

The Patriots' Truth

Flint Hills TEA Party News

ON OUR CALENDAR

MEDIA COMMITTEE MEETING – McALISTER'S EVERY WED AT 5:30pm

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AUGUST 11 – Monthly FHTP Mtg – Manhattan City Library Aud. – 9:30am

A RINO Representing US!!

By Sylva Nichols, FHTP member & The Patriots' Truth Editor

Friday, July 20, I attended a Kansas Senatorial Forum for District 22 at the Senior Center in Manhattan. It was the first time I had listened first hand to these 3 men express their opinions and feelings about representing the Kansas Citizens of the new Kansas Senate District 22.

During the forum our present Senator, Roger Reitz, talked about his feelings of ObamaCare that he called "Affordable Health Care." He told us that as a "Doctor and a Kansas Citizen" he thought it was the best thing that had happened to Health Care in the USA. He went on and on about the "GREAT Solutions" this plan brought to all of us. Senator Reitz stated how it would help citizens like no other plan ever has. One elderly man cheered and the rest of the audience was basically dumb struck.

The next day when my husband brought in the mail we had received a page-sized poster telling us how Senator Roger Reitz has "voted against Obamacare" and is "fighting ObamaCare" and "standing strong for us." And again quoting the brochure: "The fight to stop Obamacare is not over. That's why it's so important that legislators like Roger Reitz continue their fight against this job killing, big government take over." I heard Roger Reitz state that he is IN FAVOR of "this job killing, big government take over". We, the FHTP, were unable to locate and identify the origin/sender of this flyer. However, since Senator Reitz told us, personally, that he is in favor of ObamaCare I believe the words out of his mouth and discount the flyer. He stated at a Riley County Republican Party Meeting back in 2010 that ObamaCare was "a great Health Care Bill" and the same again Friday, Roger Reitz is in favor of Obama Care!!!! I truly believe that is his stand. Anyone and Everyone wanting to put ObamaCare/Affordable Health Care in the trash must **vote against Roger Reitz.**

At one time, Senator Reitz and another Senator were overheard having a discussion on listening to their constituents. Senator Reitz remarked something to the effect that "why should we listen to them? After all, we, Senators, are a cut above those who elected us." Is this man really who you want to represent you in the Kansas Senate? Personally, I don't!! He must be replaced!!

Another disturbing statement by Senator Reitz was that in the redistricting problem the Kansas Senate had during the last Legislative session was that – "I was NOT going to change my vote!" We were speaking of the Millions of dollars it is costing Kansas to have the courts do the redistricting. Instead of the Senators doing the job assigned to them. However, they all refused to change their vote and sent it to the courts. All it would have taken for the Senators to complete their job was for ONE, JUST ONE Senator to CHANGE his vote. He is most upset about the loss of a couple long time Senators now being out of the running because of the redistricting, saying, "It just isn't fair or right that these long time Senators will no longer be able to run. I was NOT going to change MY vote!" And this is the man we have been represented by – A man that is willing to cost the state of Kansas MILLIONS of dollars **because he will NOT do the job assigned to him and other Kansas Senators – but to support long time Crony Senators instead of his constituents.**

He stated several times during the Forum that he makes his own decisions and doesn't worry about what his Constituents want. THAT is how those of us in Kansas Senatorial District 22 are being represented!! We have a Senator that doesn't CARE what WE want – He'll vote how it suits him.

Actually Reitz is running on the wrong ticket – Roger Reitz votes with the Democrats 75% of the time. When you vote for Roger Reitz you are voting for a RINO, Republican in Name ONLY. Are we going to let that continue? VOTE to leave Roger Reitz in the dust!

Twenty Years is way too long to have a RINO where a True Republican belongs!!

OBEY or PAY – It’s the DC Way

By: Dave Trabert -- July 2, 2012

The twisted logic used to declare the Affordable Care Act (aka ObamaCare or ACA) constitutional more closely resembled a ruling from the Supreme Court than the U.S. Supreme Court. Congress cannot compel citizens to engage in commerce but now they can use their taxing power to punish those who don't comply. Tony and Uncle Junior would be pleased.

Congress went to great lengths to say that those who do not purchase health care insurance will pay a penalty, not a tax. The ability to regulate interstate commerce (the Commerce Clause), not the power to tax, was cited as justification for ACA.

So when five justices found that mandating the purchase of insurance under the Commerce Clause is not permitted, ACA should have been found unconstitutional. Instead, Justice Roberts found a bizarre way to uphold the law by saying Congress really meant to force compliance by using its power to tax. First, he determined it was indeed a penalty and not a tax. The Tax Anti-Injunction Act stipulates that the courts cannot entertain a suit to enjoin or uphold a tax until the tax is actually paid. Accordingly, if violating the mandate results in a tax, the case should have been dismissed as being “not ripe” (not that it should have gotten this far in the first place).

Then he reversed field and said because the penalty is less than the cost of compliance, it's really a tax! On this, the dissenting justices wrote, “...we have never held—never—that a penalty imposed for violation of the law was so trivial as to be in effect a tax. We have never held that any exaction imposed for violation of the law is an exercise of Congress’ taxing power....”

It's good that the Court drew a bright line on the use of the Commerce Clause, but the upshot is that Congress is now free to write “Obey or Pay” laws. Don't want to buy an electric car? That's OK; just pay the IRS \$5,000.

State legislatures must now decide whether to implement health care exchanges and expand Medicaid eligibility. That's right – it's voluntary. The Court also ruled that the federal government cannot coerce states to ‘voluntarily’ implement ACA by threatening to withhold all Medicaid payments. That precedent should also give states more freedom to opt out of Common Core Standards and other ‘voluntary’ programs.

The stakes are enormous. A KPI study published last year found that the ACA will cost Kansas \$4.7 billion in its first ten years. Medicaid currently consumes 18% of General Fund revenues; by 2023, that will rise to 31%. Legislators would either be forced to raise taxes, dramatically reduce spending or some combination of the two. That would wreak havoc on the economy and cost thousands of jobs.

We definitely need reform but state law restricts access by making health care more expensive. Kansans should be allowed to purchase insurance from anywhere in the country, not just from a Kansas company. Group participation restrictions should be eliminated. Coverage mandates should be lifted so Kansans can purchase the amount of coverage they want. Individuals should be treated the same as employers and allowed to purchase insurance with after-tax dollars; current law makes most of us captive to the coverage our employers choose.

Now that the ACA is officially a crushing tax on the middle class, maybe citizens will give legislators an offer they can't refuse – overturn ACA and enact consumer- driven reforms or go home.

ALL I CAN SAY ABOUT THIS IS WOW!!!

HOW VERY TRUE!!! Genesis 47:13-27

RECENT VIRGINIA CHURCH SERVICE - STIMULUS SERMON

I would love to give the Pastor of this predominantly black church in Virginia three cheers. This guy is obviously a leader. Perhaps we should each decide who our real leader is... It is amazing to see that very little has changed in 4,000 years.

Good morning, brothers and sisters; it's always a delight to see the pews crowded on Sunday morning, and so eager to get into God's Word. Turn with me in your Bibles, if you will, to the 47th chapter of Genesis. We'll begin our reading at verse 13, and go through verse 27.

Brother Ray, would you stand and read that great passage for us? ... (Reading) ... Thank you for that fine reading, Brother Ray. So we see that economic hard times fell upon Egypt , and the people turned to the government of Pharaoh to deal with this for them. And Pharaoh nationalized the grain harvest, and placed the grain in great storehouses that he had built. So the people brought their money to Pharaoh, like a great tax increase, and gave it all to him willingly in return for grain. And this went on until their money ran out, and they were hungry again.

So when they went to Pharaoh after that, they brought their livestock - their cattle, their horses, their sheep, and their donkey - to barter for grain, and verse 17 says that only took them through the end of that year. But the famine wasn't over, was it? So the next year, the people came before Pharaoh and admitted they had nothing left, except their land and their own lives. "There is nothing left in the sight of my lord but our bodies and our land. Why should we die before your eyes, both we and our land? Buy us and our land for food, and we with our land will be servants to Pharaoh." So they surrendered their homes, their land, and their real estate to Pharaoh's government, and then sold themselves into slavery to him, in return for grain.

What can we learn from this, brothers and sisters?

That turning to the government instead of to God to be our provider in hard times only leads to slavery? Yes... That the only reason government wants to be our provider is to also become our master?

Yes. But look how that passage ends, brothers and sisters! Thus Israel settled in the land of Egypt, in the land of Goshen. And they gained possessions in it, and were fruitful and multiplied greatly." God provided for His people, just as He always has! They didn't end up giving all their possessions to government, no, it says they gained possessions! But I also tell you a great truth today, and an ominous one.

We see the same thing happening today - the government today wants to "share the wealth" once again, to take it from us and redistribute it back to us. It wants to take control of healthcare, just as it has taken control of education, and ration it back to us, and when government rations it, then government decides who gets it, and how much, and what kind. And if we go along with it, and do it willingly, then we will wind up no differently than the people of Egypt did four thousand years ago - as slaves to the government, and as slaves to our leaders.

What Mr. Obama's government is doing now is no different from what Pharaoh's government did then, and it will end the same. And a lot of people like to call Mr. Obama a "Messiah," don't they? Is he a Messiah? A savior? Didn't the Egyptians say, after Pharaoh made them his slaves, "You have saved our lives; may it please my lord, we will be servants to Pharaoh"? Well, I tell you this - I know the Messiah; the Messiah is a friend of mine; and Mr. OBAMA IS NO MESSIAH! No, brothers and sisters, if Mr. Obama is a character from the Bible, then he is Pharaoh. Bow with me in prayer, if you will...

Lord, You alone are worthy to be served, and we rely on You, and You alone. We confess that the government is not our deliverer, and never rightly will be. We read in the eighth chapter of 1 Samuel, when Samuel warned the people of what a ruler would do, where it says "And in that day you will cry out because of your king, whom you have chosen for yourselves, but the LORD will not answer you in that day..."

And Lord, we acknowledge that day has come. We cry out to you because of the ruler that we have chosen for ourselves as a nation. Lord, we pray for this nation. We pray for revival, and we pray for deliverance from those who would be our masters. Give us hearts to seek You and hands to serve You, and protect Your people from the atrocities of Pharaoh's government. In God We Trust...

Did y'all see that Diane Sawyer had a special report. They removed ALL items from a typical, middle class family's home that were not made in the USA.

There was hardly anything left besides the kitchen sink. Literally. During the special they are going to show truckloads of items - USA made - being brought in to replace everything and will be talking about how to find these items and the difference in price etc..

It was interesting that Diane said that if every American spent just \$64 more than normal on USA made items this year, it would create something like >200,000 new jobs!

I WAS BUYING FOOD THE OTHER DAY AT WALMART and ON THE LABEL OF SOME PRODUCTS IT SAID 'FROM CHINA'

FOR EXAMPLE THE "OUR FAMILY" BRAND OF THE MANDARIN ORANGES SAYS RIGHT ON THE CAN 'FROM CHINA. I WAS SHOCKED SO FOR A FEW MORE CENTS I BOUGHT THE LIBERTY GOLD BRAND OR THE DOLE SINCE IT'S FROM CALIF.

Are we Americans as dumb as we appear --- or --- is it that we just do not think while the Chinese, knowingly and intentionally, export inferior and even toxic products and dangerous toys and goods to be sold in American markets?

70% of Americans believe that the trading privileges afforded to the Chinese should be suspended.

Why do you need the government to suspend trading privileges? DO IT YOURSELF, AMERICA!!

Simply look on the bottom of every product you buy, and if it says 'Made in China' or 'PRC' (and that now includes Hong Kong), simply choose another product, or none at all. You will be amazed at how dependent you are on Chinese products, and you will be equally amazed at what you can do without.

Who needs plastic eggs to celebrate Easter? If you must have eggs, use real ones and benefit some

American farmer. Easter is just an example. The point is do not wait for the government to act. Just go ahead and assume control on your own.

THINK ABOUT THIS: If 200 million Americans refuse to buy just \$20 each of Chinese goods, that's a billion dollar trade imbalance resolved in our favor...fast!!

Most of the people who have been reading about this matter are planning on implementing this on JULY 20th and continue it until AUGUST 20th. That is only one month of trading losses, but it will hit the Chinese for 1/12th of the total, or 8%, of their American exports.

Remember, July 20th to August 20th !!!!! START NOW. We're getting a late start – just continue. Send & talk to everybody you know. Let's show them that as Americans NOBODY can take us for granted.

If we can't live without cheap Chinese goods for one month out of our lives, WE DESERVE WHAT WE GET! Pass it on, America!! Instead of doing it for just 1 month why not try to do it all the time??????

A BLACK MAN'S TROJAN HORSE

This is one of the most profound messages that can be put out to the public. My respect for Lloyd Marcus is great. He is truly an American Patriot!! If a white person would have said what he says here, I would expect a backlash from the media and others. I agree with his sentiments and statements. I would ask you to read it and forward it; unless you don't agree with his analysis. And if you don't agree, then may you be blessed with no consequences from it.

A Black man's point of view. By Lloyd Marcus

As millions of my fellow Americans, I am outraged, devastated and extremely angry by the democrat's unbelievable arrogance and disdain for We The People. Despite our screaming "no" from the rooftops, they forced Obamacare down our throats. Please forgive me for using the following crude saying, but it is very appropriate to describe what has happened. "Don't urinate on me and tell me it's raining." Democrats say their mission is to give all Americans health care. The democrats are lying. Signing Obamacare into law against our will and the Constitution is tyranny and step one of their hideous goal of having as many Americans as possible dependent on government, thus controlling our lives and fulfilling Obama's promise to fundamentally transform America .

I keep asking myself. How did our government move so far from the normal procedures of getting things done? Could a white president have so successfully pulled off shredding the Constitution to further his agenda? I think not.

Ironically, proving America is completely the opposite of the evil racist country they relentlessly accuse her of being, progressives used America's goodness, guilt and sense of fair play against her. In their quest to destroy America as we know it, progressives borrowed a brilliant scheme from Greek mythology. They offered America a modern day Trojan Horse, a beautifully crafted golden shiny new black man as a presidential candidate. Democrat Joe Biden lauded Obama as the first clean and articulate African American candidate. Democrat Harry Reid said Obama only uses a black dialect when he wants.

White America relished the opportunity to vote for a black man naively believing they would never suffer the pain of being called racist again. Black Americans viewed casting their vote for Obama as the ultimate Affirmative Action for America's sins of the past.

Then there were the entitlement loser voters who said, "I'm votin' for the black dude who promises to take from those rich SOBs and give to me."

Just as the deceived Trojans dragged the beautifully crafted Trojan Horse into Troy as a symbol of their victory, deceived Americans embraced the progressive's young, handsome, articulate and so called moderate black presidential candidate as a symbol of their liberation from accusation of being a racist nation. Also like the Trojan Horse, Obama was filled with the enemy hiding inside.

Sunday, March 21, 2010, a secret door opened in Obama, the shiny golden black man. A raging army of democrats charged out. Without mercy, they began their vicious bloody slaughter of every value, freedom and institution we Americans hold dear; launching the end of America as we know it.

Wielding swords of votes reeking with the putrid odor of back door deals, the democrats landed a severe death blow to America and individual rights by passing Obamacare.

The mainstream liberal media has been relentlessly badgering the Tea Party movement with accusations of racism. Because I am a black tea party patriot, I am bombarded with interviewers asking me the same veiled question. "Why are you siding with these white racists against America's first African American

president?" I defend my fellow patriots who are white stating, These patriots do not give a hoot about Obama's skin color. They simply love their country and oppose his radical agenda. Obama's race is not an issue."

Recently, I have come to believe that perhaps I am wrong about Obama's race not being an issue. In reality, Obama's presidency has everything to do with racism, but not from the Tea Party movement. Progressives and Obama have exploited his race from the rookie senator's virtually unchallenged presidential campaign to his unprecedented bullying of America into Obamacare. Obama's race trumped all normal media scrutiny of him as a presidential candidate and most recently even the Constitution of the United States. Obamacare forces all Americans to purchase health care which is clearly unconstitutional.

No white president could get away with boldly and arrogantly thwarting the will of the American people and ignoring laws. President Clinton tried universal health care. Bush tried social security reform. The American people said "No" to both presidents' proposals and it was the end of it. So how can Obama get away with giving the American people "the finger?" The answer: He is black.

The mainstream liberal media continues to portray all who oppose Obama in any way as racist. Despite a list of failed policies, overreaches into the private sector, violations of the Constitution and planned destructive legislation too numerous to mention in this article, many Americans are still fearful of criticizing our first black president. Incredible.

My fellow Americans, you must not continue to allow yourselves to be "played" and intimidated by Obama's race or the historical context of his presidency.

If we are to save America, the greatest nation on the planet, Obama must be defeated.

SHARE THIS WITH ALL OF AMERICA!!!

The Democrats complain about how the Republicans look at immigrants – this is how one of their favorite Presidents viewed immigrants:

In 1907 President Theodore Roosevelt spoke to the American people on Immigrants in America.

"In the first place, we should insist that if the immigrant who comes here in good faith becomes an American and assimilates himself to us, he shall be treated on an exact equality with everyone else, for it is an outrage to discriminate against any such man because of creed, or birthplace, or origin. But this is predicated upon the person's becoming in every facet an American, and nothing but an American... There can be no divided allegiance here. Any man who says he is an American, but something else also, isn't an American at all. We have room for but one flag, The American flag... We have room for but one language.. And we have room for but one sole loyalty and that is a loyalty to the American People."

Reitz and his KS VALUES INSTITUTE are definitely playing with Smoke and Mirrors on this. GOAL ONE is to Confuse the uninformed. Our job One is to keep the correct information front and center. Reitz is hiding behind WORDS again. ACT versus AMENDMENT - the Amendment would of allowed the voters to vote on this issue. Reitz is "not a leader" but he sure doesn't want the voters to know who they are following.

Chris

With all the BS coming out from the progressive RINO's in the Senate - here is the timeline. Constitutional Amendments were introduced in the House and Senate in 2010 - The House failed to get 2/3 majority - The Senate referred to two committee's and could not get it to the floor for action. (Tim Owens - would not cast the tie breaking committee vote to send it to the floor on one day and on the next day he cast a vote to again tie the committee vote to prevent it from going to the Senate floor).

The truth about the Health Care Freedom Act: Defeated in the House and Senate in 2010 - The Act was amended to a state statute in 2011 that did pass in the Senate but was not a Constitutional Amendment - does not carry the same weight - progressive Senators did not want citizens to exercise their voice through the ballot box. A new Constitutional Amendment was introduced in the Senate in 2011 - HCR 5007 which passed the House with a 2/3 majority and was referred to Tim Owens - Judiciary Committee and he sat on it through the 2011 session. The Senate killed it in 2012.

Larry

<http://www.kansashealthcarefreedom.com/>

Timeline of Events

The Health Care Freedom Amendment was defeated in the Senate on Thursday, February 23. However, the bill took a long road in the legislature, dating back to the 2010 session. To find out about the actions of the Kansas Legislature in each year, use the following links:

[2010](#) -- Includes original committee votes in the Senate and attempt to bring the bill to the floor.

[2011](#) -- Includes passage of the Kansas Health Care Freedom Act, which was signed into law by the Governor.

[2012](#) -- Also included below, this link includes a description of the failure of the Kansas Senate to pass the Kansas Health Care Freedom Amendment, thereby denying the people of Kansas a right to vote on the measure. [Click here for the Senate Journal](#).

Kansas Health Care Freedom Amendment Killed in Senate

The Health Care Freedom Amendment was defeated in the Senate on Thursday, February 23 following a series of political maneuvers designed to prevent citizens from having a say in the voting booth. Interestingly, seven senators who voted for final passage first voted to send the measure back to committee and/or voted to deny citizens the right to vote if the Supreme Court approves ObamaCare. Here's how the process played out:

#1. MOTION TO REFER BACK TO COMMITTEE

There was a motion by Senator Hensley to refer the bill back to the Judiciary Committee, where it had previously sat for three years. A NO VOTE (in bold) was to keep the bill alive and protect your liberty. This vote failed 19-20-1, so the measure remained on the floor for debate. Here are the the votes on that motion:

Yeas: Brungardt, Emler, Faust-Goudeau, Francisco, Haley, Hensley, Holland, Kelly, Kultala, Longbine, McGinn, Morris, Owens, Reitz, A. Schmidt, V. Schmidt, Teichman, Umbarger, Vratil.

Nays: Abrams, Apple, Bruce, Donovan, Kelsey, King, Love, Lynn, Marshall, Masterson, Merrick, Olson, Ostmeier, Petersen, Pilcher-Cook, Pyle, Schodorf, Steineger, Taddiken, Wagle.

Present and Passing: Huntington.

An interesting tidbit is that in voting for the motion to refer the bill back to committee, several senators commented that they needed more research on what it would do.

Yet, on March 22, 2011 ([See Senate Journal](#)), all but three senators -- Haley & Hensley voted no and Huntington passed -- voted for the statutory version (the Health Care Freedom Act) which had almost the exact same language.

#2. AMENDMENT BY SENATOR HUNTINGTON

An amendment was offered by Senator Huntington which said that the measure would not go to the voters if the federal health care law was ruled constitutional. A YES vote amended the bill and a NO VOTE would have allowed the measure to go to the voters regardless. There are several points to remember about why the Huntington Amendment was not well founded:

The people of Kansas would have NO VOTE to protect their liberty if the federal health care bill was ruled constitutional by the United States Supreme Court.

If the federal health care law was ruled constitutional by the United States Supreme Court, there have been no protections for Kansas citizens from actions by the *state government*

Removes major protections for Kansas citizens against the federal government based on an arbitrary Supreme Court ruling.

Didn't address a possible "split decision", where only parts of the federal health care law could be ruled unconstitutional and others were allowed to stand.

The amendment was adopted by a vote of 21-19. Here are the votes on this amendment:

Yeas: Brungardt, Emler, Faust-Goudeau, Francisco, Haley, Hensley, Holland, Huntington, Kelly, Kultala, Longbine, McGinn, Morris, Owens, Reitz, A. Schmidt, V. Schmidt, Schodorf, Teichman, Umbarger, Vratil.

Nays: Abrams, Apple, Bruce, Donovan, Kelsey, King, Love, Lynn, Marshall, Masterson, Merrick, Olson, Ostmeier, Petersen, Pilcher-Cook, Pyle, Steineger, Taddiken, Wagle.

#3. FINAL VOTE ON AMENDMENT

The final vote on the amended measure was then held. An affirmative vote of 27 votes was needed in order to keep the bill alive. It would then be sent to a conference committee with House and Senate members to determine the final language. It should be noted that the measure fell just one vote short, providing several senators the ability to say they voted for it even though they first tried to stop it. Here are the votes on final passage:

Yeas: Abrams, Apple, Bruce, Donovan, Emler, Huntington, Kelsey, King, Longbine, Love, Lynn, Marshall, Masterson, McGinn, Merrick, Morris, Olson, Ostmeier, Petersen, Pilcher-Cook, Pyle, V. Schmidt, Schodorf,

Steineger, Taddiken, Wagle.

Nays: Brungardt, Faust-Goudeau, Francisco, Haley, Hensley, Holland, Kelly, Kultala, Owens, Reitz, A. Schmidt, Teichman, Umbarger, Vratil.

When you review the Yeas and Nays of all three votes, you will discover there were seven senators whose votes were inconsistent -- those senators who voted to send the measure back to committee OR who voted for the Huntington Amendment, but voted for the measure on final passage, giving the citizens the illusion that they supported protecting their liberty when they worked every step along the way against it.

Emler, Huntington, Longbine, McGinn, Morris, Schodorf, V. Schmidt.

These senators voted consistently against health care freedom:

Brungardt, Faust-Goudeau, Francisco, Haley, Hensley, Holland, Kelly, Kultala, Owens, Reitz, A. Schmidt, Teichman, Umbarger, Vratil.

Kansas Health Care Freedom Amendment Reaches Senate Floor

On Friday, Feb. 3, 2012, the Kansas Health Care Freedom Amendment passed the Senate Judiciary Committee by a 6 to 4 vote. Originally introduced in the 2010 legislative session, the proposed constitutional amendment was adopted in 2011 by the Kansas House with a 91-27 vote, and this year, on Friday, the measure was forwarded by the committee to the full Senate for debate. Final passage of a constitutional amendment would require a two-thirds vote from the Kansas Senate. It does not need approval by the governor; instead, it would be placed directly on the November ballot for consideration by the voters.

Senate Supporters of the Health Care Freedom Amendment

*New to the Senate in 2011

Mary Pilcher Cook, R-10th

Ray Merrick, R-37th

Steve Abrams, R-32nd

Rob Olson, R-23rd

Pat Apple, R-12th

Ralph Ostmeyer, R-40th

Terry Bruce, R-34th

Mike Petersen, R-28th

Les Donovan, R-27th

Dennis Pyle, R-1st

Dick Kelsey, R-26th

Mark Taddiken, R-21st

Jeff King*, R-15th

Susan Wagle, R-30th

Garrett Love, R-38th*

Ty Masterson, R-16th

Julia Lynn, R-9th

Bob Marshall, R-13th

Senators Not Currently Supportive of the Health Care Freedom Amendment

*New to the Senate in 2011

To contact any of these individuals, please visit <http://www.kslegislature.org>. Pete Brungardt, R-24th

Jay Emler, R-35th

Stephen Morris, R-39th

Oletha Faust-Goudeau, D-29th

Tim Owens, R-8th

Marci Francisco, D-2nd

Roger Reitz, R-22nd

David Haley, D-4th

Allen Schmidt*, D-36th

Anthony Hensley, D-19th

Vicki Schmidt, R-20th

Tom Holland, D-3rd

Jean Schodorf, R-25th

Terrie Huntington, R-7th

Chris Steineger, R-6th

Laura Kelly, D-18th

Ruth Teichman, R-33rd

Kelly Kultala, D-5th

Dwayne Umbarger, R-14th

Jeff Longbine*, R-17th

John Vratil, R-11th

Carolyn McGinn, R-31st

Facts to know about the Health Care Freedom Amendment

What is the Kansas Health Care Freedom Amendment and what will it do?

The Health Care Freedom Amendment is a proposed amendment to the Kansas Constitution that would preserve certain existing rights that individuals have regarding health care.

Two key provisions – 1) protects a person's right to participate or not participate in any health care system, and prohibits the government from imposing fines or penalties on that person's decision. 2) it protects the right of individuals to purchase—and the right of doctors to provide—lawful medical services without government fine or penalty.

The state constitution reflects the most fundamental values shared by the citizens of the state, and may provide protections greater than the U.S. Constitution. (Some states provide greater protection for freedom of speech or due process rights.)

The federal government will have to demonstrate its legislation is legitimately derived from congressional

authority to regulate interstate commerce and it will also have to show how the legislation does not violate the 10th Amendment, which reserves to the states all government power not expressly delegated to the national government; and the 11th Amendment, which protects states from being used as mere instruments of the federal government. This U.S. Supreme Court is the most pro-federalism Court in decades.

Unlike state law, when the state constitution protects the freedom of the people of the state, the Supremacy Clause is not automatic. It establishes the people's will at a higher level, so a constitutional amendment is preferable to a state law. A state constitutional amendment will ensure the state legislature can never infringe upon the protected rights of citizens' health care.

The Health Care Freedom Amendment would allow anyone to participate in a health care system they want, but it would also protect Kansas citizens from being forced into a health care system they do not like. It is not an attempt to block federal health-care reform as long as the federal law does not require an individual/employer mandate, or forbid patients from paying directly for medical services.

This is not an attempt to "opt-out of" or "nullify" federal health insurance legislation. It is an attempt to protect the liberty of Kansas citizens to control their own medical affairs.

The Health Care Freedom Amendment does not affect any rules and regulations in place as of August 1, 2009, so it does not affect Veterans' Administration programs, worker's compensation, Medicare, Medicaid or state health-care systems.

The Health Care Freedom Amendment does not affect abortion. States may regulate abortion under applicable constitutional doctrine and state or federal law. However, the Health Care Freedom Amendment does prevent government from forcing individuals into health care systems against their will, and matters of conscience may influence such individual decisions.

Our country was founded on principles of liberty and freedom – not command and control government. It is economic freedom that helped us reduce poverty. We can develop policy that builds proper incentives on a base of liberty. Shaping command-and-control policies encourage destructive behavior.

People of good will can differ on a wide range of policy details, but when the economic freedom of Kansas citizens is at stake, Kansas Legislators need to take action to protect their liberty.

The Food Stamp Program, administered by the 'U.S. Department of Agriculture', is actually proud of the fact it is distributing the greatest amount of free meals and food stamps ever.

Meanwhile, the National Park Service, administered by the 'U.S. Department of the Interior', asks us to "Please Do Not Feed the Animals."

Their stated reason for the policy is because the animals will grow dependent on handouts and will not learn to take care of themselves.

This ends today's lesson

Kansas Police Institute – E-Newsletter, July 2, 2012

As you may have heard, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled that the Affordable Care Act, or ObamaCare, was ruled constitutional.

This has aroused the passion of partisans on both sides of the aisle. However, what is missing from much of the coverage thus far is the impact this ruling will have on Kansas.

Most interesting for the state is what will happen with Medicaid. The law would have mandated a sizable expansion of the program, but the court said that, effectively, cannot be mandated. What was to be a federal dictate with a \$4.7 billion price tag has now, apparently, become a choice for states.

In a [commentary that Dave Trabert published today](#), "The stakes are enormous. A KPI study published last year found that the ACA will cost Kansas \$4.7 billion in its first ten years. Medicaid currently consumes 18% of General Fund revenues; by 2023, that will rise to 31%. Legislators would either be forced to raise taxes, dramatically reduce spending or some combination of the two. That would wreak havoc on the economy and cost thousands of jobs."

It is also clear that, "For 70 years the federal government has layered more and more regulation on your doctor and your health care has suffered as a result. Rarely are Kansans better off when politicians, of either party, decide to interfere with their health care. Unfortunately, this law does exactly that and the Supreme Court made clear that, through the tax code, the Federal government can tell Americans how to live," said Trabert in the press release KPI offered last week.

The following Q & A was sent to us by a valued member & reader, John D'Alola

Should States Accept Obamacare?

The Supreme Court upheld Obamacare's individual mandate to purchase health insurance, but it also struck down part of the law. That part—forcing states to expand their Medicaid programs—offers governors some much-needed relief. Expanding Medicaid, the government health insurance program for the poor and disabled, was one of President Obama's main ways to increase the number of insured people through Obamacare. This was no magic solution for the uninsured, especially since Medicaid is in need of reform, not expansion.

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Time to Occupy State Pensions? By WALTER RUSSELL MEAD -- June 25, 2012

The biggest scam going in American financial life may be the collusive effort by Wall Street, the political class, and public sector unions to use union retirement money to prop up Wall Street speculation.

Step One: state politicians promise big pension and health care benefits to their unionized work forces, but don't set aside enough money to fund those benefits when the bill comes due. This makes union leaders and unions look good, because they can point to the shiny new benefits they have negotiated with the politicians. Meanwhile, it makes the politicians happy because the unions support them with contributions and volunteers at election time, but because the unions don't insist on full funding for the benefits, the politicians don't have to raise costs or otherwise disturb the big majority of voters who don't work for the government.

Step Two: Make aggressive assumptions about the rate of return on pension investment funds. This has two consequences: it covers the gap between promise and reality (for a while), thereby postponing the day **when the politicians have to face the voters and the union leaders have to tell their members that those beautiful benefits were bogus from the start.** But the other purpose, equally important, is that it forces America's public sector pension funds into the deep end of the financial markets, leading pension funds to be major investors in hedge funds, derivatives and various other not-for-the-widows-and-orphans investments. If these work out, great — the funds hit their investment targets and the benefits, or at least some of them, get paid. If they go awry — as many did in the last few years — then the pension problem turns into a crisis.

But whether or not the investments work for retirees, they work very, very well for Wall Street. Fees from giant public sector pension funds played a significant role in creating Wall Street's buccaneer culture and speculative frenzy that the left claims to hate.

Are you enjoying the Olympics on TV? Wouldn't you like to load up your family and fly over to England to watch your favorite events? The best part – someone else will pick up the cost! That is what the first lady did. Guess who's footing the bill!! Wonder how many millions that adds to our debts. Oh, well, just another drop in the bucket.

What Will Happen If the Senate Raises Taxes on Small Businesses?

Yesterday, the Senate narrowly voted (51-48) to raise taxes on 1.2 million small businesses, which will likely kill more than 700,000 jobs at a time when nearly 13 million Americans are out of work. Senators Joe Lieberman (I-CT) and Jim Webb (D-VA) joined all Republicans in bipartisan opposition to the tax hike.

This is President Obama's economic plan. This is what he asked Congress to do. And he recently told a fundraising crowd that his economic plan has been working.

"Just like we've tried [Republicans'] plan, we tried our plan—and it worked," he said.

But Obama's Treasury Secretary, Timothy Geithner, said yesterday that "the economy is not growing fast enough," acknowledging that "unemployment is very high." "The institutions with authority should be doing everything they can to try to make economic growth stronger," he said.

The President's plan, now endorsed by the Democratic majority in the Senate, has little chance of going

anywhere in the House of Representatives. But it has put the 51 Senators who want to raise taxes on record.

Perhaps the biggest lie in the tax debate is that this vote affects only “the rich.” That’s simply not true. Many small businesses, known as flow-through businesses, pay their taxes through the individual income tax. Ernst and Young estimates that these types of businesses “employ 54% of the private sector work force.” This tax hike squarely hits 1.2 million of these businesses that hire workers and have incomes above \$200,000. Rather than punishing just “the rich,” as Heritage’s Curtis Dubay notes, “By pinpointing his tax increase on incomes over \$200,000, President Obama has maximized the detrimental impact that his tax increase would have on job creation.”

The Ernst and Young study on the impact of this tax hike showed that it could kill more than 700,000 jobs. This isn’t surprising, since the businesses it targets are some of the country’s most robust job creators. But it *is* surprising that a majority of the Senate would go along with this plan when the country is suffering from 8.2 percent unemployment.

As if that weren’t enough, the Senate’s actions would also raise the death tax from 35 percent to 55 percent. This confiscatory rate would hit small businesses and family farms exceptionally hard. Dubay explains:

The death tax is often portrayed as a tax that only rich heirs pay. In reality, the death tax hits family-owned businesses hardest. These businesses are valuable on paper because they have many assets that they need to make and sell their products. But the businesses’ book values are not representative of the families’ liquid assets. When a family member passes on, these families often have to sell all or part of the business to raise the cash to pay the death tax. This slows the growth of these businesses and in some cases forces them to lay off existing workers.

The Senate’s vote means we are no closer to preventing Taxmageddon, the nearly \$500 billion tax increase scheduled to hit Americans on January 1. It is difficult to imagine the economy sustaining such a blow. Families will be hit with an average tax increase of more than \$4,100 next year if Congress allows this to go forward. Instead of preventing this calamity, the Senate voted to raise taxes. It simply boggles the mind.

Will Obama Be Able to Keep His Health Care Promises?

Two new reports out yesterday continue to knock down President Obama’s promises about Obamacare: his “If you like your plan, you can keep it,” and the promise to significantly shrink the ranks of the uninsured.

According to a new study from consulting firm Deloitte, almost one of out of 10 employers said they are going to drop coverage for their employees because of Obamacare, while another 10 percent said they “remain unsure” about what they are going to do. As the vast majority of Americans have health insurance through their workplaces, this is a huge blow.

Yesterday the Congressional Budget Office (CBO) dealt another blow with its updated outlook on the health care law, as it attempted to integrate the Supreme Court’s ruling into its projections.

Although Obamacare spends more than \$1 trillion to get people covered, CBO predicts it will still leave 30 million Americans uninsured, falling far short of what was promised.

CBO’s announcement said that Obamacare could cost less than originally projected—but the reason for the drop was that fewer people will be covered.

Even with the updated cost estimate, Heritage’s Kate Nix explains: “The law will now add \$1.17 trillion in new government spending over 10 years—paid for by massive tax hikes on all Americans and robbing money from the Medicare program.”

Although President Obama campaigned on the dream of universal coverage, that remains simply a dream. In fact, each time the CBO has updated its projections, the number of uninsured under Obamacare increases. Nix breaks it down:

Since day one, it’s been clear that Obamacare will not achieve universal coverage, and every time CBO revisits the law, the numbers show just that. In March 2010, when the law passed, CBO predicted that there would be 22 million people still without insurance in 2019. In March 2012, the estimate increased to 27 million in 2022. Now, the number has once again increased—to 30 million. So Obamacare leaves just as many people uninsured as it covers.

“It leaves just as many people uninsured as it covers” wouldn’t have been a very convincing slogan for the lawmakers who believed that Obamacare would help the uninsured.

Even this CBO projection is merely a guess. The agency is guessing what will happen now that states aren't being forced to expand their Medicaid programs. Though the Supreme Court allowed Obamacare's individual mandate to stand as a tax, it struck down the law's forced Medicaid expansion as unconstitutional.

But as the CBO said, "what states will be able to do and what they will decide to do are both highly uncertain. As a result...[the] estimates reflect an assessment of the probabilities of different outcomes."

Those outcomes are up in the air, because most of the nation's governors haven't decided whether to expand their Medicaid programs yet. States that do may face "a large extra cost," the CBO said.

Heritage's Nina Owcharenko warned states not to buckle under Administration pressure to move forward with the expansion of Medicaid. And for good reason—the unintended consequences continue to mount, and the story grows worse with every day that the law stays on the books.

How Many Failures Does It Take For the Government to Stop Funding Green Companies?

Solar-cell manufacturer Solyndra became a household name when it collapsed, taking \$627 million in American taxpayer dollars with it. It's the poster company for the government picking winners and losers—or really, just losers—in the energy market. But there are 12 more "green energy" losers that have declared bankruptcy despite attempts to prop them up with taxpayer money—and the list is growing.

There's a reason why these companies could not rely solely on private financing and needed help from the government. They couldn't make it on their own; they couldn't even make it with extra taxpayer help.

These green government "investments" take from one (by taxing or borrowing) and give to another, but they merely move money around. They do not create jobs. They send labor and resources to areas of the economy where they are wasted. Proponents of special financing and tax credits for solar companies claim that these benefits will pay for themselves down the line—but when the companies receiving them are going bankrupt, that is highly unlikely.

Kate Adams, a member of Heritage's Young Leaders Program, and Heritage's Rachael Slobodien compiled a list of the 12 members of the Green Graveyard—companies that received taxpayer money for green initiatives yet have filed for bankruptcy.

Abound Solar (Loveland, Colorado), manufacturer of thin film photovoltaic modules.

Beacon Power (Tyngsborough, Massachusetts), designed and developed advanced products and services to support stable, reliable and efficient electricity grid operation.

Ener1 (Indianapolis, Indiana), built compact lithium-ion-powered battery solutions for hybrid and electric cars.

Energy Conversion Devices (Rochester Hills, Michigan/Auburn Hills, Michigan), manufacturer of flexible thin film photovoltaic (PV) technology and a producer of batteries and other renewable energy-related products.

Evergreen Solar, Inc. (Marlborough, Massachusetts), manufactured and installed solar panels.

Mountain Plaza, Inc. (Dandridge, Tennessee), designed and implemented "truck-stop electrification" technology.

Olsen's Crop Service and Olsens Mills Acquisition Co. (Berlin, Wisconsin), a private company producing ethanol.

Range Fuels (Soperton, Georgia), tried to develop a technology that converted biomass into ethanol without the use of enzymes.

Raser Technologies (Provo, Utah), geothermal power plants and technology licensing.

Solyndra (Fremont, California), manufacturer of cylindrical panels of thin-film solar cells.

Spectrawatt (Hopewell, New York), solar cell manufacturer.

Thompson River Power LLC (Wayzata, Minnesota), designed and developed advanced products and services to support stable, reliable and efficient electricity grid operation.

Some lawmakers are looking for a solution. The aptly named No More Solyndras Act would prohibit any new loan guarantees from Title XVII of the Energy Policy Act of 2005.

As Heritage's Nicolas Loris wrote,

Republicans and Democrats alike need to end their addiction to energy subsidies, or we're going to continue down the same failed path of wasteful spending...We don't need to fix the energy subsidy programs. We need to abolish them.

President Obama said in 2010 that "the true engine of economic growth will always be companies like

Solyndra.” He couldn’t be more wrong. Companies that are innovating and creating real value for consumers are the engine of economic growth, and they’re doing it without millions in taxpayer funding.

All through this Newsletter various persons have reported their findings of the actions of various elected officials and those running for office. These people have spent large amounts of time researching, attending meetings, talking to people, traveling whenever required to obtain the reported information. These citizens have not only committed their time, energy, knowledge and ability to put together what they learned, but are donating the expense of accomplishing all of this. These folks feel it is their duty to share as much of their findings as possible. Opinions are one thing and everyone is entitled to one. However, actual happenings are very different. Much of the information reported here ARE NOT OPINIONS it is ACTUAL FACT!! FACTS TAKEN FROM THESE ELECTED OFFICIALS RECORDS. THESE ARE RECORDED FACTS THAT NO MATTER WHAT THESE OFFICIALS SAY THEY CANNOT DENY!! RECORDED FACTS ARE THERE FOREVER AND CANNOT/WILL NOT BE CHANGED. An elected official can tell you whatever they want to about what they have done while in office, but they cannot deny the recorded facts. Read their records – look them up for yourself if you want – and decide if these are the people YOU WANT TO BE MAKING THE DECISIONS YOU WILL HAVE TO LIVE BY. This is NOT a joke; this is NOT a I’ll decide later; this IS a NOW decision. Next Tuesday we MUST put these decisions on our ballots. Please, give it much consideration, thought and decide the future of our country!! And if your thinking of not voting --- NO, NO, A THOUSAND TIMES NO – VOTING IS A MUST – THINK!! DECIDE!! VOTE!! IT IS NOT ONLY YOUR DUTY – IT IS YOUR PRIVILEGE!! DO IT WHILE YOU STILL HAVE THAT DUTY AND PRIVILEGE – SO YOU WILL ALWAYS HAVE THAT DUTY AND PRIVILEGE

This will be our last Newsletter before the Primary Election. This is a tremendously important election!! We must study the options closely. We will live with these decisions for the next several years – do your part to make them the RIGHT decision!!! We would not all agree to the answer being the same, but we can all agree that our ability to vote is one of the most precious privileges in the world. DON’T WASTE THAT PRIVILEGE – VOTE ON TUESDAY!!

Fast approaching is the deadline for requesting an AV ballot for the primary and getting it back to the county clerk by the close of the polls on Tuesday.

For Pott County residents, the Pott county clerk has posted information on advanced voting at <http://www.pottcounty.org/Clerk/AdvanceVoting12.pdf>, including a link to the AV ballot request form. Note that the completed form can be faxed to the county clerk.

I assume that election officers in surrounding counties have similar information posted.

Note at the bottom of the Pott County AV page are the procedures for requesting to be put on the permanent AV list for those with disabilities that keep them from venturing forth to the polls.

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

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

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