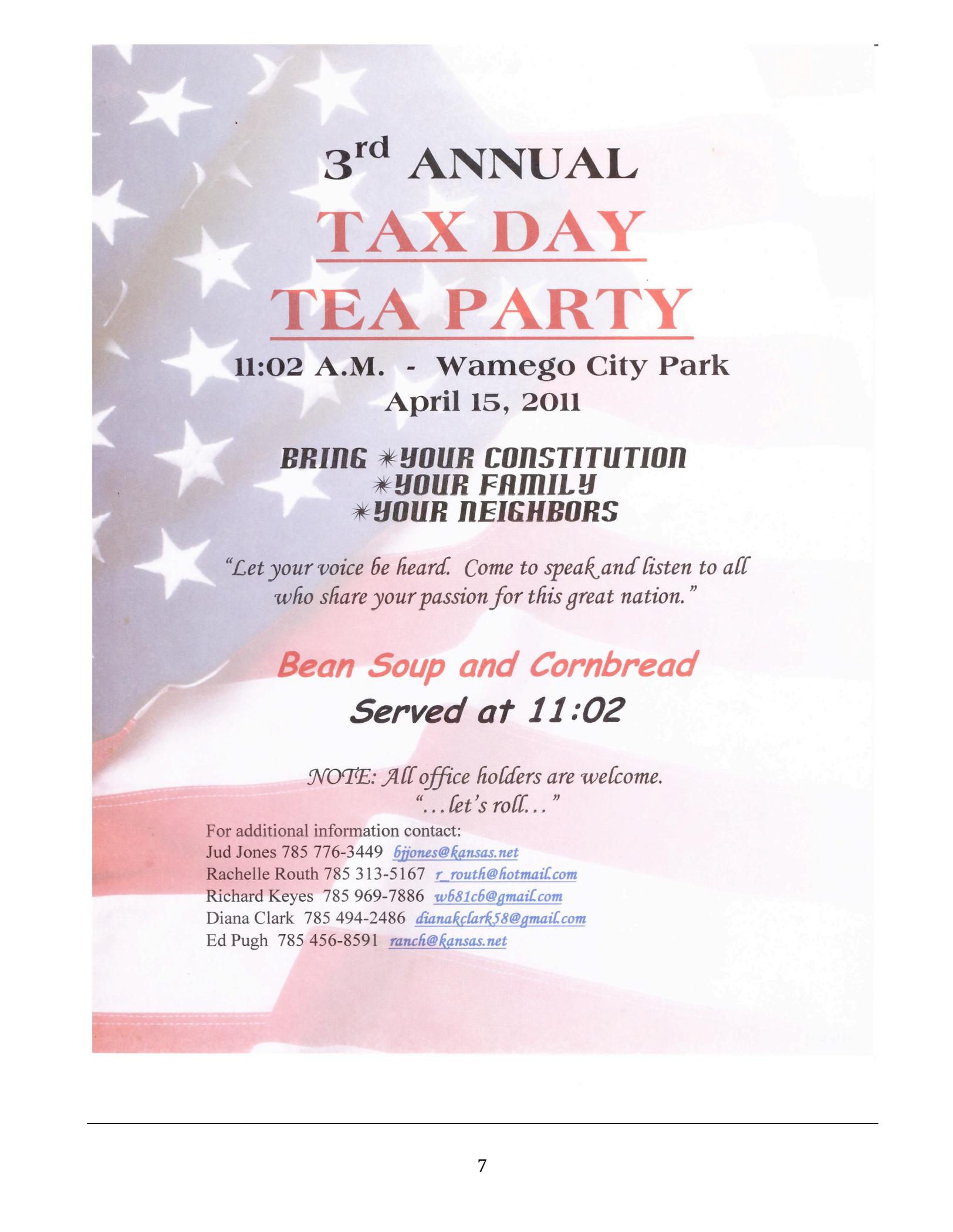
It is often quoted Kansas needs to retain the three legged stool of tax policy. Equal amounts of Income, property and sales taxes. 100 years ago this made some sense when the total tax burden on our citizens was very small. Today the three legged stool needs to be updated, taxes have become a burden on our productive society. Tax policy in Kansas will influence where capital will invest and jobs are created. A pro-growth stable tax policy needs to be adopted, H.Sub SB 1 does just that.

President Reagan proved without a doubt the revenue pie is not static. Reducing productive taxes (income & capital) will spur economic growth and expansion of revenues, creating a larger pie, whereby both government and the citizens' benefit. All sectors of the economy grow, both private and public, without increasing the tax burden upon its people. President Reagan's pro-growth tax policy created the longest lasting economic boom America has seen in recent memory.

Creating jobs for 100,000 unemployed Kansans through a pro-growth economic policy is our highest priority. Destroying jobs in the private sector with a tax increase is not an option. H.Sub SB 1 will begin the march to pro-growth, making Kansas look less like California and more like Texas. People talking with their walking out of Kansas needs to stop, staying in Kansas and growing in Kansas with a pro- growth tax policy simply makes good common sense.

Thank you for the privilege of serving as your State Representative. If you have questions or comments, please feel free to call, write or send an email. My office: Statehouse, Room 274 W., 300 SW 10th St., Topeka, Kansas 66612. My phone: 785-296-7660 and my email: Richard.carlson@house.ks.gov.

“Real ID” bill, H.D. 418 is out there. This bill is more controlling for each US Citizen than any other bill has been. It is a National Drivers License/Photo ID for each and every US Citizen that has an imbedded chip enabling the Federal Government to know where each citizen is 24/7. It can't be left at home because we will be required to show it everywhere. Our Congresspersons must be made to understand that it must never go into effect. Probably what they will have to do is defund Bill 418, Real ID. Thank you to the House Representatives for voting against this bill. Do what you can to wake up your Senators!!!



3rd ANNUAL
TAX DAY
TEA PARTY

11:02 A.M. - Wamego City Park
April 15, 2011

BRING *YOUR CONSTITUTION
***YOUR FAMILY**
***YOUR NEIGHBORS**

*“Let your voice be heard. Come to speak and listen to all
who share your passion for this great nation.”*

Bean Soup and Cornbread
Served at 11:02

NOTE: All office holders are welcome.
“...let’s roll...”

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FLINT HILLS TEA PARTY

MINUTES OF March 12, 2011 MEETING

Moderator John Ford called the meeting of 20 attendees to order at 9:45.

Larry Tawney led us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Paul Barkey talked about Foreign Aid from the USA should be paid to those who really need it. We were introduced to the son of a friend, Brandon, attending the meeting with Paul. Brandon is hoping to be a walk on for football at KSU, Paul will introduce him to Coach Snider. Then Paul led us in prayer for our group, citizens, and country.

Rich Crowley of the Flint Hills Regional Wealth Club spoke to us concerning steps to take for financial security. Rich's wife is a Doctor in the Army serving in Afghanistan. At this time Rich is a single Father of a 4 year old and an almost 2 year old; he is struggling, but enjoying it. Periodical meetings are held to which he has invited the TEA Party to attend. The information was very well accepted. We are looking forward to getting better acquainted with Rich and learning more about his business. May God Bless this family struggling to help our country.

A Free Press writer Mike Crystal who is working for and with Wynn Butler in the City Commission Meeting spoke briefly to us about Wynn, the election, and invited us to the Eggs and Issues meeting on April 9th at 7:30 – 9. Any and all help for Wynn in the campaign is welcome and should contact Mr. Crystal.

The TEA Party will be taking part in the St. Patrick's Day Parade on March 19th. We will have at least 2 trucks with signs supporting Matt Pennell and John Matta. It is undetermined how many will be walking, handing out palm cards for Wynn, Matt and John. The trucks will need to be in line by 12:30. Tom and Chuck are driving the trucks.

It has been confirmed that **Kris Kobach** will speak to us at the “**2011 Rally in Riley**” on April 9, at the gym in the **Riley County High School**. The day will begin at 9:30 with a short business meeting, continuing with various undetermined speakers/singer. Lunch will be served for donations to the **TEA Party Constitutional Scholarship**. **Secretary of State Kris Kobach** will speak around **1-1:30 PM**.

On **April 16, 2011**, the **Flint Hills TEA Party** will sponsor a gathering at the Riley County Courthouse Pavilion. Music will begin at 3PM with singers, speakers (Lynn Jenkins, Susan Mosier, Richard Fry, Richard Carlson). Around 5PM Joe Miller of Alaska will be our guest speaker. Refreshments will be available as well as items sold by the TEA Party in support of Mr. Miller's travel expenses and the TEA Party Constitutional Scholarship.

April 5, 2011 will be Election Day for Manhattan City Commission, USD 383 School Board and other local cities and School Districts.

Larry Tawney reported on what the “Media Group” does with and for the TEA Party. It was moved 2nd and passed that the group be known from now on as the “Working Group”.

Grant Jones a Graduate Student from KSU told us about a meeting to be held March 15 at the KSU Union Forum. It is to be a meeting with a Muslim Professor from KSU speaking. He intends to attend and ask questions. Mr. Jones was requesting us to also attend the meeting and support him in front of the KSU campus Muslims.

Meeting was adjourned.

Here are some interesting statistics!

Welfare to illegal aliens paid by states each year equal's \$11 to \$22 billion annually. Verify at: http://www.fairus.org/site/News2?page=NewsArticle&id=16985&security=1601&news_iv_ctrl=1017

\$22 Billion a year on food assistance programs – food stamps, WIC, and school lunches for illegal aliens. Verify at: <http://www.cis.org/articles/2004/fiscalexec.HTML>

\$2.5 Billion a year on Medicaid for illegal aliens. Verify at: <http://www.cis.org/articles/2004/fiscalexec.HTML>

\$12 billion a year on primary & secondary school education for children here illegally because they cannot speak a word of English. Verify at: <http://transcripts.cnn.com/TRANscriptS/0604/01/ldt..0.HTML>

\$3 million a DAY spent to incarcerate illegal aliens. <http://transcripts.cnn.com/%20TRANscriptS/0604/01/ldt.01.HTML>

30% of all Federal Prison inmates are illegal aliens. Verify at: <http://transcripts.CNN.com/TRANscriptS/0604/01/ldt.01.HTML>

\$90 Billion a year is spent on illegal aliens for welfare and social services. Verify at: <http://premium.cnn.com/TRANSCRIPTS/0610/29/ldt.01.HTML>

\$200 Billion a year in suppressed American wages are caused by the illegal aliens. Verify at: [RI_PTS/0604/01/ldt.01.HTML](http://transcripts.cnn.com/TRANSC%20RI%20PTS/0604/01/ldt.01.HTML) <<http://transcripts.cnn.com/TRANSC%20RI%20PTS/0604/01/ldt.01.HTML>>

Illegal aliens in the United States have a crime rate that's two and a half times that of **legal** aliens. In particular, their children are going to make a huge addition to the crime problem in the U.S. in the future. Not to mention the cost of the additional policemen needed.

During the year of 2005, there were 4-10 MILLION illegal aliens that crossed our Southern Border, also, as many as 19,500 illegal aliens from **TERRORIST** Countries. Millions of pounds of drugs, cocaine, meth, heroin and marijuana, crossed into the US from the Southern Border. Verify at: Homeland Security Report. Verify at: <http://transcripts.cnn.com/TRANscriptS/0606/12/ldt..01.HTML%3E;%C2%AO>

The National Policy Institute estimated that the total cost of mass deportation would be between \$206 and \$230 BILLION or an average cost of between \$41 and \$46 billion annually over a 5 year period. Verify at: <http://www.nationalpolicyinstitute>.

The Dark Side of Illegal Immigration is: Nearly **1 million SEX** crimes are committed by illegal immigrants in the United States. Verify at: <http://www.drdsk.com/articleshtml>

The cost of deportation is high, but wouldn't it be better to spend the money deporting them than supporting them? And as for "Anchor babies" – send them home with their illegal parents. When they come of age if they want to return to the U.S., they can do so as legal citizens.

Who is allowing this to continue? Why **aren't** our borders secure? **Who** is suing Arizona for wanting to secure their portion of the border? **Who** is allowing, in fact, **supporting** all this? Oh, yes, that would be **our President**, but then why wouldn't he allow this to continue? Who else would **vote** for him for a 2nd term? And besides **he** hasn't proved he's a legal citizen either.

The Bankers Manifesto of 1892

Revealed by US Congressman Charles A. Lindbergh, SR from Minnesota before the US Congress sometime during his term of office between the years of 1907 and 1917 to warn the citizens.

“We (the bankers) must proceed with caution and guard every move made, for the lower order of people are already showing signs of restless commotion. Prudence will therefore show a policy of apparently yielding to the popular will until our plans are so far consummated that we can declare our designs without fear of any organized resistance.

The Farmers Alliance and Knights of Labor organizations in the United States should be carefully watched by our trusted men, and we must take immediate steps to control these organizations in our interest or disrupt them.

At the coming Omaha Convention to be held July 4th (1892), our men must attend and direct its movement, or else there will be set on foot such antagonism to our designs as may require force to overcome. This at the present time would be premature. We are not yet ready for such a crisis. Capital must protect itself in every possible manner through combination (conspiracy) and legislation.

The courts must be called to our aid, debts must be collected, bonds and mortgages foreclosed as rapidly as possible.

When through the process of the law, the common people have lost their homes; they will be more tractable and easily governed through the influence of the strong arm of the government applied to a central power of imperial wealth under the control of the leading financiers. People without homes will not quarrel with their leaders.

History repeats itself in regular cycles. This truth is well known among our principal men who are engaged in forming an imperialism of the world. While they are doing this, the people must be kept in a state of political antagonism.

The question of tariff reform must be urged through the organization known as the Democratic Party, and the question of protection with the reciprocity must be forced to view through the Republican Party.

By thus dividing voters, we can get them to expand their energies in fighting over questions of no importance to us, except as teachers to the common herd. Thus, by discrete action, we can secure all that has been so generously planned and successfully accomplished.”

Our Freedom is not for sale, and we reserve the right to defend it from theft."

~ Dr. Zero/John Hayward

Fleming Health Care Repeal Update

The New Health Care Reform Law One Year Later & Getting Worse by the Day

Today, on the one year anniversary since government-approved health care was signed into law, a look at the implementation of the new health care reform reveals how the legislation has failed to deliver on costs, premiums, spending and preserving Americans' existing coverage:

19 – States where parents can no longer buy child-only insurance policies as a result of the law.

30 – States suing to block the law from taking effect, or requesting waivers from its requirements.

51 – Percentage of American workers who will lose their current health coverage by 2013, according to the Administration's own estimates.

1,270 – New bureaucrats requested the the Internal Revenue Service to implement th law this year.

\$2,100 – Increase in individual insurance premiums due to Obamacare, according to the Congressional Budget Office.

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6,578 – Pages of new regulations issued implementing Obamacare through March 14, 2011.

800,000 – Reduction in the American labor force due to Obamacare provisions that “will effectively increase marginal tax rates, which will also discourage work,” according to the CBO.

2,624,720 – Total individuals in 1,040 plans granted waivers thus far exempting them from the law's insurance mandates; nearly half of whom participate in union plans.

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\$1,390,000,000,000 – Federal spending on new entitlements during fiscal years 2012-2021 according to the CBO, a 48 percent increase from an earlier estimate.

What this means for you: Even though we have seen only a few of the law's initial provisions take effect, American families and businesses are already facing higher costs, economic uncertainty, and loss of their current coverage.

The Doctor's Diagnosis: The new health care reform law is the prime example of how the Democrats' tax hikes, spending spree, and heavy-handed government policies are hurting our economy and making it harder for small businesses to create jobs. Removing these barriers will provide the businesses that create new jobs with the certainty they need to hire new employees and get our economy back on track.

I remain committed to reducing healthcare costs by providing access and choices for every American, protecting the patient-doctor relationship, and keeping the government out of the exam room. I will work aggressively in Congress to repeal what I firmly believe to be an onerous and unconstitutional health care reform law and support market-based solutions to our health care needs.

Sincerely

JOHN FLEMING, M.D.

Member of Congress

P.S. If you'd like more information, please take a minute to visit my website at www.fleming.house.gov or follow me on Facebook at www.facebook.com/repjohnfleming or on Twitter at www.twitter.com/repfleming

VOTE! VOTE!! VOTE!!

City, County, School Board elections are coming up April 6th. Be sure you vote!!! If you need a ride, contact your local candidates – I'm sure they will work with you. These are important elections. We have been concerned and concentrating on the State and Federal issues, but life begins at home. If we want the best in local officials we MUST be involved, we MUST Vote!! If you need help contact your local officials, they should be helpful!!!

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Sincerely, JOHN FLEMING, M.D. Member of Congress P.S. If you’d like more information, please take a minute visit my website at www.fleming.house.gov or follow me on Facebook at www.facebook.com/repjohnfleming or on Twitter at www.twitter.com/repfleming

**Life may not be the party we hoped for, but
while we are here we might
as well dance!!**

LYNN JENKINS REPORT OF 3/25/11

ObamaCare is One Year Old....Some Things Don’t Get Better With Age. As former-Speaker Pelosi famously said, we had to pass the healthcare law to find out what was in it. Well, a year has now passed since this flawed, partisan legislation was forced through Congress; we now know what’s in it and it is not good. There are harmful tax provisions, like the 1099 reporting requirement that will crush job creators. There is an unconstitutional individual mandate that has already been struck down by two federal judges. Furthermore, contrary to the President’s promise that if we liked our current healthcare plan we could keep it, the Obama Administration has since predicted that as many as 7 out of 10 Americans with employer-provided health coverage could lose their current healthcare plan as a result of ObamaCare. Simply put, ObamaCare destroys jobs, increases taxes, expands government control and increases the cost of healthcare for all Americans. This is why I was opposed to the Obamacare package from the beginning, and voted to repeal this 2,801 page

overhaul of our healthcare system with a simple 2 page bill this January. The American people deserve better. As we continue the process of repealing and replacing this law, I will continue to listen to the people of Eastern Kansas and fight to enact real health care reforms that lower costs and expand accessibility and quality of care. **Second Annual Veterans Fair a Huge Success.** Last Saturday I hosted my Second Annual Veterans Resource Fair in Topeka. We had a great event and matched up many Kansas veterans with groups and agencies who are there to support them. The men and women who serve in our nation's armed forces sacrifice a great deal in order to protect each of us from harm, and they deserve our support when they return home. I was so glad to have the opportunity to host another Veterans Fair to serve these American Heroes. I look forward to next year's fair, but will continue to work each and every day to find ways to serve our military veterans. **Next Leg of Congress to Kansas Tour this Saturday in Wellsville and Paola** So far, our 2011 Congress to Kansas tour has been an enormous success, and I am excited to announce the next two stops will be tomorrow (Saturday). I will be in Wellsville at Patriot Bank for our first listening session of the day at 8:30am. Then on to Paola where we will hold our second listening session at 10:00am in the Commission Chambers at the Miami County Administration Building. Listening to and serving Eastern Kansans is one of the most important parts of my job as your Representative in Congress, and one of the aspects of public service I enjoy the most. I hope to see you in Wellsville and Paola this weekend so we can listen to each other, voice concerns, ask questions, and work together to find solutions to get this Country back on the right path. With this week's one year anniversary of ObamaCare becoming law and the serious budget debates taking place in Washington – I look forward to hearing what the folks in Miami and Franklin County have to say.

Remember for the most up to date Congress to Kansas schedule visit our [website here!](#) Week Ahead After a week back home in Kansas working in the district and listening to the thoughts and concerns of Eastern Kansans, I will be returning to Washington next week as Congress is gaveled back into session. We have a busy week ahead of us. While the White House and the leadership teams in both the House and the Senate continue to hammer out negotiations on a long term Continuing Resolution that will fund the Federal Government through September, we will be continuing our efforts to rein in the out of control government spending and working to create a responsible budget for 2012. In the Ways and Means Committee we will be holding a full committee hearing to identify the barriers to job creation put up by the Federal Government and the impact of budget deficits and growing debt levels on employment. My Trade Subcommittee will be hard at work as well, holding the second in a series of hearings on the pending job-creating trade agreements on Wednesday. This hearing will be focusing specifically on the free trade agreement with Panama. As always to get the most up to date information on what we are up to on daily basis like my page on Facebook by [clicking here](#) and follow me on [twitter here!](#)

You might be a redneck if: It never occurred to you to be offended by the phrase, 'One nation, under God..'

You might be a redneck if: You've never protested about seeing the 10 Commandments posted in public places.

You might be a redneck if: You still say 'Christmas' instead of 'Winter Festival.'

You might be a redneck if: You bow your head when someone prays.

You might be a redneck if: You stand and place your hand over your heart when they play the National Anthem

You might be a redneck if: You treat our armed forces veterans with great respect, and always have.

You might be a redneck if: You've never burned an American flag, nor intend to.

You might be a redneck if: You know what you believe and you aren't afraid to say so, no matter who is listening.

You might be a redneck if: You respect your elder and raised your kids to do the same.

You might be a redneck if: You'd give your last dollar to a friend. If you got this email from me, it is because I believe that you, like me, have just enough **Red Neck** in you to have the same beliefs as those talked about in this email.

God Bless the USA!

[Stop Sending Jobs Overseas](#)

Today, the Labor Department released its [monthly jobs report](#) showing that the U.S. economy added 216,000 jobs in March and unemployment fell to 8.8 percent. Despite these encouraging numbers, Americans still consistently tell pollsters that [jobs and the economy are the most important problems facing the country](#). And yesterday, Gallup [released a poll](#) showing that the number one way Americans would like to see more United States jobs created is to stop sending new jobs overseas. That is a fabulous idea, and the simplest way to accomplish it would be to lower our nation's corporate tax rate.

The United States was once a leader in tax rate reduction. In 1981, President Ronald Reagan passed a [broad tax cut package](#) to encourage economic growth. How well did it work? Just compare the drops in unemployment from both the Reagan and the Obama economic recoveries. Since the Obama recovery began 21 months ago, the national unemployment rate has fallen only 0.6 points, from 9.4 percent in July 2009 to 8.8 percent today. Contrast those anemic results with the robust job growth that occurred during the Reagan recovery in the '80s. By the 21-month mark of the Reagan recovery, unemployment had dropped from 10.8 percent to 7.5 percent—a 3.3 point drop.

And Reagan didn't stop there. In 1986 he went on to [lower the federal corporate tax rate from 46 to 34 percent](#). The results speak for themselves: when Reagan left office in January 1989, the nation's unemployment rate was just 5.3 percent. The world not only noted Reagan's success but then went on to copy his successful tax cutting policies. In 1989 the developed nations in the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) had an average top marginal corporate tax rate well above the U.S.'s

34 percent rate. [Since that time the world's industrialized nations have dropped their average corporate tax rate to about 25 percent.](#) The U.S., meanwhile, has gone in the opposite direction. We now have a 35 percent rate at the federal level that rises to 39 percent once the average of state corporate taxes are mixed in. And today, Japan is scheduled to implement its own corporate rate reduction, which will officially make our 35 percent rate the highest corporate tax rate in the world.

Owning the world's highest corporate tax rate is a job killer. Imagine you are a global corporation looking to invest in a new factory that will produce goods for American consumers. Do you build your factory with hundreds of new manufacturing jobs in Canada, where [the top central government tax rate is 16.5 percent?](#) Or do you choose a location in the United States, where the top tax rate is 35 percent? Is that even a choice? Our high corporate tax rates are a huge manufacturing job repellent.

Liberals have long argued that [corporate tax cuts are not necessary](#) since the effective corporate tax rate (calculated by dividing the amount businesses pay in taxes by their incomes) is comparable to other OECD countries. But gaming the tax system to reduce your effective tax rate is not free. It requires a substantial investment in tax lawyers and lobbyists for major corporations to get your tax bill down. So again consider a foreign investor or medium-size corporation looking to expand production. Neither of the firms has the tax lawyers and lobbyists needed to lower their effective tax rate. Do they choose low-tax Canada, where they can focus on their core business and pay low taxes? Or do they choose the U.S., which requires significant resources devoted to tax law compliance and lobbyists in Washington to assure a low tax rate? Again, is this even a choice?

The U.S. economy is slowly beginning to finally add jobs to the economy. But so is the rest of the world, and many economies are growing much faster. If we want to stay competitive, if we want to stop sending jobs overseas, we must lower our corporate tax rate.

LIFE IN AMERICA SHOWS THAT LIBERTY, PAIRED WITH LAW, IS NOT TO BE FEARED. IN A FREE SOCIETY, DIVERSITY IS NOT DISORDER. DEBATE IS NOT STRIFE. AND DISSENT IS NOT REVOLUTION. A FREE SOCIETY TRUSTS IT CITIZENS TO SEEK GREATNESS IN THEMSELVES AND THEIR COUNTRY.

GEORGE W. BUSH

IF YOU DO NOT FACE A DANGER HEAD ON, YOU DOUBLE THE DANGER. LOOK THE DANGER HEAD ON AND YOU CUT THE DANGER IN HALF

BASIS OF QUOTE WINSTON CHURCHILL

Mary Pilcher Cook, State Senator on Stopping the Spend Trend

First of all, I want to thank you those of you who attended the first Mondays with Mary meeting last evening. It was a diverse crowd, with people from many walks of life, including a health insurance underwriter, a teacher, a doctor and businessmen – all very important to our economy and our way of life. It gave me an opportunity to listen to several views and I truly appreciated the questions!

As "Turnaround" approaches in Topeka, the debate is increasing in the legislature about how to reduce spending and bring fiscal responsibility back to state government. With a Governor and a strong majority in the Kansas House committed to budgetary discipline, many eyes have turned to the Senate to see if we will follow the similar path of fiscal restraint, or maintain the big spending policies of the past.

Before I go forward, I encourage you to view this week's (and past week's) detailed legislative report on my website by clicking [here](#). This week's report details broader issues as well as specific legislation we dealt with on the floor as well as in my committees. With 212 bills introduced in the Senate and 354 in the House, this session is proving to be a busy one, so if you have questions about any particular issue, don't hesitate to contact me.

Stopping the spend trend is something we simply must make a priority for the economic health of our state. On that note, I was disappointed this week, when considering the Fiscal Year 2011 Rescission Bill, the Senate, by a vote of 16-23, failed to adopt an amendment by Sen. Ty Masterson which would have brought the Senate bill in line with the proposals from the House and the Governors, which I voted for. The broader bill then passed the Senate, which I voted against because I simply refuse to vote for proposals which continue the free-spending ways of the past.

The major source of contention is an alleged \$25 million needed for special education to meet a requirement from the federal government. However, it is an unknown amount needed for "maintenance of effort" so that the state can receive matching funds. The specifics will not be given until late April or May. The governor and the House of Representatives have made it clear that getting the budget in fiscal order is a priority, and there has been no forfeit of educational funding.

Due to the differences between the House and Senate versions, the Rescission Bill is now in a conference committee, where it is my hope a bill will come out that is more in line with the House. In both this particular instance as well as when we begin debating the FY 2012 budget, I will continue fighting for limited government, fiscal responsibility, and economic liberty. **The debate in the Senate will continue to be a vigorous one, and I will keep you up to date as to our progress.**

One of the key areas we're looking at is education -- as I have indicated before, **what we have right now is not a revenue problem, but a structural budget challenge.** Soon, I will be releasing a comprehensive outlook at education spending from a statewide basis as well as the De Soto and Shawnee Mission School Districts. When considering education spending, it is critical we know all the facts about how we got to this point so we can determine the best course going forward.

In fact, when considering spending on any state agency, program, or system, we must first institute a system of zero-based budgeting, where every dollar, every year, has to be justified. Our practice in the past has been to use the spending levels of the previous year, which were often too high to begin with, as the basis for establishing spending for the current year. This simple change of focus will mean a great deal in terms of both reducing spending and also ensuring efficiency in the programs we do determine to fund.

Finally, we must ask ourselves the following questions when considering legislation:

Is this a good idea? If it is a good idea, is this something the government should be doing? If it is

something the government should be doing, can we afford it?

If we can't answer those questions in a positive way, we shouldn't fund it and instead look for alternatives. Over the next few months, I look forward to working with Governor Brownback and my colleagues in the legislature as we review every program in the state to ensure your tax dollars are being used appropriately, as well as looking for ways to return those tax dollars to you.

As always, if you have thoughts or questions, don't hesitate to contact me at mary@pilchercook.com -- I look forward to hearing from you!

In honor of your liberty,

Mary Pilcher Cook

HISTORY IS A TABLET ON WHICH WE WRITE THE FUTURE, IF WE DON'T PRESERVE OUR HISTORY WE LOSE WHO WE ARE!!

SHIRLEY McCLINTOCK

Capitol Chaos: Lawmakers Get Death Threats

By Jon Byman

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MADISON - The State Department of Justice confirms that it is investigating several death threats against a number of lawmakers in response to the legislature's move to strip employees of many collective bargaining rights.

Among the threats the Justice Department is investigating is one that was emailed to Republican Senators Wednesday night. News radio 620 WTMJ has obtained that email.

The following is the unedited email:

Please put your things in order because you will be killed and your families will also be killed due to your actions in the last 8 weeks. Please explain to them that this is because if we get rid of you and your families then it will save the rights of 300,000 people and also be able to close the deficit that you have created. I hope you have a good time in hell. Read below for more information on possible scenarios in which you will die.

WE want to make this perfectly clear. Because of your actions today and in the past couple of weeks I, and the group of people that are working with me, have decided that we've had enough. We feel that you and the people that support the dictator have to die. We have tried many other ways of dealing with your corruption but you have taken things too far and we will not stand for it any longer. So, this is how it's going to happen: I as well as many others know where you and your family live, it's a matter of public records. We have all planned to assault you by arriving at your house and putting a nice little bullet in your head. However, we decided that we wouldn't leave it there. We also have decided that this may not be enough to send the message to you since you are so "high" on Koch and have decided that you are now going to single handedly make this a dictatorship instead of a democratic process. So we have also built several bombs that we have placed in various locations around the areas in which we know that you frequent. This includes, your house,

your car, the state capitol, and well I won't tell you all of them because that's just no fun. Since we know that you are not smart enough to figure out why this is happening to you we have decided to make it perfectly clear to you. If you and your goonies feel that it's necessary to strip the rights of 300,000 people and ruin their lives, making them unable to feed, clothe, and provide the necessities to their families and themselves then We Will "get rid of" (in which I mean kill) you. Please, understand that this does not include the heroic Rep. Senator that risked everything to go against what you and your goonies wanted him to do. We feel that it's worth our lives to do this, because we would be saving the lives of 300,000 people. Please make your peace with God as soon as possible and say goodbye to your loved ones we will not wait any longer. YOU WILL DIE!!!! Reply Reply to all Forward

What is this country coming to? It is way past time to get these Unions back to being controlled by the people – NOT the unions controlling the people!!!

“Real ID” bill, H.D. 418 is still out there. This bill is more controlling for each US Citizen than any other bill has been. It is a National Drivers License/Photo ID for each and every US Citizen that has an imbedded chip enabling the Federal Government to know where each citizen is 24/7. It can't be left at home because we will be required to show it everywhere. Our Congresspersons must be made to understand that it must never go into effect. Probably what they will have to do is defund Bill 418, Real ID. Thank you to the House of Representatives for voting against this bill. Do what you can to wake up your Senators!!!

Black Leaders Rip Obama Claim of Tea Party Racism

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Members of the Project 21 black leadership network strongly disagree with President Barack Obama's contention, as reported in the new book "Family of Freedom: Presidents and African-Americans in the White House," that the tea parties are motivated more by the color of Obama's skin than the content of his agenda.

"As a keynote speaker at numerous tea party events around the country which has allowed me to meet tea party activists from all walks of life, I know it is Obama's progressive politics and not his race that motivates these patriotic Americans to protest our nation's slide toward socialism," said full-time Project 21 Fellow Deneen Borelli. "By engaging in race-card politics, Obama shows he is willing to follow the lead of Al Sharpton and Jesse Jackson to ignite racial tension as a means of maintaining power and furthering his agenda."

In "Family of Freedom," by Kenneth T. Walsh, it is written that Obama, responding to a private dinner guest in May 2010, agreed there is a "subterranean agenda" in the opposition to his presidency that is rooted in race.

Project 21's Borelli added: "By stooping to this level, Obama is discrediting his position as our nation's leader."

"Repeating the discredited assumption that race rules the tea parties is the action of a scoundrel and not befitting of a president," said Project 21 Chairman Mychal Massie. "For him to wallow in the gutter with charlatans who spurn honest debate for scurrilous name-calling is demeaning to all Americans and sends the wrong signal to all those who aspire to free and open political debate. With so much of the world embracing open discourse, it is a shame our President seemingly wants to cling to the discredited tactics that offended so

many abroad."

On Feb. 28, Massie engaged in an "empty chair debate" at the National Press Club in Washington, D.C., to refute similar allegations about the tea party movement and race made by establishment civil rights lobbyists Al Sharpton, Marc Morial and Walter Fauntroy.

Project 21, a leading voice of black conservatives since 1992, is sponsored by the National Center for Public Policy Research

Read more on Newsmax.com: [Black Leaders Rip Obama Claim of Tea Party Racism](#)

An interesting little tidbit sent to me by **Patriot Action**:

Kansas Universities gave in-state tuition to students in this country **Illegally**, in the last school year, to the tune of \$2,644,026.

[Bravery and Common Sense Prevail in Wisconsin](#)

In what [Reuters](#) is calling "a confrontation with unions that could be the biggest since then President Ronald Reagan fired striking air traffic controllers nearly 30 years ago," the Wisconsin Senate approved a scaled-down version of Governor Scott Walker's (R) budget-repair bill last night that would rein in government union collective bargaining powers. After securing [approval from three widely respected nonpartisan agencies](#)—the Legislative Fiscal Bureau, the Legislative Council, and the Legislative Reference Bureau—Senate Majority Leader Scott Fitzgerald removed the appropriations measures from Walker's budget, thus eliminating the need for any of the 14 truant Democratic Senators to be present for the vote. The State Assembly will [take up the new version of the bill at 11 a.m. today](#), and if it passes, Walker will have achieved a significant victory for taxpayers everywhere.

The courage of the Wisconsin Senate conservatives cannot be understated. Before the vote, [lawmakers were threatened with death and physical violence](#). After the vote, [thousands of protesters stormed into the capitol building, ignoring announcements from police that the building was closed](#). Once inside, and at great risk to the public welfare, [activists handcuffed some doors to the capitol shut](#). When security escorted the Senators to another building, [a Democrat tipped off the mob, which then surrounded their cars and tried to break their windows as Senators returned home](#).

Senate Democrats, who are still hiding in Illinois, are now claiming that the majority's committee meeting that broke up the budget-repair bill violated [Wisconsin's Open Meetings Law](#). But the [Open Meeting Compliance Guide](#) clearly states that when there is "good cause," only two hours' notice is required. [The Senate majority did provide the two hours' notice](#). If the Senate Democrats' 19-day refusal to show up for work wasn't "good cause" enough, certainly minimizing the opportunity for union mob violence is.

The passion coming from liberal activists is understandable only if one believes in their apocalyptic rhetoric. Democratic Senator Timothy Cullen said the bill will ["destroy public unions."](#) And Senator Chris Larson has said, ["collective bargaining is a civil right"](#) that if removed will ["kill the middle class."](#) This is all false. First of all, since unions care more about seniority than good government, [public-sector unions kill middle-class jobs; they do not protect them](#). Second, [collective bargaining is not a right](#). And finally, Walker's bill will in no way "destroy public unions." Government unions are still perfectly free to practice their First Amendment rights to freedom of association, and in fact still retain more bargaining power than all unionized federal employees. They only difference is that now they will have to actively recruit members instead of forcing government employees to join them, and they will have to collect their own dues instead of getting the state government to take them directly out of workers' paychecks. And there are many more benefits as well. Governor Walker

writes in today's [Wall Street Journal](#):

When Gov. Mitch Daniels repealed collective bargaining in Indiana six years ago, it helped government become more efficient and responsive. The average pay for Indiana state employees has actually increased, and high-performing employees are rewarded with pay increases or bonuses when they do something exceptional.

Passing our budget-repair bill will help put similar reforms into place in Wisconsin. This will be good for the Badger State's hard-working taxpayers. It will also be good for state and local government employees who overwhelmingly want to do their jobs well.

Even in good economic times, the case for government subsidies for [radio stations](#), [cowboy poetry](#), and union dues is very weak. But in a time of fiscal crisis, all of these subsidies are patently absurd. Taxpayers throughout the country should be inspired by Walker's stand for common sense. We need more leadership like this in every state capitol and here in Washington.

Just a quick note to let you know what is on our agenda when these local elections are over. By then the Legislative and Congressional Sessions will have told us about those we voted in last November and those that were still there from the previous election. By studying the voting records we will be able to determine which ones are the Conservative officials voting for government to be "we the people, for the people, and by the people." The ones that are still voting "**against** the people," but ran for office with an 'R' behind their name are what we call "**RINO**", which means "**Republican in name only**". Those whose voting records determine them to be "**RINOs**" will be exposed to their constituents as what they truly are. The voting records don't lie. Be ready to help us expose these **traders** for their true identity. We will work to convince them to be the Conservatives they claimed to be or be replaced in the next election. Do you have anyone in mind? Work with us!!

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