

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

SAT FEB 11, 2012 – MONTHLY MEETING – 9:30am – MANHATTAN CITY LIBRARY Auditorium

SUN FEB 19, 2012 – CONSTITUTION BEE - Forum Hall in K-State Union – 2:00pm

As we've been reporting to you for months now, Barack Obama's political operatives have been working to RECALL one of the most successful conservative Republican governors in America: Gov. Scott Walker of Wisconsin.

Today we have some good news to pass on to you. A Wisconsin judge has ruled in favor of Gov. Scott Walker that the state's election board must, "take affirmative steps" to remove fake or duplicate names from recall petitions." Here's the headline from Fox 6 News:

Waukesha Judge rules in favor of Walker campaign forcing GAB to take stronger action on fake recall signatures!!

As you know we'd put out an alert on the fact that there were countless bogus and fake signatures being put on RECALL petitions, including ones that were signed as Mickey Mouse and Adolf Hitler. The state's election board however, had refused to invalidate these signatures saying they would operate with the presumption that signatures were valid unless proven to them otherwise.

Now they will be compelled to do their job and make sure that only qualified voters' signatures will be counted. This is a great victory!

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Update on the Governor Scott Walker of Wisconsin (taken from Campaign to Defeat Obama)

(I'm sorry, if I'm boring you on this subject. I feel it is very important as it shows what can actually be done if we really want to and care. God helps those who help themselves. Sylva)

New poll results out in Wisconsin show positive news for Gov. Scott Walker. A Public Policy Polling group survey shows that the Democrats' leading candidate against Gov. Walker in the RECALL election, radically leftist former Dane County Executive, Kathleen Falk, is in meltdown mode.

Falk trails Milwaukee Democrat Mayor, Tom Barrett, by a margin of 46%-27%. But here's the best part, Barrett has said he's NOT running in the gubernatorial RECALL election, but will instead seek re-election as Mayor of Milwaukee. It gets even better; Barrett is the candidate the Democrats' nominated in 2010 to run against Scott Walker. And Walker defeated Barrett by 6%.

So it all boils down to this: the Democrats' leading candidate in the RECALL election against Gov. Scott Walker is a radical leftist who is losing by nearly 20% to a man who is not even running in the RECALL election, and who lost to Scott Walker in the 2010 gubernatorial campaign! Don't forget that Kathleen Falk lost both her statewide campaigns for office in Wisconsin, too! (In 2002 she ran for Governor and was rejected by the voters and in 2006 ran for Attorney General and was rejected by the voters again!)

For months the media has been trying to write Gov. Walker's political obituary, insisting he would be booted from office. But with your help we are proving the liberal media wrong yet again.

Governor Walker Announces 600 Jobs Coming to Superior – Project will add

jobs at Kestrel Aircraft Company — Posted by Tea Party Express : 10:20AM Jan. 16, 2012

NEWS RELEASE FROM THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE:

MADISON - GOVERNOR SCOTT WALKER today announced the Kestrel Aircraft Corporation will establish its manufacturing and headquarters in Superior, creating up to 600 new jobs.

“I am pleased with the aggressive package we have put forth in conjunction with strong local support to make this major job creation contribution to Superior,” said Governor Walker. “This relocation will be a huge boost to the Superior – area economy.”

Two State agencies, the Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation and the Wisconsin Housing and Economic Development Authority, partnered with local officials to bring Kestrel's expansion to Superior.

It is amazing what a conservative leader that stands up to threats and pursues the job creating policies can achieve. **Thanks to TEA Party supporters like YOU, we can continue fighting to defend Walker and leaders like him.**

*At a meeting just last week I was told while on one hand Governor Walker, of Wisconsin is battling the Unions efforts to recall him and take him out of the office of Governor of Wisconsin, with the other hand he is putting ObamaCare (under another name) in place in Wisconsin. That is what Governor Brownback of Kansas is sentencing Kansans to also. In Kansas it is being called “Kees”, but it is the same as ObamaCare. Kansas and Wisconsin citizens contact your State Representatives and Senators AND your Governor & Lt. Governor, tell them that any form of Health Care **financed by the Federal Government IS ObamaCare!!!** Think about it – The Federal Government **WANTS** ObamaCare to be the Health Care of the United States. With that thought in mind why would they **FINANCE** any other program? **DUH!!!** You all claim you **DON'T WANT** ObamaCare! **“NO! NO! NO! I DON'T WANT THAT!! IT'S UNCONSTITUTIONAL!! IT'S AWFUL!! IT'S GOING TO KILL SENIOR CITIZENS!! LEAVE US ALONE! WE CAN TAKE CARE OF OURSELVES!! NO, OBAMACARE! NO! GOVERNMENT CONTROL OF MY HEALTH CARE! NO!”** That's what I hear everywhere I go, from everyone I talk to. Then I offer them the phone numbers, emails, and address' to use to contact those responsible and have the ability to make a difference and all of a sudden it's, “Oh, I don't have time, I'm really busy, I hate doing that type of thing. You do it for me!!” **I can't do it for you!! I call, write, email, and visit the offices to contact MY State & Federal Representatives and Senators and Governor!! Sometimes you JUST HAVE to do SOME THINGS for yourself!!!** When your too lazy, or don't care enough to put yourself in gear, get off your duff, to do something that is going to benefit yourself, your children, grandchildren, friends, and neighbors I have **NO** sympathy for you – **live with what you won't make an attempt/effort to prevent!!** The part that really angers me is that you have no consideration for your friends, neighbors, or relatives and are sentencing them to living with bad health care just because **YOUR** to lazy/non-caring to **MAKE THE CONTACT**. With our friends we have been traveling to hearings in Topeka that explain the incoming Health Care – **IT IS OBAMA CARE!!** A chair with rockers on it or a chair that rocks/glides **IS** a rocking chair – it does **NOT** matter what name you give it, platform rocker, glider, rocker less rocker – **IF** it is a chair with rockers on it and/or it rocks; **IT IS** a rocking chair. Do you understand? If not, what part is not clear to you? Read this and other articles we have printed previously, and then **IF** you still don't understand, contact us. I don't draw very well, but I'll do what I can to help you understand.*

Sylda Nichols

30 Major U.S. Corporations Paid More to Lobby Congress Than Income Taxes, 2008-2010

By ASHLEY PORTERO: Subscribe to Ashley's RSS Feed, December 9, 2011 6:24AM EST

By employing a plethora of tax-dodging techniques, 30 multi-million dollar American corporations expended more money lobbying Congress than they paid in federal income taxes between 2008 and 2010, ultimately spending approximately \$400,000 every day – including weekends – during that three-year period to lobby lawmakers and influence political elections, according to a [new report from the non-partisan Public Campaign.](#) Despite a growing federal deficit and the widespread economic stability that has swept the U.S. since 2008, the companies in question managed to accumulate profits of \$164 billion between 2008 and 2010, while receiving combined tax rebates totaling almost \$11 billion. Moreover, Public Campaign reports these companies spent about \$476 million during the same period to lobby the U.S. Congress, as well in some instances laying off employees and increasing executive compensation.

29 Major Corporations Paid No Federal Taxes, 2008-2010

Of the 30 companies analyzed in the report, which include corporate giants such as [General Electric](#), Verizon Communications, [Wells Fargo \(WFC\)](#), Mattel ([MAT](#)) and Boeing ([BA](#)), 29 of them managed to pay no federal taxes from 2008 to 2010. Only [FedEx](#), which raked in about \$4.2 billion in profits during that period, paid a three-year tax rate of 1 percent – totaling \$37 million – far less than the statutory federal corporate tax rate of 35 percent.

(Photo: Public Campaign)

The Public Campaign, a non-partisan research and advocacy organization, reports 30 major U.S. corporations spent more money lobbying Congress than they did on federal income taxes between 2008 and 2010.

Company	U.S. Profits	Taxes Paid	Lobbying
General Electric	\$10,460	-\$4,737	\$84.35
PG&E Corp	\$4,855	-\$1,027	\$78.99
Verizon Communications	\$32,518	-\$951	\$52.34
Wells Fargo	\$49,370	-\$681	\$11.04
American Electric Power	\$5,899	-\$545	\$28.85
Pepco Holdings	\$882	-\$508	\$3.76
Computer Sciences	\$1,666	-\$305	\$4.39
Center Point Energy	\$1,931	-\$284	\$2.65
NiSource	\$1,385	-\$227	\$1.83
Duke Energy	\$5,475	-\$216	\$17.47
Boeing	\$9,735	-\$178	\$52.29
NextEra Energy	\$6,403	-\$139	\$9.99
Consolidated Edison	\$4,263	-\$127	\$1.79
Paccar	\$365	-\$112	\$0.76
Integrus Energy Group	\$818	-\$92	\$0.73
Wisconsin Energy	\$1,725	-\$85	\$2.45
DuPont	\$2,124	-\$72	\$13.75
Baxter International	\$926	-\$66	\$10.45
Tenet Healthcare	\$415	-\$48	\$3.43
Ryder System	\$627	-\$46	\$0.96
El Paso	\$4,105	-\$41	\$2.94
Honeywell International	\$4,903	-\$34	\$18.30
CMS Energy	\$1,292	-\$29	\$3.48
Con-Way	\$286	-\$26	\$2.29
Navistar International	\$896	-\$18	\$6.31
DTE Energy	\$2,551	-\$17	\$4.37
Interpublic Group	\$571	-\$15	\$1.30
Mattel	\$1,020	-\$9	\$0.84
Corning	\$1,997	-\$4	\$2.81
FedEx	\$4,247	\$37	\$50.81
TOTAL	\$163,691	-\$10,602	\$475.67

Pushing the limits of his recess appointment powers, President Obama on Wednesday bypassed the Senate to install three members of the National Labor Relations Board and a director for the controversial new Consumer Financial Protection Bureau - moves Republicans said amounted to unconstitutional power grabs.

Mr. Obama said the appointments, which he previewed during a campaign-style speech in Ohio, were necessary because Senate Republicans have blocked him at every turn. But in making the move, he rejected three precedents, including two in which he played a part that would have blocked the appointments.

"I refuse to take 'no' for an answer," Mr. Obama said in Shaker Heights, drawing applause from his audience. "When Congress refuses to act and as a result hurts our economy and puts our people at risk, then I have an obligation as president to do what I can without them."

Mr. Obama tapped former Ohio Attorney General Richard Cordray to head the consumer protection agency and named three others - two Democrats and one Republican - to the labor board. Those nominations had all been

stymied by congressional Republicans, who said Mr. Obama was accruing too much power to himself through those two agencies.

The president acted just a day after the Senate held a session, albeit a pro forma one without any business transacted.

Senators from both parties - including Democrats in 2007 and 2008, when Mr. Obama was in the Senate - have said it takes a recess of at least three days before the president can use his appointment powers.

Mr. Obama's move threatens to ignite an all-out legislative war with Congress, and Republicans reacted with strikingly sharp language.

Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell, Kentucky Republican, said the move "arrogantly circumvented the American people."

"Breaking from this precedent lands this appointee in uncertain legal territory, threatens the confirmation process and fundamentally endangers the Congress' role in providing a check on the excesses of the executive branch," he said.

Supporters of the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau have said the lack of a top executive has blocked the fledgling agency from taking on a number of tasks in its mandate to police the financial sector and protect consumers from fraud.

Consumer groups and labor union advocates cheered Mr. Obama's moves.

Senate Republicans don't object to Mr. Cordray, but argue the bureau needs an overhaul before it should be allowed to operate. They say it leaves the agency, whose budget is not approved by Congress, with too much power concentrated in the hands of its director.

Senate Republicans last month filibustered Mr. Cordray's nomination, leaving him seven shy of the 60 votes needed to get a final confirmation vote. Democrats and Republicans have increasingly turned to filibusters to block a president's nominees when they are in the majority, making recess appointments an attractive option.

President George W. Bush used them to circumvent Democrats who filibustered judicial nominations and his pick of John R. Bolton to be ambassador to the United Nations.

The Constitution gives the president the power to make appointments when the Senate is not in session. Back when Congress was part time, that gave the president power to fill posts that otherwise might go unfilled for months.

During the past few congressional vacations, House Republicans have insisted on coming in for pro forma sessions every three days, triggering a clause in the Constitution that forces the Senate also to come into session.

Presidential spokesman Jay Carney said the White House doesn't consider pro forma sessions to be actual work by Congress. Even though the Senate has been convening in those sessions every three days, he said, "the president's counsel has determined that the Senate has been in recess for weeks and will be in recess for weeks."

It's a thorny question, and some legal authorities have agreed with Mr. Obama's analysis.

But at least three major precedents suggest otherwise.

The Clinton administration argued that there must be a recess of at least three days to trigger the recess appointment clause. Mr. Obama's top constitutional attorneys at the solicitor general's office also subscribed to the three-day rule in oral arguments before the Supreme Court in 2010.

"The recess appointment power can work in a recess. I think our office has opined the recess has to be longer than three days," Neal Katyal, then deputy solicitor general, told Chief Justice John G. Roberts Jr.

Mr. Katyal, who is now a professor at Georgetown University, did not respond to a request for comment Wednesday.

The third precedent involves Mr. Obama's fellow Senate Democrats who, after taking control of the chamber, used pro forma sessions to stop Mr. Bush from making recess appointments in 2007 and 2008.

"I had to keep the Senate in pro-forma sessions to block the [Steven G.] Bradbury appointment. That necessarily meant no recess appointments could be made," Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid, Nevada Democrat, said as he summed up the legal consensus in 2008. Mr. Obama was in the Senate at the time.

Mr. Bradbury, an administration attorney, was nominated by Mr. Bush's in 2005, to be an assistant attorney general, but never received a vote by the full Senate.

On Wednesday, though, Mr. Reid reversed course and said he backed the president's move. A spokesman didn't respond to a request for comment on what changed in Mr. Reid's thinking on the constitutional question.

Other Democrats who were also in the Senate in 2007 and 2008 cheered Mr. Obama's appointments, saying the GOP's obstruction had gone too far. Instead of the constitutional questions, they highlighted the work the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau can do.

“The Senate minority’s attempt to defang the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau by depriving it of leadership is unprecedented, hurts middle-class consumers, and needed to be challenged,” said Sen. Charles E. Schumer, New York Democrat. “It is clear President Obama is doing the right thing by putting a real consumer cop like Mr. Cordray on the beat to protect the middle class.”

Part of the confusion is that the word “session” has different meanings in the Constitution. Each daily meeting is known as a “session,” but each two-year Congress is also divided into two sessions, and each begins on Jan. 3 every year.

During Tuesday’s pro forma meeting, the Senate officially gaveled out the first session of the 112th Congress and gaveled in the second session.

There is precedent for making a recess appointment in between those kinds of sessions. In 1903, President Roosevelt used the instant one session was gaveled out and another was gaveled in to make a series of appointments. That is known as an “inter-session” appointment.

Mr. Obama did not follow that route and instead made what scholars call an “intra-session” appointment, on which the Constitution is far more vague.

Mr. Obama early Wednesday signaled he would use his powers to install Mr. Cordray, but Mr. McConnell said he “upped the ante” by also making recess appointments for the three NLRB appointments. Mr. Obama announced appointments of Deputy Labor Secretary Sharon Block, union lawyer Richard Griffin and National Labor Relations counsel Terence Flynn to fill vacancies on the five-member board, giving it a full contingent for the first time in more than a year.

Ms. Block and Mr. Griffin are Democrats, and Mr. Flynn is a Republican.

Mr. Obama nominated Ms. Block and Mr. Griffin on Dec. 17, just two days before senators went home for a month long vacation. Mr. McConnell said that means the two have been installed without facing congressional scrutiny.

“What the president did today sets a terrible precedent that could allow any future president to completely cut the [Senate](#) out of the confirmation process, appointing his nominees immediately after sending their names up to [Congress](#),” Mr. McConnell said. “This was surely not what the framers had in mind when they required the president to seek the advice and consent of the [Senate](#) in making appointments.”

Morning Bell: Guantanamo Ten Years Later

Taken from [The Heritage Network/The Foundry](#) by Mike Brownfield

His plan was to rip apart nightclubs with explosives, unleash a wave of destruction on bridges, and open fire on police officers – all in sunny Florida. This was the murderous intent of Sami Osmakac, 25, an American citizen from the former Yugoslavia who was determined to spill blood, formant destruction, and bring terror to the United States all in the name of Allah. Fortunately, undercover FBI agents thwarted his efforts, making this the [44th foiled terrorist plot](#) against American.

Osmakac’s plot is a not-so-subtle reminder that terrorists lurk not only in the caves of Afghanistan or in the wilds of Africa but also inhabit our backyard, bringing their “holy war” of terror to our shores and our cities. While terrorists continue to conspire to strike the United States, the men and women of our military and intelligence community keep up their fight as well, striving to protect our homeland, identify enemies, gather intelligence, and prevent attacks. Law enforcement is an important component of that effort, but so too is the military’s ability to detain dangerous enemy combatants, as it has at the Guantanamo Bay facility for the past ten years.

Yesterday was the 10th anniversary of the arrival of the first “war on terrorism” inmates at the Guantanamo prison, and the milestone was marked by protests crying out for the facility’s closure. [Hundreds rallied in Washington](#) yesterday in front of the White House and the Supreme Court, chanting “Ten years too long, ten years too late.”

That was a policy that President Barack Obama, too, embraced and campaigned for, yet in March 2011, he resumed military trials for terrorism suspects in Guantanamo and allowed for prisoners to be detained there if they are a serious threat to U.S. security. In short, Guantanamo remains open — and there’s good reason. The facility continues to serve an important role in the war against terrorists, houses high-value terrorist detainees like Khalid Sheikh Mohammed—the architect of September 11—keeps terrorists off the battlefield, and allows for lawful interrogations.

Former Attorney General Edwin Meese III, the Ronald Reagan Distinguished Fellow in Public Policy and chairman of the Center for Legal and Judicial Studies at The Heritage Foundation, [explains why the Guantanamo facility is necessary](#) and how it has helped keep America safe over the past decade:

Shortly after September 11, it became evident that this war would be different from all previous wars in the sense that we would need to rely more on tactical and strategic intelligence to thwart and defeat the enemy than

traditional military might. To defeat al Qaeda and its affiliates, we needed to know what they knew; one of the obvious ways to learn their intentions was through lawful interrogation at a safe detention facility. Guantanamo, used as a detention facility since the Clinton administration, was just such a place. There have been 779 detainees at Guantanamo. Today, there are only 171. But over the past decade, we have not only kept dangerous terrorists at Guantanamo and thus away from the battlefield, we have learned a great deal from them during long-term, lawful interrogations. Without a safe, secure detention and interrogation facility, we would not have gained the tactical and strategic intelligence needed to degrade and ultimately defeat the enemy.

Protesters overlook Guantanamo's value in protecting our homeland and preventing terrorist attacks before they occur. Instead, they argue that Guantanamo's very existence only serves to incite our enemies to attack us, all while depriving them of their right to trial. As Meese [notes](#), they ignore that there was no Guantanamo detention facility "when terrorists struck the World Trade Center in the 1990s or blew up the U.S. embassies in East Africa in 1998 or attacked the USS Cole in 2000." And they also forget to mention that the detainees are represented by civilian and military counsel, that the conditions there are safe, secure, and humane — in compliance with international law.

While the protests against Guantanamo go on, so does the war against terrorists. Al-Qaeda, its affiliates, and others with the same murderous, anti-American agenda continue to plot the next attack against our homeland. Likewise, the United States must continue to do all that it can — within the rule of law — to prevent those attacks before more lives are lost. That includes the use of Guantanamo's detention facility unless and until a safe, reasonable alternative is proposed.

Quick Hits:

- The Obama Administration is [waiting for the "go ahead" from Afghan President Hamid Karzai to enter into negotiations](#) with Taliban insurgents following a series of secret meetings with them last year.
- [Unemployment benefit claims surged last week](#) as companies laid off thousands of workers after the holidays. The Labor Department says applications jumped 24,000 to a seasonally adjusted 399,000, the most in six weeks.
- [Japan has vowed to cut Iranian oil imports](#) in coordination with U.S. efforts to sanction Iran over its continued pursuit of nuclear weapons.
- There are 3.5 million seriously delinquent mortgages in America, and [banks are expected to take action on long-delayed foreclosures](#) this year. And that means lower housing prices for an already struggling market.
- Health care spending decreased in 2010, but don't be fooled. It's not because costs went down. In fact, despite Obamacare's promise, [people are now choosing to avoid going to the doctor and not take expensive drugs](#). Read more about it on [The Foundry](#).

Quote of the Decade

This quote was translated into English from an article appearing in the Czech Republic as published in the Praeger Zeitung of 28 April 2011.

"The danger to America is not Barack Obama but a citizenry capable of entrusting an inexperienced man like him with the presidency.

It will be far easier to limit and undo the follies of an Obama presidency than to restore the necessary common sense and good judgment to a depraved electorate willing to have such a man for their president.

The problem is much deeper and far more serious than Mr. Obama, who is a mere symptom of what ails America.

Blaming the prince of the fools should not blind anyone to the vast confederacy of fools that made him their prince.

The Republic can survive a Barack Obama. It is less likely to survive a multitude of Idiots such as those who made him their president."

CHARITY CARE IN KANSAS

WHY LOCAL CHARITY?

- MECAID is bankrupt (see next section)
- LOCAL CHARITY is more cost effective -- \$15 per patient
- No enrollment or "entitlement"
- No coding/claim forms

- No opportunity for fraud/abuse
- Excellent teaching venue for medical students
- Positive community spirit of helping one's neighbors
- Charity patient does not fear losing "benefits" of Medicaid
- Earlier transition to health and a job
- Each patient treated as a person of worth

MEDICAID IN KANSAS

- 290,000 people on it now
- \$2.3 Billion of Kansas Budget
- PPACA will add thousands more to Medicaid
- Politicians say, "50% state and 50% federal money" **NO**, it is **OUR MONEY**
- Obamacare (PPACA) will pay Medicaid rates for seniors on Medicare leading to long waits for care.
- Decreasing payments to doctors will lead to further decreased access for seniors
- Creates dependency as surely as narcotics – for patients, doctors, and hospitals
- FQHC (Federally Qualified Health Clinic) cost per patient \$150 (vs. \$15 for charity)

CURRENT ASSETS FOR CHARITY CARE

- Zarephath Clinic in New Jersey
- Good Samaritan in Wichita, Kansas (Clinics like Hunter Health are FQHC's)
- Echo Clinics in Ft. Worth, Teas, goal of 10,000 charity clinics nationwide
- FTCA—Federal Tort Claims Act-indemnifies doctors for their 4 hours per week in the charity clinic.

CURRENT CHALLENGES TO CHARITY CARE

- Hard to get specialist referrals.
- Liability costs to specialists up to \$100,000 per year
- Vested interests would lose premium dollars and control (insurance companies).
- Lack of ENTHUSIASTIC support of the Governor

VOLUNTEER PHYSICIAN PROTECTION ACT

- Indemnify volunteer physicians, for their entire practice, the same way that the state covers medical students and faculty at KU Medical Center. If the student or staff has a claim against them, the State defends them and pays any settlement.
- Any doctor "deemed" covered under FTCA would be deemed covered under the Volunteer Physician Protection Act.
- Primary care would work 4 hours per week in charity Clinic; specialists would do 2 operations per month or 2 deliveries per month to qualify.
- **NO COST** to the State unless there is a claim – no insurance premiums to pay and no payments to the volunteer doctors.

WHAT CAN YOU DO?

- Contact your State Representative and Senator and say you want them to "support Representative O'Hara's bill in the next session"
- Write to Governor Brownback and ask him and Lt Governor Colyer to meet with Representative O'Hara and Dr. Watson to discuss how they can support this "from the top".
- Work to set up a CHARITY CLINIC in your town
- Tell your doctor to go to www.aapsonline.org to see what he/she can do.

JOIN OUR ONLINE FIGHT AGAINST BARACK OBAMA by Bob Bowser

I have had several negative and several positive comments returned on the issue of voting for someone whom I would HIRE for the position being voted on versus voting AGAINST an undesirable incumbent.

I would like to take this a step further...those who disagree with me, please consider the following... are you saying you will throw Principle out the window and vote for ANY person who gets his/her name on the republican ballot in the general election? Are we to allow both party establishments to continue their orchestrated rape of our economy, values, and relationships with our allies by voting for whomever they allow to be placed on the ballot?

Even RINO Rick Perry said recently, "Why would you settle for anything other than an authentic conservative that reelects your values. Are we going to replace a democrat insider with a republican insider and expect to get any change in Washington, D.C.?" (kinda made me choke when I read it the first time considering the Al Gore campaign director and teenage vaccination issues)

Are we willing to continue kicking the can down the road with the attitude "Republican at all cost?" Please let me know when this will EVER achieve any positive results... Let's just tell the child "Well, NEXT time keep your hand out of the cookie jar, but go ahead and eat this one since you've touched it." Or as a Patriot friend said a while back, just tell the bully on the playground, "You can go ahead and keep taking my milk money, but you CAN'T take my lunch ticket."

I refuse to accept the statement from anyone calling themselves "conservative" that "a blank vote is a vote for Obama". That is an all-out lie that republicrats and democrats alike would love for us to believe. Republicans OR Democrats...should all EARN our votes.

PLEASE RETHINK YOUR WILLINGNESS TO COMPROMISE PRINCIPLE WHEN VOTING

Keep up the 'GOOD' fight – 2 Timothy 4:7
The origin of our Three Branches of Government...
"For the Lord is our Judge, (Judicial Branch)
For The LORD is our Lawgiver, (Legislative Branch)
The LORD is our King: (Executive Branch)
He will save us." (Isaiah 33:22 KJV Bible)

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The following was sent to Bob Bowser from Rick Wiley, RNC (Republican National Committee) Political Director:

Join Our Online Fight Against Barack Obama

On behalf of the RNC I wanted to take a minute to stress how much we value the importance of online and social media. Today, we're busy building new ways for supporters to harness the power of the Internet and spread our shared message of fiscal conservatism and economic freedom.

This week, the First Votes against Barack Obama will be cast, and that means the 2012 election season is officially underway. There's no doubt that the 2012 race will be unlike any election we've seen before. More than ever, online media and social networks like Facebook and Twitter will play a pivotal role in empowering supporters like you to help make Barack Obama a one-term president – and send a Republican to the White House.

We want to share with you exclusive content that will be distributed online or through mobile phones, and by doing so help make your own voice heard. From special research content and videos to breaking news and voting results, we want to put these resources directly in your hands.

**Together, we can strengthen our online fight against Barack Obama and the Democrats.
So please sign-up and follow us today.**

The following was Bob Bowser's response to Rick Wiley:

JOIN OUR ONLINE FIGHT AGAINST BARACK OBAMA

Many Grassroots individuals like myself are a bit more Principled than mainstream Republicrats. What this boils down to is a rebuttal to voting "against" a candidate.

The vote in the United States should be treated as an employment contract.

Many of us will no longer hold our noses at the ballot box.

If I would not hire this person to do a particular job, why would I vote them into office?

If I cannot put my support squarely and fully behind this candidate's political moral, and fiscal views, then why would I hire them?

That all said, there are many of us who, given the field that the RNC has promoted, are not happy with out options and may be in November that the RNC did NOT learn their lesson properly in 2008...remember the vote was AGAINST George Bush, not FOR Obama. I in good faith could NOT support RINO John McCain in 2008 and will not support a RINO in 2012.

My suggestion is that the RNC begin to squarely defend the Party Platform, require some form of commitment to that platform AND the Constitution by candidates, and begin to weed out or prune defectors, or We The People will by leaving blanks in November. I will not vote for Obama NOR will kick the can down the road and vote for a RINO. Perry, Romney, Huntsman, and Gingrich all four fit this bill. A BLANK is a vote AGAINST all on the ballot and it WILL count towards Principle.

Wake UP RNC... or there will be hell to pay and the responsibility will lie squarely on the shoulders of the Republican National Committee.

Capital Views by State Rep. Charlotte O'Hara -- Session Begins on the RIGHT Note

Dear Friends,

Well, we are in the second week of the 2012 Legislative Session and have heard Governor Brownback's State of the State address laying out his budget and agenda for this session.

On the budget front, Governor Brownback has proposed a modest decrease of .6% (approximately \$39 million) for the 2013 State General Fund beginning July 1, Our 2012 budget increased 7% (\$400 million) over the 2011 budget. The 2013 cut is minimal, but the good news is we're heading in the RIGHT direction!

His budget proposal also included an ending balance of 7.5%. Unfortunately there was a miscalculation and the correct ending balance is actually \$365 million or a 6.2% ending balance. Naturally, the governor is getting hammered in the press for his staff not verifying revenue numbers with the Department of Revenue before releasing the governor's 2013 budget.

The Topeka Capital-Journal reported strident criticism of the budget error from Senate Minority Leader Anthony Hensley, D-Topeka, and Republican Senator John Vratil, R-Leawood. But wait. According to the governor's spokeswoman, Sherriene Jones-Sontag, it wasn't technically an error but a misunderstanding because the "pro-growth" tax policy wasn't reflected in the budget. It was, instead, an addendum available to legislators.

OK, boys and girls, let's fight nice. My question to Senator Vratil: Why are you throwing rocks at the governor along side Democrats? Perhaps there's something extremely telling in Senator Vratil's easy co-existence with the folks across the aisle. And Governor Brownback, just admit your administration made an error, correct it and let's go on down the road.

Now, onto Governor Brownback's proposal to lower personal and corporate income tax rates, funded by ending a proposed list of 23 exemptions/incentives. Instead of nibbling around the edges, I believe we should institute the Fair Tax in Kansas.

With the Fair Tax, all sales tax exemptions/incentives (exemptions total \$5.3 billion) would end. By broadening the sales tax base we would more than fund the elimination of corporate and personal income tax,

which currently is a \$2.9 billion revenue stream for the state. The state sales tax should be rolled back to be revenue neutral.

Here's something to think about. Under our present tax system every check written to pay income tax (both personal and corporate) goes to pay for someone's tax break.

For an additional bonus, local taxing entities (county and city) could reduce their sales tax rate and property taxes with the broadening of the sales tax base. This would be tremendously helpful in growing our economy here in Kansas.

On the continuing saga of ObamaCare in Kansas, here is an interesting press release from the Lt. Governor's office: *Topeka – Lt. Governor Dr. Jeff Colyer today joined an important amicus brief filed with the Supreme Court in the pending case regarding the constitutionality of the Affordable Care Act (ACA)*

This is wonderful news that Lt. Governor Jeff Colyer has joined the amicus brief regarding the constitutionality of ObamaCare. However, back at the ranch, the administration refuses to return the \$85 million, 90/10 federal funds (which replaced the \$31 million planning grant) for the KEES (formally K-Med) contract with Accenture. Interestingly, Accenture settled fraud and kickback allegations for \$63.4 million with the Department of Justice just two weeks after signing the KEES contract with Kansas.

What's wrong with this picture? Let's see. Lt. Governor Jeff Colyer joins the amicus brief arguing that ObamaCare is unconstitutional, but will not support the cancelation of the KEES/Accenture contract which implements key (pardon the pun) elements of ObamaCare. And we're doing business with a company that had to pay a \$63.4 million settlement to the DOJ (Dept. of Justice).

In the meantime, if you have concerns about the implementation of ObamaCare in Kansas, call Lt. Governor Colyer's office at 785-296-2214 and ask that the 90/10 federal funds be returned and the Accenture/KEES/K-Med contract be cancelled.

So, the circus continues in Topeka. What's the good news? The conversation is heading in the RIGHT direction, but we need your constant push to maintain the correct course of less government and lower taxes. And yes, I'm criticizing the Brownback Administration for implementing ObamaCare in Kansas, but I don't think you'll see any Democrats joining me in that criticism.

My next column will be on school finance reform, which we have not yet received details on. Hopefully, within the next week or so, the administration will release their plan.

Please, hold me in your prayers,

Respectfully yours,
Charlotte O'Hara

WHERE ARE THEY NOW? From: Elaine Stickney

The three who brought down Wall Street.

Here's a quick look into the three former Fannie Mae executives who brought down Wall Street.

Franklin Raines was a Chairman and Chief Executive Officer at Fannie Mae. Raines was forced to retire from his position with Fannie Mae when auditing discovered severe irregularities in Fannie Mae's accounting activities. The Government filed suit against Raines when the depth of the accounting scandal became clear.

Raines left with a "golden parachute" valued at \$230 MILLION!!

Tim Howard was the Chief Financial Officer of Fannie Mae. Howard "was a strong internal proponent of using accounting strategies" that would ensure a "stable pattern of earnings" at Fannie. Investigations by federal regulators and the company's board of directors since concluded that management did manipulate 1998 earnings to trigger bonuses. Raines and Howard resigned under pressure in late 2004. **Howard's Golden Parachute was estimated at \$20 Million!!**

Jim Johnson – A former executive at Lehman Brothers and who was later forced from his position as Fannie Mae CEO. Investigators found that Fannie Mae had hidden a substantial amount of Johnson's 1998 compensation from the public, reporting that it was between \$6 million and \$7 million when in fact it was **\$21 MILLION**. Johnson is currently under investigation for taking illegal loans from Countrywide while serving as CEO of Fannie Mae.

Johnson's Golden Parachute was estimated at \$28 Million!!

Guess where they are now!!

Franklin Raines works for the Obama Campaign as his Chief Economic Advisor.

Tim Howard is a Chief Economic Advisor to Obama under Franklin Raines.

Jim Johnson was hired as a Senior Obama Finance Advisor and was selected to run Obama's Vice Presidential Search Committee.

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Obama's State of Omission

Speaking last night from the U.S. Capitol, President Barack Obama described the state of the Union as he sees it -- strong and getting stronger, with future growth fueled by his pursuit of progressive policies and an expansion of government, all architected to bring about his brand of "fairness." The President essentially redelivered his 2011 State of the Union address -- complete with the same empty rhetoric, class warfare cloaked in "fairness," and proposals for massive tax and spending increases.

The speech was notable for the items he did not mention, including many of the failed spending programs and policies he undertook over the past three years, the foreign policy and defense challenges he has exacerbated, and the economic actions he failed to take that would have created jobs and spurred economic growth.

Governor Mitch Daniels (R-IN), who delivered the response to the State of the Union address, shined a light on those titanic omissions -- the state of America's economic and fiscal crises, the President's promise to fix them, and his failure to do anything but make matters worse, all amid a trillion dollars in stimulus spending and a rapidly expanding bureaucracy:

The percentage of Americans with a job is at the lowest in decades. One in five men of prime working age, and nearly half of all persons under 30, did not go to work today.

In three short years, an unprecedented explosion of spending, with borrowed money, has added trillions to an already unaffordable national debt. And yet, the President has put us on a course to make it radically worse in the years ahead. The federal government now spends one of every four dollars in the entire economy; it borrows one of every three dollars it spends.

Apart from the truth about the depths of America's unemployment crisis and the scope of government spending, the President barely mentioned his signature legislative item, Obamacare, which is facing a Supreme Court constitutional challenge; Social Security and the country's entitlement crisis; his decision to say "no" to the Keystone XL pipeline and the jobs it would bring with it; the Solyndra scandal and the failures of his green energy initiatives; the illegality of his appointments to the Consumer Financial Protection Board and the National Labor Relations Board; the Senate's failure to pass a budget for 1,000 days under the leadership of his own party; the high costs that his additional regulations bring with them; his party's opposition to free trade agreements; the fraudulent elections in Russia; the ongoing collapse of the Euro; warnings about his decision to slash defense spending; the remaining challenges in Afghanistan; and the violence that has erupted in Iraq after the departure of U.S. troops.

It's not surprising, of course, that the President would want to hide from his failures, but it's troubling to see that he plans to continue on the progressive course he has set for the country. In the President's words, "We can either settle for a country where a shrinking number of people do really well, while a growing number of Americans barely get by. Or we can restore an economy where everyone gets a fair shot, everyone does their fair share, and everyone plays by the same set of rules.

This "fairness" argument, which the President cloaked in the most moderate of terms, lays the foundation for a wholesale deconstruction of America, as we know it. Instead of a country where individuals are free to rise and fall on their own merits, the President seeks a system where an all-powerful federal government guarantees equal outcomes, regardless of one's merit. The Heritage Foundation's Matthew Spalding [explains](#): In [Obama's] view, "fairness" flows not from opportunity and freedom of the individual, but from more government power, federal education programs, economic regulations, and infrastructure spending. And, of course, raising taxes on the wealthy to pay for these "investments" would only be fair.

Such policy prescriptions lead to a governing class that insists on enforcing political and economic 'fairness' rather than letting us govern ourselves, choose our own vocations and earn our own success. The idea that the government can and should step in to guarantee economic fairness is contrary to the founding principles that make America so great-and that enable its citizens to achieve success. It is contrary to the very meaning of the American Dream.

The United States faces significant challenges: a \$15 trillion debt, 13.1 million unemployed Americans, exploding entitlement and health care costs, a broken education system, a military in disrepair, the continued threat

of terrorism, a nuclear Iran, and the ongoing war in Afghanistan, among others. There is hope, but it does not emanate from a bigger, more powerful federal government that squelches entrepreneurship, ignores our fiscal crisis, and disregards the need for a strong national defense. The President says the state of the Union is getting stronger, but he is doing very little to ensure that happens.

THIS WAS TAKEN FROM: The Heritage Foundation whose analysts provided in-depth, issue-by-issue expert analysis of last night's State of the Union address. [You can find our 2012 Reaction Roundup on The Foundry blog.](#)

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