

The Patriots' Truth

Flint Hills TEA Party News

ON OUR CALENDAR

MEDIA COMMITTEE MEETING – MCALISTER'S EVERY WED AT 5:30PM –

Everyone is welcome – we ARE the Working Group

September 10 – Regular Monthly Meeting at Manhattan City Fire

Station at Kimball & Dennison – 9:30AM

October 22 – Regular Monthly Meeting – 9:30AM - Manhattan City

Library – Poyntz & Juliette – 2nd floor – Auditorium

(Date change caused by FHTP manning Concessions at KSU Home Football game)

Dear Friends,

Thanks to all who stopped by my town hall meetings this week in Atwood, St. Francis, or Seneca. Next Friday (the 26th) at 10:00 AM I will be in Dodge City for a town hall meeting at the Santa Fe Depot. If you live in Ford County or the surrounding area, I hope you can attend the town hall to share with me your thoughts and ideas about the direction of our country.

In addition to town hall meetings, I had the privilege to participate in a number of other events, including a meeting of the Kansas Association of Corn Growers and the annual meetings of the Reno County and the Wabaunsee County Farm Bureaus. As I mentioned in a previous update, **these types of events are providing me with considerable insight as to Washington's proper role in the agriculture industry. Hearing your success stories as well as your challenges will help me tremendously when the Agriculture Committee takes up the farm bill this year or next.**

When it comes to our nation's agricultural economy, Kansas and the entire nation would benefit greatly if three pending trade agreements with Colombia, Korea, and Panama were finalized. The numbers do not lie: Kansas would enjoy a substantial increase in exports (and, therefore, economic growth) if growers and producers in the Sunflower State could sell their goods to these markets. [My column for this upcoming week is about the agreements, I hope you will take the time to read it.](#) And, this week I was the guest host of the The Ag Minute, in which I discussed how every day that goes by without these agreements is a missed opportunity. [The audio is available here.](#)

You may have heard something this week about the President's new "Rural Council." I have to admit - I have my concerns. This Council is not about preserving the rural way of life, but about establishing a bigger role for Washington in the day-to-day activities of America's smaller communities. **What it all comes down to is the federal government spending more money it does not have on programs we do not need. That's money our children and grandchildren will have to pay back on top of the trillions of dollars in debt already owed.** If the President is truly concerned about preserving rural America & creating a climate in which we can prosper – especially in agriculture and energy – then he would recognize that the solution is less of Washington. Every day I am out traveling across the Big First & meeting with small businesses and community leaders, I hear about all of the hoops they have to jump through just to keep their businesses running, let alone create new jobs. Eliminating excessive, ill-conceived, & onerous mandates and job-killing regulations from Washington and stopping the threat of new ones is exactly what these folks need to prosper.

In Case You Missed It!

I will be hosting the Ambassador of Vietnam to the United States this Wednesday when he comes to visit Washington County, Kan. We'll tour a farm and then have a working lunch. I look forward to talking with him about the

prospects for trade between our two countries. Next week's update will include more details about what we discussed.

Applications for fall interns in the Dodge City, Hutchinson, and Salina offices are still being accepted. Please visit [this page of my website for additional information](#).

And applications for nomination to the nation's service academies are being accepted. [More information available here](#).

Sincerely,

Congressman Tim Huelskamp

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Dear Friends,

We've logged many miles traveling across the state this week while hearing from Kansans about everything from jobs to deficits to agriculture to energy to education. At every event across the District **I am reminded what a privilege it is to represent our great State of Kansas and people like you. The values of America's heartland are unmatched, and I am appreciative of how welcoming everyone has been. It is very humbling.** In town hall meetings, roundtable meetings with agriculture and business leaders, and other special events that took place this week I had the opportunity to talk with Kansans about getting the economy moving again. Here is what constituents told me to tackle when Congress returns to Washington in September: **Create certainty and get Washington out of the way so entrepreneurs can create jobs and prosperity and flourish:**

Whether it was hearing from key agriculture leaders at a roundtable I hosted in the Dodge City office on Friday, listening to the speakers at the Senate Agriculture Committee field hearing in Wichita on Thursday, or taking part in a meeting with independent oil and gas entrepreneurs earlier in the week, I continued to hear about the **need for Washington to stop pushing unnecessary regulation on America's energy and agriculture sectors.** Respected leaders in these fields shared their concerns and frustrations with Washington's insistence on regulating everything from dust to the types of licenses farmers may need to have to operate equipment to energy production efforts by mom-and-pop entities. This management style from Washington is simply killing their efforts to provide for their families and to keep the Kansas economy alive.

Business leaders like Marc Wingo of Grain Belt Supply, who gave me a tour of his Salina operation, and those who took part in the Garden City Roundtable in which I participated on Friday talked with me about how they need **more certainty from Washington when it comes to taxes and regulation.** The inability of business owners of all sizes – small, medium, and large – to predict what Washington will pull out of its hat next leaves them unable to prepare and anticipate for the future. Health care is one area where there is also a desperate need for certainty: when I toured the Salina Regional Medical Center, leaders shared with me their desires to make sure that Washington has no tricks up its sleeve, and preserves a workable, profitable health care system in rural America.

The prospect for international trade is very exciting, and **Kansas has the potential to be a leader in the global marketplace.** Just this week, I toured a swine finishing facility in Washington, Kansas with the Ambassador of Vietnam, His Excellency Nguyen Cuoc Cuong, and I was able to show him how Kansas can offer safe products to Asia. We talked about the need for the United States and Vietnam to expand their trade relations through the Trans-Pacific Partnership. If such an agreement could be finalized, the First District of Kansas could gain enormously from pork exports to Vietnam – we are the 11th-largest pork producing district in the country! Thanks to State Representative Sharon Schwartz for joining me on the tour and to First National Bank of Washington for hosting a luncheon after the tour.

When I toured the Salina campus of Kansas State University, Dean Dennis Kuhlman, Dr. Susan Peterson, and Professor Saeed Khan explained to me what they are doing in their unmanned aerial systems lab. It is exciting to know that cutting-edge research like that is taking place here in Kansas. This type of **innovation is imperative to make sure America remains a leader** in technological development.

Restore fiscal responsibility in Washington:

The town hall I hosted in Dodge City on Friday marked the 68th town hall for this year. There, a crowd of about 80 and I talked about what Washington's unchecked spending and borrowing means not just for them, but for the next generation. **When Washington spends money it does not have, that is debt that our children and grandchildren – the young folks who will preserve our way of life in Kansas – will have to shoulder.** But it was not just at the town hall where I heard this message, employees who hosted me at Honeywell in Wichita expressed the same concern, as did many other Kansans whom I met throughout this week. It's something I know I will continue to hear until Washington decides it can only spend as much as it takes in.

Sincerely,

Tim Huelskamp, Member of Congress

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***Obama's Motto:
We've got what it takes, to take what you've got!!***

WASHINGTON, D.C. – U.S. Senator Jerry Moran (R-KS) today led 44 senators in expressing grave concern about the dangers posed to Second Amendment right by the United Nations' Arms Trade Treaty. The 45 senators notified President Obama and Secretary of State Clinton of their intent to oppose ratification of an arms trade treaty that in any way restricts the rights of law abiding American gun owners. This is enough to block the treaty from Senate passage, as treaties submitted to the U.S. Senate require approval of two-thirds of Senators present to be ratified.

“Our country’s sovereignty and the Second Amendment right of American citizens must not be infringed upon by the United Nations,” Sen. Moran said. “Today, the Senate sends a powerful message to the Obama Administration: an Arms Trade Treaty that does not protect ownership of civilian firearms will fail in the Senate. Our firearm freedoms are not negotiable.”

In the letter, the senators wrote: “As the treaty process continues, we strongly encourage your Administration to uphold our country’s constitutional protections of civilian firearms ownership. These freedoms are not negotiable, and we will oppose ratification of an Arms Trade Treaty presented to the Senate that in any way restricts the rights of law-abiding U.S. citizens to manufacture, assemble, possess, transfer or purchase firearms, ammunition and related items.”

“As we have for the past 15 years, the NRA will fight to stop a United Nations Arms Trade Treaty that infringes on the Action. “This letter sends a clear message to the international bureaucrats who want to eliminate our fundamental, individual right to keep and bear arms. Clearly, a U.N. Arms Trade Treaty that includes civilian arms within its scope is not supported by the American people or their elected U.S. Senators. Sen. Moran is a true champion of our freedom. We are grateful for his leadership and his tenacious efforts on this issue, as well as the 44 other senators who agree with the NRA’s refusal to compromise on our constitutional freedom.”

In October of 2009 at the U.N. General Assembly, the Obama Administration reversed the previous Administration’s position and voted for the U.S. to participate in negotiating the Arms Trade Treaty, purportedly to establish “common international standards for the import, export, and transfer of conventional arms.” Preparatory committee meetings are now underway in anticipation of a conference in 2012 to finalize the treaty. A treaty draft has not yet been produced. The letter was signed by U.S. Senators Lamar Alexander (R-TN), Kelly Ayotte (R-NH), John Barrasso (R-WY), Roy Blunt (R-MO), Scott Brown (R-MA), Richard Burr (R-NC), Dan Coats (R-IN), Tom Coburn (R-OK), Thad Cochran (R-MS), Susan Collins (R-ME), Bob Corker (R-TN), John Cornyn (R-TX), Saxby Chambliss (R-GA), Mike Crapo (R-ID), Jim DeMint (R-SC), Mike Enzi (R-WY), Lindsey Graham (R-SC), Chuck Grassley (R-IA), Orrin Hatch (R-UT), Dean Heller (R-NV), John Hoeven (R-ND), Kay Bailey Hutchison (R-TX), James Inhofe (R-OK), Johnny Isakson (R-GA), Mike Johanns (R-NE), Ron Johnson (R-WI), Jon Kyl (R-AZ), Mike Lee (R-UT), John McCain (R-AZ), Mitch McConnell (R-KY), Jerry Moran (R-KS), Lisa Murkowski (R-AK), Rand Paul (R-KY), Rob Portman (R-OH), Jim Risch (R-ID), Pat Roberts (R-KS), Marco Rubio (R-FL), Jeff Sessions (R-AL), Richard Shelby (R-AL), Olympia Snowe (R-ME), John Thune (R-SD), Pat Toomey (R-PA), David Vitter (R-LA), and Roger Wicker (R-MS)

President Obama walks into the Bank of America to cash a check. As he approaches the cashier he says, "Good morning, Ma'am, Could you please cash this check for me?"

Cashier: "It would be my pleasure, sir. Could you please show me your ID?"

Obama: "Truthfully, I did not bring my ID with me as I didn't think there was any need to. I am Barrack H. Obama, President of the United States of America."

Cashier: "Yes, sir, I know who you are, but with all the regulations and monitoring of

the banks because of imposters and forgers, etc., I must insist on seeing your ID."

Obama: "Just ask anyone here at the bank who I am and they will tell you. Everybody knows who I am."

Cashier: "I am sorry, but these are the bank rules and I must follow them."

Obama: "I am urging you to please cash this check."

Cashier: "Look, sir, here's what we can do: one day Tiger Woods came into the bank without ID. To prove he was Tiger Woods he pulled out his putting iron and made a beautiful shot across the bank into a cup. With that shot we knew him to be Tiger Woods and cashed his check. Another time, Andre Agassi came in without ID. He pulled out his tennis racquet and made a fabulous shot where the tennis ball landed in my cup. With that spectacular shot we cashed his check. So, what can you do to prove that you are really the President of the United States?"

Obama stood there thinking, and thinking, and finally says: "Honestly, there is nothing that comes to my mind. I can't think of a single thing!"

Cashier: "Will that be large or small bills, Mr. President?"

David L DeFrees [posted in Leavenworth County Republican Party \(Kansas\)](#).

Seven Pillars of Politics.

- 1) Never underestimate Democrat's treachery.
- 2). Never assume a Republican is a Republican.
- 3). Politics is not a religion.
- 4). Politics provide a practical, but often morally void means to an end.
- 5). Political relationships are birthed from expediency, not friendship.
- 6). Politicians rarely know your name and likewise you rarely know their real game.
- 7). 99% of all Politicians are self-aggrandizing, self-congratulatory, self-serving and they expect you to serve them too, starting with your money, your time and your adulation.

Beware! Trust politicians to your own peril.

*** But the most insidious disease of politics is cynicism most foul. It takes root in the heart of people slowly killing their faith in their fellow man to the point they can't recognize who is deserving of their trust, even Jesus.

Semper Fi
David. L DeFrees

Pass on the word and post a comment at

<http://kansas.watchdog.org/7448/governor-seeking-federal-grant-for-key-component-of-%e2%80%98obamacare%e2%80%99-exchange/comment-page-1/#comment-1987>

Governor Seeking Federal Grant for Key – Say it Ain't so, Sam!!

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Gov. Sam Brownback's administration is moving forward with efforts to use federal grant money to fund development of information technology that would be used to support a health benefits exchange under the Affordable Care Act, commonly known as "Obamacare."

A March 25, 2011, presentation by Gary Schneider, STA Consulting, shows the relationship between K-Med and an exchange. [CLICK TO ENLARGE IN A NEW WINDOW.](#)

If the grant's strings require any connection to an Obamacare exchange it's certain to run afoul of a recent Kansas Republican Party resolution supporting tea party sentiments against the federal healthcare legislation.

Administration officials who are not authorized to speak on the record said they want to use a 90 percent matching federal grant to fund health information technology, and that the grant does not require the state to participate in Obamacare.

But Bob Tomlinson, Assistant Commissioner of the [Kansas Insurance Department](#), told Kansas Watchdog on Wednesday that the grant would require a connection with an Obamacare-compliant exchange.

Tomlinson called back Thursday to say he can't say for sure that such a connection is required but expressed skepticism that it isn't. Tomlinson said he received a call from Mark Dugan, Lt. Governor Jeff Colyer's chief of staff, about the discrepancy.

"He (Dugan) made the point to me that it could be a Kansas exchange, and that HHS (Health and Human Services) has signed off on that. And I have no reason to dispute what he's saying. I suppose that he's telling the truth. That could be true. I have no idea what that would mean. Does that mean that a Kansas exchange is Kansas only but has to be approved by the . . . (trailing off). I don't know." The grant's actual requirements cannot be independently verified because the governor's office and the Kansas Insurance Department have not provided a copy of or identified the grant in spite of several requests. When asked for a copy of the grant, Tomlinson said, "It's not mine to give."

In an email responding to one request, Sherriene Jones-Sontag, Brownback's communications director, wrote, "We are talking with legislative leaders and the federal government about the possibilities of future funding for KMED."

Another presentation slide shows K-Med's importance to a health benefit exchange in Kansas. [CLICK TO ENLARGE IN A NEW WINDOW](#)

Tea party activists led efforts to stop any state implementation of or compliance with Obamacare. One week ago Kansas Republican Party delegates overwhelmingly approved a resolution saying all efforts by, "any government agency, entity, or elected representative in the state of Kansas to study, develop or implement an ACA-compliant exchange or any component part, including those ACA-compliant components related to Medicaid, must be immediately halted."

Steve Shute, a GOP state delegate and cofounder of the Union of Patriots, a Kansas grassroots group, negotiated the language of the resolution that helped reduce tension between tea party supporters and the GOP in the days preceding the GOP meeting.

The resolution had Dugan's approval, and presumably the governor's blessing, according to people who participated in the negotiations.

Uncertainty about federal regulation is a key component of opposition to any government health benefit exchange. "The federal government changes the rules," said Rep. Peggy Mast, R-Emporia. "This is not a time when we should show any unnecessary dependence on the federal government."

"The fact that neither side is coming forward with the grant tells me a lot," said Shute who said he believes the grant and discussions about it should be part of the public record.

On Aug. 9 Brownback announced the state would return a \$31.5 million Early Innovator Grant funding a Kansas health exchange as part of Obamacare. The largest portion of the EIG targeted work

on K-MED, the Kansas Medical Eligibility Determination system.

The grants and project Web page for the [Kansas Insurance Exchange Planning Working](#) group says: "Through an Early Innovator Exchange grant, the State of Kansas has linked its Health Benefit Exchange plans with an ongoing project to implement a new state-of-the-art Kansas Medical Eligibility Determination system. An expanded KMED project will support eligibility determinations for the Exchange as well as Medicaid and the Children's Health Insurance Program."

Now that the EIG grant is gone, administration officials would still like to have a funding source for K-MED because of its importance in fighting Medicaid and welfare fraud.

Shute, who works in health information technology, agrees. "The only way you're going to be able to combat Medicaid fraud and welfare fraud is by being able to allow the SRS systems and the KDHE systems and the insurance systems to work together, to be interoperable, so there's no problem with K-MED."

Shute's problem centers on interpretation of the grant, strings that always accompany federal dollars and a growing flood of HHS regulations that could make K-MED part of Obamacare.

"I think the administration needs to stop trying to play with the scorpion," Shute said. "They're going to get stung."

Tomlinson said he's not concerned that the governor's office, a lesser authority on health policy and insurance, is making a determination about the grant. "The people of the state of Kansas empowered the governor to do that. They ultimately are the ones that have the choice. They voted for him. I gotta have some faith in that. Just like they voted for my boss."

Tomlinson's boss, Insurance Commissioner Sandy Praeger, [objected](#) to Brownback's decision to return the EIG. Tomlinson was a Republican member of the Kansas House until offered a job when Praeger's predecessor, federal HHS Secretary Kathleen Sebelius, became governor of Kansas.

Posted by Lloyd Marcus on September 4, 2011 at 3:09pm

The highlight of every Tea Party Express tour is the extraordinary American patriots I meet. Felix is from Russia and became a proud American 16 years ago.

I shared with Felix that for years I performed my original song, "Celebrate America", at U.S. Immigration Citizenship Ceremonies. I was struck by the number of seniors tearfully taking the oath of citizenship; some so old they were in wheelchairs and some needing support by family members to stand. Why was it important for these seniors to become official U.S. citizens despite their ages?

Felix, formerly a Russian, replied, "*When you have lived under tyranny you understand the precious gift of freedom. Freedom is so wonderful you are always fearful of it being taken away. This is why it means so much to become an American. No one can take away your freedom*".

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Comments For This Post So Far

[Bob Bowser](#) 8:47 pm on August 19th, 2011 Say it ain't so, Sam... yer not really a democrat are ya?

[Charlotte O'Hara](#) 8:59 pm on August 19th, 2011 Hmm, looks like the old change the name, but not the game move. How can the Brownback Administration believe this bait and switch would ever

fly with the conservative base? It saddens me to see this administration stray so far from the party platform and the intent of the resolution just passed August 13th at the summer Kansas Republican Party meeting.

R D Fry 1:37 pm on August 20th, 2011 Well is anyone surprised!? The only people who trust Brownback are those blindly loyalty to him everyone else knows him for what he is; the consummate politician willing to set aside any principle to advance his career. Remember this is the "pro-life" guy that was instrumental in getting Sebelius, the most pro-abortion governor in the Republic, in as Secretary of Health and Human Services (HHS), the federal abortion people. Sebelius got her federal job and Brownback got a token challenge to his run for governor. Brownback earned his title "Senator Switchback" from Michelle Malkin in 2007 after his John Kerry like flip flopping on the Kennedy-McCain Amnesty Act. Although he campaigned against Obama Care he was arranging behind the scenes to bring it to Kansas even before he took office. Then he tried to lie to the citizens of Kansas and say Kansas could do an exchange its way only to flip flop on August 9th and have his Lt. Governor say the federal strings of the EIG grant would cost Kansas billions. Remember the press release regarding the return of the federal grant: "Federal Medicaid mandates have cost Kansans over 400 million in the past 2 years alone. Full implementation of the mandates in the President's health care law would cost billions more," said Dr. Colyer. So eight months after Brownback approved the application for the Obama Care grant he and the Lt. Governor, himself an M.D., figured out that the grant had strings attached to Obama Care. It took me less than a day and all I had to do was read the grant and the federal government's notice of the grant (FOA). Remember on June 22, 2011 the Lt. Governor told a group of interested parties, including me, that the State was not even developing an Exchange, but diverting the EIG money to upgrade K-MED. A few weeks later the Budget Director admitted that the upgrade of K-MED included the development of an "Exchange". These guys have no shame when it comes to lying and engaging deceptive tricks to hide their real objectives i.e. to implement an "Obama Care Exchange" in Kansas. What is their motive? Remember Brownback's former campaign manager and chair of the Kansas GOP is also a Cerner Corp executive. Cerner stands to make hundreds of millions if not billions of dollars on Health Information Technology (HIT) of which it is an industry leader. Remember President Obama appointed a Cerner board member as his Obama Care Czar. If you are in a position to pick and choose winners and losers in the Obama Care sham you are going to get lots of friends who would like to get their share. Kansans are you getting the picture! You and your liberty are being sold out by the Governor and his cohorts! Don't put up with it.

Stop Obama Care in Kansas (SOCK) *Your comment is awaiting moderation.*

KS GOP Caucus--MY TAKE on AUG. 13th RESOLUTIONS by Larry Tawney

I took part only as a grassroots observer of the voice my opinion on the ACA (Obama Care). FHTP members went down to Wichita to lend support to the Coalition of Concern Kansas Patriots.

We stood in front and greeted the Republican delegates as they came thru. We handed out literature and held signs thanking the Governor for returning the \$31.5 M to the Federal government, but we really want to have NO insurance exchange. Just because the money goes back, folks, doesn't mean we are home free and it is a done deal.

The resolution was taken thru the Caucus and strengthened and brought to vote – Passed on voice vote.

The telling thing was the mention of the grassroots influence in strengthening the language of the resolution – I inserted both "so you can see the change --."

The fact that we were heard is good, but our work is not done. Now the non-binding resolution goes before our State Legislature to pass it into law. Now it again falls on Conservative groups – (We the People) to voice our desires to our representatives and need to be now NOT later.

The great thing about 2012 – it is an election year. Not only do we the people get to say no to ACA or AC we get to vote. So those legislators who are against the will of the Citizen and best interest of the State should hear from

us often and loud now and until election day. Not only heard but made a surprise visit. They have home offices, Town Halls and party meetings. Let them know your out there, it will be good for THEM!!

Now I think the \$31.5 M going back is the first great step, 2nd this resolution coming out of GOP leadership is a fine first step.

We the People need to let Ms. Sandy Praeger know to stop and desist with the Insurance Exchange that is out of ACA or Obama Care. Ms. Praeger is the State Insurance Commissioner. She holds the key to ending ACA in Kansas. She is currently going against the will of the Kansas people – but has stated she will continue to try and implement ACA/ObamaCare in Kansas. This is where we now need to turn a majority of our effort to stopping ACA.

Resolution 1

Resolution Commending Congressman Tim Huelskamp, Congresswoman Lynn Jenkins, Congressman Kevin Yoder, Congressman Mike Pompeo Senator Pat Roberts, and Senator Jerry Moran for Fighting Against Runaway Deficit Spending

Whereas, in 2010 voters across America sent a mandate to Washington that federal spending must be cut and that our nation’s debt was becoming unbearable and unsustainable; and

Whereas, Republicans in Congress expressed their support for fundamental change in the way Washington spends money by proposing the Cut, Cap and Balance Plan; and

Whereas, throughout the debt limit negotiations, President Obama exhibited a failure a lead in addressing the serious economic woes this nation is facing which were created due to the liberal policies of his administration:

Therefore, be it resolved that the Kansas Republican Party applauds Senator Pat Roberts, Senator Jerry Moran, Congressman Tim Huelskamp, Congresswoman Lynn Jenkins, Congressman Kevin Yoder, and Congressman Mike Pompeo for striving to sufficiently cut federal spending and reform the way Washington does business. Their persistent efforts prove to the voters of Kansas that Republicans can be trusted to continue advocating for strong reforms in Washington and further cuts in government spending.

Submitted by:

Randy Duncan, Chair, 1st District; Cheryl Reynolds, Chair, 2nd District; Keith Esau, Chair, 3rd District
Mark Kahrs, Chair, 4th District

RESOLUTION 2

Resolution Opposing “National Popular Vote Compact”

WHEREAS, the Electoral College to elect the President of the United States was deemed the best method by the Founding fathers to ensure state sovereignty in the presidential election process, affording weight to both large and small states; and

WHEREAS, the Electoral College has been tested and proven itself in over 56 presidential elections as the method to preserve our representative form of democracy, resulting in the election of a President by a majority of electoral votes, not a mere plurality; and

WHEREAS, the “National Popular Vote Interstate Compact,” if successfully implemented, would eviscerate the constitutional Electoral College process of electing the President, and would radically change the way we elect our President through a questionable legal maneuver by changing the rules of presidential elections via a compact between as few as 11 states instead of the normal 38 states needed to amend the Constitution; and

WHEREAS, the “National Popular Vote Interstate Compact,” if successfully implemented, would make a non-member state’s electoral votes irrelevant, because the member states’ electoral votes would number 270 or more, and they would award their votes to the national popular voter winner, effectively destroying the

Electoral College, undermining state authority, and giving more populated media markets disproportionate power; therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Kansas State Committee opposes the attempt to undermine the U.S. Constitution and the Electoral College by way of the “National Popular Vote Interstate Compact;” and, further be it

RESOLVED, the Kansas State Committee fully endorses retaining the constitutionally approved and time-tested Electoral College method of awarding electoral votes to candidates to win the office of President of the United States of America: and be it further

RESOLVED, the Kansas State Committee strongly encourages our state legislators and Governor to reject the “National Popular Vote Interstate Compact.”

(Submitted by: Helen Van Etten, Kansas National Committeewoman and Kris Kobach, Kansas Secretary of State.)

RESOLUTION C

Regarding the implementation of the Affordable Care Act (ACA) in the State of Kansas

Whereas, the position of Kansas is that the Affordable Care Act (ACA) is unconstitutional and Kansas has filed a law suit in the federal District Court of Florida on such basis,

Whereas, the Governor has said that the ACA is unconstitutional and the citizens of Kansas should be protected from such law,

Whereas, the District Court of Florida held that the ACA is entirely unconstitutional but, due to the fact that eight of the plaintiff states indicated they would continue with the implementation of ACA in spite of the court’s ruling, the judge would not maintain a stay on the federal government’s implementation of ACA,

Whereas, the Governor recently announced that Kansas would return Early Innovator Grant (EIG) money designated to develop systems to support ACA state health exchanges.

Whereas, acceptance by Kansas of any monies authorized under the ACA or for purposes of studying, designing, developing or implementing an ACA-compliant exchange or any component part of an ACA-compliant exchange, including those components related to Medicaid, is inconsistent with and detrimental to Kansas’ position including in its law suit and of its sovereign rights and those of its citizens,

Whereas, the support in any way of a law considered unconstitutional is inconsistent with state officials’ oath to support the U.S. Constitution,

Therefore, it is resolved that the Kansas Republican Party, in the strongest possible terms, rejects all parts of the ACA as unconstitutional and in contravention of the rights of the people and the Tenth Amendment-affirmed sovereignty of the state of Kansas, and that any and all efforts thereof by any government agency, entity, or elected representative in the state of Kansas to study, develop or implement an ACA-compliant exchange or any components part, including those ACA-compliant components related to Medicaid, must be immediately halted.

Submitted By: Barbara Paulus (Leavenworth County)

Matt, your ability and your hard work on our website puts us forever in your debt. **Thank you, so much!!** The website is great & will be a true asset for the **FHTP**.

John, You are doing a great job keeping the calendar updated. Your dedication is appreciated. Keep up the great work!! **Thank you, always!!**

Stamp & Newsletter Donators, Thank you, for your contributions. I am now mailing **51 Newsletters** to those who do not have email. I want to assure you that I am glad to do so & will continue as long as you want me to and I am able. However, it does cost \$.44 each to mail them, not to mention the paper and ink it takes to print them. This is the “donation” that Tom

and I are happy to give as long as we can, but I can't tell you enough that your donations are **greatly appreciated**. **With your help** we will continue the Newsletter indefinitely. The **FHTP** is **NOT** going away!! We like to think it is helping keep info out there for those who want it. **Thanks again!! We CAN NOT continue without you!!**

While I'm in this **Please & Thank you** mode I have some requesting to do!! The **FHTP** has taken on 2 Concession stands at the **KSU home football games** 2011 season. All proceeds will go directly to the **Constitutional Scholarship Educational Fund**. We have need for workers in the stands. We will wear black pants – we will be furnished shirts (wear your own to the game) and caps. Workers will need to meet a bus in the parking lot across the street West of Memorial Stadium, **4 hrs BEFORE** the start of the game. The bus will take us to the stadium and return us to our vehicles after the game. The concession stands will need to be completely readied for operation, then do the selling during the game, and last, but NOT least, cleaned and closed to await the next game. That is all the info I can give you at this time. A new company has been contracted by KSU this year so we'll need to work a game before we can give more details. Home games are on: **Sept 3**, have workers for this game; **Sept 17**, have workers for this game; **Oct 1, NEED 3-4 workers** for this game; **Oct 8, NEED 3-4 workers** for this game; **Oct 29, NEED 3-4 workers** for this game; **Nov 12, NEED 4-5 workers** for this game; **Nov 26, NEED 4-5 workers** for this game. **Your help is needed** at all games or one game, the choice is yours. If you are interested in being available to sub for someone unable to work at the last minute let us know. Remember this is for the **YOUTH of our State & Country!!** To give your time to the Scholarship Fund call Chris Tawney at 785-532-8618. **Take note!! YOU WILL NOT BE ABLE TO WATCH THE GAME!**

BUFFETT'S OBAMA PIGOUT in New York Post–Last update 3:26am, Aug 25, 2011-Posted 1:40am, Aug 25, 2011

Following reports that **President Obama** phoned **Warren Buffett** from vacation in Martha's Vineyard to discuss the economy. The "Oracle of Omaha" is hosting a fund-raiser for Obama's re-election, billed as an "economic forum," Page Six has learned. Tickets for the event at New York's Four Seasons restaurant on Sept. 30 start at \$10,000 a head, with VIP tickets a budget-boosting \$35,800. Guests get an hour of "Q&A moderated by one of President Obama's closest economic advisors, **Austan Goolsbee**" VIP ticket-holders get a "private reception for about 20 minutes prior to the dinner." A blurb with the invite adds, "As all guests are seated for dinner, Buffett will go around to all tables and shake hands, then he and Austan will sit for the program and discussion." What will be discussed is Buffett's recent highly publicized claim that the wealthy should pay higher taxes. But as one invitee sniffed, "Nothing like advocating tax equality when you are charging \$35,800 a ticket."

Open Letter to Warren Buffett, on "Taxing the Rich"

WARREN, write the damn check and shut the h**l up!!! Stop being O's mouthpiece.

WARREN, why do so many of us play the lottery....its to become wealthy.

WARREN, why do you want to continue your quest to become wealthy??!!

I am an American, it is and has been my dream to work hard and become wealthy.

WARREN, the problem is this; there is a MiNORITY (gasp!!) that doesn't understand that it takes hard work for 90% of the wealthy to get there!!

You, WARREN, should out the government officials that have been bought. You know, WARREN, the ones who honor you with medals and awards. You know the ones that suck up because you, WARREN, are wealthy.

We, the people, the 51%, who really work for a living, who pay the bills, are tired of the vitriol and abuse from this burdensome government.

We are damn tired of being told to cough up more for taxes to pay for those who don't work, who won't work and think they are entitled.

So, WARREN, write the damn check and let me get back to work. I've got a dream!!

TEA (Taxed Enough Already) Party Patriot

Congresswoman Lynn Jenkins, 2nd District of Kansas

August 26, 2011

Mars Bringing Chocolate Jobs to Topeka. This Tuesday, I had the pleasure of attending the ground breaking ceremony at the site of the new Mars Chocolate Factory to be built in Topeka. This new plant is the first Mars Chocolate facility to be built in the United States in 35 years, and Mars expects to make a \$250 million capital investment in our community, creating more than 200 full time jobs in Topeka during the first phase of development. When the new facility is completed in 2013, Topekans will initially be producing M&M's and Snickers brand candies, but there are plans for additional phases of development which will expand the capacity of the facility and bring other product lines to the plant.

I was so pleased to be on hand with Governor Brownback and Senator Moran to welcome the good people at Mars to our state. This is a fantastic development for the Topeka community and the state of Kansas. Governor Brownback should be congratulated for creating a climate of growth in our state and clearly stating that Kansas is open for business. The people of Topeka, especially the Topeka Chamber of Commerce, GO Topeka, and the Topeka Public School system, also deserve a pat on the back for all their hard work making this community so welcoming to investment and new business. All the good efforts from the people at Mars and the people in Kansas provide a perfect model of how to get this country back to work, and I look forward to returning to Washington to share this "sweet" success story with members from across the country.

August Congress to Kansas Tour Rolls On. This week we logged yet another successful leg of the Congress to Kansas tour in the books. On Tuesday I visited with folks in Garnett about the budget debates we have been having in Washington over the last few months, and was able to answer some questions about the fact based budget the House passed in April. We had a great discussion about the future of Medicare, and cleared up some confusion about our plan, which will have NO impact on those 55 and older. Wednesday I was in Allen County holding a listening session in Iola. We again had good crowds and had a lively conversation about the future of our nation, and the importance of implementing pro-growth policies that will get the American people back in the work force. I also had the opportunity to visit with the folks at Federal Home Loan Bank in Topeka to discuss the regulations impacting our financial services industry.

I will be continuing the tour next week down in Crawford County on Monday, and I hope to see some great crowds there as well. I will be in Pittsburg at Memorial Hall located at 503 N Pine St from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. This will be our 40th Congress to Kansas event this year, and I look forward to hearing Pittsburg's ideas of how to get this country back on track.

Don't Forget to Sign Up for the 2nd Annual Jobs Fair! Our 2nd Annual Jobs Fair is less than a week away, and I don't want you to miss out. There are over 60 employers signed up to attend with hundreds of jobs that need to be filled, so if you are looking for employment this could be a great chance to lock down a job! I am receiving more RSVP's every day, so be sure to come by Agriculture Hall at the Expocenter between 10:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. next Thursday to see what these employers have to offer. If you are an employer and would like you set up a booth or are looking for a job and want more information on the jobs fair please visit my website at www.lynnjenkins.house.gov/jobsfair or call my Topeka office at (785) 234-5966.

D.C. Earthquake - While I was out on my Congress to Kansas tour on Tuesday, we saw some surprising and worrisome news come across the wire. At about 1:00pm a 5.9 magnitude earthquake hit the Virginia area sending tremors up and down the East Coast, with shakes being felt as far north as New York City. I was initially very concerned about the safety of my D.C. staff, but quickly got in touch with our folks in Washington and was told there were no injuries. We were also told that there was little visible damage reported in and around the D.C. area. Sadly, however, the National Cathedral did lose some of its spires, and the Washington Monument was cracked in a few

places and has since been closed indefinitely.

After the Architect of the Capitol inspected all the buildings in the Capitol complex, my staff was allowed back in to the office, and we are up and running again. My D.C. staff is always just a phone call away, and are there to hear your thoughts and concerns, answer any questions you might have, and help arrange any trip to the Washington area.

Subject: A Herd of cows, a Flock of chickens

The English language has some wonderfully anthropomorphic collective nouns for the various groups of animals.

We are all familiar with a Herd of cows, a Flock of chickens, a School of fish and a Gaggle of geese.

However, less widely known is a Pride of lions, a Murder of crows (as well as their cousins the rooks and ravens), an Exaltation of doves and, presumably because they look so wise, a Parliament of owls.

Now consider a group of Baboons. They are the loudest, most dangerous, most obnoxious, most viciously aggressive and least intelligent of all primates. And what is the proper collective noun for a group of baboons?

Believe it or not **a Congress!**

I guess that pretty much explains the things that come out of Washington !

You just can't make this stuff up.

"Life's tough ... it's even tougher if you're stupid."- John Wayne
Go green – recycle Congress in 2012

"New Pledge of Allegiance"

Now I sit me down in school, Where praying is against the rule. For this great nation under *GOD* Finds mention of Him very odd.

If scripture now the class recites, It violates the Bill of Rights. And anytime my head I bow Becomes a Federal matter now.

Our hair can be purple, orange or green, That's no offense; it's a freedom scene.

The law is specific, the law is precise. Prayers spoken aloud are a serious vice. For praying in a public hall might offend someone with no faith at all.

In silence alone we must meditate, God's name is prohibited by the state. We're allowed to cuss and dress like freaks, and pierce our noses, tongues and cheeks.

They've outlawed guns, but **FIRST** the Bible. To quote the *Good Book* makes me liable. We can elect a pregnant Senior Queen. And the "unwed daddy," our Senior King.

It's "inappropriate" to teach right from wrong, We're taught that such 'judgments' do not belong.

We can get our condoms and birth controls, Study witchcraft, vampires and totem poles. But the Ten Commandments are not allowed, No word of *God* must reach this crowd.

It's scary here I must confess, When chaos reigns the school's a mess.

So, Lord, this silent plea I make: Should I be shot; My soul please take!

Amen

Jesus said, "If you are ashamed of me, I will be ashamed of you before my Father"

Mission Statement from 100 Million Patriots Standing:

I pledge now to Stand in our great ambition to reach all American Patriots.

In unison our voices and our actions will ultimately result in voting for and electing the Constitutional Patriot candidates that will:

--Guard our Individual freedoms and liberty,

--Respect our self reliance,

- Limit the government in our lives,
- Allow the free market system to flourish,
- Promote fiscal responsibility in governance,
- Provide for lower taxation,
- Protect against freedom's enemies,
- Enable a strong national defense and
- Protect and preserve the Constitution of the United States of America.

I will abide with full honor and in the highest of American values.

I will strive, emboldened with; Enthusiasm, Action, Perseverance, and Faith for the Republic.

I embark now on my journey to help our country and my fellow Patriots in their greatest need.

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I Stand now with each of you, in support and in unity of purpose.

I pledge now:

To reach out to others to help us, to join with us, to strengthen our resolve and rally our spirit.

I will stand with you now until we arrive at freedom.

And then I will stand forever there, even if one, to protect it.

May God bless and strengthen us all.

ELECTION 2012 IS COMING

A Nation of Sheep Breeds a Government of Wolves!

I'M 100% for PASSING THIS ON!!!

Let's Take a Stand!!!

HERE IS ALL I WANT

Obama: Gone!

Borders: Closed!

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We the people are coming!!

A year after claiming the economy as his own, Obama points finger at predecessor

By Bob Cusack - 08/21/10 12:08 PM ET

President Obama this summer has repeatedly blamed George W. Bush for the nation's economic woes, a year after he took ownership of the economy and criticized those who "carp and gripe."

The White House's effort to tie congressional Republicans to Obama's predecessor comes less than three months before the midterm elections. But the president's campaign speeches this summer are in contrast to a speech he delivered in Michigan last year when his approval ratings were 17 points higher.

During a July 14, 2009, address in Warren, Mich., Obama said, “Now, my administration has a job to do, as well, and that job is to get this economy back on its feet. That’s my job. And it’s a job I gladly accept. I love these folks who helped get us in this mess and then suddenly say, ‘Well, this is Obama’s economy.’ That’s fine. Give it to me. My job is to solve problems, not to stand on the sidelines and carp and gripe.”

At the time, the AP wrote, “With four simple words — ‘Give it to me’ — President Barack Obama took possession of the economy.”

Throughout this year, Obama has blamed Bush, and the criticism has intensified this month.

On Aug. 9 in Bush’s home state of Texas, Obama said the former president’s “disastrous” policies had damaged the economy, noting Bush inherited budget surpluses and ended his time in the White House with a budget deficit.

During a fundraiser with Sen. Patty Murray (D-Wash.) in Seattle this week, Obama said, “Eighteen months ago, I took office after nearly a decade of economic policies that had given us sluggish growth, sluggish job growth, falling incomes, falling wages and a record deficit.”

Obama has explained that the reason he is highlighting the record of the previous administration is because the GOP is offering “retreads” of Bush’s policies.

Congressional Republicans have not spent much time talking about how they would govern differently than Bush did, though some conservatives have faulted the 43rd president for his record on government spending.

In a recent interview with The Hill, Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-Ky.) did not directly answer a question on differences with Bush.

“The voters are interested in what’s happened in the last year and a half,” McConnell said. “They know who’s in charge... It is naïve of our friends on the other side to assume they can run again the ’06 and ’08 elections. This is going to be about the present, not the past.”

As Obama’s approval ratings have fallen though the year, more voters blame him for the state of the economy. A Rasmussen poll of 1,000 likely voters found 48 percent blame Obama for the nation’s economic problems, while 47 percent fault Bush.

Almost six months ago, a similar Gallup poll reported that 42 percent of voters blamed Bush a “great deal” while only 26 percent said Obama deserved a great deal of blame.

Eugene Milhizer, the president and dean of Ava Maria School of Law, said, “I think Obama has got ownership of the economy, whether he wants it or not.”

Milhizer said it’s not unusual for a new president to inherit a struggling economy.

For months, Obama has said Republicans drove the economy into a ditch.

He recently said, “We’re slipping and sliding and sweating, and the other side, the Republicans, they’re standing with their Slurpees watching us.”

He added, “Finally, we get this car to level ground ... and what happens? [Republicans] want the keys back. Well, you can’t have the keys back ... You got us in the ditch.”

With the nation’s unemployment rate at 9.5 percent and jobless claims at their highest level in nine months, Milhizer said, “Many people would say we’re in the ditch now.”

Republicans have repeatedly noted that the White House predicted the stimulus package would keep unemployment at 8 percent.

Congressional Democrats, including Reps. Jerrold Nadler (N.Y.) and Barney Frank (Mass.), have publicly criticized the administration for making those predictions.

And while Obama and other Democrats claim the stimulus saved the country from another depression, Frank has said that in politics, “you don’t get credit for a crisis averted.”

While there is much unease about the direction of the country, Obama is optimistic that the U.S. will rebound.

During his speech in Seattle, Obama said, “The truth is it’s going to take a few years to fully dig ourselves out of this recession. It’s going to take time to bring back 8 million jobs. Anybody who tells you otherwise is just looking for your vote. But here’s what I can tell you: After 18 months, I have never been more confident that our nation is headed in the right direction.”

The White House did not comment for this article.

THE TRUTH & THE PROOF

1st - Obama saying this Economy was his,

2nd – Obama Health Care taking \$500 billion out of Media Core or Medin Code to fund the government destruction of health insurance. Health Core.

3rd – The shovel ready jobs that Obama omitted was not quite shovel ready. Funded out of \$785 billion. The budget tax payer theft in history.

The Terms of Generalizational theft – a new American lexi son

4th – Obama state Dept. recognizes the Muslim Brotherhood – a known world terrorist group – who wants total annihilation of Israel.

5th – Obama 86 Executive Order 13575 Rural Council that by passes State Legislation and Local Government. And open assault on Rural Community control 16% of (Winning the future). WIF.

6th -- The \$50 million+ Spent on government buying (Obama Justice Department) Automatic weapons, Assault Rifles and automatic hand guns Shipped across the border to Mexican Drug Cartels. --- (fast and furious)---

7th – Obama got same – the Question is when did he know Osama’s whereabouts and how long was that information held?

8th – Obama states Social Security checks and Vet checks – not be able to pay because of Republicans – not so – President DECIDES what gets paid on government debt – NOT REPUBLICANS ----

***"The budget should be balanced,
the Treasury should be refilled, public debt should be reduced,
the arrogance of officialdom should be tempered and controlled,
and the assistance to foreign lands should be curtailed
lest Rome becomes bankrupt. People must again learn to work,
instead of living on public assistance."***

- Cicero - 55 BC

**Help Your Democratic Acquaintances Explain Their Voting.
They Can Now Pick Their Reasons From This “TOP 12 List”.....**

I voted Democrat because I believe oil companies' profits of 4% on a gallon of gas are obscene, but the government taxing the same gallon of gas at 15% isn't.

I voted Democrat because I believe the government will do a better job of spending the money I earn than I would.

I voted Democrat because Freedom of Speech is fine as long as nobody is offended by it.

I voted Democrat because I'm way to irresponsible to own a gun, and I know that my local police are all I need to protect me from murderers and thieves.

I voted Democrat because I believe that people who can't tell us if it will rain on Friday can tell us that the polar ice caps will melt away in ten years if I don't start driving a Prius.

I voted Democrat because I think illegal aliens have a right to free health care, education, and Social Security benefits.

I voted Democrat because I believe that business should not be allowed to make profits for themselves. They need to break even and give the rest away to the government for redistribution as the Democrats see fit.

I voted Democrat because I believe liberal judges need to rewrite the Constitution every few days to suit some fringe kooks who would never get their agendas past the voters.

I voted Democrat because while we live in the greatest, most wonderful country in the world, I was promised "HOPE AND CHANGE".

*I voted democrat because my head is so firmly planted up my a**, it's unlikely that I'll ever have another point of vies.*

Rasmussen: 29% agree with "Tea Party terrorists" depiction

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A majority of voters reject the depiction of Tea Party activists as "terrorists," [a new Rasmussen poll shows](#) ... but not a terribly large majority, given the ridiculously demagogic attack it represents. Fifty-five percent say that the Tea Party didn't act like "economic terrorists" during the negotiations over the debt ceiling and deficit spending, while 29% — more than *one in four* voters — see equivalency between the Tea Party's use of representative government and, say, al-Qaeda:

Democrats and their media friends have charged the Tea Party with being economic terrorists during the congressional budget debates, but most voters don't see it that way.

Fifty-five percent (55%) of Likely U.S. Voters, in fact, say members of the Tea Party are not economic terrorists. A new Rasmussen Reports national telephone survey finds that just 29% believe Tea Party members have been terrorists during the budget debates, while another 16% are undecided. (To see survey question wording, [click here](#).) Perhaps tellingly, while 53% of Democrats view Tea Party members as terrorists, 57% of voters not affiliated with either major party disagree, as do 74% of Republicans.

Interestingly, despite the 29% who claim that the Tea Party is a terrorist organization, only 43% think that they made the situation worse in the negotiations. That mostly comes from Democrats (7/73), while Republicans are supportive of their role (53/17). Independents are split evenly at 37%, with 14% saying no impact and 12% unsure. That doesn't indicate too much danger for the GOP sticking to Tea Party principles in the fight over spending and debt.

On the sales pitch for the Tea Party as a form of economic terrorism, Democrats seem to be ringing up mainly a No Sale. They get a majority among self-described liberals, but not a terribly impressive one (55/31) and almost an even split among black voters, their most loyal constituency (45/42).

Independents reject it in almost the same ratio as the general sample, 21/57, as do self-described moderates, 29/50). The negative gets a majority response in every age demographic, and majorities or pluralities in every income demographic, even the <\$20K category (31/45).

The fact that they can even get 29% to agree that pursuing policy changes through representative government is akin to "terrorism" is depressing, but it has a silver lining. It looks like Democrats and self-professed liberals are marginalizing themselves fast in this media *meme du jour*.

The **Rasmussen Report** ask the following questions and now the **Flint Hills TEA Party** would like to respond to them.

Do you consider yourself part of the TEA Party movement?

Absolutely!! And very proud of it! My husband and I used to sit around doing OUR part by voting and doing NOTHING else. During the last Presidential Campaign we woke up and realized that if we, and hopefully millions of other Americans, didn't wake up we were **NOT** going to like what our country would become. **HOORAY!! The TEA Party became a wake up call for all Americans!!**

Do you have a favorable or an unfavorable opinion of the TEA Party movement?

Obviously, our opinion is favorable! Wake up, Americans!! Who saved the countries bacon in the 2010 elections?

Who has a better understanding of the problems America faces today – the average TEA Party member or the average member of Congress?

It isn't that the average member of Congress doesn't understand. The problem is many of them have been **brainwashed** the same as the rest of the Country. The TEA Party are among the citizens who woke up and pounced on the problems. In meeting with our Congresspersons we discovered a few of them were awake and struggling with the massive problems our Country was/is facing, but "a few" could NOT solve the problem. The TEA Party began informing Americans of what was happening. True Americans began stepping forward to run for office with the intent of working to save the USA. Those of us in Kansas were very fortunate to have incredibly Conservative, dedicated citizens step up to fill our Congressional positions. Then with the TEA Parties and the candidates working together, we were able to inform Kansas citizens. Together we successfully elected the great Conservative Congressional members Kansas has today. With GOD's help this was happening across the Country.

Thinking of the budget debate in Congress, has the impact of the TEA Party made things better or worse for the country?

The TEA Party certainly influenced this debate; however, the TEA Party DID NOT entirely win that debate. We were sold out by the Speaker of the House and then he convinced a majority of the House that his way was the best way. Speaker Boehner declared they "Had to loss the Battle to Win the War." The TEA Party DID NOT WANT the debt ceiling raised. The TEA Party recommended that NOTHING should be given in to. Some of the conditions of the agreement were probably decided because of TEA Party influence, but the TEA Party would NOT have given at all. The results the TEA Party wanted to accomplish are the same as those Speaker Boehner presented in his proposal. The method of reaching those results was exactly opposite. That decision has been made. It remains to be seen what the outcome will be. Let us all Pray the results are putting a Conservative in the White House and have a Conservative Senate to work with a Conservative House.

Some people have accused the TEA Party of acting like economic terrorists during the budget debates. Are members of the TEA Party economic terrorists?

Are the members of the TEA Party's opponents terrorists? Those apposing the TEA Party were just as determined as the TEA Party. If the TEA Party are terrorists, then so are their opponents. There was no difference in the two groups except they were on opposite sides of the debate. Opposing each other does **NOT** make either side terrorists, only determined American citizens fighting tooth and nail to make our Country what we want it to be.

We are grateful for **RASMUSSEN Reports** viewing the **TEA Party** favorably and giving us this opportunity to answer their questions. Having said all of this I have one more point I would like to make. **'We The People' are represented by the T.E.A. Party, for convenience sake shortened to TEA Party.** We are **NOT** the Tea Party. If we were the Tea Party we would be having actual Tea drinking Parties and not worrying about our Country and while we do sometimes drink tea at our meetings that certainly is **NOT** why we are there. **We are the T.E.A. Party; T.E.A. stands for Taxes Enough Already.** Keeping this in mind the **T(axes)E(nough)A(lready) Parties of America** are making great strides in the direction we want to go. We would be happy for **you to join us!!**

Doors

Look back and thank GOD! Look forward and trust GOD!

Look around and serve GOD! Look within and find GOD!

GOD closes doors no man can open and GOD opens doors no man can close!

If you need GOD to open some doors for you, give this to others, and if you don't need GOD to open some doors for you, just forget the whole thing.

Liberalism's failure in Wisconsin speak volumes

By George F. Will

Taken from the 8-25-11 Manhattan Mercury

Madison, Wis. – The residues of liberalism's Wisconsin Woodstock – 1960s radicalism redux: operatic lamentations, theatrical demonstrations and electoral futilities – are words of plaintive defiance painted on sidewalks around the state capitol.

"Solidarity forever" was perhaps painted by a graduate student forever at the University of Wisconsin. "Repubs steal elections" is an odd accusation from people who, seeking to overturn the 2010 elections, cheered Democratic lawmakers who fled to Illinois – a congenial refuge for labor-subservient Democrats – in order to paralyze the duly elected Legislature. The authors of the sidewalk graffiti have at least read Jefferson: "The tree of liberty is watered by the blood of tyrants." The tyrant is "Scott Walker American Fascist."

Who, on a recent morning, was enjoying the view and the turn of events. From the governor's mansion on the shore of sparkling Lake Mendota you can see on the far shore the famously liberal university, from which came many of those who protested his "budget repair" bill that already seems to have repaired many communities' budgets, in addition to the state's.

Ostensibly, the uproar was about Walker's "assault" – Barack Obama's hyperbole – on union rights. Walker's legislation does limit the issues subject to collective bargaining and requires teachers and most other public employees to contribute more of the costs of their health and pension plans. Hitherto, in Wisconsin's school districts, teachers contributed on average 5 percent or less to their health premiums.

Having failed to prevent enactment of the Walker agenda voters had endorsed, unions and their progressive allies tried to recall six Republican senators.

If three had been recalled, Democrats would have controlled the Senate, and other governors and state legislators would have been warned not to challenge unions. Fueled by many millions of dollars from national unions and sympathizers, progressives proved, redundantly, the limited utility of money when baking a bankrupt agenda: Only two Republicans were recalled – one was in a heavily Democratic district, the other is a married man playing house with a young girlfriend. Progressives also failed to defeat a Supreme Court justice.

An especially vociferous progressive group calls itself "We Are Wisconsin." Evidently not.

During the recall tumult, unions barely mentioned either their supposed grievance about collective bargaining or their real fears, which concern money, particularly political money.

Teachers unions can no longer bargain to require school districts to purchase teachers' health insurance from the union's preferred provider, which is especially expensive. This is saving millions of dollars, and reducing teacher layoffs. Also, unions must hold annual recertification votes.

And teachers unions may no longer automatically deduct dues from members' paychecks. After Colorado in 2001 required public employees unions to have annual votes reauthorizing collection of dues, membership in the Colorado Association of Public Employees declined 70 percent. In 2005, Indiana stopped collecting dues from unionized public employees; in 2011, there are 90 percent fewer dues-paying members. In Utah, the end of automatic dues deductions for political activities in 2001 caused teachers' payments to fall 90 percent. After a similar law passed in 1992 in Washington state, the percentage of teachers making such contributions declined from 82 to 11.

Democrats furiously oppose Walker because public employees unions are transmission belts, conveying money to the Democratic Party. Last year, \$11.1 million in union dues was withheld from paychecks of Wisconsin's executive branch employees and \$2.6 million from paychecks at the university across the lake. Having spent improvidently on the recall elections, the Wisconsin Education Association Council, the teachers union, is firing 40 percent of its staff.

Progressives want to recall Walker next year. Republicans hope they try. Wisconsin seems weary of attempts to overturn elections, and surely Obama does not want his allies squandering political money and the public's patience. Since 1960, no Democrat has been elected president without carrying Wisconsin.

Walker has refuted the left's sustaining conviction that a leftward-clicking ratchet guarantees that liberalism's advances are irreversible. Progressives, eager to discern a victory hidden in their recent failures, suggest that a chastened Walker will not risk further conservatism. Actually, however, his agenda includes another clash with teachers unions over accountability and school choice, and combat over tort reform with another cohort parasitic off bad public policies – trial lawyers.

As the moonless night of fa\$ci\$m descends on America's dairyland, house square drinking fountain darkly warns: "Free water....for now." There succinctly, is liberalism's credo: If everything isn't "free," meaning paid for by someone else, nothing will be safe.

There is no rest for the Wicked and the Righteous don't need any!!

The Liars Will Keep You in Slavery – The Truth Will Set You Free

Fair Tax KC (fairtaxkc@everestkc.net)

Do you realize how close to slavery you are?

If you work for wages, 15% of your gross pay is being deducted from your paycheck and sent to an IRS bank account at almost the instant your employer prints your paycheck.

Those deductions are supposed to pay for your Social Security benefits when you retire. The Medicare deduction is supposed to pay for a major part of your health care when you retire. Does this money go into a "trust fund" to be saved for the obligation to pay for these benefits? **NO!!**

No money is being put into an account for you. A worthless IOU goes into a file cabinet. With the present Income Tax system you will never receive those promised benefits.

Anyone that tells you differently is lying or is ignorant of what is really happening.

This money goes into the General Fund of the Treasury Department where it is spent the instant it arrives. And it's not enough. The Government has to borrow more every day to pay for itself. There is no money left over for you.

And it gets worse. The money the government is borrowing must be paid back with interest sometime in the future by additional taxes to be paid by you, your children and grandchildren.

Anyone outside of government doing this would be indicted for fraud. However, Congress and the President are exempt from the laws the rest of us must follow.

- Businesses do not pay taxes; they collect them from their customers, the consumers.
- Only the individual consumer pays the taxes.
- The average cost of these embedded taxes is 23% of everything you buy.
- The tax is hidden and not printed on the cash register receipt.
- Large businesses are taking jobs overseas, not because of lower wages, but because of taxes.
- The IRS has control of the businesses and is a threat to every individual who pays taxes.

The Fair Tax changes the way in which the same tax is collected.

- The taxes will be collected at the Point of Sale, mostly at the Cash Register.
- The tax is printed on the cash register receipt.
- Employers will no longer collect the taxes from paychecks.
- You will no longer have federal deductions from your paycheck.
- Business will no longer collect taxes (except Retailers and they are paid by the State)
- The States will manage the collection of the FairTax at the Point of Sale.
- You pay the federal tax when you buy something.
- Poor people will pay little or maybe no taxes because of the Prebate.
- Every family will receive a Prebate, a monthly payment up to the government defined "poverty level".
- Rich people will pay most of the taxes.

The benefits are enormous.

- The IRS will be eliminated.
- The savings are 22% of total income budget. (\$463 billion per year)
- U.S. companies will have lower costs, be more competitive and hire more people.
- More jobs will be created, and thus there are more consumers.
- More consumers mean more growth in the economy.
- U.S. Manufacturers will need more workers in the U.S.

- Investors will find the U.S. the best place in the world to invest.
- The cost of the government is greatly reduced. (No IRS)
- The right amount of money goes into real “trust funds” to pay for Social Security and Medicare benefits.

This is the truth about the FairTax and Income Tax.

Who is telling you lies about the FairTax?

Please send the exact quote of the lie and the source to us and we will respond.

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The truth will set you free.

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I met a fairy today, who said she would grant me one wish.

"I want to live forever," I said.

"Sorry," said the fairy, "I'm not allowed to grant wishes like that!"

"Fine," I said, "Then I want to die after Congress gets their heads out of their asses."

"You crafty bastard," she said.

Hello, friends, I had an interesting conversation the other day. Lately, I have heard from several sources that the Federal Government is NOT keeping their word to our Military personnel. Military members who are coming up for retirement are finding that they are going to be denied the very things that encouraged them to make the Military their life career. One veteran told us that when he turned 65 years old he was told that he no longer would be provided with Health Insurance and he would need to enroll in Medicare. However, when he turned to the local Doctors to determine which one would care for him with Medicare as his only insurance he found NONE of the local Doctors would take him as a patient. In another instance a retiring 20 year + Military man was told he could NOT collect his retirement until he was 65 years old. If I have heard of these incidents in the last couple of weeks there must be many such happenings.

I was in Topeka yesterday as a member of a group meeting with Representative Lynn Jenkins. While I was in the Congresswoman's office I visited with a gentleman on her staff, Bill Roe, who I contact often with many problems. Bill is a great young man and problem solver with the concerns of our Country and it's citizens in his heart. Bill told me to have any and all Veterans with such problems to first contact their own Congressperson's office and if they have no "special" person to represent them with their military retirement problems they should then contact him – Bill Roe, [785-234-5966](tel:785-234-5966), (Representative Jenkins Topeka Office). Representative Jenkins and her Staff feel any and all Veteran's concerns should and will be addressed and assisted in any way they can. There are special members of the staff that will assist veterans to the best of their knowledge and ability. I am stressing this because I want you to understand that they are not JUST THERE; they are educated and knowledgeable in these matters and are there to help, protect and assist our veterans as our veterans have helped and protected us as well as our Country.

Oh, one more thing I learned while talking to Bill – At the "Jobs Fair" Rep Jenkins held this week at the expo center in Topeka was greatly successful!! There were approximately 1500 jobs offered and a great many of them were filled!! Now how great was that for the Topeka area of Kansas? Think someone in Washington, D.C. could take a lesson??

FHTP with Secretary of State Kris Kobach

August 31, 2011

Several of FHTP members gathered with Kris Kobach in his office in Topeka. The main objective of the meeting was to converse and make plans with Kris for the progress and planning of the Constitutional Bee. As you know this is the method of which the winners of the Constitutional Scholarship developed by FHTP will be selected. We won't be able to use the House Auditorium as we had hoped, but Kris will help us find another suitable location within the Legislative venue. Sec. Kobach is as excited about our Constitutional Scholarship as we are and will donate time on his radio program as time allows. Writing the questions, judging the contest, working with the students are all areas Kris will help us with, as well as finding knowledgeable persons to assist in all these areas. If you have never met Kris it may be difficult for you to understand what a wonderfully, friendly, helpful individual he is. The FHTP was privileged to become acquainted with Kris early in his campaign and realized instantly that he is not only the man we want as our Secretary of State, but will forever treasure his personal friendship. Kris has been there for us when we have needed him as a Speaker for our Rally's, advisor for our questions, now helper with our Scholarship. A tour of his office was an added treat. We feel fortunate to have such a man serving us in our State Government and as our friend. Kris has assured us he is willing and happy to be working with us on the Constitutional Scholarship and is behind the purpose all the way. **Thank you, Kris!!**

FHTP with Governor Brownback

September 2, 2011

The 3 individual groups of the FHTP, Political Chips of KC, and Topeka 912 groups met at the same time with Governor Brownback at his office in Topeka. We were thrilled and encouraged to learn at least a couple of the new people on the Governor's staff are STRONG TEA Party members/believers. One of the encouraging things learned of recent happenings in Kansas is the guidelines to receive public assistance is changing, changing for the better. The Director of SRS is a strong TEA Party person and feels this department must be carefully handled. The recent SRS Offices that were closed by the State but are still open are being funded by the local towns and counties. Governor Brownback reminded the group that Kansas has had 40 years of Democrats or RINOS in the Governor's Office. It will take time to bring the state back to a Conservative venue, but Governor Brownback stated he is working toward that goal. He has invited – in fact insists – that the FHTP be present at as many hearings and or committee meetings during the upcoming Legislative Session as we can be – the Governor's Office will keep us informed as to the time and location. We happily accepted his invitation. (Be ready to Hit the Road at a moments notice!!) Ernie Honas was able to take a few minutes of the meeting to introduce the Governor to the Constitutional Scholarship. The acceptance was encouraging and Ernie Honas and Chuck Henderson were able to speak to the Governor's Scheduling Secretary and were assured of an appointment with the Governor to inform him of more scholarship details soon. Ernie and Chuck came away from the meeting feeling it was a success. They were successful in establishing the FHTP's independence and desire to be helpful to the Governor when possible. It was also established while it all sounds good and we will be of assistance whenever possible we, the FHTP, will also be vigilant and WILL HOLD the GOVERNORS FEET TO THE FIRE!! We feel the FHTP and Gov. Brownback clearly understand each other and are happy with this working relationship. Let us Pray for continued success.

FHTP with Representative Lynn Jenkins

September 6, 2011

The FairTax Organization of Kansas contacted the FHTP inviting us to join them in a meeting with Rep. Lynn Jenkins at her office in Topeka. We were happy to be included. We had a very short time to meet with Lynn, however, we felt much was accomplished. Rep. Jenkins is a firm advocate for FairTax in Kansas and for all of the United States. Lynn is a CPA and feels this would be a good change for Kansans and all Americans. Earl Long is the lead person in Kansas on FairTax, he was in attendance. We learned FairTax is active and supported all across the USA. This is an active topic among Congress, although not all are in favor. Since it is for the Citizens

advantage it is expected the White House is not in favor of this change. Rep. Jenkins has been and will continue to work with fellow Congressmen/women for FairTax to become a reality. The National FairTax has an active working group in Washington. They will be on hand to work with Rep Jenkins and others on this subject. It was expressed that the Democrats seem to be getting nervous about the progress being accomplished by FairTax advocates which is an encouraging sign for the supporters of FairTax. We along with the FairTax people will be working with and encouraging Rep. Jenkins and her fellow supporters. An article is in the earlier part of this Newsletter. If you are not familiar with it study it and look it up.

If you would like to forward this Newsletter as is on to others – be my guest.

If you would like to send comments to the editor – be my guest.

If you have an editorial to submit – be my guest.

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