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## The Patriots' Truth

## Flint Hills TEA Party News

Next meeting July 11 - 9:30am [location TBA - watch for your e-mail Agenda], have your concerns ready. The Working Group meetings at McAlisters, 5:30-10pm, Wed. evenings are come and go, at your convenience. Bring your concerns for discussion. Your concerns are important. In this publication what is in green is my opinion, other colors are just for getting attention. Changes in font are for letting readers know it is a change of subject or person speaking. I would like to include your opinion/concerns. With the help of the LORD we will prevail!! Let us pray!!

## Mother Shackled because Son Didn't Have Doctor's Note

Posted on May 22, 2015 by Mark Horne on Political Outcast

A sick son on the honor role who missed "too many" days of school gets a mother shackled by police.

Our schools are beachheads for the state to launch totalitarian invasions. When you see a mother shackled, you are witnessing the state claim that this person is a dangerous criminal. No "rhetoric" about "procedure" can change or soften that fact.

Giles is facing charges because her son missed more days of school than the school "allows." According to her, the uneducated delinquent is on the honor roll.

Obviously, the community needed police resources used to protect them from this dangerous mother.

Giles commented on Twitter that an arrest warrant was issued Thursday, and she turned herself in. She now faces a new court date, despite her son's stellar grades – four As and four Bs – and his recent status as Student of the Month.

She wrote about the experience on her Facebook page.

"I am home. I was actually placed in ankle shackles!! I was told that doing so is procedure," Giles posted. "I was respectful and followed directions. Sheriff Mike Kile allowed me to leave after being booked and photographed without having to call a bondsman. I will call tomorrow to get my court date. Thanks for the support!!"

After a little research, Giles realized that neighboring school districts implement several interventions and communications with parents about student absences before resorting to handcuffs, and she launched a GoFundMe page to help fight back against the system.

Giles wrote that she wasn't informed about her son's absence problem until days before her arrest warrant was issued.

This isn't the first time we have written about the police state grabbing parents over child truancy. One mother ended up dying in custody while serving jail time because she couldn't afford to pay the fines.

With that in mind, this response from the school is simply infuriating:

WTOC television station contacted Screven County School Superintendent William Bland, who didn't seem overly concerned about Giles' plight.

He told the news site that several other parents have been jailed this school year, and officials are simply following the law

"It's important for these children to be in school and I think the courts recognize that," Bland told WTOC.

What is amazing about this story is that Giles is a substitute teacher herself and she is a loyal public education participant. If this is how the school will treat such a person with an Honor Roll son, imagine what they will do to homeschoolers!

Giles has put her home on the market. She is effectively trying to flee political persecution from a school district. Read more at: <a href="http://politicaloutcast.com/2015/05/mother-shackled-because-son-didnt-have-doctors-note/">http://politicaloutcast.com/2015/05/mother-shackled-because-son-didnt-have-doctors-note/</a>
This article is the perfect example of "going overboard". If I understood correctly, this Mother was never contacted by the School Superintendent; also the Mother never contacted the School Superintendent for a discussion of her child's health problem. As I see it each of them were guilty of not completing the contact. What I don't understand is why neither of them had not contacted the other to make an effort to solve the problem of the child NOT being in class instead of the police being called and having her arrested, shackled and all involved without any effort to work the problem out beforehand. On the other hand, why didn't the Mother

go to the school to discuss her child missing that much class time? Obviously, the Mother did not intend to contact the school BECAUSE the child was on the Honor Roll - her error. Our kids school attendance is much like our attendance at our job – if we are not there for medical reasons we tell them at the onset, then after a period of time we need to make contact for updates. Procedure or not ankle shackles was ridiculous!! I don't care what "procedure" there is also, or I hope there is, intelligence and human understanding. However, I guess that has been thrown aside – look what happened in Baltimore. If human caring and intelligence had been present that man might still be alive - GOD willing. This discussion could go on and on what happened to caring about one another? Anything on a personal scale is no longer a consideration much of anywhere. That is much of the problem in this Country and around the World. No one is allowed/encouraged to have personal/individual feelings. We are all just lumped into one big law breaking, horrible heap everyone's bad – "treat all as bad and rough as you can and maybe they won't be around for it to happen again" what happened to the Golden Rule – "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you". GONE – LONG GONE!! Pray & learn. Pray long & hard, that's our only chance for consideration & reasonableness.—even tho that is a very slim chance. No there is another choice. Christians are sitting back and letting non-Christians take over & ruin our God Faring Country! IF we are to get our Country back we MUST show GOD that WE care. Get off your duff and take part in making laws that are fair to everyone. Contact your elected officials at all levels - how are they to know if YOU don't tell them. Are you just too lazy or are you just "too good" to be bothered? We are fast loosing our rights for so many things – act NOW or be prepared for AGENDA 21 – the choice is your!! Why should WE expect GOD to do it all – HE just might want us to show him we CARE!!!

# When you feel like you're drowning in life, don't worry Your Lifeguard walks on water!!

From THE DAILY SIGNAL — SOCIETY COMMENTARY

## My Father Was Gay. Why I Oppose Legalizing Same-Sex Marriage.

Dawn Stefanowicz / April 13, 2015 / 312 comments COMMENTARY BY

Dawn Stefanowicz — Dawn Stefanowicz is the author of "Out From Under: The Impact of Homosexual Parenting."

It took me decades to come to my views on same-sex "marriage" in light of my personal experiences. From infancy, I was unwittingly identified under the gay, lesbian, bisexual and transsexual (GLBT) umbrella. During the first 30 years of my life, I garnered many personal, social and professional experiences with my father, whom I always loved, and his partners. My father, a successful executive recruiter, taught me a strong business ethic.

### My Childhood

I was exposed to a lot of expressed sexuality in the home and subcultures. I experienced uncountable losses. Gender was supposed to be boundless; yet, I did not see my father and his partners valuing, loving and affirming women. My father's preference for one gender (male) created an inner sense of inequality for me.

As a dependent child and teen, I was not allowed to say anything that would hurt the feelings of the adults around me. If I did, I could face ostracism or worse. During my twenties, I achieved both academic and career goals, but for a long while, I denied the impact my childhood had had, and lied to protect my father and his partners.

In 1991, my father died of AIDS. None of my father's partners/ex-partners are still alive.

I did not have all the words to express my thoughts and feelings until my late twenties and early thirties, so it took a while before I went public, but I knew that my father never would have supported same-sex "marriage." Naturally, he knew that every child is created from both a father and a mother. He never required me to call any of his sexual partners "dad;" instead I called each of them by first name. My father told me that he always wanted children.

#### The Push to Quiet Me and Others

Due to media silencing, political correctness, GLBT lobbying efforts and loss of freedom of speech, it is very hard to tell my story.

But I am not alone. Over 50 adult children from alternative households, plus ex-spouses with children, and

parents who have left the "gay" lifestyle have contacted me. Very few children will share their stories publicly.

For many of us adult children of gay parents, we have come to the conclusion that same-sex marriage is more about promoting adults' "desires" than about safeguarding children's rights to know and be raised by their biological parents.

I feel so strongly about this issue that I have testified before lawmakers in Canada, regarding hate crime legislation, same-sex marriage and age of consent laws, and I have testified in nine U.S. states, to the 5th Circuit, and to the Supreme Court, and in other countries.

#### How Same-Sex Marriage Has Changed Canada

Statements like this are lies: "Permitting same-sex couples (now also "throuples") access to the designation of marriage will not deprive anyone of any rights."

When same-sex marriage passed in Canada in July 2005, parenting was immediately redefined, removing parentage from its biological origins. Canada's gay marriage law, Bill C-38, included a provision to erase the term "natural parent" and replace it across the board with gender-neutral "legal parent" in federal law. Now, all children have "legal parents," as defined by the state, which means parental rights have been usurped by the government. How is this LESS discriminating than how it was to begin with? Just discriminating in the other direction.

In effect, same-sex marriage permits state powers to override the autonomy of biological parents. Necessary parental rights to teach children your beliefs, express your opinions, and practice your personal faith are infringed upon by the state when your beliefs, opinions and or faith practices are in opposition to what is taught and promoted at school. In fact, in Ontario, Canada, the Human Rights Commission regulations permeate and surround all public education.

For example, if you teach your children that same-sex sexual relationships are wrong and that every child has a father and a mother, and that only man-woman sex in marriage is allowed, you run the risk of thought police questioning your beliefs, especially if your children discuss these subjects in the classroom.

Consequently, parents experience state interference when it comes to moral values and teachings about family, parenting and sex education in schools. Also, children are deprived of knowing and being raised by both their biological father and mother since same-sex marriage allows for children to have same-sex parents where at least one parent is unrelated to the child.

Additionally, since the undefined term "sexual orientation" was added as a protected category under Canada's hate crime law in 2004 and same-sex marriage became legalized in 2005, guaranteed fundamental freedoms of the Canadian Constitution have been reinterpreted, eroded and/or nullified by activist courts and quasi-courts with no real juries, also known as the Human Rights Commissions. The federal Human Rights Commission (HRC) has had a three-decade 100 percent conviction rate for hate speech.

Though Section 13(1) of the Canadian Human Rights Act was repealed in 2013, which came into effect in 2014, many people believe that a similar act will be proposed soon after the 2015 federal election. At the same time, many of the Canadian provinces have similar hate speech codes with high conviction rates, which effectively restrict speech and blogging freedoms. Activists and special interest groups have long supported censorship of speech and internet communications in Canada.

Human Rights Tribunals/Commissions in Canada police speech, and penalize upstanding citizens for their speech and expressions in opposition to particular sexual behaviors. It takes only one complaint against a person to be brought before the tribunal, costing the defendant tens of thousands of dollars in legal fees. The Commissions have the power to enter private residences and remove all items pertinent to their investigations, checking for hate speech.

Yet the plaintiff making the complaint has his legal fees completely paid for by the government. Even if the defendant is found innocent, he cannot recover his legal costs. If he is found guilty, he must pay fines to the person(s) who brought forth the complaint.

#### Religious Freedoms Under Attack in Canada

Under the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms, which forms the first part of the Constitution Act 1982, everyone was to have been guaranteed the following fundamental freedoms: (a) freedom of conscience and religion; (b) freedom of thought, belief, opinion and expression, including freedom of the press and other media of communication; (c) freedom of peaceful assembly; and (d) freedom of association.

In Canada, freedom to assemble and speak freely about man-woman marriage, family and sexuality are restricted.

In reality, these freedoms have been restricted. Businesses must provide goods and services to all customers, without regard to business owners' conscience rights. Employers' hiring practices cannot discriminate, even if a potential employee's sexual practices and relationships are frowned upon. (For example, a religious college couldn't refuse to hire someone who didn't share the college's views on sexuality without risking a Human Rights Commission complaint.)

Freedom to assemble and speak freely about man-woman marriage, family and sexuality are restricted. Activists often sit in on religious assemblies, listening for anything discriminatory towards GLBT, so a complaint can be made to the Human Rights Commission. Most faith communities have become politically correct to avoid fines and loss of charitable status.

Canadian media is restricted by the Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission, the media censoring arm of government and similar to the Federal Communications Commission. If the media air anything considered discriminatory towards GLBT, broadcasting licenses can be revoked, and Human Rights Commissions can charge fines and restrict future airings.

I am a witness and I don't want America to lose her hard-won freedoms as my fellow Canadians have Marriage must remain between a man and a woman to the exclusion of all others.

After reading this, I was taken back. I DO NOT want the same changes in the USA that have taken place in Canada. As I see it the non-gay families are as discriminated against as the gay families felt they were in the beginning. That isn't any more fair than where they were in the beginning – just in favor of the other group. Where do we find the middle where no one is discriminated against? I thought Ms Stefanowicz father went a bit over board – but then I'm not gay. Did she have a physical, female, Mother in her life? And if so, what part did she play in this scenario? WOW!!! Talk about confusing – no wonder it took her decades to sort all this out. Reread this – is this better than where we are now? I don't think so. Give this long and hard thought when changing of the laws in favor of the GLBT are brought up in your community or country!!! Again – Let us PRAY!! But we already know where GOD stands on this and what the BIBLE says. KEEP PRAYING & PRAYING!

## Walker To Obama: You Can't Pick Which Part Of The Constitution You Support

Wisconsin Governor Scott Walker lit up the National Rifle Association crowd at their annual conference on Friday. Walker received numerous standing ovations from the audience and boasted about his favorable rating from the gun rights organization.

"I'm proud of my A+ rating as governor. Some on the Left might call it a Scarlet Letter but I consider it a badge of honor," he said. "It's about protecting the rights of law-abiding citizens to possess firearms – but it is bigger than just that. It is all about freedom – the very thing our founders spelled out in our nation's Constitution."

"Sometimes I think that the current occupant in the White House forgets that when the president is sworn in he takes an oath to 'preserve, protect and defend the Constitution of the United States," Walker continued. "Well Mr. President, the 2nd Amendment is part of the Constitution. You don't get to pick and choose which part of the Constitution you support. Preserving, protecting and defending it is not optional. It's mandatory." Read more at <a href="http://minutemennews.com/2015/04/walker-to-obama-you-cant-pick-which-part-of-the-constitution-you-support/">http://minutemennews.com/2015/04/walker-to-obama-you-cant-pick-which-part-of-the-constitution-you-support/</a>

## On Friday, May 29, 2015 4:21 PM, "NJ Willauer" wrote:

## **NANCY'S JET IS GONE**

It's gone, gone, gone, never to return.

Well, looks like the old broad of the House will have to pay her own way back and forth to California (Mexifornia). The Air Force took her jet away from her.

Read the article below.

#### **USAF TOOK NANCY 'S JET AWAY** (verified by Snopes)

The real reason that Nancy Pelosi is considering retiring is that they took her Jet away. Ah, poor baby! As a result of a Judicial Watch filing under the Freedom of Information Act [FOIA], the USAF released documents detailing House Speaker Pelosi's use of United States Air Force aircraft between March 2009 and June 2010.

The data are published in the Judicial Watch Verdict of December 2010, Volume 16, Issue 12. Here are the main highlights revealed by the USAF.

Keep in mind that all the data below relate to United States Air Force aircraft used by one woman over a sixteen-month period.

Several of these flights included Ms. Pelosi's guests, such as grown children, grandchildren, various in-laws, friends and hangers-on. Over 95% of the trips were between the west coast and Washington DC, for what you might call a commute between home and the office.

READ it and WEEP!

Total trips: 85 over a 68-week period, or 1.25 average trips per week. Total mileage: 206,264 miles, or 2,427 average miles per trip.

Total flying time: 428.6 hours, or an average of 5 hours per trip. Cost to the taxpayers: \$2,100,744, or \$27,715 per trip, or \$1,285,162 per year!

Cost of in flight food and alcohol: \$101,429; \$1,193 per trip; \$62,051 per year.

On one junket to Baghdad, according to the Air Force report, she had the aircraft bar stocked with Johnny Walker Red scotch, Grey Goose vodka, E&J brandy, Bailey's Irish Cream, Maker's Mark whiskey, Courvoisier cognac, Bacardi rum, Jim Beam whiskey, Beefeater gin, Dewar's scotch, Bombay Sapphire gin, Jack Daniels whiskey, Corona beer and several varieties of wine.

This was obviously a *very* important "gubment bidness" trip.

Evidence generally speaks for itself, and in Ms. Pelosi's case it speaks the language of abuse and (evidently) a serious familial drinking problem, for in a single year she and her spawn drank an amount in excess of the net income of the average employed American!

USAF told her she "can either fly on her broom, or fly Southwest Airlines, where bags fly free."

If you are an AMERICAN citizen it is YOUR DUTY to PASS THIS ON. Because you won't see this reported on MSNBC, or ANY Liberal *mis*-INFORMATION Station.

Backup Proof: When she said, "If the stimulus doesn't pass, five hundred million people might lose their jobs", I thought she was unintentionally revealing her ignorance. I'm now more inclined to think she was pickled. Even though she can no longer abuse the privilege.

More: <a href="http://www.judicialwatch.org/press-room/press-releases/judicial-watch-uncovers-new-documents-detailing-pelosis-use-air-force-aircraft/parate">http://www.judicialwatch.org/press-room/press-releases/judicial-watch-uncovers-new-documents-detailing-pelosis-use-air-force-aircraft/parate</a>

Madame Pelosi wasn't happy with the small private jet that comes with the Speaker's job, no, Madame Pelosi was aggravated that this little jet had to stop to refuel, so she ordered a Big Fat 200-seat jet that could get her back to California without stopping!

Many, many legislators walked by and grinned with glee as Joe informed everyone that 's Nancy's Big Fat Jet costs us, the hard working American tax payers, thousands of gallons of fuel every week.

Since she only works 3 days a week, this gas guzzling jet gets fueled and she flies home to California, cost to the taxpayers of about \$60,000, one way!

As Joe put it, 'Unfortunately we have to pay to bring her back on Monday night.' Cost to us another \$60,000. Folks, that is \$480,000 per month and that is an annual cost to the taxpayers of \$5,760,000. No wonder she complains about the cost of this war, it might cramp her style and she *is* styling, on my back and yours.

I think of the military families in this country doing without and this woman, who heads up the most do nothing Congress in the history of this country, keeps fueling that jet while doing nothing. Madame Pelosi wants you and I to conserve our carbon footprint. She wants us to buy smaller cars and Obama wants us to get a bicycle pump and air up our tires.

These people are nuts.

This is old news – I thought it interesting. It shows WHY our country is so far in debt. This type of unnecessary spending explains/tells of the stupidity and inconsideration of some of those we elect. This is why we MUST be SO VERY CAREFUL who we elect. When we get a "GOOD GUY" like Tim Huelskamp that listens to us and fights for us. Who is willing to be shot down by the "Big Wigs" in Washington to stand up for us and what WE NEED and WANT. We need to KEEP him there!! The Dr. running against Rep. Huelskamp admits he will go to Washington to work with others and "get along" and all you have to do to know LaPolice is a "do nothing" is listen to his "flimflam". Fortunately, we figured him out in the last election. Don't know how much obvious it can be ---- WE HAVE THE BEST – LET'S KEEP THE BEST!! KEEP TIM HUELSKAMP!!!!

#### From: Willie Nelson

No joke... Cut the checks of those causing the hold up... Why do the ones who have already physically, mentally, and emotionally paid their debt have to be the one getting their funds cut?

Dear Mr. President. I heard you say you would not guarantee SS checks if the debt ceiling isn't raised... Why is it the scare always has to do with the SS, our Soldiers pay, & Medicare???? WHY NOT STOP YOUR PAY, YOUR STAFF'S PAY, OR CONGRESS PAY??? Let's hold the paychecks of ALL House & Senate members and see how fast they resolve this mess.

Thank you Florida, Kentucky, and Missouri, which are the first States that will require drug testing when applying for welfare. Some people are crying and calling this unconstitutional. How is this unconstitutional???? It's OK to drug test people who work for their money, but not for those who don't? ... Re-post this if you'd like to see this done in all 50 states. If you can afford to buy drugs and extra illegal things when you can afford your own groceries.

This is GREAT!!! I thought Kansas was going to do this, but they got too wrapped up in Tax Problems to be bothered with much else. This is what has needed to happen from the beginning of "free money". Many welfare recipients are also substance abusers – illegal substance abusers – that receive money they do NOT work to receive. Personally, I do NOT believe anyone should receive money/benefits "free" unless they are physically and/or mentally handicapped. There are many "jobs" that those needing help could do to EARN the money they receive. In my view, the objective of "welfare" is to "temporarily help" the individual provide for their household until they can secure the ability to provide for said household. In the beginning of "welfare" it was a limited time of help – today it is never ending. That IS WRONG!!! There is NO REASON a working person should be forced to support someone unwilling to work just because they are lazy. If they are not willing to be drug tested they don't really need the money. Perhaps they need to have their groceries and other necessities purchased for them and not be given money at all. I do want to Thank Florida, Kentucky, and Missouri for setting this example. It will be interesting to follow and learn. KANSAS LEGISLATURE – ARE YOU PAYING ATTENTION???!!!

Why are Democrats so afraid of the TEA Party?
Because they want the Government to obey the Constitution. Is that like asking atheists to obey the Ten Commandments? Worse!!!

Taken from Boombox by Dixon Diaz

With apologies to Aaron McGruder



June 22, 2015

Dear Friend,

Unfortunately, the culture in Washington puts power first, money second, and then principles only when they are convenient. The result is – far too often – special interests are put ahead of the American people.

My job as an elected representative is to vote my conscience and my constituents. I never forget that I swore an oath to the Constitution, and it is my duty to stand up for our shared conservative principles.

This past week, four of my conservative colleagues in Congress were stripped of their leadership positions. The retribution by the GOP Establishment came about because of a single vote on a procedural motion – not even because of their stand on the substance of a bill.

<u>As I know all-to-well, these retaliatory tactics by GOP leaders are not new.</u> But they are becoming more and more common — GOP leaders take away campaign contributions from PACs, Committee assignments and Sub-Committee Chairmanships.

The message being sent to rank and file Republicans by GOP Leaders is "give us control of your voting card or face the consequences."

I am not afraid to stand up against bulling tactics by the Establishment, but I need your help to keep doing it! The next FEC fundraising deadline is just a week away. The GOP Establishment has already targeted me for defeat by running ads against me and by recruiting a wealthy challenger fifteen months before the August 2016 primary.

Having an opponent now means I have to start campaigning even earlier this time around. Every dollar you help me raise the next eight days will help ensure I can run the type of campaign necessary to keep this seat in principled conservative hands.

If you are tired of Washington D.C. insiders punishing constitutional conservatives, please consider making a generous contribution of \$25, \$100, \$250, \$500, \$1000 or even the maximum \$2700 today.

Yours in Liberty, Tim Huelskamp Congressman Tim Huelskamp

Representative Huelskamp has been TRUE BLUE to us – doing what he promised to do when we elected him. Not many Congress members can make that statement. Now it is OUR turn to continue to support Tim. As we elected other Republicans to work side by side with him we didn't always elect the ones that would actually do that. We have two individuals declaring to replace Rep. Huelskamp – we must stop them – send them back where they came from. They are NOT NEEDED in Kansas Congress!!! We have who we need when we have Congressman Tim Huelskamp!!! Please, support Rep Huelskamp financially as well as verbally. Here is your opportunity!! If you would like to mail a check, please make payable and mail to:

Kansans for Huelskamp

PO Box 410

Fowler, KS 67844

Tim needs our help -- and WE OWE HIM BIG TIME!!!!

Ben Franklin said, "Yes, we must, indeed, all hang together, or most assuredly we shall all hang separately." Almost 250 years after King George's reign of terror, those times appear to be approaching all of us once again.

## EDITORIAL By Larry Tawney

Dr. Roger Marshall "a Republican candidate" for the Big First Congressional District of Kansas brought his family and friends to Manhattan, KS to announce his bid against Tim Huelskamp. In his own words, it is a campaign that he has been putting together since before 2014.

Well, the biggest thing that I will say about this candidate, he is no Milton Wolf, who ran a close campaign in 2014 against Senator Pat Roberts. The fact is simply that Dr. Marshall has very little or no grassroots support that I can find.

I suspect, his announcement here in the "Little Apple" was really to gain support from the "I'm not a Tim Huelskamp Fan" club. That was evident by the local Republicans that turned out.

Candidate Marshall spent most of his time giving an introduction of family and friends, a background history of his life up to the point of his announcement of his Big First run. After history and introductions there was relatively little time for the few questions asked.

Question regarding Common Core and Education: His answer — Local and State control plus Federal government and we will be fine. "As you know we are in a battle now about the education of our children with Local, State and Federal governments over who is responsible for our children's education."

Question on the "Unaffordable" Health Care: The good doctor said, "that he sees the impact over intrusive regulations; his cost increases and less time spent on patient care with the increased time spent on government mandates." Yet Dr. Marshall thought he would see what could be kept in place and was not for rolling it back.

Dr. Roger Marshall made it plain that he would be a great representative who would work across the aisle in Congress. That's what Tim Huelskamp doesn't do!! REALLY???

I guess if you want to be honest we don't NEED another Boehner-like representative in Washington, DC. We certainly don't need more intrusive Federal Government Control. Don't expect this candidate to go to Washington to do OUR bidding. It seems that special interest in Ag and Energy along with National Bio-Defense already has his ear and is welcoming his ability to get along and go along with the entrenched leadership.

The Big First has a great Congressman in Tim Huelskamp.

Tim Huelskamp is for the People of Kansas, the Constitution, and Principles. Tim Huelskamp is NOT for the special interests and Big Government crowd.

My guess is the "Do Nothing" Republicans are behind Dr. Marshall. They will encourage and back him in running against Congressman Tim Huelskamp. Should he be elected they will then expect him to make every effort to ACCOMPLISH NOTHING in Congress like they do. There are those who talk big, start working on projects – like making the Veterans Hospitals become productive and actually serving the Veterans as needed – then backing off before the objective becomes fact and pretending they have done something. We DO NOT need more of that type of Congress members!! We have a Congressman who sticks with a project until it is accomplished – that is why Rep. Huelskamp was taken off the Ag committee, he insisted on completing his tasks. We DO NOT NEED another Congress member that will KISS UP to the pretend Republicans and accomplish nothing. Remember all the promises made to us before the last election? "Elect me, I'll do so much!!" What have you seen House

and Senate accomplish since they were sworn in last January? Has ObamaCare been challenged? Has the cost of drugs gone down? Have Army/Navy/Air Force Chaplains been allowed to do the jobs they were put in the Services to do? Have things improved for our farmers to be able to make a better living? Have the Executive orders from the President become less or better or previous ones cancelled out? Are our borders more secure? Are the bombing issues in our Country being addressed? Is Congress living under the same laws other citizens are? I could go on and on but why? We elected those making those promises, but AGAIN we have been lied to. Congressman Tim Huelskamp is shunned and punished at every turn — WHY? Because Rep. Huelskamp is making a huge effort to do what he promised us, his constituents, he would do. He now has two opponents for the coming election BECAUSE Tim Huelskamp is a man of his word. When an improvement would NOT BE MADE why change. We have a good man representing us, why change? Support Rep Huelskamp verbally, financially, and in the voting booth. A smart citizen/voter will hang onto a good thing when they can -WE CAN AND WE MUST KEEP TIM HUELSKAMP AS OUR CONGRESSIONAL REPRESENTATIVE!! WE OWE REP. HUELSKAMP THE FAITH AND SUPPORT HE IS SO WILLINGLY GIVING US. Keep the Huelskamp family in your prayers as we pray for our citizens, service men and women, and our Country. GOD bless you all and GOD BLESS AMERICA!!!

## **Lawmakers Back Navy Chaplain Facing Discharge**

CBN News Washington Sr. Correspondent Monday, April 06, 2015

A chaplain in trouble with the Navy for his Bible-based views is getting some help from on high.

by PAUL STRAND

Lt. Commander Wes Modder, a chaplain at the Naval Nuclear Power Training Command in Goose Creek, South Carolina, is waiting for a potentially career-crushing decision from military officials.

According to *The Christian Post*, Modder faces possible discharge and the loss of his military retirement.

Modder's lawyer said several sailors complained about what the former Navy SEALs chaplain to the told them in private counseling sessions.

His alleged misdeeds include saying that homosexuality was wrong and premarital sex was shameful.

Those views fall well within the teachings of Lt. Com. Modder's Assemblies of God denomination.

Now 35 lawmakers have sent the Navy a letter pointing out the U.S. Congress passed concrete protections for service members' and chaplains' free exercise of religion.

"Chaplains in the military must be allowed to fully and freely represent in word and in deed the faith communities that have endorsed them," the letter read. "Chaplain Modder should be free to counsel according to his biblical faith on the issues of sexuality, morality, and any other issue."

Michael Berry, an attorney with the Liberty Institute, described the letter as an "almost a veiled chiding by the members of Congress saying, 'We meant what we said when we said that we want you to protect religious freedom for our service members."

Berry points out that before these accusations, past commanders praised Modder, calling him a "national asset" and "best of the best" when it came to Navy chaplains.

\*\*\*CBN News will talk exclusively with Chaplain Modder later this month.

This is a subject that concerns me greatly. The Liberals are out to destroy this country from every angle. My question is, "How can they be so stupid?" When they have accomplished their goal, they will have destroyed this great country for themselves as well as for their political opponents. We will all be SOL and the great USA will be nonexistent. What will they be in control of? Some day, some how they will surely realize they are in control of NOTHING!!! How can we wake them up to what they are doing? It is remarkable how ignorant people can be. Our great Country has been working pretty well for 200 years by following the Constitution. Slowly the

Liberals have been guiding the Country away from the Constitution and what it stands for. Individuals are receiving less and less Constitutional benefits. I have no doubt that sooner or later we will have to fight for our rights as our forefathers did. Are you ready to do battle for yourself and your country?

## 2015 Legislative Update No. 17 from Ron Highland, Rep. of the 51st District

The longest session in Kansas' history is finally over. As I have explained before, the various groups within the Legislature differed on how to solve the revenue shortage. That made finding an acceptable solution difficult. In the end, the Governor is responsible for the budget, but the law requires the Legislature to come up with a balanced budget to present to the Governor for his signature. The Governor made it clear that he would veto any budget proposal that contained any tax changes affecting businesses. If the Legislature had passed a budget with the changes he did not want or a budget that did not balance, the Governor would have used his veto power and the result would have been a special session. This would have been devastating to many people. No checks could be written for state workers or the agency's commitments to their projects or the people they serve. I voted yes on the bill that the Governor agreed to sign.

Turning our state toward a more fiscally sound direction has not been easy. Kansas was in last place of all the states in private sector job growth and losing population. Our government became so bloated that we ranked 48th in the nation with the number of public employees (696.3 per 10,000 population). In addition to this, Kansas ranked 49th place for the unfunded liability in the state pension fund, KPERS. Since 85% of all workers work for a small business with 10 or fewer employees, it was time to support this backbone of the Kansas economy and become competitive with our surrounding states. Of the ten states with the most economic growth, nine of them have no state income tax. Our state is headed in this direction.

So where are we today in the midst of this turnaround? Since Governor Brownback took office there has been an increase of 49,400 private sector jobs as of 2014. Kansas is now ahead of its surrounding states, except Oklahoma, with an economic outlook ranking of 18th in the nation. Payments to KPERS have almost doubled to address the decades of pension benefit increases without the necessary increases in funding.

The budget bill does several things. First it raises the sales tax from 6.1 to 6.5% on all sales. To lessen the burden on those of lower income, the bill included provisions for eliminating any tax payments from many more citizens. According to Kansas Department of Revenue Office of Policy and Research, in Pottawatomie County, 2806 previous lower-income taxpayers will not have to pay any income taxes in the future. The numbers are 4,766 for Lyon County, 6,732 for Riley County, 25,971 for Shawnee County, and 954 for Wabaunsee County. Also, the food tax rebate remains in effect for taxpayers meeting the requirements. The cigarette tax was increased by 50 cents, to discourage smoking as the primary reason.

The bill also contains a provision for an outside agency to evaluate the departments within Kansas government. We know that a simple budget cut across the board results in the cutting of the front line employees and cutting of programs that bring emotional responses from the citizens. The purpose of the audit is to identify where waste and/or inefficiencies are located that can be dealt with responsibly. Many have expressed displeasure with the budget and its passage because they wished the budget had taken more cuts of government. This audit moves us in that direction based on careful and accurate evaluations.

We worked hard to develop the Block Grant for schools, and also passed Senate Substitute for HB 2135 that protects the money budgeted for the Dept. of Education and employer contributions to KPERS from being used in any budget transfers. The Block Grant bill gives the school districts more money than they received last year and each of the next two budget cycles. While KPERS is now included in the education accounting, the money allocated is more than the previous year even without

including KPERS funds. Did they receive as much of an increase as they wanted? No, but it did give them more local control and flexibility over their funds coming in and unencumbered cash they each had on hand. The Dept. of Education web site shows in-depth accounting for you to look at the finances for the schools. We all should remember that the State Constitution and current law places the control of schools at the local level with the Kansas Board of Education's oversight.

Tax policy is always in flux, and there will be opportunities in the upcoming sessions to remedy negative or missing parts of the tax bill. In the past, I have mentioned that there needs to be an evaluation of all of the many sales tax exemptions in Kansas. Why should renewable energy sources not be paying their share of sales tax, especially while much of this energy produced in Kansas is sent out of state? There is a great deal of revenue tied up in these exemptions that could help to reduce the general sales tax rate to a lower level. But, as with all decisions, they need to be made after careful research and deliberation.

This session was productive. Changing all elections to November was a big step toward including more voter involvement in all elections. The conceal carry law was to protect our second amendment rights, the prohibition of dismemberment abortions was for life, and the requirement for voter approval for property tax increases by taxing authorities was seen as an improvement in voter involvement in their government.

My time away from Topeka has been busy with several interviews, radio shows, forums, chamber meetings, and I am trying to catch up on duties neglected at home. I was honored to be asked to judge the Kansas Cowboy Poetry Contest, but due to another late-night session, Linda filled in for me and thoroughly enjoyed the event. This week I have been invited to attend two meetings with teachers. I am interested in hearing what they say about the hindrances they encounter, and I also want to hear how they feel the system can be improved. I look forward to meeting with many of you during the summer and autumn months ahead.

We return to the Capitol on Friday, June 26th for Sine Die, the official end to the session. This usually is only a formality but an error was discovered in a bill that must be corrected so we will have one bill to vote on that day. That error was making the law for voter approval of property tax increases to go into effect this July instead of Jan. 2018 as the Legislature intended.

If you wish to review the list of bills the Governor has signed into law, you can go to his web site, <a href="https://governor.ks.gov/media-room/media-releases">https://governor.ks.gov/media-room/media-releases</a>.

My email address is working and I check it several times a day at <a href="mailto:ron.highland@house.ks.gov">mailto:ron.highland@house.ks.gov</a>. Thank you for the honor and privilege to serve you.

I want to thank Rep. Highland for his dedication and hard work. It has been with the help of Rep. Highland and others like him that decisions were made. Even though many of us are not happy with certain decisions made this Legislative Session, I want to thank Rep. Highland for representing us as he has. It has NOT been easy for Rep. Highland. GOD be with you and your family, sir. GOD BLESS KANSAS & AMERICA!!!

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