

The Patriots' Truth

Flint Hills TEA Party News

ON OUR CALENDAR

MEDIA TEAM MTG – McALISTER'S DELI, EVERY WED at 5:30pm –

Everyone is welcome – we ARE the Working Group

**September 10 – Regular Monthly Mtg at Manhattan Fire Station #1
at Kimball & Denison – 9:30AM – (2nd Saturday of each Month)**

Congresswoman Lynn Jenkins

****The Federal Government Shouldn't Be in the Movie Making Game****

According to the New York Times the Obama Administration has given unprecedented and unfettered access to filmmakers producing a movie on the Osama bin Laden raid to be released by Sony Pictures, the only studio to hold a political fundraiser for the President this cycle, weeks before the 2012 election. It was then revealed that it is commonplace for the Pentagon to assist established filmmakers with script research.

In an era of 9% unemployment, trillion dollar deficits, credit downgrades, and record debt ceiling extensions it is unconscionable that tax payer dollars are being used to aid the Hollywood film industry in fact checking and script research. That is why this week I introduced the Stop Subsidizing Hollywood Act, which will stop the Administration from sharing information about the mission to kill Osama bin Laden with Hollywood moviemakers or anyone else outside

of the federal government until it can be determined that national security information is being properly protected. It also requires that any aid given by the Department of Defense to filmmakers be fully repaid by the multi-million dollar Hollywood film industry. If Hollywood needs help checking facts with military minds, I would suggest turning to the 13.3% of veterans who joined the military after September 11th and are currently unemployed. American families have been forced to go through their budgets line by line and look for ways to tighten their belts, and it is time the Federal Government does the same.

****Will the President Visit the Midwest Flood Zone?****

In June, Representatives Steve King (IA-05), Sam Graves (MO-06), Jeff Fortenberry (NE-01), and Lee Terry (NE-02) and I sent a letter to President Obama asking him to extend his trip to America's Heartland to view the areas along the Missouri River affected by the recent flooding. Sadly, the President chose fundraising over floodwaters and turned our invitation down opting attend a political fundraiser instead.

As Commander in Chief, the Army Corps of Engineers are under the President's authority, and we hoped a visit to the flood area would drive home the immediate impact of the flood waters and the importance of updating the Master Manual to prevent future devastating floods. So this week we decided to take another shot at the invitation, and sent another letter to President Obama inviting him to visit the flood areas as part of his August bus tour. We have yet to receive a response, but check back at my website and here in the weekly update to see if the President can make time in his schedule to see these important parts of the Midwest.

****August Congress to Kansas Tour****

This week we kicked off the August leg of the 2011 Congress to Kansas tour! I had the chance to visit Lyndon in Osage County and Lebo in Coffey County this week and met with some great groups of Kansans at each event. We discussed the future of country, the important budget debates that have taken place in Washington over the last few months, the Wars in Iraq, Afghanistan, and Libya and many other issues near and dear to the hearts of Kansans. The Congress to Kansas tour will be firing on all cylinders for the rest of the summer as I travel around Eastern Kansas listening to the folks and finding solutions to get this country back on the right track. New events are being added to the calendar every day so check out my website [HERE](#) [link 1] for the most up to date schedule. The events planned so far are below. We hope to see you there!

Open Office Hours***Monday, August 15*****Pleasanton**

City Hall Council Chambers, 1608 Laurel St.
11:00 a.m.

Friday, August 19**Lawrence**

KU School of Pharmacy, 2010 Becker Dr.
9:00 a.m.

Oskaloosa

Oskaloosa Public Library, 315 Jefferson St.
2:00 p.m.

Open Office Hours* -- *Thursday, August 18**Topeka Office Hours**

Congresswoman Lynn Jenkins Office, 3550 SW 5th St.
1:15 p.m.

Don't Forget to Sign Up for the 2nd Annual Jobs Fair!

Our 2nd Annual Jobs Fair is coming up in just a few weeks, and we don't want you to miss out. If you are an employer and would like you set up a booth or are looking for a job and would like to attend please visit my website at www.lynnjenkins.house.gov/jobsfair [link 2] or call my Topeka office at (785) 234-5966 to sign up and find out more about this great event.

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Taken in part from Gun Owners of America (GOA) web site (<http://gunowners.org>) How the Recent Debt Ceiling Law Affects Gun Owners

Friday, 05 August 2011 11:26

Well, the hot debate, which dominated the nation for several weeks, has finally simmered down. The debt ceiling deal is now law, and both sides of the political aisle are arguing over who won and who lost.

But one thing you won't hear about -- in fact, we may not fully know the answer for several months -- is how much gun owners lost in this recent deal.

To quote Kentucky Senator Rand Paul from earlier this week:

The Super Committee [created by the new law] limits the constitutional check of the filibuster by expediting passage of bills with a simple majority. The Super Committee is not precluded from any issue [including gun control], therefore the filibuster could be rendered moot.

Get that? The law raising the debt ceiling creates a Super Committee (in other words, a Super Congress), which will give its recommendations for balancing the budget. This Super Congress can include ANYTHING in its legislation, including gun control. And none of it can be filibustered or amended!!

The Flint Hills TEA Party forwarded this info to Congresswomen Lynn Jenkins and ask her opinion. The following is the response we received:

The Joint Select Committee on Deficit Reduction is exclusively charged with deficit reduction. **It cannot propose any restrictions on Second Amendment rights (limits, registration, etc.) or any other legislation that does not directly affect Federal spending.** It is the position of all Republican Members that tax increases are not acceptable (meaning no taxes on purchases or registration fees of firearms and ammunition).

The committee has six Republican Members, three appointed by Speaker Boehner (who has an A rating from Gun Owners of America) and three appointed by Senator McConnell (who also has an A rating with Gun Owners of America). All Republican members of the committee have strong Pro-Second Amendment records and have been endorsed by the NRA.

Their Gun Owners of America Scores are: House **HENSARLING A, CAMP A, UPTON B** and Senate **TOOMEY A-, KYL A-, PORTMAN B**. These scores all reflect a philosophically sound pro-second amendment record. In addition, Senator Max Baucus one of the Democrat Senate Appointees is from Montana and has also been endorsed by the NRA. So it is safe to say that the Committee has a Pro-Second Amendment Majority.

The following was copied from Patriot Action Network received on email Sun., 7/31/11, 8:08PM

WASHINGTON, Sun. July 31, 2011 8:57pm EDT

(Reuters) – President Barack Obama announced on Sunday that Democrats and Republicans leaders have reached an agreement to reduce the U.S. deficit and avoid default.

Obama said the agreement will cut about \$1 trillion over 10 years.. (Reporting by JoAnne Allen)

(This story corrects the date of Obama's announcement to Sunday)

<http://www.reuters.com/article/2011/0801/us-usa-debt-obama-agreeme...>

UPDATE

Attached and pasted below is the powerpoint from the Speaker's office outlining the debt limit deal.

Emerging framework has three main features:

Cuts government spending more than it increases the debt limit;

Implements spending caps to restrain future spending:

Advances the cause of a Balanced Budget Amendment Framework accomplishes this without tax hikes, which would destroy jobs, while preventing a job-killing national default.

No Tax Hikes

Same as House-passed bill, the framework includes no tax hikes.

Requires baseline to be current law, effectively making it impossible for Joint Committee to increase taxes.

Cuts that Exceed the Debt Hike

Same as House-passed bill, framework includes spending cuts that exceed the amount of the increased debt authority granted to POTUS>

Would cut and cap discretionary spending immediately, saving \$9178 over 10 years (certified by CBO) & raise the debt ceiling by less - \$900B – to approximately February.

Before debt ceiling can be raised, Congress and the president must enact spending cuts of a larger amount first.

Caps to Control Future Spending

As in House passed bill, framework imposes spending caps that would set clear limits on future spending & serve as barrier against gov't expansion while economy grows.

Failure to remain below these caps triggers automatic across-the-board cuts ("sequestration"). Same mechanism used in 1997 Balanced Budget Agreement.

Balanced Budget Amendment

Same as House passed bill, framework requires both House & Senate to vote on a BBA after Oct. 1, 2011 but before the end of year.

Similar to House-passed bill, framework authorizes POTUS to request second tranche of debt limit increase of \$1.5T if:

Joint Committee cuts spending by greater amount than the requested debt limit hike, OR

A Balanced Budget Amendment is sent to the states.

Creates incentive for previous opponents of a BBA to now support it.

Entitlement Reforms and Savings

Same as House-passed bill, framework creates a 12-member Joint Committee required to report legislation by November 23, 2011 that would produce a proposal to reduce the deficit by at least \$1.5T over 10 years.

Each chamber would consider Joint Committee proposal on an up-or-down basis without any amendments by December 23, 2011.

If Joint Committee's proposal is enacted OR if a Balanced Budget Amendment is sent to the states, POTUS would be authorized to request a debt limit increase of \$1.5T.

Sets up a new sequestration process to cut spending across the board and ensure that any debt limit increase is met with greater spending cuts – IF Joint Committee fails to achieve at least \$1.1T in deficit reduction.

If this happens POTUS may request up to \$1.1T for a debt limit increase, and if granted, then across-the-board spending cuts would result that would equal the difference between \$1.1T and the deficit reduction enacted as a result of Joint Committee.

Across-the-board spending cuts would apply to FYs 2013-2021, and apply to both mandatory & discretionary programs.

Total reductions would be equally split between defense and non-defense programs. Across-the-board cuts would also apply to Medicare. Other programs, including Social Security, Medicaid, veterans, and civil and military pay, would be exempt.

Sequestration process is designed to guarantee that Congress acts on the Joint Committee's legislation to cut spending.

I believe we must wait and see, but as I look at this dealt deal. WE LOST THIS ONE!! And we have 2012 to correct it!!
By Larry Tawney

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LJWorld.com

Brownback accused of rejecting \$31.5 million federal grant because of pressure from health-reform opponents

August 10, 2011

Vimeo video

Brownback explains why he supported applying for early innovator healthcare grant

[Governor Brownback defends his support of implementing Obamacare and Rep OHara Rebuts](#) from [Bob Bowser](#) on [Vimeo](#).

Gov. Sam Brownback has been a vocal supporter of developing a healthcare exchange in Kansas. Until this week. On Tuesday, he directed Kansas to return the grant to the federal government. The video was shot at a June meeting of the Elephant Club in Johnson County.

Topeka — In June, Gov. Sam Brownback stood before a standing-room-only crowd at the Johnson County Republican Party's Elephant Club in Leawood and defended the state's acceptance of a \$31.5 million federal grant to set up an insurance exchange, which is part of the federal health care reform law.

But on Tuesday, Brownback announced he was rejecting the grant from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

What happened between then and now?

"As we've studied the issue over the course of the past six months, it has become clear that the money would not allow the state sufficient flexibility," the governor's office said. "The timeline with regard to legislative input was the big issue here."

But Richard Fry, founder of the November Patriots, said on Wednesday that Brownback rejected the grant because he was feeling the heat from opponents of federal health reform.

November Patriots is an advocacy group that works on several issues, including opposition to federal health reform and in-state tuition for some

undocumented immigrants and support of photo ID for voting. Fry is from Olathe.

Fry was the one who asked Brownback at the Elephant's Club to clarify how he could campaign against "Obamacare" but accept the "early innovator grant." At that time, the governor reiterated his position that he thought "Obamacare" was unconstitutional, but that the state was going to use the grant to set up a health insurance marketplace that could increase competition among insurance companies to benefit Kansas consumers.

Fry then said to Brownback that by accepting the grant the state would have to accept the federal health reform law. Brownback responded, "My interpretation and other legal counsel that I've had did not agree with yours."

On Wednesday, Fry said, "I've driven 1,500 miles around the state informing the citizens of what is going on, and they are enraged to find out the governor who campaigned against Obamacare is accepting money to implement Obamacare. There is a groundswell of resentment." He said the same thing happened in Oklahoma, which also has rejected an early innovator grant.

And Fry said he still suspects that even though Brownback has rejected the grant, he will still try to establish a health insurance exchange through another grant or with private dollars. If that were to happen, "the grassroots will explode again," he said.

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Anybody placing odds on whether this project will be financially self-sufficient or a taxpayer black hole for ever and ever?

One commentator thought the latter – pasted in below.

<http://cjonline.com/news/2011-08-12/flint-hills-discovery-center-schedule#.TkZ8Z4JEP9o>

Flint Hills Discovery Center on schedule

Manhattan facility to be 'go-to' place for Flint Hills tourism

Posted: August 12, 2011 - 12:57pm

By [Jan Biles](#) THE TOPEKA CAPITAL-JOURNAL

MANHATTAN — Bob Workman, director of the Flint Hills Discovery Center, says construction of the interactive learning center on the south end of Manhattan is on schedule and under budget.

Workman, who led a hard-hat tour of the construction site Friday morning, said the \$24.5 million, 35,000-square-foot building is expected to be finished by early November, with the discovery center opening its doors to visitors in April.

"We will be the go-to place for the Flint Hills in the future," he said.

The Flint Hills Discovery Center, a project of the city of Manhattan and its South End Redevelopment Project, will chronicle the geology, biology and cultural history of the Flint Hills through 10,000 square feet of interactive permanent exhibits, temporary exhibitions from other institutions, community programs and outreach activities.

The building will have a cafe, gardens, store, classrooms, meeting rooms and Wi-Fi.

Open 363 days a year, the center also will serve as the tourism information center for the Flint Hills and Manhattan.

Ground was broken for the Flint Hills Discovery Center in July 2010. The building is made of local limestone, layered in

striated patterns that are reminiscent of the Flint Hills that surround Manhattan. The limestone facade, accented by irregular- and trapezoidal-shaped windows, is complemented by a 65-foot glass cylinder lobby tower.

The first and second floors house exhibits that tell the story of the formation of the Flint Hills; the diversity of life that lives below, on and above the grasslands; the roles fire and grazing play in grassland management; and man's involvement with the Flint Hills.

The third floor contains offices and meeting rooms and has a terrace designed for organized programs and social functions. An interior balcony overlooks the second and third floors.

Workman said the construction project includes several sustainable design and operation features, including a heating and air-conditioning system supported by a geothermal well field and heat pump technology and two bio-swales for groundwater filtration.

Workman said the center, on the northeast corner of Pierre and 3rd streets, is at "the arrival point of the majority of people coming to Manhattan."

"We couldn't ask for a better location," he said.

Annual paid attendance at the center is projected to be 60,000, he said. In comparison, Sunset Zoo in Manhattan averages 62,000 paid admissions per year.

In addition to the Flint Hills Discovery Center, Karen Hibbard, director of the Manhattan Convention and Visitors Bureau, said the city's South End Redevelopment Project includes a 135-room Hilton Garden Inn and a 30,000-square-foot conference center.

Other features of the redevelopment project are a one-acre park with outdoor fireplace and a 440-space parking garage.

Who Really Paid for This?

By [Topeka78](#) | 08/12/11 - 08:35 pm

The taxpayer. And, when ends don't meet in the future who will make up the difference? The taxpayer.

TAKEN FROM PATRIOT ACTION NETWORK 7/6/11

DON'T FORGET "ONE MAN WITH COURAGE IS A MAJORITY" Thomas Jefferson

Blog post added by [Lloyd Marcus](#):

Sarah Palin's latest "in your face" to the Obama administration in defense of the tea party is guaranteed to infuriate the left and terrify the timid on our side. Sarah said, *"If we were real domestic terrorists, shoot, Obama would want to pal around with us, wouldn't he?"*

Wow! I loooovvvve this woman!

Compare Palin's kahonies to those of Republican presidential candidate, Jon Huntsman. Huntsman encouraged Republicans to surrender to Obama during the debt ceiling battle. Get this folks, as a contender for the White House, Huntsman said he will not attack Obama.

How absurd is that? Huntsman's going into the ring with the Mike Tyson of politics, and his strategy is not to hit.

Compared to the John Wayne true grit of Sarah Palin, Mr. Huntsman sounds pathetically metro-sexual.

Talk about a "no surrender, no retreat" attitude, despite a relentless unprecedented effort to destroy her and her family, Palin is just as bold and beautiful as she was when she gave her extraordinary VP nominee acceptance speech in 2008.

I know you fearful folks on our side will flood me with emails about how Palin is too this or too that. Well I am sorry, but every time this woman speaks, I feel excited. But most important, I feel empowered. After the Republicans' depressing cave on the debt ceiling, Lord knows we tea party patriots desperately need to feel empowered.

So many folks on our side feel they must walk on eggshells, careful not to offend the left. Palin boldly and unapologetically stands up for God, family and country.

The left has so successfully branded traditional values embraced by most Americans extreme, many feel intimidated and fearful to stand up for them. For example, I caught a minute of a TV show called *The Glee Project*, which is obviously targeted for youths. The show featured young couples, including two boys as a couple, sexually caressing each other while singing a song about "going all the way". The musical production number was a blatant promotion of homosexuality and promiscuity to our kids.

Call me an old fuddy-duddy and while I realize the TV show is on cable, I still found it a bit shocking and outrageous that such programming is considered normal.

The left appears to be calling the shots, setting the rules, culturally and politically. Advisers say we Conservatives must be civil, willing to compromise and work with the other side.

I am all for civility, but it only works when both sides have honorable intentions. Civility does not work when one side, Obama and the Democrats, treats the discord as a no-holds-barred street brawl. The left views civility from their opposition as a window of opportunity to strike and land a deathblow.

Sarah Palin fully understands this reality. Palin realizes the left will never fight fair or be honest. Pandering to the left is perceived as weakness. Thus, the only solution is to defeat them.

I still marvel at how some people on our side have bought into the Obama media's manufactured image of Palin.

While the left's destruction of her image is extremely successful on some level, Palin's "right stuff" still bursts through, casting a powerful beam of light exhilarating millions. Palin has "it." Whatever that "it" is, this amazing woman has "it."

Can you imagine the excitement of Palin throwing her hat into the 2012 presidential ring? Move over, Thrilla in Manila (Ali/Frazier), as the most exciting fight of all time. I'm talkin' Palin vs Obama, Mano a Mano: the Thrilla from Wasilla vs. the Chicago Thug.

Betting on this "fight of the century" could help Vegas's economy recover from Reed being their senator and Obama trashing businesses that go there.

The more I think about Palin vs. Obama in the ring, the more excited I become. Images flash in my brain. It is the long-awaited, much-anticipated day of the main event.

Palin enters the ring wearing an Old Glory-themed robe to Lee Greenwood singing, "God Bless the USA (Proud to be an America)." Obama enters the ring wearing a pink robe, courtesy of Code Pink, as Al Sharpton sings, "We Shall Overcome".

For 14 rounds, Obama and Palin pound each other as the upper hand changes several times. Then, round fifteen -- the final round.

Palin, exhausted from battling Obama and his tag-team partner, the liberal media, miraculously lands a knockout punch to Obama's jaw. The final bell rings. The fight is over. Sarah Palin has won the 2012 presidential election. The crowd of mostly Tea Party patriots goes crazy with jubilation. Obama's media is stunned.

Reporters flock to the rubber-legged, emotionally drained Palin. Sarah's eyes focus on her husband Todd as he pushes his way through the thronging media. Sarah tearfully yells, "Tooooooodd!" Todd yells, "Sarraah!!!"

Finally he reaches her. They embrace, "Todd, I love you!" "I love you too!" is Todd's reply. Our national anthem plays in the background.

~ Lloyd Marcus, Proud Unhyphenated American

Co-Chairman of [The Campaign to Defeat Barack Obama](#). Please help me spread my message by joining my [Liberty Network](#). Lloyd is singer/songwriter of the [American Tea Party Anthem](#) and author of [Confessions of a Black Conservative](#), foreword by Michele Malkin [LloydMarcus.com](#)

Beverly Kastl Gossage [posted in Free For All](#).

4:25 PM August 9, 2011

Kansas To Opt Out Of Early Innovator Grant

Topeka — Kansas Governor Sam Brownback and Lt. Governor Dr. Jeff Colyer announced today that the State of Kansas is returning its "early innovator" grant distributed by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services in February for early implementation of portions of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (PPACA).

"There is much uncertainty surrounding the ability of the federal government to meet it's already budgeted future spending obligations. Every state should be preparing for fewer federal resources, not more. To deal with that reality Kansas needs to maintain maximum flexibility. That requires freeing Kansas from the strings attached to the Early Innovator Grant," said Governor Brownback

"Federal Medicaid mandates have cost Kansans over 400 million in the past 2 years alone. Full implementation of the mandates in the President's health care law would cost billions more," said Dr. Colyer. "We will work to find innovative Kansas based solutions to Kansas challenges and be very selective in the federal funds the state applies for and receives. We look forward to working with legislative leaders and Insurance Commissioner Praeger as we develop Kansas solutions."

Following Oklahoma's decision in April to opt out, Kansas is now the second state to opt out of Early Innovator Grant funding

"The early innovator grant does not address the most important issue in health reform, which is slowing the rate of cost growth in health care. Through the statewide Medicaid reform meetings, Kansas is taking the opportunity to decide for ourselves how best to provide health care access, improve

outcomes and reduce costs for our state,” said Dr. Robert Moser, Secretary for the Kansas Department of Health and Environment.

Congresswoman Jenkins released the following statement after voting in support of the bi-partisan Budget Control Act: “Just a few months ago the Administration was requesting business as usual in Washington, as they promoted an increase of the debt limit without any consideration for spending controls, but the American people and the People’s House stood up and said enough is enough. Enough wasteful Washington spending. Enough piling more and more debt on our children. Enough empty promises.

- “Today, we have officially begun to change the culture in Washington. Leadership means saying ‘no’ when no is the right answer and saying ‘yes’ when yes is the right answer. Today, after months of wrangling for the best deal possible in a divided Washington, it’s time to say yes. We have passed a bill that avoids a default, cuts nearly a trillion dollars from our bloated federal budget, lays out a plan to cut trillions more, requires an up or down vote on a Balanced Budget Amendment and all without increasing a single American’s taxes. This plan isn’t perfect, but it is an important first step as we continue to fight to reform Washington and get our nation on a course toward financial accountability.”
- After spending time in Washington working every day to cut spending and reduce the size of the Federal government we have learned several hard facts. The most difficult and sobering one is with the Democratic Party controlling the senate and the White House, this was our lone opportunity to pass budget cuts into law. We chose to cut and continue to work for more.
- This legislation will require the Senate to vote on the Balanced Budget Amendment. Up to this point they have dodged the House’s effort to make them vote on the Balanced Budget Amendment. This vote will take place before the next election and will be critical in holding the Democratic Senators’ feet to the fire of fiscal responsibility.
- However, with these cuts we have officially begun to change the culture in Washington. It has been nearly two decades since the Federal government has passed cuts on government spending of this sort.
- This legislation creates another opportunity to halt the installation of Obamacare programs which we would like to stop at all turns.
- This plan has secured 2/3rds of the cuts proposed by Rep. Paul Ryan in his House Budget Proposal. These cuts are not enough, but the road back to fiscal responsibility is a long one and we have finally taken a step in that direction. Up until now the Democratic control in the Senate and White House has blocked every attempt by the House to cut spending.
- President Obama came to the table wanting a debt ceiling increase without conditions as past Presidents had been afforded. He got a boatload of conditions.
- This law will cut \$2.5 trillion dollars in Federal spending over the next 10 years.

Written by Representative Lynn Jenkins & Submitted by Bill Roe via email on 8/5/2011.

Charge and Response –

President Obama's Address to the Nation, 8/1/11

Today, the President spoke to the press about the Standard and Poor’s downgrade, the political situation in Washington, and the brave men and women of our Armed Forces who defend our freedom each and every day.

House Republicans agree with the president that Americans should pause to remember the lives that were lost on the battlefield in Afghanistan this weekend. Our nation must diligently reflect upon the sacrifices made by the brave men and women who serve our nation in uniform and their families.

After thirty-one months in the White House, the president failed to concede today any personal accountability for our nation’s debt crisis and the historically slow pace of economic recovery. In regard to our nation’s debt crisis, the president continued his call for a balanced approach. We don’t need a balanced approach. We need a balanced

budget. As Americans continue to ask, “Where are the jobs,” the president provided no plan that would solve our spending-driven debt crisis, which is a cause of tremendous uncertainty for America’s job creators. The president advocated a tax increase on America’s small business owners and failed to express support for easing the regulatory burdens that his administration is inflicting on the economy.

Charge: “The fact is that we didn't need a rating agency to tell us that we need a balanced long-term approach to deficit reduction.”

Response: We agree with you, Mr. President. That is why House Republicans passed [The Path to Prosperity Budget](#), which puts our nation on a fiscally sustainable path and reforms our health care and retirement security programs to ensure they continue to serve current and near retirees but are also there for future generations. House Republicans are also the only ones in Washington calling for a balanced budget amendment to our Constitution – the ultimate solution to our nation’s debt crisis. This administration and Senate Democrats continue to deny the importance of a balanced budget amendment, believing we can solve this crisis with tax hikes on America’s job creators.

[The only plan from this administration has been debt-busting budget....](#)

Charge: “We knew from the outset that a prolonged debate over the debt ceiling and where default was a bargaining chip could do damage to the economy and the world's economy.”

Response: From the beginning of the debt ceiling debate, House Republicans made it clear that any increase in the debt ceiling must be met with spending cuts greater than the increase, which was implemented. On June 1st, [150 economists agreed with this plan saying](#) “*We will not succeed in balancing the federal budget and overcoming the challenges of our debt until we succeed in committing ourselves to government policies that allow our economy to grow. An increase in the national debt limit that is not accompanied by significant spending cuts and budget reforms would harm private-sector job growth and represent a tremendous setback in the effort to deal with our national debt.*”

President Obama continues to ignore the underlying problem facing our nation. It is not the debt ceiling that is the problem, it is the debt itself. Under President Obama, the nation’s debt has grown over \$3 trillion dollars, has incurred three straight \$1 trillion deficits, and we learned Friday that our nation’s debt is now equal to 100% of our nation’s GDP. President Obama has never offered a plan to address our nation’s staggering debt and deficits, continuing to kick the can down the road even further. While President Obama did not get us into this mess himself, he certainly pressed on the accelerator.

Charge: “There are plenty of good ideas about how to achieve long-term deficit reduction that doesn't hamper economic growth right now.”

Response: Again Mr. President, we agree. The problem is that none of these plans have come from you or your Administration. House Republicans continue to cut government spending, introduce meaningful reforms to address our soon to be insolvent entitlement programs, and pass legislation to liberate this economy from the historically slow recovery caused by too much spending, too much borrowing, too much taxing and too much regulating. Unfortunately, Harry Reid and Senate Democrats continue to do nothing to address any of these issues.

Charge: “Of course, as worrisome as the issues of debt and deficits may be, the most immediate concern of most Americans and of concern to the marketplace as well is the issue of jobs and the slow pace of recovery coming out of the worst recession in our lifetimes.”

Response: Once again Mr. President, we agree with you. That is why House Republicans have a plan, [the Plan for American’s Job Creators](#) which reduces burdensome red tape and regulations job creators currently face, reforms our current tax code to promote job creation, and expanding markets to keep our nation competitive in a global economy.

A new study predicts that by the next century, Americans’ life expectancy could be over 100 years old. Which, by then, will also be the age at which they’ll be getting their first social security checks.

By Mallard Fillmore

From: [Tim Huelskamp](#)

Sent: Monday, August 08, 2011 11:16 AM

Subject: Why I Voted No

Dear Friends,

The madness of Washington, DC's habits will not be cured easily.

That's what we found out last week as Congress passed legislation which over the next two years will allow President Obama \$2.4 trillion dollars of new borrowing while only cutting government by just a bit over \$66 billion dollars. Yes, Barak Obama gets trillions to spend while Congress only "cuts" a few billion.

Sure, Washington-speak is saying they are going to cut trillions sometime in the future. But what they don't tell you is that a future Congress and a future President will make those cuts – not the current Washington crowd. How many times have we heard that over the years?

I voted against this debt limit deal because it doesn't fix America's spending problem.

You sent me to Washington to put a stop to the excessive spending, not pull the same old budget gimmicks. **We need real solutions – not just another insider deal.**

And what happens in 2013? Perhaps a new President, definitely a new Congress. And America's credit card will be maxed out – this time at \$16.7 trillion. So another debt "crisis."

I also have grave concerns with this legislation creating an elite "Super Congress" that will determine what the projected spending cuts will be. The Congress already has four committees who decide government spending. It's their job to determine what and how we should balance out budget – not another new elite committee.

Cut, Cap and Balance remains the only real solution to end Washington's budget tricks and gimmicks. This is the only plan that addresses the need to stop America's spending addiction and implements a long overdue Balanced Budget Amendment. **I was an original co-sponsor of Cut, Cap and Balance and we passed it in the House, but Harry Reid refuses to even bring it up in the Senate. But I will keep the pressure on to force that to a vote.**

While we were not able to make the necessary progress, we stood our ground and forced President Obama to make major concessions that angered liberals in his party. For the first time in decades Washington is talking about cuts in spending (albeit reductions in the rate of growth) and balanced budgets instead of spend increases and "stimulus" packages.

Media outlets across the country are **talking about the success of the Freshman Congressman who stood their ground.** And some are **calling on Speaker Boehner to appoint some of the to the spending committee** created by the bill.

The momentum is behind us. The future of America is ahead of us. And I am optimistic that if we stand strong, we can achieve real, significant spending reforms that force the federal government to live within its means – just as you do everyday. We have compromised on this issue for far too long now.

Yours in liberty,

Congressman Tim Huelskamp

Obama's become "a full-fledged disaster"

President Barack Obama may be a Democrat, but he is certainly no Harry Truman. Truman, the 33rd president of the United States had a sign on his desk that read, "The buck stops here!"

Obama, president No. 44, has chosen instead to pass the buck, claiming his country's economic troubles were inherited, and the majority of the mess on his desk is not his fault.

As a result, he's become a full-fledged disaster, eclipsing, even Jimmy Carter as the worst president in modern U.S. history.

Obama is drowning in his own purple prose, and is so in love with the sound of his voice that he cares not if his vacuous words do nothing to inspire confidence.

And he's becoming delusional. "No matter what some agency may say, we have always been and always will be a triple-A country," he said in a televised address to the nation.

What an offal load of tripe.

It was obvious who the markets believed. They believed the assessment of “some agency” named Standard and Poor’s that downgraded the U.S. federal government’s credit rating to AA+.

Even after Obama finished his buck passing, the markets continued to tumble. The Dow Jones moved further downward, losing more than 4 percent in a day before rising sharply and plummeting again in subsequent days.

Both the S&P 500 Index as well as the Nasdaq have lost substantial value.

The slight rebound Tuesday was more a result of the world not being able to afford to watch the U.S. go down than it was a belief in Obama.

Until the anomaly of Barack Obama came along, there was likely no one in this world who could have gone from the proverbial mail room to the CEO’s office without first working their way up the executive ladder.

Now he is showing us the reason why.

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Kansas Senators Block Former AG’s Appeals Court Bid

WICHITA – The chairman of the U.S. Senate Judiciary Committee said Thursday that it will not consider the nomination of former Kansas Attorney General Steve Six to the federal appeals court bench, deferring to opposition from the nominee’s Republican home state senators.

The terse statement from Democratic Senator Patrick Leahy, of Vermont, came as the committee was set to vote on Six’s nomination to the 10th Circuit Court of Appeals.

Senator’s Pat Roberts and Jerry Moran from Kansas sent a letter Monday to Leahy asking that the judiciary committee not take up Six’s nomination. It gave no reason for their opposition.

But Roberts broke his silence on Six’s nomination late Thursday in a lengthy state to The Associated Press saying he found Six’s testimony and written responses troubling, notably because he failed as the Kansas attorney general to see any constitutional defects with the new health care reform law.

“While this view runs counter to the overwhelming belief of many Kansans, and the decisions by two federal judges, it points to a larger issue concerning the proper role of government in our lives,” Roberts said. “And with all due respect, the average person can identify the constitutional defects in Obamacare.”

Roberts also said Six made a serious misjudgment when as attorney general when he deferred approval for a wiretap application to a subordinate rather than complying with current law requiring him to sign off on it.

From KS-Secretary of State Kris Kobach:

FHTP and other TEA Party/Conservative groups across the country are ***strongly*** urging you to contact your House Reps. & Senators ***this week*** to ask for their support of [HR.2497](#) [cross-ref [S.1380](#) in the Senate], The HALT Act, to stop Obama & Co. from halting deportations of thousands of illegal immigrants via executive order & "judiciary discretion".

The Obama administration is pursuing back-door amnesty for illegal aliens, pandering & vote-buying in the Latino community that can scarcely be more brazen unless they took out billboards on Times Square to advertise their actions... They failed to get the DREAM Act passed in Congress when they had full control, and now that a 2nd attempt at that legislation is no longer possible in a GOP-controlled House, they have fallen back on the tried-and-true method of Executive Order to do an end-run on the Legislature.

Don’t forget – Do it now!!

We join Mr. Kobach in his call for speedy passage of HR.2497 & S.1380 to forestall any such bad behavior by the Executive branch...Contacting your Congress members is extremely important – DO IT NOW!!

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

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

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

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