

The Patriots' Truth

Flint Hills TEA Party News

ON OUR CALENDAR

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

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JANUARY 14, 2012 – MONTHLY MEETING – 9:30am – MANHATTAN CITY LIBRARY Auditorium

FEBRUARY 19, 2012 – CONSTITUTION BEE - KSU Forum Hall – 2:30pm

In an effort to bring 2011 to a close and a good beginning for 2012 I contacted our 4 Congressional Representatives asking them to send us an end of the year message. The following are the results of that request. I placed the responses in the order I received them. Please, note the contact info of your Rep!!

Tim Huelskamp is the House of Representative from District #1 in Kansas. The telephone numbers for his offices are: Dodge City: 620-225-0172; Hutchinson: 620-665-6138; Salina: 785-309-0572; Washington D.C.: 202-225-5124. Rep. Huelskamp welcomes your contact any time.

Dear Members of the Flint Hills Tea Party,

Thank you for the opportunity to submit reflections from my first year in Congress.

Though Washington remains gridlocked, the tenor of the conversation has changed from “How much can we spend?” to “How much can we cut?” This is a major accomplishment for a town and government accustomed to ballooning budgets year after year. However, at the same time, I remain concerned about how some are satisfied with trimming only a few million or billion dollars here when we have trillion-dollar-plus annual deficits. It is not enough to say that we have cut spending that is set to take place eight or nine years from now; we have to make cuts TODAY. It is not enough to merely trim the fat from a few optional spending programs; we have to make changes to the programs that are driving our \$15-trillion-and-growing debt, namely Medicare and Medicaid. Smart, sensible, and common-sense reforms for Medicare and Medicaid would save and secure it for those who need it most while also improving the financial state of our federal coffers.

The President has recognized that the American people and Congress will not consent to his agenda of growing the size and scope of government legislatively, so he has taken to flexing the muscle and might of his bureaucrats. The EPA and HHS are among the prime weapons the Obama Administration is using to attack our economy. The litany of EPA regulations on energy and agriculture threaten jobs in Kansas. ObamaCare not only threatens the bottom lines of many of our small businesses, but HHS rules threaten patient care, access, and above all else, privacy. The House has attempted to address the overreach of the Obama Administration by passing legislation to rein in excessive regulation and to lift the barriers to prosperity that the Administration has erected. Unfortunately, the Senate has been complicit in the President's ambitions, having failed to take up about two dozen House-passed bills to reduce overregulation, to unleash the private sector to create jobs, and to enhance domestic energy production. On top of that, it has been about 1,000 days since the Senate passed a budget. Talk about abandoning responsibility!

Stalemate will likely continue in 2012 due to the major ideological differences between the President and Congress. In the upcoming year, I will continue to prioritize principles over politics, the long-term over the short-term, and the individual over the government. Any legislation that conveys a sense of “Washington knows best,” will lose my vote. We need to scale back Washington's influence in our families, our communities, and our businesses, and re-center decision-making closest to home. I invite each of you

to stay in contact with my offices throughout the year. At our virtual and award-winning office (<http://huelskamp.house.gov>) you can find up-to-date information about my votes, statements, op-eds, and news releases. Please also feel welcome to reach out to me through the Kansas offices located in Dodge City, Hutchinson, and Salina.

Best wishes for a happy, healthy, and prosperous new year!

Sincerely,
Tim Huelskamp
Member of Congress

The following is from Lynn Jenkins, Representative of the Congressional House from District #2 in Kansas. The telephone number of her offices are: Pittsburg: 620-231-5972; Topeka: 785-234-5966; Washington, D.C.: 202-225-6601. Rep. Jenkins welcomes your contact at any time.

"This year House Republicans have shifted the conversation in Washington from how best to grow government under the Obama-Pelosi regime to how best to shrink government, cut spending, and give the American people back the liberty they were promised in the Constitution. The center piece of this effort has been our plan to create a more positive environment for economic growth and job creation. **The House** has passed more than 30 jobs bills that reduce burdensome regulation, cut government spending, and put the power back in the hands of the American people. **The House** also voted for a full repeal of Obamacare, as well as piece by piece repeals to systematically dismantle the President's signature job crushing legislation. **However, the repeal effort fell short in the Senate and virtually no piece of seriously conservative legislation even received serious debate in the Democrat controlled Senate.**

It can get frustrating to see little of our conservative legislation, like the House's Path to Prosperity budget, our Cut, Cap and Balance legislation and our full repeal of Obamacare, become law. **However, I'm an optimist, and I think it is important to recognize the momentum shift we were able to facilitate with the Republican House. Last Congress, the Obama Administration and the Pelosi-Reid Congress brought us bail outs, failed stimulus plans, trillion dollar deficits, massive unemployment, and record breaking national debt. In the short time the Republican's have had control of one half of one third of the Government, we have put the brakes on Obama, Pelosi, and Ried's, reckless spending binge, and pushed forward conservative principles with initiatives. So while the House passed Balanced Budget Amendment, reforms to our auto-pilot spending programs like Medicare and Social Security and our efforts to allow the American people, not the Federal Government, to be in charge of their health care decisions may not be law, they are closer to reality today because of the work of the Republican controlled House.**

As we look toward 2012, I believe we can build on these efforts. Our first priority will continue to be getting our economy back on its feet and the American people back to work. I believe that the best way to do this is to get Government off the backs of the American people, let hard working taxpayers keep more of their hard-earned money, and allow the private sector to do what it does best, grow and thrive. I look forward to continuing to work on these efforts with my conservative colleagues in the House and on the Tea Party Caucus. While the President may be more interested in elections than governing in 2012, you have my assurance that I, and my conservative colleagues, will continue to fight tooth and nail to shrink the size of Government and increase individual freedoms."

The following is from Mike Pompeo, Representative of the Congressional House from District #4 in Kansas. The telephone number of his offices are: Wichita: 316-262-8992; Washington, D.C.: 202-225-6216. Rep. Pompeo welcomes your contact at any time.

Congressman Mike Pompeo: Year in Review for Tea Party Patriots

Combating Wasteful Government Spending; Decreasing the Size & Scope of Government:

- With Congressman Pompeo's support, the House of Representatives lowered discretionary spending two years in a row for the first time in two generations. Congressman Pompeo personally introduced five amendments, two of which passed the House, which would have cut a total of over \$630 million in wasteful spending. The amendments to H.R. 1 were created to:
 - Eliminate \$500 million for a Department of Defense (DoD) slush fund.
 - Eliminate \$115 million for alternative energy programs inside the DoD.
 - Cut \$8.5 million for the Greenhouse Gas Registry, which is used by the Obama Administration to implement its job-killing Cap-and-Trade emissions scheme.

○ Eliminate the International Forestry Program, saving the taxpayer \$7.4 million. This program's funds are wasted planting trees in China and paying for field trips for Mexican school children to study migration patterns of Monarch Butterflies in Mexico.

○ Delay implementation of a consumer product safety database until it could be reworked to prevent the posting of false information.

● At every opportunity, Congressman Pompeo has continued to advocate eliminating wasteful spending. This year alone, he has co-sponsored legislation that would have cut more than \$955 billion in federal spending, according to estimates from the National Taxpayers Union Foundation. **ENERGY:**

Working to End Energy Earmarks:

● Energy subsidies waste money and lead to higher gasoline and electricity bills for hard-working Kansans.

● Congressman Pompeo introduced The Energy Freedom and Economic Prosperity Act (H.R.3308) to end **all** energy tax credits and stop the government from picking winners and losers in the energy sector.

● Congressman Pompeo is also pursuing those members of the Administration who are accountable for losing over \$500 million of your tax money on Solyndra. Congressman Pompeo believes the government should not use taxpayer dollars to bail out failing businesses or grant political favors.

ENDING WASTEFUL PROGRAMS AND AGENCIES:

● Congressman Pompeo introduced the EPA Student Nondiscrimination Act. This bill would end an Environmental Protection Agency fellowship program that uses your tax money to train environmental activists.

● He also introduced the EDA Elimination Act of 2011 to defund the Economic Development Administration. If successful, this bill would be the largest elimination of a federal department in decades. Senator Jim DeMint has introduced a companion bill in the Senate. If passed, the bill would save \$300 million in tax money each year.

STANDING UP FOR GENERAL AVIATION:

● Congressman Pompeo introduced the Blocked Aircraft Registration Request (BARR) Preservation Act, in order to ensure general aviation users have the privacy they need and deserve and the Pompeo language is now law.

● He also has fought vocally and publicly against President Obama's demonization of the general aviation industry. He has also strongly opposed general aviation user fees, which if enacted would devastate the industry.

PROTECTING FARMERS & RANCHERS IN KANSAS:

● Congressman Pompeo shepherded the Farm Dust Regulation Prevention Act of 2011 to House passage. This bill would ensure the Environmental Protection Agency does not regulate farm dust kicked up by ordinary farm and agriculture activities.

FIGHTING TO REPEAL OBAMACARE:

● Congressman Pompeo co-sponsored and voted for the repeal of Obamacare, which passed the House overwhelmingly.

● Congressman Pompeo introduced H.R. 2961 to ensure the Obamacare Early Innovator Grant funding that Kansas and Oklahoma rejected would be used, upon return to the federal treasury, to pay off the debt instead of just going back into an Obamacare slush fund.

PRESERVING GUN RIGHTS:

● Congressman Pompeo has consistently voted in favor of bills and resolutions to protect the Second Amendment gun rights of all Kansans. For example, he's a firm supporter of The National Right-to-Carry Reciprocity Act of 2011, which allows individuals with concealed carry permits to carry a firearm in other right-to-carry states.

STOPPING ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION:

● Congressman Pompeo introduced the Build the Fence Now Act. This bill will require the construction of a double-layered fence along the entire U.S.-Mexico border. It would also require the use of unmanned aerial vehicles and satellites to monitor the U.S.-Mexico border and the U.S.-Canada border.

HONORING FATHER KAPAUN:

● Congressman Pompeo has worked hard to ensure that Father Kapaun, a Korean War hero and a native Kansan, posthumously receives the Medal of Honor award. Father Kapaun was a source of strength and protection for his fellow prisoners of war until his captors separated him and left him to die alone in a Chinese prison hospital.

● Congressman Pompeo testified before the House Armed Services Committee to respectfully request the Committee to waive the time limitation for issuing Father Kapaun the Medal of Honor. Because of Congressman Pompeo's testimony, a waiver was included in the National Defense Authorization Act and is now law.

The following is from Congressional Representative Kevin Yoder, Representative from the 3rd District of

Kansas. The telephone numbers for his offices are: Kansas City, KS: 913-621-0832; Washington, D.C.: 202-225-2865. Rep. Yoder welcomes your contact any time.

Dear Friends,

The enduring recession, crises in confidence over the government's seeming inability to act, and the government's bitter refusal to control the national debt have made 2011 a difficult year for many Kansas families.

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In the last year, we've managed to slow the growth of government and force discussions on important issues like balancing the budget and cutting the debt.

We've brought the fight to bureaucracies like the EPA and those created by the President's healthcare law, both in the legislature and the Courts.

In 2012, we will continue to press the offensive and demand a return to our roots in small, good government.

2011 in Review

Balancing the Budget

□ Small, Fiscally Responsible Government:

The government's failure to pass a Balanced Budget Amendment this year was disappointing, but bringing it to a vote was the right decision. You deserve a government that spends its money responsibly, and I will fulfill my promise of supporting reasonable, limited government spending.

These are the steps I took this year to fix the spending problem:

- Supported a Balanced Budget Amendment, and hundreds of billions of dollars in cuts to both spending and taxes. (H.J.RES 2)
- Voted for a budget that would reduce government spending and take serious first steps towards balancing the Federal budget. (H.CON.RES. 34)
- Will continue to support any reasonable measure to bring the size of the government under control and stop the expansion of unfunded liabilities.

Protecting Seniors □

Fighting to Protect Medicare Benefits:

The one issue that worries me most is the future of Medicare and Social Security. Thousands of seniors in the district depend upon these programs, and I won't compromise when it comes to protecting benefits you have already earned and paid for.

This is how I'm upholding my commitment to Kansas seniors:

- Voted for the first plan in history that would GUARANTEE that seniors keep the exact same Medicare benefits and strengthen the program for future generations. (H.CON.RES. 34)
- Opposed the President's Independent Payment Advisory Board, a panel of unelected bureaucrats who have the singular mandate of controlling costs by cutting care. (H.R. 452)
- Will continue to oppose any attempt to take away your benefits or control of your health care.

Creating Jobs

□ Cutting Taxes and Regulations:

In the first session of Congress, the House of Representatives have passed more than two dozen jobs bills. The Senate has failed to take action on any of these bills or pass any initiatives of their own to help our struggling economy.

These are the steps I have taken to help support Kansas job creators:

- Voted to repeal the 3% withholding tax, and passing three new free trade agreements. (H.R. 674, 3079, 3078)
- Voted for successful repeal of the President's job-killing 1099 requirement. (H.R. 4,)
- Introduced the Pause Act, which would pause all new Federal regulations for a year. (H.RES 402)
- Supported the Keystone pipeline, which would result in reduced energy costs and help create tens of thousands of American jobs.

Does Obama Think It's Beneath Him to Be President?

By Michael Goodwin, Published November 30, 2011, FoxNews.com

The words cut like a knife. “What the hell are we paying you for?” Gov. Chris Christie asked of President Obama. The New Jersey Republican has a gift for getting to the [heart](#) of things, and his broadside against the president over the debt bomb is Exhibit A. His assertion, framed as a question, makes the case against Obama better than anything heard from the actual candidates.

Christie’s decision not to run remains a disappointment, but he is a valuable player who can help sharpen the fuzzy aim of [Mitt Romney](#), the man he supports. Christie’s consistent theme is that Obama has defaulted on the responsibility to provide presidential leadership during a national crisis.

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On Monday, the GOP heavyweight called Obama “a bystander in the Oval Office” for ducking the congressional committee charged with finding \$1.2 trillion in deficit reductions over 10 years.

“I was angry this [weekend](#), listening to the spin coming out of the administration about the failure of the super committee, and that the president knew it was doomed for failure, so he didn’t get involved,” Christie said. “Well, then, what the hell are we paying you for? ‘It’s doomed for failure so I’m not getting involved?’ Well, what have you been doing, exactly?”

The questions are rhetorical in that we know what the president has been doing and why. He plays [golf](#) and campaigns.

Governing is beneath him.

He doesn’t talk much to members of Congress or his own Cabinet.

They’re beneath him.

His connection to the public consists of speeches before large crowds, and he ducks behind the curtain and into the security bubble as soon as he finishes.

The people are beneath him.

Warped by a sense of entitlement and self-aggrandizement, Obama refuses to take responsibility for finding practical solutions to problems. He prefers the glory of transformation rather than the roll-the-sleeves-up work of reform.

When he can’t get his way, he appoints a czar and ignores Congress.

Democracy is beneath him.

He could have brokered a deficit deal, but doing so would have demolished his campaign slogan that Republicans are to blame for everything. Any deal would give him ownership of the results, and end the fiction that politics are beneath him.

In fact, he’s all politics, all the time. His idea of bipartisanship is that everybody agrees with him.

He’s so bad at the job that the frequent comparisons to [Jimmy Carter](#) are unfair to Carter. The former peanut farmer was a terrible president, but he was at least sincere in his starchy disdain for the country.

Obama professes to really, really like America. He just wants to change everything about it.

And when the country says no thanks, he goes off script and the smears come out. We’re “soft” and “lazy” and “bitter” and “cling” to God and guns.

Much ink has been spilled trying to figure out what went wrong after such a brilliant, history-making campaign got him to the [White House](#). Obama smashed the Clinton machine and dispatched [John McCain](#) without breaking a sweat. Mount Rushmore was waiting.

But his first day in office marked the peak, and it’s been all downhill since. Deadenders, after blaming [George W. Bush](#), Senate Republicans and the [Tea Party](#), were forced to turn on their own, especially the economic advisers who are gone, [Larry Summers](#) and [Peter Orszag](#). They were the problems.

But there are no hiding places in the Oval Office and, after three years, it’s clear who the problem is.

The campaign of 2008 looked brilliant because campaigns showcase Obama’s one real [talent](#) — blaming someone else for blocking the way to Utopia.

On that basis, he got the job. But now we know the terrible truth: ***Actually being president is beneath him, too.***

Read more: <http://www.foxnews.com/opinion/2011/11/30/does-obama-think-its-beneath-him-to-be-president/#ixzz1fdUh26WQ>

It's Gonna Get Ugly, People!

This morning the Muslim Brotherhood warned the United States that if the United States continued meddling in Egypt, Libya, and other potential hot spots in the middle east, they intend to cut off America's supply of 7-11 and Motel 6 managers. ☐☐If this action does not yield sufficient results, cab drivers will be next, followed by Dell, AT&T and AOL customer service reps. ☐☐Finally, if all else fails, they have threatened not to send us any more presidents either. ☐☐It's gonna get ugly, people.

How to Break a Camel's Back By **Daren Jonescu**

Desirable as defeating President Obama is, the calamity awaiting America just a few paces further along its current path makes mere electoral victory inadequate. It is necessary that such victory be coupled with a greater triumph over an opponent more intractable than any mere Democrat - namely, the tide of anti-individualist morality, which has gradually swept the flotsam of entitlement, hyper-regulation, and disregard for the rights of others onto America's shores.

The problem is that the gradual nature of this tide has created its own dilemma, which is how to persuade people that another step in the wrong direction will take them to the point of no return, rather than being just "one more inconvenience." In my view, there is one issue - health care -- which might, if presented in the right way, serve as the moral tide-changer. What is required, however, is that the issue be fought not as a difference of opinion about how to achieve shared goals, or as a disagreement about the efficiency of a bureaucratized medical system, or even as one about the constitutionality of the individual mandate. Rather, the issue must be presented as a fundamental moral divide in the broadest terms: individual liberty versus serfdom.

I recently had the pleasure of being interviewed by Guy Green and Tony Bauer on their Minnesota conservative radio program, "[The Speakeasy](#)." As our conversation took place within 48 hours of the announcement of Kim Jong-il's death, and as I live in South Korea, we naturally spent a few minutes delving into the predicament of this divided country. I noted the resiliency of South Koreans in the face of a continual threat of aggression, affronts to their sovereignty, and murderous attacks on their citizens. Repeatedly, South Koreans react with anger and stern warnings -- but with restraint. Their capacity to absorb each new "provocation" is a testament to the human capacity to keep life livable through crisis and hardship.

The danger in this great resiliency, however, is that over a prolonged period of time, it becomes a mental habit that can obscure sound reasoning. What could be the "last straw" for people who have accustomed themselves to accepting any and all outrages? What, short of an all-out attack on Seoul, would rouse South Korea to decisive retaliation against the North's aggression? Thus, it can be expected that the "provocations" will continue.

A similar mental habit has developed throughout the Western world. One more tax hike or regulation, one more manufactured "right" to someone else's property -- each one obnoxious to those still capable of recognizing injustice, but no one case rising to the level of a last straw. By remaining always a simmering pot, rather than blowing the lid off, leftism, and its corresponding moral degradation, has achieved all that it could never have hoped to achieve through "revolutionary" reforms proposed all at once.

The challenge before conservatives, then, is that a broader revival of the constitutional spirit, achieved quickly enough to prevent societal collapse, is impossible without a way of bringing the moral core of constitutionalism to bear on current events in a manner that might touch those bred on the fuzzy moral thinking induced by the long-simmering pot of American leftism.

During the Obamacare fight in Congress, the strongest, clearest moral voice among the commentariat was that of Mark Steyn. As a Canadian who had lived with "national health care" in its developed form, Steyn defined with stark simplicity what the so-called health care debate is really about: who owns your body? The discussion of Obamacare must be carried forward on this footing by the Republican presidential nominee. Anything less is just politics as usual, and whatever it might render in short-term policy gains it will relinquish in long-term moral outcomes.

The Declaration of Independence enumerates the three interrelated primary rights, as Jefferson, adapting Locke, perceived them: life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. The first named, with good reason, is life. As Locke explains in his [Second Treatise of Government](#), the right to life means that "men, being once born, have a right to their preservation[.]" Self-preservation is the primary instinct, and hence the primary natural right, of human beings. As Jefferson's wise wording -- the *pursuit* of happiness -- implies, this right to self-preservation does not impose any corresponding duty on others to provide for one's preservation; it does, however, entail a freedom to pursue one's preservation through voluntary interaction with others who might be helpful in securing that end. Locke, in Chapter V, "Of Property," delineates the precise relationship between the right to life and property rights this way:

Though the earth, and all inferior creatures, be common to all men, yet every man has a property in his own person: this no body has any right to but himself.

That is to say that even in the state of nature, wherein the Earth is granted to men in common, one thing is never shared in common -- namely, a man's own physical existence. This is the sense in which the right to life is the fundamental right: a man owns *himself*, in a manner that logically precedes his ownership of anything else. His living body is his birthright; all else flows from that. And owning one's own living body *means* possessing the right of self-preservation, which in turn entails the liberty to pursue that preservation through voluntary relationships.

Government-run health care directly violates that fundamental right of self-preservation -- i.e., the right to life -- by limiting voluntary relationships between free men pursued in the name of that self-preservation. Government-run health care means that the state determines the means and methods of preserving your life.

Such health care systems lead to poorer care, longer waiting times for important procedures, the de-incentivization of medical careers, and, yes, death panels. All of this is secondary, however. If a government healthcare system could be devised that somehow avoided these traps, it would be unconstitutional nonetheless. The issue that matters most -- the moral issue -- is not, "Which system is the best means of providing for the preservation of the citizenry?" The central issue is, "Who gets to make the decisions about the means to a citizen's preservation: the citizen or the state?" If the latter, then the final line has been crossed -- the citizen belongs to the state, as property to a property owner. An owner has decision-making authority over the preservation of his property. If the state has decision-making authority over the preservation of your body, then you do not own yourself, Locke's fundamental natural right is undermined, and the U.S. Constitution isn't worth the paper it's written on. The United States of America ceases to exist as a constitutional republic founded on individual rights.

This is the ultimate significance of the transitional stage on the path to "universal coverage" that is Obamacare. This is the moral argument that might, if presented by a statesman with credibility and conviction in such matters, finally begin the superhuman task of turning back the creeping leftist tide with the necessary rapidity. This task is wholly unsuited to the so-called "frontrunners" of the moment, who have shown themselves to be policy men, and oblivious to the moral issue outlined here.

I have [previously](#) argued that Michele Bachmann is the candidate most suited to the moral argument for constitutionality. Hers is the call for repealing Obamacare that is expressed with the most urgency, as she stresses that this is the last chance to do it. She is right. Once a society relinquishes its right of self-preservation to the state, the slide into a presumption in favor of the "mother's love" notion of government is precipitous and all but irreversible.

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A note of appreciation goes out to all those hardy Patriots who worked the concession stand at the K-State home football games to help provide funds for the Flint Hills T.E.A. Party Educational Scholarship. Chuck Henderson, David Schafer, Darrel Wilson, Judy & John Ball, Tom Nichols, Karla Parsons, Erika Losonszky, Sandy Erichsen, Lee Modesitt, Sharon Greene, Robert Deemie, Pat Strathman, and Courtney Solberg. There's no better way of getting better acquainted than working together.

THANK YOU, Matthew Pennel and Chris Tawney for all your organizational skills, seeing that we had the 10-12 people each time to man the stand, being the money "runners", and inventory recorders.

Those earning recognition for persistence and determination are Linda Deemie, Helen Poppe, and Vicky Rodriguez, having worked all 7 of the games. They made it fun.

Strong Patriots who only missed 1 game were Rex Miller, Larry Tawney, and Marvin Rodriguez. Thanks, guys!!

Once again the Flint Hills T.E.A. Party was a shining example of a job well done!

A HUGE THANKS FROM ALL OF US TO ALL OF YOU!!!

On December 23, 2011 Chuck Henderson, Tom & Sylda Nichols, Chris & Larry Tawney, representing FHTP, held a conference call with Bill Roe from Rep. Lynn Jenkins Topeka office. FHTP requested information on the recent "Defense Bill". Bill assured us that Legal United States Citizens were NOT included in the "held indefinitely" clause and that it was written "solely for Foreign Terrorist". When we questioned further Bill said he would send us a web site where all of the Bill can be found.

Other Kansas Congressional Representatives have been contacted requesting an opportunity to

discuss this issue with them. Our fears are that words, clauses, verbiage can and will be interpreted to suit the reader. It must be admitted that there are those in the U.S. Federal Government would like by one means or another to silence free speaking U.S. Citizens. The upcoming election will only serve to anger and make such persons more desperate to silence the citizens speaking out to bring our country back to GOD, our Constitution, and We The People.

Later the same day we received the following for the text of the bill:

<http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/BILLS-112hr1540enr/pdf/BILLS-112hr1540enr.pdf>

Our reason for questioning this is because of research accomplished by Richard Fry, November Patriots, who has been researching this law for a period of time. The following is information from Richard Fry. Mr. Fry is of the opinion that any and all American citizens can and probably will be arrested with no means of reclaiming their freedom until the Federal Government decides to release them.

Those of you without computers can go to your local Library/friends and if you need to request help in doing this research do so. I'm sorry we are all so dependent on computers to keep updated, but that is the way it is. If any FHTP members can be of help let us know.

HR1540 Conference Report as Approved by the Senate

Source: <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/CREC-2011-12-12/pdf/CREC-2011-12-12-pt1-PgH8356-5.pdf>

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Subtitle D—Counterterrorism

SEC. 1021. AFFIRMATION OF AUTHORITY OF THE ARMED FORCES OF THE UNITED STATES TO DETAIN COVERED PERSONS PURSUANT TO THE AUTHORIZATION FOR USE OF MILITARY FORCE.

(a) IN GENERAL. — Congress affirms that the authority of the President to use all necessary and appropriate force pursuant to the **Authorization for Use of Military Force (Public Law 107–40; 50 U.S.C. 1541 note) includes the authority for the Armed Forces of the United States to detain covered persons (as defined in subsection (b)) pending disposition under the law of war.**

(b) COVERED PERSONS. — A covered person under this section is any person as follows:

(1) A person who planned, authorized, committed, or aided the terrorist attacks that occurred on September 11, 2001, or harbored those responsible for those attacks.

(2) A person who was a **part of** or **substantially supported** al-Qaeda, the Taliban, or **associated forces** that are engaged in hostilities against the United States or its coalition partners, **including** any person who has **committed a belligerent act** or has **directly supported such hostilities** in aid of such enemy forces.

(c) DISPOSITION UNDER LAW OF WAR. — The disposition of a person under the law of war as described in subsection (a) may include the following:

(1) **Detention under the law of war without trial until the end of the hostilities authorized by the Authorization for Use of Military Force.**

(2) Trial under chapter 47A of title 10, United States Code (as amended by the Military Commissions Act of 2009 (title XVIII of Public Law 111–84)).

(3) Transfer for trial by an alternative court or competent tribunal having lawful jurisdiction.

(4) **Transfer to the custody or control of the person's country of origin, any other foreign country, or any other foreign entity.**

(d) CONSTRUCTION. — Nothing in this section is intended to limit or expand the authority of the President or the scope of the Authorization for Use of Military Force.

(e) AUTHORITIES. — **Nothing in this section shall be construed to affect existing law or authorities relating to the detention of United States citizens, lawful resident aliens of the United States, or any other persons who are captured or arrested in the United States.**

(f) REQUIREMENT FOR BRIEFINGS OF CONGRESS. — The Secretary of Defense shall regularly brief Congress regarding the application of the authority described in this section, including the organizations, entities, and individuals considered to be “covered persons” for purposes of subsection (b)(2).

SEC. 1022. MILITARY CUSTODY FOR FOREIGN ALQAEDA TERRORISTS.

(a) CUSTODY PENDING DISPOSITION

"Worry looks around, Sorry looks back, FAITH looks up! So have FAITH" -----By Kathleen

The Working group of the FHTP are looking to the future of our organization. We are now several years old; we have a Core/Working group that has taken leadership and basically shouldered the monetary needs. We send our “news” to over 700 Citizens mostly in Kansas, but also around the Country, and snail mail over 60 Newsletters to those without computers to Kansans and across the Country. We are happy to do so and intend to continue. We want to continue to help inform our fellow Countrymen of what the Conservative point of view is and our views of how to correct Federal Government Control. Thanks, are gratefully extended to those who have generously contributed to help with our expenses. In the past year we have held several events (Rally in Riley; Tax Day; Sundown Salute; Booth at RL County Fair) which we passed the hat at our meetings to pay for. We, gratefully, thank those who contributed at those times. There are many of you who receive our info and tell us you appreciate it and want to continue receiving it. If each of you could see your way to sending us just \$5 - \$10 it would enable us to pay for our events for the coming year and a help to scholarship funding. Matt Pennell sent a like request to those of you with email and hopefully you responded favorably, but those of you on Snail Mail, Please, think of us also, we need you all. The small group that has been the mainframe of the organization cannot continue to shoulder the majority of the expenses. Expenses have been held to a minimum as much as possible, but to hold these events does cost something each and every time. If each of you gave \$5 - \$10 to be split between the scholarship and the TEA Party it would be great. Remember what is given to the Scholarship is tax deductible. Thank you for you help.

The following is from **Lloyd Marcus** of the “**Campaign to Defeat Obama**”, Thursday, Dec 29, 2011

My dear friends, I have some great news to report to you today!

The publication "Governors Journal" is out with their award for Governor Of The Year for 2011, and they have given the award to conservative Republican Gov. Scott Walker!

Here's an excerpt from their writeup:

(Madison, WI) - In 2011, Wisconsin Governor Scott Walker(R) served as the embodiment of the state by state battle to balance budgets and the best symbol of the struggle between the two political parties about how best to meet those fiscal challenges.

He has dominated the political debate on both sides. Defining the issues. He is cited by both Democrats and Republicans as the best of example of what is wrong, or what is right with a conservative approach to government. Although they will never admit it, many Democratic governors are different from Walker only in a matter of degrees.

One negative aspect that Governors Journal did cite was the RECALL campaign that has been launched against Governor Walker by leftist groups - including Barack Obama's political associates. Leftists will have ousted Gov. Walker from office if this nasty RECALL effort is victorious.

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Does this sound like a Governor that should be “RECALLED”? A Governor that stands up for the citizens he represents on issues that he stood for in his campaign sounds like a Governor I would stand with and support. Kansans only wish they had such a Governor instead of the Governor Switchback we are stuck with!!!

Patriot, we can't allow them to speak for us, or silence us. We are fighting for our nation, for our children ... Now is not the time to be silent.

**Conservative Patriot, America's True Voice on Friday, November 4, 2011:
MEET THE NEW GOVERNOR OF MAINE**

In case you haven't heard about this guy before, his name will stick in your mind!

The new Maine Governor, Paul LePage is making New Jersey 's Chris Christie look like an enabler. He isn't afraid to say what he thinks. Judging by the comments, every time he opens his mouth, his popularity goes up.

He brought down the house at his inauguration when he shook his fist toward the media box and said, "You're on notice! I've inherited a financially-troubled State to run. Observe...cover what we do...but don't whine if I don't waste time responding to your every whim just for your amusement."

During his campaign for Governor, he was talking to commercial fishermen who are struggling because of federal fisheries rules. They complained that Obama brought his family to Bar Harbor and Acadia National Park for a long Labor Day holiday and found time to meet with union leaders, but wouldn't talk to the fishermen. LePage replied, "I'd tell him to go to hell and get out of my State." The Lame Stream Media crucified LePage, but he jumped 6 points in the pre-election poll.

The Martin Luther King incident was a political sandbag which brought him National exposure. The lame stream media crucified him, but word on the street is very positive. The NAACP specifically asked LePage to spend MLK Day visiting black inmates at the Maine State Prison. He told them that he would meet with ALL inmates, regardless of race, if he were to visit the prison. The NAACP balked and then put out a news release claiming falsely that he refused to participate in any MLK events. He read it in the paper for the first time the next morning while being driven to an event and went ballistic because none of the reporters had called him for comment before running the NAACP release.

He arrived at that event and said in front of a TV camera, "If they want to play the race card on me they can kiss my ass," and he reminded them that he has an adopted black son from Jamaica and that he attended the local MLK Breakfast every year that he was mayor of Waterville.

(He started his morning there on MLK Day.)

He then stated that there's a right way and a wrong way to meet with the Governor, and he put all special interests on notice that press releases, media leaks, and all demonstrations would prove to be the wrong way. He said any other group which acted like the NAACP could expect to be at the bottom of the Governor's priority list!

He then did the following, and judging from local radio talk show callers, his popularity increased even more: The State employees union complained because he waited until 3 PM before closing State offices and facilities and sending non-emergency personnel home during the last blizzard.. The prior Governor would often close offices for the day with just a forecast before the first flakes. (Each time the State closes for snow, it costs the taxpayers about \$1 million in wages for no work in return.)

LePage was CEO of the Marden's chain of discount family bargain retail stores before election as governor. He noted that State employees getting off work early could still find lots of retail stores open to shop. So, he put the State employees on notice by announcing: "If Marden's is open, Maine is open!"

He told State employees: "We live in Maine in the winter, for heaven's sake, and should know how to drive in it. Otherwise, apply for a State job in Florida !"

Governor LePage symbolizes what America needs: Refreshing politicians who aren't self-serving and who exhibit common sense. Sounds like someone we could use running this country!!

THE LAW IS THE LAW!

So "IF" the US government determines that it is against the law for the words "under God" to be on our money, then, so be it.

And "IF" that same government decides that the "Ten Commandments" are not to be used in or on a government installation, then, so be it.

I say, "SO BE IT," because I would like to be a law abiding US citizen.

I say, "SO BE IT," because I would like to think that smarter people than I are in positions to make good decisions.

BUT... YOU KNOW WHAT ELSE I'D LIKE?

I would like to think that those people have the American public's best interests at heart. Since we can't pray to God, can't Trust in God and cannot post His Commandments in Government buildings, I don't believe the Government (Federal, State and Local) and its employees should participate in the Easter and Christmas celebrations which honor the God that our government is eliminating from many facets of American life.

I'd like my mail delivered on Christmas, Good Friday, Thanksgiving and Easter. After all, it's just another day.. I'd like the US Supreme Court to be in session on Christmas, Good Friday, Thanksgiving and Easter as well as Sundays. After all, it's just another day.

I'd like the Senate and the House of Representatives to not have to worry about getting home for the "Christmas Break." After all it's just another day.

I'm thinking that a lot of my taxpayer dollars could be saved, if all government offices and services would work on Christmas, Good Friday and Easter. It shouldn't cost any overtime since those would be just like any other day of the week to a government that is trying to be**"politically correct."**

In fact....I think that our government should work on Sundays (initially set aside for worshipping God..) because, after all, our government says that it should be just another day....

What do you all think??

If this idea gets to enough people, maybe our elected officials will stop giving in to the "minority opinions" and begin, once again, to represent the "majority" of ALL of the American people.

SO BE IT.....

Please Dear Lord,

Give us the help needed to keep you in our country!

'Amen and Amen'

"I hope this makes its way around the USA several times over!!"

Let's see that it does.

Friends, We are all in this together – What are some of **your** thoughts? You don't have to write a page, not even a paragraph, if you don't want to. Just send me your comments – a sentence or two. What is your greatest concern? I search the internet, write editorials, say a few words, you pretty much know what ticks me off. I want to know what your concerns are. Tell me about them and I'll try to find some answers. Let's work together to solve our Countries problems. Together we can bring GOD and our Constitution back to We the People!!

"The care of human life and happiness, and not their destruction, is the first and only legitimate object of good government." --Thomas Jefferson, letter to The Republican Citizens of Washington County, Maryland, 1809

Norman Mattoon Thomas (November 20, 1884 – December 19, 1968) was a leading American socialist, pacifist, and six-time presidential candidate for the Socialist Party of America.

The Social Party candidate for President of the US, Norman Thomas, said this in a 1944 speech: *The American people will never knowingly adopt socialism. But, under the name of "liberalism," they will adopt every fragment of the socialist program, until one day America will be a socialist nation, without knowing how it happened.*

He went on to say: *"I no longer need to run as a Presidential Candidate for the Socialist Party. The Democrat Party has adopted our platform."*

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

If you would like to send comments (just a sentence or two) to the editor – be my guest.

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

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