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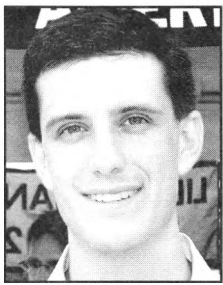
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Libertarians hold Congress accountable on health care gov't takeover

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Rep. Kathy Castor and Sen. Russ Carnahan called out union thugs to rough up citizens who showed up to speak out against government-run medicine.

Rep. David Scott began screaming at a doctor in a taped meeting, ordering him not to ask questions about health care.

Rep. John Dingell got into an argument with an elderly man who asked about care for his special needs son. The man was later threatened at his own home by union goons in the middle of the night.

Speaker Nancy Pelosi claimed people who are revealing the details of HR 3200 are “carrying swastikas.”

Rep. Brian Baird refuses to even meet with his constituents to discuss the bill. He publicly referred to the senior citizens and families he’s supposed to represent as “Brown Shirts,” the infamous Nazi war criminals.

As the details of HR 3200 trickle out and public support for government-run medicine collapses, Democrats are doing everything they can to instigate chaos and bully the millions of Americans who don’t want government-run medicine.

Well, Libertarians think differently. Not only do we oppose initiating force to achieve social or political goals, elected Libertarians treat all their constituents with respect.

You can help the Libertarian Party hold advocates of government-run medicine accountable. Ask your congressman or senator to sign the Libertarian Party’s Responsible Legislator Pledge. Just go to <http://www.lp.org/files/ReadTheBillPledge.pdf> to print it out.



Libertarians have been leading the charge against government-run medicine, with the Libertarian Party conducting almost daily interviews with the likes of Fox News, The Christian Science Monitor and top-rated talk radio stations in Houston, Charlotte, Sacramento and Chicago. Libertarians are now making news by challenging Congress to read the bills they vote on.

Please print it out, take it with you to your congressman or senator’s town hall meeting and politely and respectfully ask them to sign it and agree to one simple promise. Don’t vote for any federal health care legislation you have not read in full, and understand.

They have two options. Refuse to sign it, and admit they don’t read major legislation before they vote. Or sign it, and be held personally accountable for everything in the bill. Unlike they did with the pork in the “stimulus” bill, they can’t claim to know about the outlawing of private insurance, the billions in new taxes, the waiting lists and the “end of life planning.”

Democrats are calling out the thugs because they want Americans to stop talking about their plan. Do your part to restore accountability to Congress. Print out your own copy of the Libertarian Party Responsible Legislator Pledge by going to <http://www.lp.org/files/ReadTheBillPledge.pdf>. LP



Your Libertarian Party: On The Trail

Libertarian councilman fights for citizens

PORT HURON, MICH. -- Councilman Mark Byrne, a Libertarian running for re-election to the Port Huron, Mich. city council, laid out his pro-jobs, pro-tax relief, pro-fiscal responsibility agenda for voters at a July 29 candidate forum.

Councilman Byrne said he would like to see the decrease and, potentially, elimination of city's property tax, which would increase the number of businesses in Port Huron and offer more jobs for citizens.

In interviews with the Port Huron Times Herald, Libertarian Councilman Byrne also shared his views on:

What, other than job creation (a top Libertarian issue) is the biggest issue facing Port Huron?:

"A big issue facing Port Huron is that our next generation is leaving the area in search of career opportunities. We must start creating an environment in Port Huron that attracts entrepreneurs to start, relocate or expand their business here. Reducing regulatory and tax burdens is the best way to attract them. There are many growing industries, including technology and renewable energy. In addition, having large companies open branches in Port Huron provides career opportunities. Stafford, Texas, has been extremely successful at this, and we should learn from the strategy they used. See www.cityofstafford.com for details."

His vision for McMorran Place, a government-run downtown theater:

"As a Libertarian, I believe government has no business being in the entertainment industry. Selling McMorran or leasing it to a private company will eliminate the city's \$300,000 a year subsidy, result in the facility being better utilized, draw more people downtown and generate more tax revenue along with more jobs at the facility. River Street Marina, for example, once placed in control of a private sector company, went from being a money pit to money maker, despite high gas prices and a very rough economy."

His opinions on the city's sewer separation project:

"Reversing declining population and business base is the way to ensure revenue is maintained or increased without raising taxes. Over the life of this debt service, cost cuts will add up. Selling the

marina and city-owned land shifted \$8 million in costs to \$1 million in revenue. Eliminating double pensions and severance for quitting reduced costs by another \$2 million. Changing work rules so that vacation and sick days must be used up each year or lost instead of accumulated and cashed out at higher pay rates inflating pension benefits, also will save additional millions over the debt payoff period." -LP

Wendy Jones reaches out to Delaware voters

MILTON, DEL. -- Voters in Delaware's 19th State Senate District had two more chances to hear from Libertarian candidate Wendy Jones. Jones ran in the Aug. 3 special election to succeed Senate President Pro Tem Thurman Adams Jr., who died last month from pancreatic cancer. Jones did not win.

Jones appeared on a popular local radio program and spoke at a League of Women Voters forum for this special election. On her campaign website, Jones shared with voters her plans on several important issues:

"Job creation is top priority. Small businesses create the most jobs. Cut taxes and give business credits to encourage expansion of private businesses with good jobs in Sussex County," said Jones.

"Cut government by cutting taxes and privatizing. Let private businesses compete to provide the greatest choices and efficiencies for Delawareans.

"(On) health reform, government should not be authorized to limit our free choices for our health-care providers.

"Everyone should have the right to self defense and to protect our families. I am a lifetime member of the NRA, and the state representative for the Pink Pistols, advocating self defense for women.

"Parents should be free to choose their children's schools: private, public, parochial, charter, or homeschooling." -LP

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Your Libertarian Party: From LPHQ

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An update from LNC Secretary Bob Sullentrup

*By Bob Sullentrup
LNC Secretary*

I updated the Delegation Chair's Manual on July 27 using June 30 membership data. That's a useful service since affiliate delegate allocations for the 2010 Convention in St. Louis over Memorial Day is based on affiliate membership and votes for Bob Barr in 2008. [Go to <http://www.lp.org/blogs/donny-ferguson/an-update-from-lnc-secretary-bob-sullentrup> to find the manual.] The October 31, 2010 membership numbers will determine official delegate allocations.

Of course, it's not necessary to be a state chair to read the document. It contains information about delegates, delegations and procedures we'll use in the 2010 Convention. These are not procedures that the LNC has dictated, but are ones we ourselves as members have codified in our Bylaws and Convention Rules.

Admiral Colley who is heading up the 2010 planning as chair of the LNC's Convention Oversight Committee asked me to find speakers for the 2010 convention since I had taken some initiative on my own to line up a few speakers. So far, we have:

- * David Nolan, one of the Party's 1971 co-founders
- * Gary Nolan, syndicated radio talk show host and 2004 LP presidential candidate
- * Mary Ruwart, noted author and 2008 presidential candidate
- * Dr. James W. Lark, III, former chair slated to address Torch Club members. (\$1k donors)
- * Jeff Davis, a radio personality who produces "Just a Thought" commentaries.

This list is not yet complete. There are other speakers I'm chasing down. Jeff Davis, by the way, is a descendant of the President of the Confederate States, Jefferson Davis.

I'll be welcoming delegates to St. Louis before the opening gavel drops. The Gateway City is my hometown, and I'll point out highlights of the fair city. In addition, I'll be able to rest renegade local urban legends (no, there is not some guy who lives across from the brewery and has Budweiser directly piped into his house) and to recommend where is the best place to buy underwear to clothe the naked bodies in the "Meeting of the Rivers" sculpture across from Union Station. - LP



Your Libertarian Party: In the Media

Mob Rule or Democracy in Action? Health Care Debate Focuses on Opponents Over Substance

Fox News
August 5, 2009

NEW YORK -- Democrats are stepping up their campaign against opponents of health care reforms, depicting town hall audiences protesting a Democratic-sponsored bill as angry mobs duped into hostile actions by special interest groups.

The Democratic National Committee released a Web video and e-mail on Wednesday blasting opponents of the 10-year, \$1 trillion plan...

...And the Libertarian Party said Obama, a former community organizer, should think twice before approving a campaign that attacks communities for organizing, even if it's against him.

"Libertarians find it ironic a community organizer is now using the government to try and stop people from organizing their communities," Libertarian National Committee spokesman Donny Ferguson said in a statement.

"Instead of using official edicts to smear, slander and intimidate everyday Americans into silence, Democrats should listen to the majority of Americans and drop their plans for a radical government takeover of their health care."

Silver lining seen in Sotomayor vote

The Christian Science Monitor
August 6, 2009

WASHINGTON -- Reaction to Thursday's Senate confirmation of Sonia Sotomayor to a seat on the US Supreme Court was quick and varied.

Nan Aron, president of the liberal group Alliance for Justice, said... "Her confirmation is just the beginning of the significant change that President Obama can bring to our judicial system," she said.

Donny Ferguson of the Libertarian Party called the confirmation "a significant defeat for individual, property, and gun rights."

"Libertarians hope President Obama will work harder in the future to appoint justices who uphold our constitutionally-protected rights, not someone else's narrow political agenda," Mr. Ferguson said.

Radio ads target Matheson *The St. George Daily Spectrum* August 5, 2009

ST. GEORGE, UT -- New radio ads start today, criticizing Rep. Jim Matheson, D-Utah, and fellow Blue Dog Democrats who voted against a health care reform bill last week...

...groups have come out against the Blue Dogs' cooperation on the bill, including the Libertarian Party, which issued a release Tuesday that calls the deal "delayed-onset government control."

"There are many problems with our current health care system, but this compromise still leads to a government-run health care system that maximizes what's wrong with the current system and eradicates what works," said Donny Ferguson, Libertarian National Committee communications director in a statement.

Libertarians Ask Democrats To Read

KFBK AM 1530, Sacramento
August 10, 2009

SACRAMENTO -- The Libertarian Party has come up with a pledge for members to put in front of local elected officials whenever the opportunity presents itself. The pledge says the lawmaker promises to read and fully understand any health care bill they sign.

Party spokesman Donny Ferguson says they too have a plan to solve the healthcare problem. It starts with letting the free market system work.

The Libertarian Party says the Constitution provides no authority for Obamacare and that tax hikes and rationing will be the result if passed. (Go to www.KFBK.com to hear the full report.)

WHERE ELSE ARE LIBERTARIANS?

(Partial monthly media listing for the LP National.)

- * The Lars Larson Show, 2.3 million listeners
- * Houston's AM 740 KTRH, Morning News and Rush Limbaugh news breaks (50,000 watts)
- * Charlotte's AM 1110 WBT, The Pete Kaliner Show (50,000 watts)
- * Chicago's WGN 720 AM, Extension 720 with Milt Rosenberg (50,000 watts)
- * The Libertarian Party is also scheduled to make future MSNBC appearances.