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Meetings are first Tuesday of every month,
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From The Chairman

Well, we have had our party re-organization elections, first I want to thank Alan Rader and his committee for the outstanding job they did on the election. Next I want to thank all of you who voted for me to continue as your Chairman. We have a great new executive committee, your Vice Chairman is Rusty Welch, Secretary Robert Ross, Vice Secretary Jordan Iwanyszyn, Treasurer Lance Persson, and Vice Treasurer Bill Prall. It is now time to get down to business. I am hoping for some great things for the PCRCP in the next two years. At our April 4th meeting we established six committees - Membership, Fund-Raising, Technical/Communications, Public Information, Special Events, and the Headquarters Operations Committee. We had several people sign-up for each committee. If you did not have an opportunity to sign up for one of the committees, there is still time. I am looking forward to great things coming from these committees.

We have the new Time-Line for this year- things we have planned for and things we can add if needed. This Time-Line is just a plan so that we know where we are going. We can make adjustment as we move along in the year. You can pick-up a copy of the Time-Line at the headquarters if you did not attend the last meeting.

Another exciting thing is happening. We are going to paint the outside of the building, and on the wall facing Washington Ave, there will be a mural of President Reagan. I think that is really going to be impressive. That mural is being donated by Dave Roland, and painted by Ron Sweeney. The building prep was done by Dave Rolands crew and the primer coat paint is being donate by Joe Maxwell owner of Upper Cumberland Decorating. The funds to pay for the building prep came from Rafael Guzman and Dean Wilson. I want them to know how much we appreciate their generosity, and making this possible.

I do not know how many of you saw the article in the newspaper about the Democrats and their re-organization and the fact they now support a building and are getting more organized. In the article it said, "We used to always be a blue county, but now we're not, at least not in the last few elections". I believe we can feel good about our presence on the square. They know we are here, and were not going away.

Please come and be a part of our county party. This year I want us to become more organized as a party, work on new membership and developing new by-laws. My vision is for this party to grow and prepare for the elections in 2012. Join us as we build a better State and lead the way for our Nation and its restoration. If we work together, we can once again be a "Shining City Upon a Hill."

Curtis Shinsky



GET'ER DONE" --- "SHUT 'ER DOWN"

By Steve Moore

The media is making the word "shutdown" a dirty one. They say that people will be furloughed right and left and that the country will suffer irreparable damage. Actually, one in five will be furloughed. They'd have us believe that university research will cease, National parks will close, private companies that rely on government contracts will have to close. Summer youth programs will be affected. Homeowners won't be able to rehab their homes; some may not be able to buy a

home. About 29K people in Tennessee would take a "vacation." But, just as soon as these people go back to work, they will get their back pay. Sort of like that oil filter commercial in which you could pay me now or pay me later. Well, those Federal Government employees will get paid -- only later. But they will be paid.

Did you note that Federal Government employees enjoy a median salary of \$53,510 while non-Government employees have a median income of \$45,194? That's over an \$8K disparity. On average, Federal Government employees system-wide do make more than private sector employees. Where does all that money come from? Need I really ask?

The White House has ordered agencies to keep quiet relative to what or what not would be funded if a shutdown were to occur. That's typical of the Federal Government. Treat its subjects like mushrooms--keep us in the dark and covered up with excrement. This silence will encourage the media to concoct fearful stories that will antagonize the general public. It's called fearmongering. The Government at all levels is a master at it, especially the Federal Government and its lap dog media.

A shutdown of the Federal Government will show just how far and insidious its tentacles reach into our lives. Is it possible that following a shutdown, the Federal Government could trim a lot of jobs? Those who surf the Internet, play Solitaire or otherwise waste public funds in their cubicles could be permanently cut. And, don't forget all those "shovel leasers." Shutdown is a good word. A good shutdown would purge those non-essentials, superfluous Federal Government employees.

Question: Since the Dems controlled Congress and the Executive Branch of government for two years, why didn't they pass a budget for F.Y. 2010-11? The media is scurrying around like cockroaches trying to find people who will be inconvenienced if the Federal Government shuts down on. Remember 1995?

Let the games begin!



PCRP GOALS

BY JOHN W PAUL

Recently, I was asked to write an article for our monthly news letter. So, here we go.

There are several issues at hand, but one of the most important ones is the 2012 election. I want to address the need and seriousness of our team working together to see that the job (2012 election) from the local level gets off to a good start. Far too many ideas, companies, or elections have failed, due to a poor start.

Goal # 1. Our team (PCRP) should be unified, and we should be in one accord with each other so our outcome from our county will be a success. The other parties would like nothing more than to hear or see that our camp has discord from within.

You may or may not know that beginning in January 2011 there are 10,000+ individuals turning 65 EVERY DAY in this country. These people are known as the Baby Boomers, and I just have to believe that they are Red Blooded, Flag Waving, God Fearing, and Apple-Pie Eating Americans that believes our nation is going in the wrong direction.

Goal #2. Should be to find these individuals and ask for their help (vote) to place America back on track. It will be nothing short of a miracle to accomplish this great task. We can no longer look to our local party officials (or anyone else for that matter) to get the job done. We must be willing to set the example and go for the sake of our families and our country. We can achieve these goals by the help and Grace of God and by the hard work of the Putman County Republican Party.



2012

By Paula Tyler

Think it is too early to start thinking about the presidential election in 2012? Maybe you already have your candidate of choice picked out. The field has been officially filling up and because Fox News has announce that as a co-sponsor of the May 5 Debates in South Carolina candidates must conform to the following criteria to participate.

- Must register a presidential exploratory committee or have announced a formal campaign for president; and
- Must file all necessary paperwork with the Federal Elections Commission (FEC); and
- Must file all necessary paperwork with the South Carolina Republican Party; and
- Must have paid all federal and South Carolina filing fees; and
- Must meet all U.S. Constitutional requirements; and
- Must have garnered at least an average of one percent in five national polls based on most recent polling leading up to April 29th, 2011

According to Fox News, former Minnesota Gov. Tim Pawlenty (R), former House Speaker Newt Gingrich (R), Rep. Ron Paul (R-Texas), former Sen. Rick Santorum (R-Pa.) and former Louisiana Gov. Buddy Roemer (R) have all committed to participating in the debate. <http://thehill.com/blogs/blog-briefing-room/news/155255-gop-candidates-must-file-to-enter-first-2012-debate>

I don't think it is too early to start vetting the field of candidates. It is up to us as Republicans and citizens to choose the BEST. We should not waste time on emotions, or good ole boy networks. We need a strong candidate that is not afraid of conservative issues, who will stand strong with America, who will follow the constitution and who will lead America out of the mess we are in. 4 years ago, in my honest opinion, a very big mistake was made by the GOP putting forth John McCain as their man of choice. The best thing going for him was Sarah Palin! He was a weak candidate that refused to engage Barak Obama, everything was off the table, we need a candidate that will engage, and as above stand strong!

Please spend a lot of time investigating the candidates; a good sound bite does not a good candidate make. List the issues, see how the candidates voted; do they pass the smell test, be informed.

The following is a list of candidates, it may not be complete, and some may not make it through to the end, but please start doing your homework.

Sarah Palin	Newt Gingrich
Michele Bachmann	Mitch Daniels
Ron Paul	Tim Pawlenty
Mike Pence	Donald Trump (may run as an independent)
Michael Steele	Mike Huckabee
Jim DeMint	John Thune
Mitt Romney	John Boehner
Christ Christy	

Next Newsletter, I will provide more information on the candidates and where we are at in the process to choose a new President. I am convinced if Obama gets a second term, this nation may not survive. We must and we can make a difference!

You must always ask: Is this authorized in the Constitution? Where exactly in the Constitution? And precisely what is authorized by the Constitution?



The GOP is headed to Reelecting Obama in 2012

By Lance Persson

They say that the mark of insanity is when you keep doing the same thing and expect different results. If that is true, then the National Republican Party is not sane. They are doing the same thing in the current 2012 presidential race that they did in the 2008 presidential race. That is, having far too many candidates who spend over a year telling voters why every other candidate seeking the nomination would make a lousy president. Now how much sense does that make?

Of course the news media and the talk shows love all the conflict. But the results are that Republicans and independents become split and never clearly see what the issues are and what each of the candidates really stand for.

Common sense would say that you start an evaluation as to what qualities the voters want to see in a president, identify what the most important issues are to the voters, and then quickly eliminate those candidates that that have the least to offer.

From my perception, the most important qualities that a candidate should have is:

- proven moral values
- an ability to clearly express themselves
- an ability to lead and motivate people
- a proven record as to where they stand on the major issues

Additional important characteristics would be:

- name recognition
- ability to relate to and attract voters from within the Republican Party, the Tea Party, minority groups, and voters from both sexes.

The most significant issues I see are:

- the direction of moral values within our country
- providing jobs
- addressing the rising deficit
- immigration and border control
- moving towards a smaller government
- belief in the constitution as the founding fathers intended, as opposed to the belief that the interpretation of the constitution needs to be "bended" to meet changing times.

The process is not complicated, but it is unlikely that the National GOP, the state GOPs or even the local GOP party organizations will follow this common sense approach. The reason is that people act out of their own self-interests but attempt to mask their selfish motives by putting up a front indicating that they are acting in the behalf of others.

Does anyone think that the candidates that are suddenly throwing their hats in the ring are doing it because they honestly believe they are so much more qualified than the current major candidates? I sure don't.

It is my sincere hope that our Republican Party members will open their eyes to the reality of the situation, make changes that focus on the party platform, put their own personal gain aside and start working on a selection process which results in a candidate that will bring us a GOP landslide and a highly qualified president.



The Oath Of Office: The Check On Usurpations By Congress, The Executive Branch, & Federal Judges.

By Publius Huldah.

Rush Limbaugh recently ¹ castigated our putative president for announcing that his regime would not enforce the Defense of Marriage Act. Rush said:

"...He's ordering his Justice Department not to defend a federal law. Nobody has said the law is unconstitutional other than Obama and Holder, and they don't have the power to do that ... For a president to ignore a federal law ... for him to act as legislature and court ...is hugely troubling ..."

Newt Gingrich commented to the same effect to [Newsmax on Feb. 25, 2011](#); and added that "it's a violation of his [Obama's] constitutional oath" and "could lead to a constitutional crisis".

Not so, Rush & Newt! Actually, it is a President's *sworn duty* to refuse to enforce any unconstitutional "law" made by Congress. And contrary to the misinformation with which we are constantly bombarded, judges are **not** vested with exclusive authority to declare Acts of Congress unconstitutional.

The Truth is that a President, the States, local governments, and individual citizens, together with the courts, **all** have the **Right & Duty** to overrule - to spurn & cast out - unconstitutional laws made by Congress. For it is a fundamental [though long suppressed] Principle of our Founding that an unconstitutional "law" is no "law" at all - it is a "mere usurpation, and deserves to be treated as such".

Our Framers placed "Oaths of Office" in the Constitution. When honored, these Oaths function as "checks" on the powers of the federal government and protect us from usurpations. **Each Branch of the federal government has "the check of the Oath" on the other two branches.**

The States, whose officials also take the Oath of Office, have the same check on all three branches of the federal government.

And WE THE PEOPLE, the "original fountain of all legitimate authority" ([Federalist No. 22](#), last para), have the Right to overrule violations of the Constitution by elected & appointed officials.

Ignorance of Our Founding Principles

WE THE PEOPLE forgot our Founding Principles. Conservative lawyers, politicians, judges, "intellectuals", and radio & TV pundits don't know them. The lawyers uncritically accepted what they were told in law school, and the non-lawyers accept what other people say. **No one learns The Constitution - no one thinks independently** - like Dufflepuds, they chant the prevailing dogma. As a result, our Country spirals downward at an ever quickening pace.

But if *you* read on, *you* will learn seven of our Founding Principles:

1. Who Really Is The Boss? WE THE PEOPLE? Or the Federal Government?

WE THE PEOPLE **created** the federal government when we ordained & established the Constitution for the United States of America. WE **created** the three branches of the federal government and itemized the powers WE granted to each branch. ² Neither the Legislative, nor the Executive, nor the Judicial Branch may **lawfully** do ANYTHING unless WE authorized it in the Constitution. WE are the Creators; those in the federal government, be they Senators, Representatives, federal judges, Presidents or other officials, are merely our "creatures". When they disobey the Constitution, **WE** are to take action. In [Federalist No. 33](#) (5th para), Alexander Hamilton says:

"If the federal government should overpass the just bounds of its authority and make a tyrannical use of its powers, **the people**, whose creature it is, **must appeal to the standard they have formed [the Constitution], and take such measures to redress the injury done to the Constitution as the exigency may suggest and prudence justify.**" [emphasis added]

Did you get that? Read it again.

2. Congress' Powers are Enumerated

In the Constitution, WE authorized Congress to make laws *only* on those objects WE listed in the Constitution. Those few objects on which WE authorized Congress to make laws applicable throughout our Country are itemized at **Art. I, Sec. 8, clauses 1-16** (and in a few Amendments). [Here](#) is an explanation of Congress' Enumerated Powers.

3. When is a "Law" Not a Law?

When it's a usurpation! I.e., when Congress makes any "law" which the Constitution does not authorize it to make. Our Framers understood that civil governments seek to expand their powers; but when *our* federal government does so, its acts are **VOID**. In [Federalist No. 33](#) (last para), Hamilton says a law made by Congress which is not authorized by the Constitution,

"...would not be the supreme law of the land, but a usurpation of power not granted by the Constitution..." [boldface mine]

In [Federalist No. 78](#) (10th para), he says:

"...every act of a delegated authority, contrary to...the commission under which it is exercised, *is void*. **No legislative act ... contrary to the Constitution, can be valid. To deny this, would be to affirm...**that men acting by virtue of powers, may do not only what their powers do not authorize, but what they forbid."
[emphasis mine]

Do you see? If Congress makes a law which is not authorized by the Constitution, then it is no "law" at all. It is a "mere usurpation" - it is "**void**" and "**not valid**".

4. What is the "Rule of Law"?

Article VI, clause 2, says the Constitution, and the Laws & [Treaties](#) **authorized by the Constitution**, are the "supreme Law of the Land". The [Rule of Law](#) prevails when the civil authorities obey The Constitution. [Webster's 1828 Dictionary](#) says for "Constitution":

"...In free states, the constitution is **paramount** to the statutes or laws enacted by the legislature, **limiting and controlling its power**; and in the United States, the legislature is created, and its powers designated, by the constitution."

If any Branch fails to obey the "supreme Law", then, in order to preserve the Rule of Law, the other Branches, or failing that, the States or THE PEOPLE, **must overrule them**.

5. What Does the Oath of Office Actually Say?

Article II, Sec. 1, last clause, sets forth the President's Oath of Office:

"I do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will faithfully execute the Office of President of the United States, and will to the best of my Ability, preserve, protect and defend **the Constitution** of the United States."

Article VI, clause 3, provides that all other representatives, officers & judges (federal and state) are bound to support **the Constitution**.

6. The Check Provided by the Oath of Office

The Key is this: One's Oath is pledged to **The CONSTITUTION** - the Oath is NOT to go along with Congress, or to obey the Executive Branch, or submit to federal judges.

The President's "Check" on Congress and Federal Courts:

Say Congress makes a "law" which says Jews must wear a yellow star on their arm; Christians, a white cross; & that it's a felony if they fail to wear the armbands. Imagine you are President. You vetoed the bill; but Congress overrode your veto. Are you going to enforce that "law"?

Look at your Oath of Office. Does your Oath require you to obey Congress³ unless & until five people on the supreme Court say you don't have to? And even if those five side with Congress, will you allow U.S. Attorneys to prosecute Christians & Jews who don't wear the arm bands?

Or will you look at your Oath of Office which recites that your Sworn Duty is to "preserve, protect and defend **the Constitution** of the United States". *The Constitution* - not whatever law a majority of people in Congress pass & five people on the supreme Court approve. If you are faithful, you will review Art. I, Sec. 8, clauses 1-16, and you will ask, "**Where is Congress authorized to make a law which requires Christians & Jews to wear armbands?**" You will see that The Constitution does not authorize Congress to make the law, and you will see that the supreme Court's opinion upholding it is unconstitutional. You will denounce the pretended law & judges' opinion as "mere usurpations", and you will instruct the Attorney General & U.S. Attorneys NOT to prosecute violations of that pretended "law".⁴

Four Checks on Federal Judges:

We were told in law school that the supreme Court is the ultimate authority on the Constitution, and when they [or rather, a majority of five] speak, we must all scurry to obey. *Rubbish!*

The Oath of Office (Art. VI, last clause) does require judges to strike down "laws" made by Congress which are unconstitutional. Hamilton recognizes in [Federalist No. 78](#) (9th para, et seq.) that judges have the power to strike down unconstitutional "laws".

But *this* is the only "check" law students hear about! Since they *don't know* about The Federalist Papers & (thanks to progressive education) *can't think*, they graduate law school believing that the only "check" is that of federal judges to declare laws made by Congress unconstitutional ("judicial review"). They believe that *no one* has a check on the supreme Court - that *their* word is final.

Not so! Federal judges are not gods. They are morally & intellectually *fallible* people who (as our Framers saw) can cause dreadful harm to our Country when they connive with another Branch.

Thus, they are subject to "the check of the Oath" for *their* usurpations - checks imposed by Congress, the Executive Branch, the States, and THE PEOPLE:

(a) **Congress must** impeach & remove federal judges who usurp power - they serve during "good Behaviour" only (Art. III, Sec.1). Hamilton discusses impeachment of usurping judges in [Federalist No. 81](#), 8th para.⁵ So yes! **Congress** may review the propriety of judges' opinions!

(b) **The President must** refuse to go along with unconstitutional opinions. Hamilton saw that federal judges might become "**embarked in a conspiracy with the legislature**" ([Federalist No.16](#), next to last para). So the President is bound by Oath to reject unconstitutional "laws" even when approved by the supreme Court. And Hamilton understood that it might be appropriate for a President to refuse to enforce a federal court opinion. He says in [Federalist No. 78](#) (6th para):

"...The Executive not only dispenses the honors, but holds the sword of the community. The legislature not only commands the purse, but prescribes the rules by which the duties and rights of every citizen are to be regulated. **The judiciary** ... has no influence over ... the sword or the purse; no direction ... of the strength or of the wealth of the society; and **can take no active resolution whatever. It may truly be said to have neither FORCE nor WILL, but merely judgment; and must ultimately depend upon the aid of the executive arm even for the efficacy of its judgments.**" [caps are Hamilton's, other emphasis mine]

Do you see?

(c) **The States must nullify** unconstitutional opinions.⁶ State officers & judges are bound by Oath to support the Constitution (Art. VI, last clause). So they too are Honor bound to refuse to comply with unconstitutional federal court opinions, as well as unconstitutional federal laws, executive orders, & [pretended treaties](#) which affect them & their Citizens.

7. The People Have The Ultimate Power & Responsibility to Enforce The Constitution

For too long, we have shirked our Responsibility to enforce The Constitution - we let the supreme Court be in charge.

Look at what they have done with the power we relinquished to them: They approved Congress' massive & grotesquely unconstitutional expansions of federal control over our lives [e.g., their "[interstate commerce clause](#)" & "[general welfare clause](#)" jurisprudence]; they [outlawed the Faith of Our Fathers](#) & used [the 14th Amendment](#) to bring about a radical redefinition of "Liberty" *as freedom from moral restraints*; and they connived with Congress in turning the once proud American People into parasites who clamor to live at other peoples' expense. They usurped *Our* status as the "pure, original fountain of all legitimate authority", and claim for themselves the power to "[make policy for our Country!](#)"

Our Framers Understood That Judges Could Be Dangerous - But Couldn't Get Away With It Unless WE Concurred.

Hamilton says "an illegal usurpation of authority", to be successful, "would require not merely a factious majority in the legislature, but **the concurrence of the courts of justice** and of the body of the people." Because **judges may be "embarked in a conspiracy with the legislature"**, Hamilton expected the People to be "enlightened enough to distinguish between a legal exercise and an illegal usurpation of authority." ([Federalist No.16](#), next to last para).

"...liberty can have nothing to fear from the judiciary alone, but would have every thing to fear from its union with either of the other departments..." ([Federalist No. 78](#), 7th para).

James Madison says in [Federalist No. 44](#) (last para before 2.):

"...the success of the usurpation [by Congress] will depend on the executive and judiciary departments, which are to expound and give effect to the legislative acts; and in the last resort a remedy must be obtained from the people, who can, by the election of more faithful representatives, annul the acts of the usurpers." [boldface added]

So! It is up to The People, who are "the natural guardians of the Constitution" ([Federalist No.16](#), next to last para), to take **whatever action is necessary** when their representatives in the federal government concur with the usurpations of another Branch - and thereby violate their Oaths to preserve The Constitution.

How do we become "enlightened enough" to do this?

Read The Declaration of Independence & The Constitution - read them often. The more you read, the more you will come to see that The Constitution gives effect to the Principles of the Declaration. Outline The Federalist Papers. Get [Mary Webster's edition in modern English](#) for yourself and the young people in your Family. Consult [Webster's 1828 Dictionary](#) for definitions. Be careful whom you trust - most conservative lawyers have minds like blank sheets of paper which got imprinted in law school; and the conservative commentators regurgitate what the indoctrinated lawyers tell them! Study so that *you* can speak like [this wonderful woman](#) who challenged Rep. Pete Stark on obamacare.

Stop wasting your time on bizarre theories about the UCC, "emergency powers", "corporations", gold fringe on flags & admiralty jurisdiction, and other such silly stuff. It may be tempting to place the blame on others who are in a secret cabal to take away your rights via nefarious schemes such as the UCC or adding gold fringes to flags; but the Truth is that *you*, along with everyone else, haven't bothered to do the Work to learn our Founding Documents & Principles.

Lose your pride in your own knowingness about The Constitution: What you think you know, just ain't so; and the misinformation in your head blinds you to Truth. When you just repeat the stuff you hear, you add to the problem. Millions of Americans heard Rush & Newt and were misled by the misinformation those two spread. And for Heaven's Sake, don't advocate ratification of Amendments to the Constitution until you *fully* understand the existing Constitution! [And if you fully understood it, the only amendments you would want are those repealing some of the previous amendments.]

Stop thinking like a slave - we have become a Country of "permission seekers". For every issue, we want to file a lawsuit in federal court. Why? **Because we don't want to take Responsibility** for dealing with the issue ourselves. Spend a few hours studying the Declaration & Constitution and **you will know** the Constitution doesn't give Congress authority to force you into a government controlled "health care" system. **You will know** it doesn't give the Executive Branch authority to control CO² emissions. **You will know** it doesn't give the Executive Branch & Congress authority to force us into pernicious UN treaties such as the Declaration on the Rights of the Child & to implement [as they are doing *right now*] the UN's Agenda 21 "sustainable development" scheme. Many federal judges are our enemies - they are the last people you should ask for permission to have constitutional government. **WE need to "man up" and take responsibility.**

As Madison advises, defeat elected federal & State officials who have betrayed us; and replace them with faithful servants who will annul the acts of the usurpers.

Learn your State's recall statutes - recall faithless elected officers. Learn your State's impeachment procedures - demand impeachment of faithless State judges and officers. Demand impeachment of faithless federal officials and judges. Demand that each house of Congress expel members who usurp power (Art. I, Sec. 5, clause 2). *Expel* the loons in the House!

Learn about [Nullification by States](#) and restore Jury Nullification in criminal cases.⁷

Learn about [Federalism](#). Urge repeal of the 17th Amendment to help restore "federalism".

Learn from the heroic Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, who practiced non-violent civil disobedience of unjust State "laws" which enforced segregation. Withdraw **your** concurrence to usurpations.

Endnotes:

¹ Rush's show of Feb 24, 2011. When Rush speaks on the Constitution, beware! But when he speaks on other matters, he can be brilliant. And *Gingrich*, who is supposed to be an intellectual & an expert, showed he is **profoundly ignorant** of our Founding Principles.

² Art. I creates the Legislative Branch & enumerates its powers. Art. II creates the Executive Branch & enumerates its powers. Art. III creates the Judicial Branch & enumerates its powers.

³ You may object, "But Art. II, Sec. 3 says the President "shall take Care that the Laws be faithfully executed!" And I would remind you that an unconstitutional "law" is no law at all - it is "a mere usurpation and deserves to be treated as such" - it is **"VOID"** & **"not valid"**.

⁴ In [Federalist No. 66](#), 2nd para, Hamilton points out that Congress may impeach & remove the President for "encroachments" on the powers of the Legislative Branch. So if Congress objects to your ignoring their pretended law, they may impeach & remove you.

⁵ Hamilton says in [Federalist No. 78](#) (7th para up from bottom) that judges may not

"...substitute their own pleasure to the constitutional intentions of the legislature ... The courts must declare the sense of the law; and if they should be disposed to exercise WILL instead of JUDGMENT, the consequence would ... be the substitution of their pleasure to that of the legislative body..." [caps are Hamilton's]

When federal judges substitute *their* pleasure for that of Congress [when Congress' acts are constitutional] Congress is honor bound to impeach & remove them for their usurpation. And everyone else is honor bound to spit on the judges' unconstitutional opinion. **Yes!** It takes he-men & she-women to enforce The Rule of Law! Man up, People!

⁶ The supreme Court issues unconstitutional opinions all the time. Look at how they perverted [the 14th Amendment](#) and [the 1st Amendment](#)! In these (& other) cases, they substitute *their* pleasures for the Will of The States and The People.

⁷ Webster's 1828 Dictionary has the following entry under "jury":

"...Petty juries, consisting usually of twelve men, attend courts to try matters of fact in civil causes, and **to decide both the law and the fact in criminal prosecutions ...**" [emphasis added]

Would you convict someone for the "crimes" of failing to buy health insurance or failing to wear the armbands? THAT is the essential purpose of Jury Nullification in criminal cases. Get your Legislatures to restore it and insist that it be applied in federal criminal trials conducted in your State.

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HAIR OF THE DOG THAT BIT YA

By Danny Newton

The president's proposal to fix the debt problem seems to be full of suggestions that sounds like more of the same. Even though I am not sure the President even believes there is a debt crisis, I am sure that greed is bad, no matter who is involved in it, the poor or the rich. But, it seems to me that the tax-the- rich mentality is how we got into the debt crisis in the first place.

Karl Marx wrote that "...from each according to their ability and to each according to their need." The problem is that he did not define the way that "need" would be decided. He also failed to anticipate that people have the ability to sit on their hands and let the other guy do all of the work.

In classic Capitalism, "need" is defined by striking a balance between the cost and the benefit of an acquisition. Accountants even utilize mathematical models of the time value of money to decide between a good trade and a bad trade over long periods of time. Generally, it is OK if different people get different conclusions when you are spending your own money.

Such sophistication is not needed if you are spending another persons money. Indeed, classic performance calculations are thought to be unfair by Socialists because the definition is so narrow that it excludes intangible concepts like "social justice", "quality of life" and "fairness." It is also not allowed that people should freely decide complicated exchanges and take risks. Especially, if that risk might be rewarded in an unusually generous way. This would cause stratification of society and instability. Conventional Socialist wisdom is that we should all fail together and be poor together rather than the foolish be punished.



REMEMBER TO PRAY FOR PEACE IN ISRAEL

By Angie Duncan
SEC 15th Senatorial District

We sing "God bless America, land that I love, stand beside her and guide her through the night with a light from above". Would you agree with me that America is facing some of her "darkest nights" and that we truly need the "wisdom of Solomon" for our future?

I never imagined that I would see the day and hour in which the foundation of America would be so shaken. I believe with all my heart it is because we have drifted so very far from the godly principles on which our Founding Fathers had established for the United States of America.

Our former President Abraham Lincoln, after called upon by the Senate to set aside a national day of "fasting, humiliation and prayer", urged both personal and national repentance.

So there is hope and healing once again for this nation, if we will heed to the Word of God written in

II Chronicles 7:14, "If my people which are called by my name will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then will I hear from heaven, and I will forgive their sin and will heal their land".

I really like this quote I recently read by President George Washington where he said, "It is impossible to rightly govern the world without God and the Bible".

Let us pray for all our leaders across this land from every Court House, to the White House. "Blessed is the Nation, whose God is the LORD".



"GO BIG OR GO HOME" by Steve Gill



Years ago there was a great Disney television movie, "Johnny Tsunami," about a Hawaiian surfer kid who moves to Vermont and takes up snowboarding as a substitute for his love of surfing. His mantra on the ski slopes becomes "go big or go home." Maybe it is time for the Republican House members in Nashville to grab some popcorn and spend an evening watching "Johnny Tsunami." Despite a 64-35 majority in the House they seem determined to "go small" on a number of key issues, which may end up with Republican primary voters sending many of them "home" next August.

Voters in Tennessee elected Republicans to the big majorities in both the House and Senate, and threw in the Governor's office as well, for the first time since the Civil War era. The rejection of the Democrat's big government, big spending and high taxing mentality couldn't have been more dramatic or overwhelming. Yet, despite overwhelming public support for aggressive policies to deal with job creation, illegal immigration, failing schools, tort reform, and a return to Constitutional principles we see Republican legislators insisting on watered-down legislation that is primarily intended to avoid any confrontation. The weak-kneed refusal to confront the liberal Democrats in the state and fight for the policies their constituents

expected them to deliver upon is a far cry from "going big".

All over the country strong conservative leadership from Governors like Chris Christie in New Jersey, Scott Walker in Wisconsin, John Kasich in Ohio, and others, is setting an example of how conservative policies can successfully transform the political landscape in some of the "bluest" states in the nation. As one of the deep red states, Tennessee should be leading the way but instead we find ourselves struggling to pass legislation out of committees dominated by Republicans In Name Only (RINOs). Many of those who are blocking critical legislation, or insisting that it be modified into meaninglessness, are the same ones who showed up at Tea Party rallies and events as candidates claiming to be "true Conservatives." Having talked the talk to be elected, they are now unwilling to walk the walk in office!

There are some legislators who argue that we just don't have a big enough majority to pass significant legislation, or that some members might face tough opposition in the next campaign if they try to do too much too soon. A 64-35 majority is not big enough to justify delivering on a mandate? How big a majority to they need to fight the good fight? If a two to one majority is not enough the problem is not numbers, it is a lack of spine.

Fortunately, voters have an opportunity to correct the mistakes of the recent past with primary elections looming next August. All too often, conservatives fail to get engaged in the political process until the general election when we are usually faced with picking from the lesser of two evils. NOW is the time to start targeting those who have failed to live up to the promises they made when seeking election and to begin the process of recruiting candidates to clean HOUSE, and perhaps a few in the Senate, too.

The enthusiasm and energy of the Tea Party movement carried a lot of candidates to victory in 2010 based upon their expressions of support for conservative viewpoints, but now we have more than "expressions of support" – we can measure their words against their voting record! Those who have "gone puny" in the face of pressure from the Left and those fighting for the status quo need to "go home" next August and it is our job to help make sure that happens.

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Tennessee Gov. Bill Haslam's Monthly Column
For the week of April 4, 2011



On March 14, I had the privilege of delivering my first State of the State address to the 107th General Assembly and the people of Tennessee. I was pleased to report that relative to many other states, we are in a strong position. There are, however, tough choices ahead, and the budget I proposed addresses these challenges.

It is important that we realize current financial constraints are not a temporary condition. What we're seeing today really is the "new normal." Every government will be forced to reassess how it sets priorities and makes choices. Transforming state government will set new expectations for what services we should be providing and how well we are delivering those services. Productivity should be the standard – the measure - for all we do in state government.

Along with being realistically conservative, the budget I proposed reflects my administration's top priorities:

To make Tennessee the number one location in the Southeast for high quality jobs by fostering a business-friendly environment for recruitment and expansion;

To continue our state's momentum in education reform with the focus on doing what's best for Tennessee children in the classroom;

And to ensure the state budget is managed conservatively and state government is run as efficiently and effectively as possible while delivering quality service to the citizens of Tennessee.

Tennesseans expect my administration and the General Assembly to work together to find consensus on a responsible and realistic spending plan, to educate our children, to encourage great teachers and to create more jobs. There has been a lot of discussion about education and particularly the role of teachers during the legislative session thus far. My goal is to make Tennessee a place where great educators want to teach and feel rewarded and appreciated for their efforts. For example, tenure reform is an effort to recognize and reward achievement by our best teachers. Charter schools open new opportunities for learning, and we're asking to allow more students across Tennessee to have the option of a charter school as a learning environment.

Our goal in education, from pre-kindergarten through post-secondary, is to grow the number of college graduates, provide a better educated workforce for employers looking to relocate or expand in Tennessee, and to let free market forces do the rest. Our approach to government is to do away with excessive laws, rules and regulations that stifle innovation and new ideas. Government doesn't create new jobs. What government can do is to create an environment that encourages Tennessee's entrepreneurial spirit and to foster a culture that embraces smart growth through an educated and trained workforce. I am committed to working with the General Assembly to set our sights on planning for the future, to think boldly, to be willing to ask questions, to gather good research and to take steps together – as a team – to set an example for how things that make a difference are uncovered and how they get done. It is an honor to serve as governor of the great state of Tennessee, and I appreciate the opportunity to update you on what I am working on.

To learn more about my proposed budget, please visit www.tn.gov/stateofthestate/media/



Corker: Pass the CAP Act, Congress Needs a Fiscal Straitjacket

By Bob Corker



Bob Corker is a Republican senator from Tennessee. Elected to the United States Senate in 2006, he is a member of the Banking, Energy, Foreign Relations and Aging committees.

We face many challenges as a country, but after four years in Washington and a lifetime in business, I believe unsustainable spending habits and fiscal insolvency pose the greatest threat to our economic stability, freedom, way of life and future as a nation. We are in real danger of becoming the first generation of Americans to leave our country in worse shape than we found it. Consider:

This year, the federal government will spend \$1.5 trillion more than it will take in, borrowing 40 cents of every dollar. To put that in perspective, the average Tennessee household earned \$43,000 in 2008. If that family applied Washington logic to its budgeting, the family would spend \$71,500, in other words, \$28,500 more than it earned.

The gap between spending and revenue is almost four times the historical average. Even when we reach historical revenue levels, we are still projected to be spending nearly six percent more of our gross domestic product than we take in, and the gap will continue to widen.

By 2035, on our current trajectory, our debt will reach 185 percent of GDP, a situation that economists and analysts of every persuasion deem as disastrous. If this occurs, interest payments on our debt, half of which goes to foreign countries, will reach nearly nine percent of GDP – as much as we currently spend on national defense, education, roads, and all government agencies combined.

In 43 presentations throughout Tennessee during the fall, I presented this information and shared my plans to introduce legislation to cap spending at a sustainable level, force Congress to make tough choices and incentivize economic growth. The result is the Commitment to American Prosperity Act, S. 245.

The CAP Act, cosponsored by Senators Claire McCaskill (D-Mo.), Lamar Alexander (R-Tenn.), Richard Burr (R-N.C.), Saxby Chambliss (R-Ga.), Mike Crapo (R-Idaho), Jim Inhofe (R-Okla.), Johnny Isakson (R-Ga.), Mark Kirk (R-Ill.), Jon Kyl (R-Ariz.) and John McCain (R-Ariz.), would, for the first time, set an across-the-board, binding cap on all federal spending. The fiscal straitjacket created by the CAP Act would result in \$7.6 trillion less spending over a 10 year period than projected current policy, and it would change the way Washington does business. The beauty of the CAP Act is that it imposes fiscal discipline and smaller government, while incentivizing lawmakers to pass policies that promote economic growth. Specifically, the CAP Act would:

- (1) Put in place a 10-year glide path to cap all spending – discretionary and mandatory – to a declining percentage of the country's gross domestic product, eventually bringing spending down from the current level, 24.7 percent of GDP, to the 40-year historical level of 20.6 percent, and
- (2) If Congress fails to meet the annual cap, require the Office of Management and Budget to make evenly distributed, simultaneous cuts throughout the federal budget to bring spending down to the pre-determined level. Only a two-thirds vote in both houses of Congress could override the binding cap, and
- (3) For the first time, eliminate the deceptive “off-budget” distinction for Social Security – providing a complete and accurate assessment of all federal spending.

Washington continues to borrow and spend, and despite the pleas of the American people, there is no end in sight. As we approach our debt limit of \$14.29 trillion and more and more Americans – Republicans, Democrats and Independents – call on Washington to get spending under control and reduce our deficit, I see no better time to change course.

Cutting trillions of dollars from the federal budget in the coming years won't be easy or painless; it will require backbone and discipline on the part of policy makers and shared sacrifice for the country. But I believe in American exceptionalism. The American people, when they understand the stakes, have always risen to the occasion. I believe Americans are signaling a willingness to make short-term sacrifices for the long-term good of our country and a demand for commensurate actions from their elected officials.

To learn more about the CAP Act, please visit my website at www.corker.senate.gov.



HOPE SCHOLARSHIPS FUNDED BY STATE LOTTERIES ARE UNSUSTAINABLE

By Steve Moore

When the government initiates programs whereby people gain incentives from the State treasuries, those incentives are doomed to failure somewhere down the road. Look at the several states that aren't able to sustain public employees' pensions and healthcare. These states, Wisconsin being the poster child, are broke--flat broke. Yet the recipient of State largess are dismayed when their gravy trains derail. With the current economy, states can't raise taxes so they have to cut expenses to the bone--and, in some cases, bone marrow has to go as well.

The latest government give-away program that is just unsustainable is the Hope Scholarship Fund that was authorized by the Tennessee Legislature, either the 102nd or 103rd General Assembly. The Hope Scholarship began in January, 2004 and was an instant success. The money rolled in from the State Lottery. The entire program was modeled after the Hope Program in Georgia. As a matter of fact, Rebecca Paul, now Rebecca Paul Hargrove, was hired by Tennessee as Executive Director of the Tennessee State Lottery.

In the ensuing years, the Legislature has made it easier for high school seniors to qualify for a scholarship. They also made it easier for incumbent students to keep their scholarships via QPA. As another anchor to the program, more assets were added to which monies were distributed. The economy also has soured for the past several years, so less money has flowed from the Lottery to keep Hope afloat. In Tennessee, high school seniors with a 3.0 GPA or a 24 on the ACT qualify for \$4k per year. We have been using Lottery reserves since 2008 when the 105th General Assembly voted to lower the grade requirement and shifted some Lottery money to other education programs. Reserves sit at about \$370m. How long will that last? There may be a means test for Tennessee Hope scholarships.

In Georgia, generous awards are made in its program that started in 1993. More than one million students have been served. There is no restriction on income. Hope in Georgia pays for a full degree, costs the State more than \$639m a year and covers some 236k students. As Will Doyle, a Vanderbilt researcher has said, "These programs weren't built to last."

