

# The Patriots' Truth

## Flint Hills T.E.A. Party News

*We are hoping to resume our monthly meetings on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of the month when we find a Chairman. Check for updates at [flinthillsteaparty.com](http://flinthillsteaparty.com). We are now posting news items, events and these newsletters — both recent & archived issues — at our newly updated website. Weekly mtgs are held at McAlister's, 6 -10pm, Wed. evenings. They are come & go, at your convenience. Bring your concerns, they are important & are why we exist. In this publication: my thoughts are in green, other colors are just for getting attention. Help me include YOU!! Send me your concerns & thoughts. We must continue working, paying attention, informing & most of all PRAYING!! With the help of the LORD we will prevail!! The USA is too important to the world for us, yes us, you & me with all our friends & families, to let it be destroyed – Take a deep breath, PRAY, Forge ahead, we will succeed!!! I truly believe GOD is with us. STAY informed, work for the good of the USA AND THE WORLD and PRAY. WITH GOD'S HELP WE CAN'T FAIL!!*

### Trump Confidant Presses For Tough Kansas Immigration Action Topeka, KS. FEB. 2, 2017 7:08 PM

Kansas Secretary of State Kris Kobach, a confidant of President Donald Trump on immigration, is asking the state Legislature to pass two measures aimed at fighting illegal immigration by barring "sanctuary cities" and allowing state troopers to enforce immigration laws.

Republican state Rep. John Whitmer, of Wichita, introduced the two proposals in a House committee Thursday at Kobach's request. Republican Sen. Caryn Tyson, of Parker, introduced identical versions in a Senate committee.

One measure would bar cities and counties from adopting sanctuary policies protecting immigrants in the country illegally and would require their cooperation with federal immigration and customs authorities. A similar bill got a hearing in a House committee last year but did not make it to that chamber's floor.

The other bill would require the Kansas Highway Patrol to partner with the U.S. Department of Homeland Security on the "enforcement of federal immigration laws, detentions and removals, and related investigations."

Kobach, an immigration hardliner, advised Trump's campaign on immigration issues. Kobach is a former law professor who helped draft tough state and local laws cracking down on illegal immigration, including in Arizona and Alabama.

Arizona, for example, passed a series of immigration crackdowns last decade that culminated with the approval of SB 1070 in 2010, which launched protests, lawsuits and national controversy with its provision requiring police to try to determine the immigration status of people during routine stops. Courts barred enforcement of several sections of the law, but the questioning requirement was ultimately upheld by the U.S. Supreme Court, despite racial profiling concerns raised by critics of the statute.

Kobach's representatives declined to discuss the rationale for the measures, including the one covering the state patrol, which drew a rebuke from the head of the American Civil Liberties Union's Kansas chapter. Calling that proposal "absurd and wrong," Micah Kubic questioned why Kobach would push such legislation involving an agency outside his jurisdiction.

"Diverting scarce resources away from genuine threats to public safety and into duplicating the job of (U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement) is wrong-headed, Kubic told The Wichita Eagle. "Multiple court decisions have established that it is the federal government's job to enforce immigration policy, not the job of state or local government."

*I am of the opinion that every, any and all law enforcement personnel should be Immigration enforcement officials as well as enforcement officials for their local authority. I understand local law enforcement for their feelings of not wanting to take Immigration enforcement head on, but, in my opinion, if the law exists where the enforcement officials are working, then it is their duty to enforce it. If I am wrong, please explain it to me. Let us pray – the LORD makes the best decisions.*

### Thank You, Donald Trump Barry MacDonald — Editorial

The Left derives energy and force through accusation. The Left advances their agenda not by winning rational debates but by delegitimizing and dehumanizing people who oppose them. The Left intimidates and silences people.

The Republican Party is the original party of civil rights as it began with Abraham Lincoln's compassion for the plight of the slaves. *If you want a sampling of heartlessness, look at the lengths the Democrats went to justify slavery prior to the Civil War--* There is no reason for Republicans to be lectured to about race. When protestors from Black Lives Matter agitate **they resemble heartless Democrats who justify partial birth abortion today.** for the killing of Police Officers they should be denounced by leading Republicans, but usually, elected Republicans keep quiet because they are afraid of being called racist. The Left wins through force of will and ruthlessness: they will jettison any professed principle, turnabout, and vilify their opponents when they see an advantage to be gained. If the Republican Party had confronted the Left, had sufficient courage to

fight back, perhaps the steady erosion of American liberty could have been mitigated. One of the most frustrating periods of recent history was the second Bush Administration when the Democrats disowned the support they gave to the invasion of Iraq when it became advantageous to accuse George Bush of “lying” the country into war. Democrats claimed President Bush lied about Iraq having weapons of mass destruction. George Bush and Karl Rove didn’t defend themselves, and thereby they abandoned everyone who supported them. It’s one thing to make a mistake — in hindsight it appears we might have been better off not invading Iraq — but to allow the idea to take root among large numbers of the American people that Republican leaders *purposefully lied* about the reasons for going to war was an egregious dereliction. It’s important not to minimize the power of the Left: Leftists are able to muster an army of propagandists from cultural battlements. Leftists are organized and in a day a multitude of Hollywood know-nothings, Democrat politicians, and media “wise” people will be chattering from the same song sheet. The current accusative narrative is that “fake news” and “Russian hacks” swung the election to Donald Trump — nonsense. We cannot expect the Left to give up the will to power, and the power of accusative narrative. We will always need to oppose the Left with sufficient energy and courage. Donald Trump has done America a great service. He has shown everyone how to fight back. The Left could not silence or intimate him. Ted Cruz might be his equal in courage, but could Cruz have gathered the widespread support Trump did? We can measure the success of the Left and the pusillanimity of the Republican establishment on the issue of immigration. Democrats spin tales of Republican heartlessness and Republicans abandon the need for managed assimilation in a rush to please big donors. We can measure the success of decades of Democrat narratives in how Republicans poll. Republicans have been on the defensive for too long, and they have adopted too much of the Democrat’s message. Too many elected Republicans believe it’s necessary to craft separate appeals to different segments of the American population — at the expense of neglecting core principles, such as the free market, free expression, property rights, the rule of law, the separation of powers, etc. It is necessary for Republicans to consider how different segments of the American people are suffering — such as the working class who are losing ground, and the middle class who can’t pay healthcare premiums — but Republicans need to rely on Republican principles — such as free enterprise, freedom from excessive regulation — in crafting solutions to problems. Who can argue against prosperity? The Democrats. They create accusatory narratives about inequality and climate change. Republicans need to remember their principles and promote prosperity for everyone — it’s a winning issue.

Leftists have painted themselves into a corner; they are becoming more and more obviously perverse. Their narratives are noxious arguments disparaging and despising America. It is against human nature to persuade people to despise themselves. Donald Trump has seized on the vulnerability of the Leftist message: **Americans want to take pride in America. Let’s hope Republican politicians learn from his example.\***

<http://www.stcroixreview.com/index.php/current/item/980-thank-you-donald-trump>

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## **Mexico is angry.. Wow!**

And make certain you read, at the bottom of this page, the part that says it will take 30 more seconds to read. Please forward to all you know and ask them to forward to all they know.

The shoe is on the other foot and the Mexicans from the State of Sonora, Mexico

Do **not** like it. Can you believe the nerve of these people? It's almost funny.

### **The State of Sonora is angry at the influx of Mexicans into Mexico!!**

The state legislators from the Mexican State of Sonora traveled to Tucson to complain about Arizona's new employer crackdown on illegal's from Mexico.

It seems that many Mexican illegal's are returning to their hometowns and the officials in the Sonora state government are ticked-off. A delegation of nine state legislators from Sonora was in Tucson on Tuesday to state that Arizona's new 'Employer Sanctions Law' will have a devastating effect on the Mexican state.

At a news conference, the legislators said that Sonora, - Arizona's southern neighbor - made up of mostly small towns - cannot handle the demand for housing, jobs and schools that it will face as Mexican workers return to their hometowns from the USA without jobs or money.

The Arizona law, which took effect Jan. 1, punishes Arizona employers who knowingly hire individuals without valid legal documents to work in the United States.

Penalties include suspension of, or loss of, their business license. The Mexican legislators are angry because their own citizens are returning to

their hometowns, placing a burden on THEIR state government instead of ours.

'How can Arizona pass a law like this?' asked Mexican Rep Leticia Amparano-Gamez, who represents Nogales. 'There is not one person living in Sonora who does not have a friend or relative working in Arizona,' she said, speaking in Spanish. 'Mexico is not prepared for this, for the tremendous problems it will face as more and more Mexicans working in Arizona and who were sending money to their families return to their hometowns in Sonora without jobs,' she said 'We are one family, socially and economically,' she said of the people of Sonora and Arizona. Wrong! The United States is a sovereign nation, not a subsidiary of Mexico, and its taxpayers are not responsible for the welfare of Mexico's citizens. It's time for the Mexican government, and its citizens, to stop feeding parasitically off the United States and to start taking care of its/their own needs.

**Too bad that other states within the USA don't pass a law just like that passed by Arizona.**

Maybe that's the answer, since our own Congress will do nothing.!

**\*New Immigration Laws\***

**Be sure to read to the bottom or you will miss the message...**

1. There will be no special bilingual programs in the schools.
2. All ballots will be in this nation's language.
3. All government business will be conducted in our language.
4. Non-residents will NOT have the right to vote no matter how long they are here.
5. Non-citizens will NEVER be able to hold political office.
6. Foreigners will not be a burden to the taxpayers. No welfare, no food stamps, no health care, or any other government assistance programs. Any who are a burden will be deported.
7. Foreigners can invest in this country, but it must be an amount at least equal to 40,000 times the daily minimum wage.
8. If foreigners come here and buy land, their options will be restricted. Certain parcels including waterfront property are reserved for citizens naturally born into this country.
9. Foreigners may have NO protests; NO demonstrations, NO waving of a foreign flag, no political organizing, NO bad-mouthing our president or his policies. These will lead to deportation.
10. If you do come to this country illegally, you will be actively hunted and, when caught, sent to jail until your deportation can be arranged. All assets will be taken from you.

**Too strict? The above laws are the current immigration laws of MEXICO! If it's good for Americans to obey Mexican laws, then it's good vice versa.!!!**

This will take less than thirty seconds to read. If you agree, please pass it on. An idea whose time has come: Somehow, that doesn't seem logical. We do not have an elite that is above the law. The self-serving must stop. This is a good way to do that. It is an idea whose time has come. Have each person contact a minimum of twenty people on their address list, in turn ask each of those to do likewise. In three days, most people in The United States of America will have read the message. This is one proposal that really should

be passed around. You are one of my 20. If you don't have twenty, pass it on to whatever number you can!

If Mexico expects Americans and the rest of the world to follow their rules and regulations why wouldn't they expect to be held to the same regulations when they enter another Country?

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## WHITE HOUSE

### Andrew Napolitano: Trump Has Committed The Most Revolutionary Act I've Seen In 45 Years

By Judge Andrew P. Napolitano

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Then he ordered a truly revolutionary act, the likes of which I have never seen in the 45 years I have studied and monitored the government's laws and its administration of them. He ordered that when bureaucrats who are administering and enforcing the law have discretion with respect to the time, place, manner and severity of its enforcement, they should exercise that discretion in favor of individuals and against the government.

This is radical coming from any president in the modern era of government-can-do-no-wrong. It is far more Thomas Jefferson, the small-government champion with whom Trump has never been associated, than it is Theodore Roosevelt, the super-regulator whom Trump has stated he admires. It recognizes the primacy and dignity of the individual and the fallibility of the state. It acknowledges the likely demise of ObamaCare. It is utterly without precedent since Jefferson's presidency. I always thought this is the way it should be.

Watch and see IF it really happens. Let me know what you observe wherever you live – I want to know. GOD Bless.

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Minutemen News.com

BY: ONAN COCA

### CONSERVATIVE CONGRESSMAN INTRODUCES BILL TO ABOLISH THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Conservative Congressman Thomas Massie (R-KY) is a one-man wrecking crew. The brilliant entrepreneur, inventor, engineer and conservative chose the day that the Senate was fighting over the confirmation of new Secretary of Education Betsy DeVos to introduce his latest bill, and it's a doozy. Rep. Massie introduced H.R. 899 on Tuesday, a bill to ABOLISH the federal Department of Education and make the fight over Betsy DeVos' confirmation a moot point. You have to hand it to the bold conservative Congressman from Kentucky... when he says he'll shrink government, he really means it.

Here's what Massie wrote about his bill on Facebook:

*Rep. Massie Introduces Bill to Abolish Federal Department of Education*

WASHINGTON, D.C. – Today, Representative Thomas Massie introduced H.R. 899, a bill to abolish the federal Department of Education. The bill, which is one sentence long, states, "The Department of Education shall terminate on December 31, 2018."

*On the day of Betsy DeVos' scheduled Senate confirmation for Secretary of Education, Massie said, "Neither Congress nor the President, through his appointees, has the constitutional authority to dictate how and what our children must learn."*

*Massie added, "Unelected bureaucrats in Washington, D.C. should not be in charge of our children's intellectual and moral development. States and local communities are best positioned to shape curricula that meet the needs of their students. Schools should be accountable. Parents have the right to choose the most appropriate educational opportunity for their children, including home school, public school, or private school."*

*"For years, I have advocated returning education policy to where it belongs – the state and local level," said Rep. Walter Jones, an original co-sponsor. "D.C. bureaucrats cannot begin to understand the needs of schools and its students on an individual basis. It is time that we get the feds out of the classroom, and terminate the Department of Education."*

*The Department of Education began operating in 1980. On September 24, 1981 in his Address to the Nation on the Program for Economic Recovery, President Ronald Reagan said, "As a third step, we propose to dismantle two Cabinet Departments, Energy and Education. Both Secretaries are wholly in accord with this. Some of the activities in both of these departments will, of course, be continued either independently or in other areas of government. There's only one way to shrink the size and cost of big government, and that is by eliminating agencies that are not needed and are getting in the way of a solution. Now, we don't need an Energy Department to solve our basic energy problem. As long as we let the forces of the marketplace work without undue interference, the ingenuity of consumers, business, producers, and inventors will do that for us. Similarly, education is the principal responsibility of local school systems, teachers, parents, citizen boards, and State governments. By eliminating the Department of Education less than 2 years after it was created, we cannot only reduce the budget but ensure that local needs and preferences, rather than the wishes of Washington, determine the education of our children."*

*Original co-sponsors include Congressman Justin Amash (R-MI), Congressman Andy Biggs (R-AZ), Congressman Jason Chaffetz (R-UT), Congressman Matt Gaetz (R-FL), Congressman Jody Hice (R-GA), Congressman Walter Jones (R-NC), and Rep. Raúl R. Labrador (R-ID). Isn't this what we have been wanting/saying? If this really happens how are we going to handle our school WHEN AND IF the Federal Government isn't in charge any more? Got any ideas? Let me know!!*

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## L.A. TIMES QUOTE OF THE DAY

**Dianne Feinstein:** "All vets are mentally ill in some way and government should prevent them from owning firearms." Yep, - she really said it on Thursday in a meeting in front of the Senate Judiciary Committee. . . . And the quote below from the LA Times is priceless. Sometimes even the L.A Times gets it right.

**Kurt Nimmo:** "Senator Feinstein insults all U.S. Veterans as she flails about in a vain attempt to save her anti-firearms bill."

## Quote of the Day from the Los Angeles Times:

"Frankly, I don't know what it is about California, but we seem to have a strange urge to elect really obnoxious women to high office. I'm not bragging, you understand, but no other state, including Maine, even comes close. When it comes to sending left-wing dingbats to Washington, we're Number One There's no getting around the fact that the last time anyone saw the likes of Barbara Boxer, Dianne Feinstein, Maxine Waters, and Nancy Pelosi, they were stirring a cauldron when the curtain went up on 'Macbeth '. The four of them are like jackasses who happen to possess the gift of blab. You don't know if you should condemn them for their stupidity or simply marvel at their ability to form words."

Columnist Burt Prelutsky, Los Angeles Times

**Be sure to forward this to all of the "mentally ill" vets you know. Especially the ones with guns.**

\* I guess I would say that all politicians that have been in office more than two terms need mental help.

It does NOT happen often, however, in this case I must agree with the L.A. TIMES!! Most of us have been aware of California's Congressional members opinions being a "bit" overboard. THANK GOD, some Californians are finally seeing the light. Even more reason for limiting the number of times Congress Members can be reelected.



## Legislative Update No. 5, February 11, 2017

The week began with quick action by committees and picked up speed as the week progressed. The Senate passed out three bills dealing with taxes and the Governor's rescission bill. The rescission bill is a bill sent to the legislature by the Governor that rescinds or changes in part or whole the previous budget bill passed by the legislature and signed by the Governor. It proposes changes to make balancing the budget for the current year possible. The Senate plan was to debate on the floor all day on Thursday, but when they gaveled in they suddenly recessed to meet in their respective caucuses, and upon returning to the floor quickly adjourned. Their explanation was that they did not have the votes to pass any bill that day. There will be a flurry of activity between then and Monday to try to convince a few Democrats to vote with the Republicans to pass a tax plan to send to the House for consideration.

In the meantime, the House Tax Committee did pass a bill out of committee for the House to consider. The bill eliminates the LLC pass through income exclusion and changes the tax rate on the existing brackets. Please remember that passing out a bill by a committee is only step one of the approval process. When debated on the floor of either chamber, there will be several amendments offered and the end product will most likely not resemble the original. As with the Senate, I would expect the House to be in session for most of the day to debate only that bill. As expected, the rescission bill and the tax bill will be the emphasis for the rest of the session. Having said that, the bills being passed out of committees this session will be heavily scrutinized by leadership. They will be evaluated for importance and priority before being considered for full debate by the Committee of the Whole. The goal and priority of the House and the Senate this session is to deal with the budget for the remainder of this year (rescission) and the next two years, and to pass a workable K-12 funding mechanism. These will, and should be the primary focus for all of us.

The Federal and State Affairs Committee continued the hearing on HB 2173 – a bill amending the Kansas Expanded Lottery Act relating to racetrack gaming facilities. The bill basically gives the racetracks the same income potential on slot machines as the casinos currently have. The bill does not expand gaming as some have claimed. The original law passed by Kansas

allowed for horse and greyhound racing facilities in the state and further allowed for a maximum of 2800 slot machines. But a subsequent bill placed the states portion of the slot machine proceeds to be 22% and required any slot machine proceeds from those on race tracks to be 44%. The bill lowers the requirement to 22% for both gambling venues. Had I been in the House when state run gambling was proposed my vote would have been no. The way the original legislation was made into law did not financially support schools, as many citizens believe. You may recall that fairness is always at the core of my decisions, and I do not believe the state should be picking winners and losers in business. The committee met on Thursday to work the bill. The numerous arguments on both sides were passionate, and the discussion, along with several amendment proposals, lasted for the entire meeting. In the end, on a very close vote, it was passed out of committee and referred to the House body for consideration.

The Transportation Committee held hearings on four bills:

HB 2076 – Creating the seat belt safety fund and increasing the fine for adult seat belt violations. This bill would raise fines to \$30 from \$10 with \$20 going to the SAFE program in schools.

HB 2170 – Allowing bicycles to be equipped with either a rear lamp or reflector. This is a technical cleanup bill. The law currently requires a lamp and the sponsors of the bill want to allow either a lamp or a reflector.

HB 2188 - Providing for increased penalties for right-of-way violations.

HB 2194 – Eliminating fees for certain motorcycle license applicants and allowing safety courses outside the state.

The committee also attempted to work three bills this week. My bill, HB 2040, on school bus safety was tabled when a former judge and an attorney on the committee had questions on the naming of legal jurisdictions within the bill. I encouraged both to have an amendment prepared so that when we take up the bill later it can be amended and moved out of committee. The bill, HB 2060, that would have increased the registration fee for hybrid and electric vehicles was tabled. In this case, the bill will likely never be seen again. The third bill, HB 2170, the bicycle reflector bill passed out easily.

Members of these groups gave presentations in the Ag Committee: Local Food & Farm Task Force, Kansas Association of Conservation Districts, Beginning Farm Loan Program, Specialty Crop Grants, Farmer's Market Workshops, and County Local Food Council. Five bills were given hearings:

HB 2134 – Relating to certain department of agriculture fees

HB 2135 – Relating to fees for dairy businesses and the processing of paper documents by the Kansas Secretary of Agriculture

HB 2136 – Updating provisions relating to weights and measures

HB 2246 – Amendments to the Kansas noxious weed law

HB 2099 – Relating to remedies for the impairment of a valid water right or permit to divert and use water

All these bills trend around the centralizing of authority within the Department of Agriculture. I am more inclined to leave power with an elected body for the decisions. The last bill concerning water rights raised many questions involving senior vs. junior water rights, and the rights of metropolitan areas. Rights were granted to land owners as far back as the late 1800s. We left the hearing open to allow the interested parties time to discuss among themselves a possible solution. This may be yet another example of a bill written and brought before a committee that was not quite ready for consideration.

Meetings with constituents included: Terri Humphrey of SPCA concerning dog racing, Bill Sneed concerning HB 2150 allowing the KU Med Center the right to disallow conceal carry, Mary Reed Spencer of Alma concerning National MS Society, Reyna Perez of Topeka for YMCA Center for Safety & Empowerment, Connie Cahoone of Emporia on SOS Emporia, Dr. Joshua and Krista Hahn of Wamego concerning Marion Clinic where Krista is now the Executive Director. These visits, although short, give me perspectives on issues and aide in my decision making. The Kansas Banker's Association was in town and I visited with Ed Martin of Wamego, and Randy Kufal of Westmoreland. I was unable to meet with the County Treasurers as I always have in previous years due to a conflict and owe an apology to Linda Coon, Wabaunsee County; Shilo Heger, Riley County; Larry Mah, Shawnee County; Lisa Wright, Pottawatomie County; and Sharon Gaede, Lyon County.

I want to recognize Keera Lacock of Rossville. She was a winner in the 2016 Happy Birthday, Kansas! Student Photo Contest for the fifth grade. She and other winners were honored in the Capitol on January 27. Congratulations Kerra! We are making final arrangements to recognize and honor more students from Rossville later this session as well. The Rossville football team are now State Champions three years in a row, and they deserve to be honored and congratulated at the Statehouse.

Linda and I are Delegates in the Kansas Republican Party and were pleased to attend the KS GOP State Convention February 10th and 11th in the big First District in Manhattan. It was a chance to make new friends and catch up with old friends from across the state. The meetings included excellent training for county leaders, and preparations for the 2018 elections. The highlight was LtC Allan West's keynote address. He is a former Congressman from Florida who speaks glowingly of Kansas after being stationed here and completing a MS degree at KSU while teaching the ROTC program. He advised the state to never change our marketing logo, "Come Home to Kansas." He further stated, "The heart of America

beats in Kansas.”

At my website, [www.ronhighland.com](http://www.ronhighland.com), you can find a syllabus that explains in detail how to get the legislative information you need. My contact information is: Rm 561 W, State Capitol, Topeka, Kansas, 66612; and [ron.highland@house.ks.gov](mailto:ron.highland@house.ks.gov). My office assistant Lisa can take a message or arrange an appointment by calling 785-296-7310. It is an honor and a privilege to serve you.

With kind regards,

Ron

I assure you, Ron, the honor and privilege is ours. Thank you, not only what you DO, but for keeping us informed of it all. Without your info we would be “in the dark”. Thank you and GOD bless you and the work you and your colleagues work on and accomplish. Please know how much we appreciate your work.



## HOUSE PASSES LEGISLATION TO REVERSE OBAMA RULE BLOCKING STATES FROM DEFUNDING PLANNED PARENTHOOD

FEBRUARY 17, 2017

Obama was determined, on many levels, to force taxpayer funding of abortions. His last effort was the December, 2016 HHS rule that prevented states from defunding Planned Parenthood.

The rule required that organizations which provide family planning and preventive ‘health care’ services (i.e. – Planned Parenthood) not be barred from receiving grant dollars for any reason other than those related to their “ability to deliver services to program beneficiaries in an effective manner.” It further clarified that that providing abortion services does not disqualify an organization from receiving the funds (i.e. – abortion clinics.)

The GOP passed legislation yesterday that would reverse the rule.

*The Washington Free Beacon reports – Republicans passed legislation on Thursday reversing former President Barack Obama’s lame-duck ban on states withholding taxpayer funds from Planned Parenthood.*

### ***House Votes to Reverse Obama’s Planned Parenthood Rule Resolution Would Once Again Give States Right To Control Taxpayer Healthcare Funding***

By Bill McMorris on Feb. 16, 2017 at 4:50pm

Republicans passed legislation on Thursday reversing former President Barack Obama's lame-duck ban on states withholding taxpayer funds from Planned Parenthood.

The resolution will undermine a December order from the Obama administration that prevented states from blocking taxpayer funding of abortion clinics. Bill sponsor Rep. Diane Black (R., Tenn.) said on the House floor that state lawmakers should have the final say over how taxpayer dollars for medical care are distributed in their local communities.

"We are simply voting today to affirm the right of states to fund the healthcare providers that best suit their needs, without fear of reprisal from their own federal government," Black said in a floor speech before the vote. "As a state legislator, I worked within my authority to make sure that Tennessee honored the will of our pro-life populace and steered our state’s share of Title X dollars away from health care providers that perform abortion."

State efforts to redirect taxpayer dollars away from abortion clinics began to gain momentum after the Center for Medical Progress released undercover video of Planned Parenthood workers and executives discussing their organ harvesting operations. Lawmakers and governors in **24 states** introduced or passed legislation that would have denied funding to the nation’s largest abortion provider, which receives about \$500 million from taxpayers each year. If the resolution passes, state lawmakers could once again deny those funds to Planned Parenthood.

Planned Parenthood decried the resolution in a press release. President Cecile Richards said that her organization plans on using the vote to mobilize opposition to Republican lawmakers.

"Extremists in Congress are trying to make it easier for state politicians to take away people's health care," she said in a statement. "This is wrong, and it’s not what the American people want. When Congress goes home next week, they can count on hearing from people at their offices, the corner store, and every town hall."

Pro-life groups praised the bill as necessary to advancing a larger Planned Parenthood defunding effort, which House Speaker Paul Ryan has pledged to pass in reconciliation. Marjorie Dannenfelser, president of the pro-life Susan B. Anthony List, called the rule a "parting gift to the abortion industry" and praised lawmakers for quickly

overturning it.

"At every turn, then-President Obama thwarted efforts by state and local authorities—who were acting on the will of the people—to prioritize taxpayer funding away from Big Abortion," she said in a statement. "Obama's legacy of forcing Americans to finance the abortion industry is being steadily dismantled by our new pro-life President and the pro-life Congress. We look forward to swift passage of this resolution in the Senate so that it can receive President Trump's signature."

The bill passed 230-188 with nearly every Democrat voting against it. In order to go into effect, the Senate would also have to pass the resolution and have it signed by the president.

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## **A FISHING STORY**

**It's possible that this is a true story as it is written with great knowledge.**

The king wanted to go fishing. He called on the royal weather forecaster and inquired as to the weather forecast for the next few hours.

The weatherman assured him that there was no chance of rain in the coming days. So the king went fishing with his wife, the queen. On the way he met a farmer on his donkey.

Upon seeing the king the farmer said, "Your Majesty, you should return to the palace! In just a short time I expect a huge amount of rain to fall in this area".

The king was polite and considerate, he replied: "I hold the palace meteorologist in high regard. He is an extensively educated and experienced professional. And besides, I pay him very high wages. He gave me a very different forecast. I trust him."

So the king continued on his way. However, a short time later a torrential rain fell from the sky. The King and Queen were totally soaked and their entourage chuckled upon seeing them in such a shameful condition.

Furious, the king returned to the palace and gave the order to fire the professional. Then he summoned the farmer and offered him the prestigious and high paying role of royal forecaster.

The farmer said, "Your Majesty, I do not know anything about forecasting. I obtain my information from my donkey. If I see my donkey's ears drooping, it means with certainty that it will rain."

So the king hired the donkey.

And thus began the practice of hiring dumb asses to work in the government and occupy its highest and most influential positions.

The practice is unbroken to this date and thus, the democrat symbol was born!!! **I LOVE THIS STORY!!!**

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## **A GIFT FROM DENZEL WASHINGTON**

**Did actor Denzel Washington make a large donation to the Fisher House while visiting Brooke Army Medical Center?**

Denzel Washington is well known for his philanthropy, reportedly having made large charitable donations such as \$1 million to the Children's Fund of South Africa and \$2.5 million to the Church of God. A reworking of a classic humorous anecdote plays on his reputation for generosity:

Evidently the confusion came about when the commander of the Brooke Army Medical Center simultaneously announced plans for a new Fisher House facility (costing about \$1.5 million) near BAMC and the news of Mr. Washington's donation. People quite naturally associated the two news items with each other and mistakenly assumed Mr. Washington had donated the full amount required to build the new facility.

The problem, according to Fisher House President David Coker, is that while Washington did make a 'sizeable' donation to the program, the e-mail claim is almost entirely bogus.

"Denzel came to visit with the soldiers and Marines being cared for at Brooke Army Medical Center last December 17th," Coker said. "He visited with them and told them how much he respects their service. He also toured one of the two Fisher Houses at Brooke Army Medical Center."

Washington told Coker at the time he would like to make a commitment to support the work of Fisher House. "Denzel did not take out a checkbook and write a check on the spot," Coker says. "He seldom carries a check book with him."

Coker said Washington did in fact make a sizeable donation to Fisher House several months after his visit to BAMC. He declined to comment on the size of the donation, but it was not enough to build a new Fisher House. [Coker also] said the fact that Washington, 49, did not write a check 'on the spot' does not diminish his contribution to the Fisher House and his support 'for the men and women who serve our country.'

When Academy Award-winning actor Denzel Washington entered the auditorium at Brooke Army Medical Center, Spc. Connie Spinks, healing from wounds from Iraq, was content to hold his hand, get a gentle peck on the cheek

and hear him whisper a sweet nothing in her ear.

“He just told me he was proud of me, and that was enough,” said Spinks, who has a broken femur, fractured fibula, shattered ankle, two broken fingers and second- and third-degree burns on her hands and face.

That brief encounter was enough to lift the Asheboro, N.C., native, a world away from her memories of Oct. 13, when a suicide bomber killed two soldiers and injured Spinks, 22, and four others in a convoy.

“If I wasn’t already in a wheelchair, I would have fainted” when the screen star kissed her, she said.

Oh, but there was one more thing she needed. She waved her mother, Annette, up for a hug and kiss from the leading man, who has portrayed young military heroes in “Glory” and “Crimson Tide.” “I had to do that for my mother,” said Spinks, who will be treated at the hospital at least through March. “She’s been here for me since October.”

Fort Sam Houston, which houses the Brooke Army Medical Center (BAMC), also includes on its property two Fisher House facilities within walking distance of the medical center. Fisher Houses are a network of “comfort homes,” essentially low-cost hotels built on the grounds of military medical centers in the U.S. and abroad that provide all the amenities of home and enable family members of servicemen to stay close to loved ones who are undergoing medical treatment for illness, disease, or injury. The free accommodations at Fisher Houses make them accessible even to families with tight budgets (a situation common to many military families).

With the U.S. military’s having been engaged in combat operations in Afghanistan and Iraq during the previous few years, the demand for space in Fisher Houses at some military facilities exceeded their capacities at the time Denzel Washington visited to Fort Sam Houston in December 2004. According to the Fisher House Foundation, the actor did visit the facility’s Fisher House and learn of its need for additional facilities, and he did later make a substantial donation to the Fisher House Foundation. However, the story became a bit exaggerated with the addition of claims that Mr. Washington “got out his checkbook” on the spot and wrote a check for the full amount needed to construct a new building:

to stay close to loved ones who are undergoing medical treatment for illness, disease, or injury.

One version of the Denzel Washington e-mail in circulation concludes: “By the way ... He has a son who is a Marine in Iraq.” Although Denzel Washington does have two sons (and also two daughters), neither of his sons was a Marine or was stationed in Iraq. At the time this piece first circulated, one son was far too young to be serving in the military (he was still a teenager in school), and the older son, John David Washington, was then a practice-squad running back with the St. Louis Rams football team.

However, the story became a bit exaggerated with the addition of claims that Mr. Washington “got out his checkbook” on the spot and wrote a check for the full amount needed to construct a new building:

Denzel Washington was out with friends when a homeless man asked him for money. The actor’s entourage ignored the beggar, but Washington handed him a \$100 bill. The man began to cry, then grabbed a passerby and choked out, “Will Smith just gave me a hundred bucks!”

It is certainly refreshing to hear this report of a celebrity doing a good deed for our Military instead of the nastiness that has been in the news recently. I received the following and strongly back it:

***IF YOU ARE NOT WILLING TO STAND BEHIND OUR TROOPS,  
PLEASE, PLEASE FEEL FREE TO STAND IN FRONT OF THEM!!!***

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**IN THIS PLACE WE ALWAYS SALUTE OUR FLAG, SUPPORT OUR  
TROOPS,  
BUY AMERICAN, SAY “MERRY CHRISTMAS”. SAY “ONE NATION UNDER  
GOD” AND RESPECT OUR LAW ENFORCEMENT**

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**IF THIS OFFENDS YOU THERE’S THE DOOR  
PLEASE use it!!**

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I received the following and to me it is so true for “today” that I want you to see it.

Wide-scale political unrest is dividing our great nation in unprecedented ways. On June 16, 1858, while accepting the Republican Party's nomination for the U.S. Senate, Abraham Lincoln borrowed from Mark 3:25 when he declared:

**"A house divided against itself cannot stand. I believe this government cannot endure, permanently, half slave and half free. I do not expect the Union to be**

**dissolved — I do not expect the house to fall — but I do expect it will cease to be divided. It will become all one thing or all the other." Perhaps more than any other time in U.S. history, America needs God's blessing.**

The issue dividing the United States at that time was slavery. Today, Americans are attacking each other (verbally and physically) for any number of reasons. But regardless of race, religion or political party, we urgently need to come together as **"one nation under God."** During these turbulent and troubling times, we need to recognize that the Lord can and will change hearts, minds and futures. His promise 2 Chronicles 7:14 (NKJV) tells us: **(I)f My people who are called by My name will humble themselves, and pray and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land.**

### **+ + Share A Message Of Hope In Your Community**

Despite the rancor and division that mars our current social and political landscapes, Grassfire still has hope for America. But more importantly, we have faith in God. That's why we want to provide you with a unique way to share a powerful message of hope and comfort with your family, friends and neighbors.

**"God bless America!"** are three powerful words that need to resonate across our great nation more than ever before! Grassfire invites our team members to share a perfect pro-faith, pro-USA message with your entire community. Simply post our popular and patriotic "God Bless America" yard signs outside your home, office, church and school.

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February 17, 2017

Friend --

For more than six years Republicans in Washington promised again and again and again to repeal Obamacare. I was honored to take over 50 votes to do just that, including the passage of a bill to repeal a substantial amount of the law in 2015 that President Obama ultimately vetoed.

But now that the GOP controls the House, Senate and White House they are **backing away** from this promise they made to the American people. First, Republicans promised to have Obamacare repeal on President Trump's desk on Inauguration Day. Then they said it might be done by President's Day.

Our newest DC Insider, **Roger Marshall**, said last weekend that Republicans might not come up with a plan before May. Yes, MAY!!

**What's even worse?** The entire House just left town for a 10-day vacation without even scheduling a vote to repeal this failed health care law. They have no timetable for getting the job done.

It's not just Obamacare repeal we are waiting on. There is also silence from Washington Insiders on securing our southern border and reforming an out-of-control, job-killing tax code.

And instead of using the upcoming time in their districts to conduct town hall meetings and listen to the American people, the press is reporting only a handful of Republicans have agreed to face their constituents at public forums. **They are running scared.** None more so than Roger Marshall who has refused to hold even one town hall meeting so far.

Friend, President Trump was elected on November 8th. That means Republican leaders in Washington have had 100 days to come up with a plan for the repeal of Obamacare. So far, we've seen no results.

We can no longer assume they are going to do the right thing in Washington. It is up to us to put pressure on them to keep their promises -- starting with the repeal of Obamacare.

They also promised a massive rollback of all the regulations rushed through by Obama in his final months. President Trump has done his part: for every new regulation, federal bureaucrats have to eliminate two old ones. But the House and Senate – after being on the job for 1 ½ months – have only passed three bills to undo Obama regulations. Out of hundreds of targets – only THREE regulations stopped by Congress so far.

Plus, they haven't moved to secure the border. Or cut taxes. Or take on ISIS.

When Republicans won the majority in the House in 2010, they said, **"just wait till we take back the Senate."** When Republicans won the majority in the Senate in 2014, they said, **"just wait till we win the White House."**

Just *100 days ago*, the American people rejected the policies of the last eight years. We gave control of Washington to the Republicans.

Frankly, I'm tired of waiting. We all are. America has waited long enough. Time for Congress to go to work -- not on another vacation.

Yours in Liberty,

Tim Huelskamp

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## Equal Value and Dignity from The Patriot Post by Allyne Caan on March 2, 1917

Even as Hollywood turned Sunday's Oscars into a political pulpit to denounce supposed "inhumane" immigration policies, a real inhumanity went unchallenged.

It's the inhumanity that sees some humans as worse than pigs and advocates brutally killing them by the most torturous methods, including chemically burning them alive, tearing them limb from limb, and even decapitating them.

If you think this refers to the barbarism of the Islamic State, think again — although the resemblance is strong. But no, this barbarism comes from Princeton bioethicist Peter Singer.

In [recent statements](#) published in the Journal of Practical Ethics, Singer suggested individuals with Down Syndrome are intellectually inferior to dogs or pigs and, therefore, their lives are worth less than "normal" human beings. "Most people think that the life of a dog or a pig is of less value than the life of a normal human being," he says, "On what basis, then, could they hold that the life of a profoundly intellectually disabled human being with intellectual capacities inferior to those of a dog or a pig is of equal value to the life of a normal human being?"

Singer's statements came in response to the question of why he and his wife would give their baby up for adoption if that baby had Down syndrome. He writes: "For me, the knowledge that my child would not be likely to develop into a person whom I could treat as an equal, in every sense of the word ... would greatly reduce my joy in raising my child and watching him or her develop."

Did you catch that? "Develop into a person whom I could treat as an equal." To Singer, the concept of innate equality is non-existent. We "earn" (or fail to "earn") equality based on factors such as intelligence or our ability to contribute to society (said contributions being judged by Singer, of course). The whole "all men are created equal" thing means nothing to this supposed Ivy League ethicist.

While Singer's answer may have been framed against a question of adoption, this is the same Peter Singer who openly endorsed so-called "after-birth abortion" — or, put more honestly, infanticide. As [The Washington Times reported in 2015](#), Singer argued on his faculty page: "Newborn human babies have no sense of their own existence over time. So killing a newborn baby is never equivalent to killing a person, that is, a being who wants to go on living. That doesn't mean that it is not almost always a terrible thing to do. It is, but that is because most infants are loved and cherished by their parents, and to kill an infant is usually to do a great wrong to its parents." Singer went on to say that if parents want to kill their newborn due to a disability, they should be able to do so "not only by withholding or withdrawing life support ... but also by taking active steps to end the baby's life swiftly and humanely."

His irony in using the word "humanely" should not escape us. Well-documented are the cases of babies born alive during abortions and then summarily killed by, for example, [snapping their spines, stabbing their skulls or suffocating them](#).

Such atrocities are not confined to Islamic State videos.

Of course, abortion itself is the jihad of the West. Every day, preborn babies are [torn limb from limb](#) because they are viewed as second-class humans — if even that much. Some babies are even literally [burned alive](#) by chemical solution inside the uterus.

In Singer's world of ethics, infants born naturally yet unwanted by their parents due to a supposed "disability" would no doubt meet similarly brutal fates.

Contrast this view with the experience of a mother of a child with Down syndrome, who [wrote of Singer](#), "Just as there are people who lack the capacity to appreciate any music (Milton Friedman, for instance, was one of them), there are people with the far more serious lack of capacity to appreciate the worth of other human beings. The

music of humanity that most of us hear is just noise to them. So it is with Singer.”

For years, Singer has attempted to twist the world of ethics to present the brutal slaughter of pre-born — and even post-born — infants as acceptable and even “humane.” But his arguments lack logic and his conclusions are void of truth. Humaneness of any kind is absent in abortion. Indeed, abortion is the [antithesis of humane](#).

In 2015, Singer [penned a piece](#) on countering Islamic extremism in which he wrote, “There is a vast moral difference between those who oppose the taking of innocent human life and those who kill people because of their nationality, or what they say, or because they are ‘apostates.’”

What, then, Mr. Singer, is the difference between killing people because they are “apostates” and killing them simply because they don’t meet your arbitrary standard of value?

The answer: There is none.

For this to become legal, a way of life in the USA/civilized world is a sickening thought. Pray we and the whole world is more Godly than this. It is intolerable/nauseating to even think of it. The USA is a “free” country, free to do what? Not free to murder, maim, torture, the unborn and disabled. Pray we listen to GOD better than this. Please, GOD, help us to not lower ourselves to this!! GOD guide us to help, not hinder the disabled and unborn in our Country.

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*"It's hard to remember a more powerful moment in an address to Congress. When President Trump paid tribute to Carryn Owens, Navy SEAL William 'Ryan' Owens' widow, America saw the face of sacrifice. ... Because Carryn Owens had the courage to attend such a public gathering so soon after her great loss, we saw how raw and so very real it is to give to your nation the people most precious to you. That sacrifice is why we owe our Gold Star families the deepest respect, why they're revered in military ranks, and why — just for a moment — a nation can unite to give honor to whom honor is most certainly due." —David French of The Patriot Post*

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February 23, 2017

Dear Friend,

John Boehner goofed again. Yes, again.

At a health care conference in sunny Orlando, Florida -- ex-Speaker John Boehner revealed the secret Washington insiders don't want you to know: **they have no intention to repeal Obamacare.**

That's right. The Republican Establishment in Washington will not repeal Obamacare. As Boehner put it - the DC crowd is going to 'fix Obamacare.'

**I suspected as much.** And that's one reason we fired Boehner as Speaker. Because after big talk in 2009, in 2010, in 2011, in 2012 - again in 2013 and 2014 - and finally in 2015: conservatives said enough is enough. And we sent Boehner into retirement.

(BTW: don't cry for the Speaker -- ummm, did I just say that: he is now being paid big bucks by a huge tobacco company and one of the biggest insider lobbying firms inside the Beltway.)

Of course, the Republican insiders returned the favor to me - and spent a record \$2 MILLION attacking and lying about me last summer. They simply couldn't take ANY member of Congress who would have the guts to call them on the carpet.

But what they didn't plan on was -- DONALD TRUMP. **The President promised to repeal Obamacare** - and we must keep the pressure on him to keep the pressure on the Congressional insiders who are intent on doing almost nothing about Obamacare. So many of them want to pull a Boehner: serve for years in Congress, promise much and do little, and then hit the revolving door to a big pay day.

This weekend I will be speaking at a national meeting of conservatives. And I will tell them the truth.

**Washington insiders - both Democrats and Republicans - just can't stand conservatives.** They hate us. They hate what we stand for. And they wish we'd all go away - right after we do all the grunt work for them at election time.

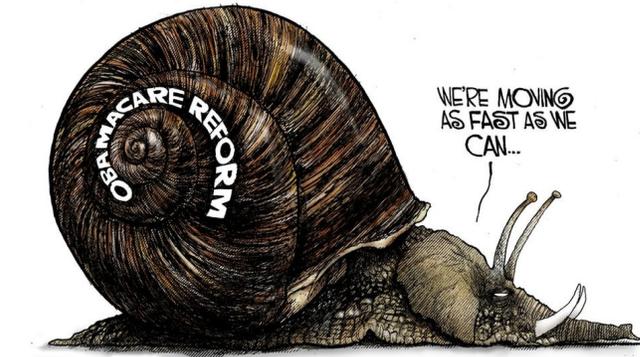
Let's hope and pray 2017 will be different. With a President who's not part of the D.C. Establishment -- with an American people demanding change -- we must not let THEM lie to us anymore.

Yours in Liberty,

Tim Huelskamp

Well, that explain a lot? It is up to all of us to put the pressure on these lying individuals in OUR Congress. Dr. Marshall is No. 1 on my list, but all of our Congressional members need to be contacted. Don't let them fool you – **DEMAND THEY VOTE TO REPEAL OBAMACARE!!!! NOW!!! RIGHT NOW!!! They promised to do this – It is time for them to keep that promise! Pray they see the light. Pray they wake up!! Pray for the USA!! GOD Bless the USA!!!**

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## Wisconsin Is a Model of Success

Gov. Scott Walker has the Badger State headed in the right direction. **Michael Swartz · Feb. 24, 2017**

About two years ago, as the 2016 presidential campaign began to ramp up, many pundits and political observers thought one of the best GOP candidates for reversing the damage done by Barack Obama was Wisconsin Governor Scott Walker. After all, not only had Walker won his election in a consistently Democrat state, he overcame a recall attempt and won re-election despite everything the Left and their unions threw at him over three campaigns. And he did it while enacting conservative policy.

After a brief period atop the polls, it turned out that Scott Walker wasn't the strong, charismatic *candidate* many thought he would be, and he became an early casualty of the overcrowded Republican field. As for Wisconsin, Donald Trump surprisingly carried the Badger State in the 2016 election — the first GOP candidate to do so since Ronald Reagan in 1984 — and some of the credit surely goes to Walker and his successful reforms.

Walker's early departure from the GOP presidential sweepstakes gave him time to focus on some of his to-do list before he [seeks another term](#). The key item on that list is welfare reform, with the idea of [expanding work requirements](#) to include able-bodied adults with school-aged children that receive food stamps as well as childless adults on Medicaid. Also in the works: a pilot program to place a work requirement on able-bodied adults in public housing.

This effort to assist recipients of public assistance in extracting themselves from dependence echoes a similar program in Maine, where Governor Paul LePage put rules in place requiring able-bodied food stamp recipients to work, enroll in job training, or volunteer part-time to continue receiving benefits. In the 18 months after adopting the rules in 2014, the number of able-bodied people on food stamps [dropped by over 90%](#). So reform is a workable idea, and Walker just might have the political capital to make this happen in a state significantly larger than Maine.

Yet while LePage has been successful despite being a sort of [brash, shoot-from-the-hip governor](#), Walker has let his record do the talking, allowing the opposition to be the ones making the controversial statements and pulling outrageous stunts like [fleeing the state](#) to avoid constitutionally mandated duties such as voting on budget bills.

Taking a few pages out of the Wisconsin protesters' playbook, statists around the country have been disrupting recent town hall meetings held by Republicans and holding marches and other events in order to create the *perception* of a groundswell of opposition to the GOP agenda of ObamaCare repeal and so forth. The Left media are happy to report on these events and highlight these dubious tactics. But if Republicans stay the course and adopt smart policies, they could quickly render the so-called "[Indivisible](#)" group as powerless as the Wisconsin unions are today.

As David Freddoso [writes](#) in the Washington Examiner, it was the success of Walker's ideas that silenced even his harshest

critics. "You can't withstand an angry, bitter, heckling opposition without changing things in big ways and giving people a few months to appreciate the benefits of what you've done for them," Freddoso argues. "You have to have enough faith that your ideas will work, and implement them in a smart enough way that they won't fail because of your own incompetence." Given that Scott Walker has moved the state of Wisconsin from a solid-blue political hue to a lovely shade of purple in just a few years, success in this endeavor could restart that presidential talk again. And don't forget: Walker hasn't even turned 50 yet, so he can be a viable player for several years to come.

For all the controversy of Trump's election, it should be kept in mind that, like Walker, he was elected to be a reformer. If Trump can restore some power to the states, the ones with conservative leadership like Wisconsin can be the success stories America needs to see and believe in.

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**RON HIGHLAND**                      **State Representative**                      **District 51**  
**Legislative Update No. 7, February 25, 2017**

The tax plan passed by both the House and Senate and went to the Governor where he vetoed the bill. Both the House and Senate then voted again to override the veto where a 2/3 vote is required. The House vote was sufficient to override but the Senate did not. The bill is dead. I voted no on the bill and on the override.

I have received mail concerning taxes from many of you, and thank you for contacting me. I voted no because the time for a tax bill is premature. Unlike a family budget where you know your income and a budget can be developed and adhered to; the state budget is fluid. We are given estimates for revenue to plan for the future, and we know they have been wrong for several years. Also, the Appropriations and Ways and Means Committees are still meeting to develop a budget, and will continue to meet throughout the second half of the session. Unfortunately, they appear to not have the desire to cut agency budgets at this point. The result is that we will see a budget with requests for more money than last year. Additionally, many of the bills being passed now have a fiscal note attached (cost to implement). An example of this was the passage of the Medicare Expansion bill, having a fiscal note of several million dollars that was not addressed in the tax bill. The K-12 education funding is still not addressed, and the fiscal notes attached to some of the plans under consideration are also in the millions of dollars. The point is, that until we have a firm grasp on the needs, we do not know how to structure a tax bill.

It is my firm belief that we are just approaching the situation backwards this session. We must know what revenues are required to finish this year and to fund the next two years before a tax structure can even be considered. In addition, the tax structure needs to have more thought put into the affects it will have on all Kansans to include businesses, the poor, and the middle class.

Turn around was Thursday. This was the last day to pass bills out of either chamber (blessed bills being the exception) and they will be transferred to the other chamber for their consideration. The process begins again when we return March 6. Some of the bills will pass as written, some will be changed and passed, and several will fail. Those that are changed will be eligible for conference committee action where three members from each chamber meet to work out differences on the bills. Those that pass both chambers without change go to the Governor for his action.

We met each day for many hours to consider bills that passed out of committees. By my count, we passed out 53 bills this week that will be transferred to the Senate. That is not counting those passed in the previous weeks. If this session holds true to tradition, fewer than 20% will make it through the entire process and reach the Governor's desk. Our forefathers designed the system to be laborious and difficult for a reason. It requires work and time to shepherd a bill through the system, that in theory reduces mistakes.

Two of the bills I entered into committee did pass. HB 2102 – Board of county commissioner meetings. This bill simply changed the law to allow county commission boards to meet monthly on the day of their choice, whereas previous law stated they must meet on the first Monday. Several counties were technically breaking the law. HB 2095 – Providing a special permit for certain vehicle combinations. This bill is of importance to the agriculture industry across the state. It provided for a permit for vehicles to add a sixth axle and allow the carrying weight to increase by 5,000 pounds. Push back came from labor unions and the railroads but their arguments did not outweigh the need. Another bill I am shepherding is HB 2040 – Citations for overtaking and passing of school buses captured on camera. It was brought to my attention over two years ago, how our children are at risk by cars ignoring the flashing lights and extended stop sign on buses. This bill made it out of committee but was referred to the Judiciary Committee due to the complexity of the issue. I am hopeful they will finalize the bill before session ends.

Additional bills that may be of interest:

HB 2186 – Enacting the uniform arbitration act of 2000 and amended to include teacher due process.

HB 2140 – Authorizing the Governor to enter into the great plains interstate fire compact. This bill came about because of the devastating fires in southern Kansas last year and the Oklahoma firefighters could not cross the state line to assist because we

were not in a compact.

HB 2160 – Amending the individual development account program act to allow certain expenditures by individuals who were likely to age out of foster care.

Other bills passed had topics such as bicycle reflector requirements, license plate decals, naming highway segments, water district regulations, vaccine requirements, etc. For a complete listing, you will need to go to the Legislative web site (instructions are below).

Monday was 4-H Citizenship in Action Day at the Capitol. Wabaunsee and Lyon Counties sent six very impressive young adults who graciously spent some time with me. They were Braden Tharman, Trenton L. Archer, Jack Cregen, Frankie Davis, Kaci Duggan, and Kristy Duggan, adult leader. If these fine young adults are the product of 4-H training, then our future will be in good hands.

It was my honor to have the Wamego Caterpillar Operations Manager, Greg Rusk, Nick Brazis, Factory Manager, and the Manager of State Government Affairs for the Western Region, Jim Halloran, attend a joint House and Senate Transportation meeting on Tuesday. There was such a good question and answer session that plans are underway to bring the committees to tour the plant in Wamego. That evening we again joined all the Wamego Caterpillar managers at their table for the Kansas Chamber Annual Dinner. Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Kansas was the Ad Astra Award recipient. The keynote speaker, Mitch Daniels, President of Purdue, led state reforms in Indiana as Governor, and challenged us to "restore the promise of America, upward mobility to go as far as hard work will take you." On Wednesday, Linda led the Legislative Spouses on a day tour of the KSU campus.

Four pages served me on Thursday and they worked hard. The House being in session all day kept them busy running errands for members who had to stay seated to listen to the many debates. All the pages from Wamego were: Ryan Sparenberg, Bennett Schoenbeck, Trista Hoobler, and Kirby McKee. They had the opportunity to tour the Capitol and even climb to the dome.

At my website, [www.ronhighland.com](http://www.ronhighland.com), you can find a syllabus that explains in detail how to get the legislative information you need. My contact information is: Rm 561 W, State Capitol, Topeka, Kansas, 66612; and [ron.highland@house.ks.gov](mailto:ron.highland@house.ks.gov). My office assistant Lisa can take a message or arrange an appointment by calling 785-296-7310. It is an honor and a privilege to serve you.

With kind regards,

Ron

Paid for by Ron Highland for State Representative, Linda Highland, Treasurer

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## **LOVE GOV. JAN BREWER**

**Yes, you have to love an American like her!**

**Former Arizona Governor Jan Brewer vs. the Phoenix Suns owner**

**The owner of the Phoenix Suns basketball team,**

**Robert Sarver, came out strongly opposing AZ's new immigration laws.**

**Arizona's Governor, Jan Brewer, released the following statement in response to Sarver's criticism of the new law: "What if the owners of the Suns discovered that hordes of people were sneaking into games without paying?**

**What if they had a good idea who the gate-crashers are but the ushers and security personnel were not allowed to ask these folks to produce their ticket stubs, thus non-paying attendees couldn't be ejected. Furthermore, what if Suns' ownership was expected to provide those who sneaked in with complimentary eats and drink? And what if, on those days when a gate-crasher became ill or injured, the Suns had to provide free medical care and shelter?"**

**Former Arizona Gov. Jan Brewer**

***We need more Americans like Jan Brewer to speak up & put those naysayers in their place. We would NOT have a lot of the problems we have if we spoke up now & then. We do NOT need to break the law & throw temper tantrums as so many of those opposing Conservatives seem to think is necessary. Why aren't American all on the "right" side? Why do some Americans think some other Americans should support those who choose NOT to work & support themselves? How do we bring all of this stupidity to a halt? I pray our new President is able to turn things around & teach those who want to be supported to show self respect & take care of themselves. The Government of the USA was NOT created to financially support those too lazy to support themselves. The first step is to make***

*available a health care plan that is affordable & beneficial to all. Next is to have jobs available, enabling them to support themselves. How do we help our President achieve this??*

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### Advance ballot bill a winner

Kudos to members of the Kansas House of Representatives who last week approved a bill to provide leeway for people who mail back advance ballots at the last minute.

The bill would allow election officials to count advance ballots received within three days after Election Day but postmarked on or before that day.

Lawmakers also agreed to an amendment that allows people to hand in their advance ballots at their local polling site on the day of the election.

The advance ballots arriving by mail late or turned in at polling sites would be counted with provisional ballots, by the canvassing board.

Under current law, advance ballots must be turned in only at county election offices, and by the time polls close on Election Day.

Rep. Vic Miller, D-Topeka, said the issue arose primarily because of the closure in recent years of a number of United States Postal Service distribution centers, including those in Hays, Salina, Hutchinson, Dodge City, Liberal and Holton.

"In many parts of the state they've added several days to how long it takes to process mail," Miller said.

According to the Division of Budget, the bill won't have an effect on the state budget. It also shouldn't cost county governments any more.

After years of Kansas Secretary of State Kris Kobach's restrictions on voter registration and claims of voter fraud, it's refreshing to see a commonsense piece of legislation that is designed to make more votes count.

Members of the Kansas House should be commended, and members of the Senate should follow their lead when the legislation lands on their floor for a vote. *This is a real plus for those who mail in their ballots. We all know we canNOT depend on the Postal Service to deliver mail within a certain time. It would be good to contact your Kansas Senator to encourage them to vote in favor of this bill. KODOS to whoever introduced this bill. Thank YOU!! Now let's pray our Legislature has the good sense to pass it!!*

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### ALEXANDER'S COLUMN

#### **The Faking News Fakers: 'Wiretaps? What Wiretaps?' The Trump/Putin myth — delegitimizing Trump's election to keep the administration off-balance & derail his agenda.**

By **Mark Alexander** · March 8, 2017 <https://patriotpost.us/alexander/47871/print>

*"But the fact being once established, that the press is impotent when it abandons itself to falsehood, I leave to others to restore it to its strength, by recalling it within the pale of truth. Within that, it is a noble institution, equally the friend of science and of civil liberty." —Thomas Jefferson*

Despite all the fake media hysterics, keeping the "Trump and Putin rigged the election" myth alive has *nothing* to do with facts. But it has *everything* to do with delegitimizing Trump's stunning victory, keeping his administration off-balance and derailing his agenda.

As usual, leftists and their media sycophants never let facts get in the way of a political hatchet job.

Last weekend, Donald Trump tweeted a sensational claim — that the Obama administration tapped his phones during the 2016 presidential campaign between Trump and BO's corrupt heir-apparent, [Hillary Clinton](#). The Democrats' public relations department, a.k.a. the mainstream media, responded with howls that there was no evidence of any wiretaps, much less evidence Obama knew about any wiretaps — just more Trump paranoid hysteria.

However, Patriot Post editor Thomas Gallatin provided a [heap of evidentiary substance](#) for Trump's claims, given that [news of wiretaps](#) on senior Trump leadership, *while Obama was in office*, had been widely affirmed by the same Leftmedia outlets now denying Trump's claims about wiretaps. Some of the more notable MSM print and talkinghead "journalists" even cited these wiretaps as sources for their

"reports" on Trump.

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Allow me to elaborate.

In June 2016, after Trump had clinched the Republican nomination, Obama's Attorney General Loretta Lynch tried to [meet secretly with Bill Clinton](#) on a tarmac at Phoenix Sky Harbor International Airport. A few days later, after a visit to the White House, Lynch's Department of Justice asked the FISAC for wiretaps not just for communication devices in Trump's office but specifically for Trump's phones.

This request *never* would have been submitted without Lynch's consent, which she *never* would have given without Obama's consent. (If only the NSA could produce a transcript of *that* conversation.) While FISAC most often rubber stamps requests, the court denied the Obama administration's first request because it was a fishing expedition based on speculation of criminal activity.

On 21 July Trump became the Republican nominee. A week later, The Washington Post and other media outlets began [propagating the Trump/Putin collusion myth](#).

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Recall if you will that a week before the election, Hillary Clinton posted this social media message: "Computer scientists have uncovered a covert server linking the Trump organization to a Russian-based server."

Huh? Did she mean the "scientists" at the Department of Justice? Was she confusing this with the discovery of her own "[covert servers](#)"?

In fact, no such evidence of the Russian link has been discovered.

Sidebar: However, there *were* direct links between Tony Podesta, brother of Clinton campaign chairman John Podesta, and Russians, who paid him more than \$170,000 for six months of "consulting" to influence Clinton and ensure, once elected, she would reduce the sanctions Obama was compelled to impose after Putin invaded Ukraine. His firm was paid \$24 million in fees in 2016, mostly from foreign interests.

Back to the media's now-acute case of wiretap amnesia — they now insist that Trump's wiretap accusations have no merit.

Allow me to direct your attention to a headline on the *front page* of The New York Times on Inauguration Day, January 20th, which boldly cites Trump wiretaps as its source for information regarding assertions about collusion between Russia and Trump's campaign leadership team.

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The same "no evidence" headlines were atop The Washington Post and other MSM outlets.

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*Fellow Conservatives, we have a task to perform NOW!! Has Kansans had any problems with Health*

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### ***BREAKING: OBAMA'S SILENT COUP EXPOSED from LIBERTY ALLIANCE***

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The research team at Liberty Alliance, headed by Onan Coca, has collected intel that indicates Obama is the new head of a shadow government and is planning a silent coup against President Trump. In an email to his supporters on his last day in office, Obama encouraged them to stay engaged, promising "I'll be right there with you every step of the way."

Think about it. He started his political career as a community organizer and made it all the way to the Oval Office. Would he really relinquish his absolute power so quickly only to hand it all over to a capitalist? Will he stand by and watch Trump dismantle his extremist leftwing legacy while he retires quietly to play more golf? Only the naïve would think in such a foolish way. Obama's Deep State is in full operation.

Organizing for Action, the political group that grew out of Obama's first campaign, recently hired 14 field organizers in key states, adding to a growing infrastructure that boasts more than 250 offices nationwide and more than 32,000 volunteers. They've amassed over \$40 million in contributions to date.

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Church. I was pleased to recognize the Wamego United Methodist Church on the occasion of the 150th anniversary of the congregation serving as a community of faith in Wamego.

At my website, [www.ronhighland.com](http://www.ronhighland.com), you can find a syllabus that explains in detail how to get the legislative information you need. I am also placing on the web site information I have gathered in the last year. My contact information is: Rm 561 W, State Capitol, Topeka, Kansas, 66612; and [ron.highland@house.ks.gov](mailto:ron.highland@house.ks.gov). My office assistant Lisa can take a message or arrange an appointment by calling 785-296-7310. It is an honor and a privilege to serve you.

With kind regards,

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## In Memory of Richard D. Fry

Aug. 29, 1958 - Feb. 12, 2017

### Richard D. Fry, Esq

Richard D. Fry, age 58, of Olathe, Kansas passed away Sunday at Iola, Kansas. He was the sixth of seven children born to Forest and Ellen (Runnels) Fry. He grew up in Iola, graduating from Iola High School in 1977. He then went on to Pittsburg State University where he earned his B.S. in Accounting and Finance in 1981. Richard began his working life as an accountant before returning to college to earn his Juris Doctorate degree in 1988 and then his M.B.A. in 1989, both from the University of Kansas. He served as a legislative intern to Bob Talkington, Kansas Senate President (1988) and has been a civil litigation attorney for 20+ years. Richard served as general counsel for Patriot Coalition ([www.PatriotCoalition.org](http://www.PatriotCoalition.org)), the Citizens Constitution Caucus, and Revitalize the Second Amendment. He has consulted and advised Members of Congress, their staff and state legislators, as well as testified before multiple state legislative committees, conducted briefings for state legislators and Members of Congress, and spoken at press conferences and in briefings on Capitol Hill. Richard was elected as Kansas delegate to the Continental Congress (2009). Richard was the founder of [November Patriots](#), a Kansas citizen activist/voter awareness group. He hosted the Kansas State Sovereignty Rally several years and was also co-founder of [DefendNotAmend](#). He was proud to have judged student participants on several occasions at the [Youth Education Scholarship Constitution Bee](#) held at K-State each March.

Richard was united to marriage to Shirley Henderson on July 1, 1995 at Holy Spirit Catholic Church, Overland Park, Kansas. This union was blessed with one son, Dean Martin Douglas Fry. They made their home in Lenexa, Kansas before moving to Olathe. Richard was a member of the Church of the Ascension, Overland Park, Kansas; C.E.R.T. (Community Emergency Response Team) and served on their board; site council for the Olathe School District and a Committee Member and Merit Badge Counselor with [Boy Scout Troop #201 at Hillcrest Christian Church](#), Overland Park. He always said his proudest accomplishment was just being Dean's Dad, everything else was just trivial!

Richard was preceded in death by his parents; and one brother, Wade Fry. He is survived by his wife, Shirley and son, Dean, of the home; one sister, Judy Haigler and husband, Ron of Rose Hill, Kansas; four brothers, Wayne Fry and wife, Brenda of El Dorado, Kansas, Ron Fry of Iola, Danny Fry of Wichita, Kansas, and Mark Fry of Wichita, Kansas; father and mother-in-law, Martin and Mary Henderson of Elsmore, Kansas; and sister-in-law, Mary Fry of Lansing, Kansas.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Dean Fry Education Fund or [Boy Scout Troop #201, Overland Park, Kansas](#) or to [Youth Education Scholarship Constitution Bee](#). Condolences may be left at [www.feuerbornfuneral.com](http://www.feuerbornfuneral.com). More writings and videos of Richard's work and continued legacy can

be found at his website at <http://www.rdfry.com/>

**Richard's motto: "When an honest man finds he is wrong, he either stops being wrong, or stops being honest."**

**We are so sorry to lose Richard, his dedication and work to the United States of America, our Constitution and the "YES for Liberty" scholarship. Richard was one of a kind, we will forever be indebted to him, for what he accomplished and what he was fighting for, in his too short life. Thank you, Richard. May GOD be with his wife, Shirley and son, Dean as well as the rest of his family. Thank you for sharing Richard with us.**

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