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RALPH SMEED TREATED AT BURZYNSKI CLINIC HOUSTON, TX



Ralph Smeed was born December 30, 1921 in Caldwell, Idaho and is known to many as Idaho's favorite 'Curmudgeon'. Ralph is a true friend of freedom as he has spent much of his life educating others about "statism".

Ralph's passion and commitment to private property rights and free market solutions has gained him a reputation as a man of principle. He and his long-time friend, Maurice Clements, started the Center for the Study of Market Alternatives (CSMA). For decades he has endeavored to ad

vance the freedom philosophy, tirelessly working to make a difference...and he has. His book "No Wonder We Lose" has gone to print and will be available soon.

Ralph exemplifies courage. He is a citizen with a proven love of country. I am one of countless numbers of people throughout this country who have benefitted through his generosity and perseverance in advocating principle over politics.

Ralph has recently returned to his home in Caldwell and we wish him wellness and good health.

Nancy K. Armstrong

THE NEW PIONEERS-SURVIVAL OF THE PRIVATE SECTOR

In this dubious economic environment, one wonders how long this country can survive the frenetic spending promoted and enhanced by this president and his congress. Yes, this country was heading down the road towards unsustainable spending and the housing market was on a disastrous course (which President Bush gave warning but failed to initiate preventative action). It was the perfect storm and the liberal left was perched for their attack. Remember Rahm Emanuel's quote, "--don't let a good crisis go to waste". Well, they didn't and haven't. The cost to hard working citizens is not confined to dollars but includes a liberal policy invasion that is choking this republic to its death.

Tea Party is made up of extremists, racists and trouble makers? What desperate and unintelligent drival. The only way that the left can combat truth is to create lies on one hand while implementing their ideological plunder (government run health care, Value Added Tax, Death Tax, Cap and Trade, Net Neutrality , etc.) with the other.

The principles upon which this nation was built is being attacked with a vengeance. The time was opportune for the liberal left to change the guard of this nation, no holds barred! The Socialist's goal is to weaken the private sector while growing the public sector. The greater the dependency upon the government, the greater government's control over the people. It is as simple as that!

Will new conservative minded 'leaders' take action? Will they begin an aggressive commitment to repeal suffocating policies, cut spending, eliminate senseless and invasive government programs while reducing its reach? Will lackluster politicians simply provide a jumping board for the next wave of progressive liberals or will they act to return this nation to one greater than we have seen for decades?

It begins at home. Are we planners of our own destination or will we subrogate that right to the government? Are we willing to be the new pioneers for freedom? Vote! Communicate with your representatives!

by Nancy Armstrong

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MINNICK SHOWS HIS PROGRESSIVE COLORS

By John Anderson

Recently a number of Congressman Minnick's constituents took him to task on the issue of signing on to Congressman King's petition to repeal "Obamacare". Mr. Minnick takes every opportunity to tell Idahoans that he voted against this ridiculous and unconstitutional piece of legislation, so we thought it only appropriate that he join with Republicans, as a "so-called Moderate Democrat" in demanding the repeal of the law. The response we received from Congressman Minnick was both predictable and telling. It's a classic case of the "Potomac Two-Step", agreeing with the constituent and then shrinking from a principled position in order to accommodate his political loyalties.

To wit, Congressman Minnick said, in his response to me (others as well), "Like you, I do not believe that the bill passed by Congress was the right approach to reforming our health care system. It does little to address the underlying problems in our health care system that have caused premiums to increase at an unsustainable rate, bankrupting Idaho families and stifling small businesses, and will add billions of dollars to our national debt." However, he immediately pivots to his progressive and cowardly political roots to say this; "However, that bill did pass and was signed into law. I understand that you support repealing the bill in its entirety. I do not believe that it will be possible to fully repeal the bill. Even if a bill to repeal the law were able to pass Congress, the President would still have the authority to veto the legislation. I believe a better approach is to fix the portions that are fiscally -

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PEARLS OF WISDOM LOST?

Frederic Bastiat was a leader of the free trade movement in France in 1840. His message continues to be of the highest importance to all concerned with preserving and extending liberty and prosperity.

The following excerpt is taken from Plunder and Law-It was presented-To The Protectionists of The General Council of Manufacturers:

*Let us confine ourselves to the political and moral effects of exchange deprived of freedom by legal enactment.

I say, the time has come to know definitively what the law is, and what it ought to be.

If you make of the law the palladium of the freedom and the property rights of all citizens, and if it is nothing but the organization of their individual rights to legitimate self-defense, you will establish on a just foundation a rational, simple, economical government, understood by all, loved by all, usefull to all, supported by all, entrusted with a perfectly definite and very limited responsibility, and endowed with an unshakable solidarity.

If, on the contrary, you make of the law an instrument of plunder for the benefit of particular individuals or classes, first everyone will try to make the law; then everyone will try to make it for his own profit. There will be tumult at the door of the legislative chamber; there will be an implacable struggle within it, intellectual confusion, the end of all morality, violence among the proponents of special intersts, fierce electoral struggles, accusations, recriminations, jealousies and inextinguishable hatreds; the public police force will be put at the service of unjust rapacity instead of restraining it; the distinction between the true and the false will be effaced from all minds, as the distinction between the just and unjust will be effaced from all consciences; government will be held responsible for everyone's existence and will bend under the weight of such a responsibility; there will be political convulsions, fruitless revoltions, and ruins upon which all the forms of socialism and communism will be tried out. Such are the plagues that the perversion of the law cannot fail to let loose.

Such, consequently, are the calamities to which you protectionists have opened the door in making use of the law to suppress freedom of trade, that is, to suppress the right to property. Do not declaim against socialism; you are helping to build it. Do not declaim against communism; you are helping to build it. And now you ask us economists to make you a theory that will take your side and justify you! No, thank you! Do it yourself!

* Selected Essays On Political Economy, Frederic Bastiat, pages 238-239.

Logic suggests that each generation going forward is armed with greater wisdom inherited from the past.

Is it a short-sited tendancy or is it politically expedient to repeat history rather than progress.

Nancy



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unsustainable and improve the cost controls to provide the relief that the American people desperately need.”

Walt? May I call you Walt? Exactly which portions of this monstrosity would you “fix”? Would you eliminate the oppressive “Healthcare Exchange” that creates a massive and unaccountable federal bureaucracy that is designed to put private insurance companies out of business and dictate to citizens what they can buy? That, Walt, is the German model of course. By the way, it’s bankrupting Germany and they are moving away from it. To add a touch of reality to this statement, I spent over 22 years working for a German healthcare company, who’s German employees are taxed, in total, at about 60-70% of their income for this very same government healthcare model. I asked one how he selected his physician, once he selected a plan. His response; “We just look for the shortest line”. Gee, Walt, perhaps there is a lesson in that candor. Would you eliminate the approximately 16,000 new IRS employees who will now be tasked with hounding American citizens to make sure that we comply with an unconstitutional

law that requires, for the first time in American history, that a citizen must buy something from a private company or be fined or imprisoned? Given your professed fiscal conservatism, and the fact that federal employees make, on average, \$20-\$30,000 dollars more in salary and benefits than their private sector counterpart, do you think that adding another 16,000 of these arrogant and intrusive bureaucrats is good money management? Would you eliminate the massive latitude that the Secretary of DHS has been given to ration healthcare (It’s in the Bill, Walt. Read it for yourself)? Given that the Medicare/Medicaid administrators have openly said this new healthcare reform will bankrupt both of these programs and states, rather than “save money”, as you, Reid, Pelosi and Obama promised it would, how exactly would you fix this massive power grab? Now that we are beginning to see a couple of states using the fuzzy language in the law to use taxpayer money to fund abortions, exactly how would you fix that? Would you now want to add the Stupak Amendment, which mirrored the Hyde Amendment that for 30 years, prevented this use of our money to take the life of the unborn? We doubt that, since you voted against the Stupak Amendment during the legislative process, didn’t you? President Obama’s “Executive Order” to prevent this doesn’t seem to be working. Gee, what a surprise.

We can go on, but alas, what for? The reality is this. Walt Minnick only voted “NO” on this bill because his vote was not needed to pass it originally. When Pelosi and Planned Parenthood needed Walt’s vote to stop the Stupak Amendment, he voted with the Speaker and abortion clinics. When Pelosi needed Walt’s vote to move this bill to the floor, in a process called “Cloture”, Walt dutifully complied with his orders and voted “YES”. The reality of Walt Minnick is painfully clear. He is a classic progressive, liberal Democrat that has been hijacked by socialists and Marxists, and the moderate voices of the past within the Democratic Party have become an anecdote in history. Walt Minnick is not a moderate. Walt Minnick is a true progressive and his response to us on the “Obamacare” issue is proof positive that this is true. Oh, and Walt, to your point that because Obama might veto any repeal of the bill, you can’t sign on to Kings petition, we offer this perspective. If more “moderate Democrats who felt this law was the wrong one for America, would align with Republicans to reverse it, Obama’s veto could not be sustained. Alas, the repeal petition is a principled position, win or lose. Your weak and insincere response to our legitimate request is an insult to us and we reject it, Sir. The corrupt, socialist agenda of this President and this Democratic majority represents a clear and present danger to American liberty and free enterprise. You have chosen to stand with Obama, Pelosi, Reid and the socialists within your party, rather than with Americans and the Constitution you took an oath to protect and defend.

You need to be removed from office in November and I, for one, will be at the poles early.

BOOKS

2010: TAKE BACK AMERICA by Dick Morris and Eileen McGann

Barack Obama promised the nation ‘change’ when he took office, and according to Dick Morris and Eileen McGann, change is what America is getting - for the worse! Now, with the president’s administration floundering and his popularity plummeting, the Number 1 ‘New York Times’ bestselling political iconoclasts turn the spotlight on the upcoming midterm election of 2010 - the best chance for conservatives to take back the congressional majority and take charge of a runaway government that is careening catastrophically out of control.

AN ARMY OF ONE by Rush Limbaugh:

Rush Limbaugh gave Chafets lengthy interviews and unprecedented access to his inner circle -- everyone from his brother to his fiancée to his psychologist. The result is a uniquely personal portrait of arguably the most important and influential player in the conservative movement.



FANNIE & FREDDIE: TWIN TITANS OF FINANCIAL FAILURE-“REFORM” BILL OVERLOOKS THEM

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* **Market Movers:** Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac both played a major role in the housing boom that preceded the economic melt-down of 2008, controlling as much as half of the nation’s residential mortgage market. And that role has grown: Last year, these two government-sponsored enterprises (GSEs) financed or backed about 70 percent of single-family mortgage loans. They hold about \$5 trillion in their investment portfolios.

* **Ignoring the Problem:** Yet the legislation Congress is considering to reform the financial industry would do nothing to fix the problems associated with Fannie and Freddie. Some lawmakers have attempted to ensure that the current reform effort addresses the problems created by both entities—to no avail.

* **Taxpayers Foot the Bill:** Fannie and Freddie are losing money fast, and their losses are being covered by taxpayers—the same taxpayers whom lawmakers say they want to protect from footing the bill for future bailouts.

* **Titanic Failure Wanting Even More Money:** For the first quarter of 2010, Freddie Mac announced losses of \$8 billion and said it would be asking for another \$10.6 billion in taxpayer help. Fannie Mae, meanwhile, announced an \$11.5 billion loss and asked for another \$8.4 billion. This is on top of the nearly \$145 billion in taxpayer dollars that these GSEs have already received.

* **A Running and Endless Tab:** This total, unfortunately, is sure to go higher. Last December, the Obama Administration lifted caps on how much total bailout money Fannie and Freddie can receive. The limits have gone from \$200 billion each to however much they say they need.

Trouble Then, Trouble Now

* **Courting Trouble for a Long Time:** Experts have warned for decades that Fannie and Freddie lacked sufficient capital—made up of both investors' money and retained earnings—to protect against losses.

* **Lawmakers Look the Other Way:** Back when they were privately owned, Fannie and Freddie had only \$1 in capital for every \$20 in assets; most banks had \$1 in capital for every \$12 in assets. Congress did consider higher standards in the 1990s, but many of the same lawmakers who head the oversight committees for Fannie and Freddie today bowed to a high-powered lobbying campaign that derailed reform.

* **Kicking the Can:** According to Senator Mark Warner (D–VA) and the Obama Administration, a plan to tame these two GSEs will have to wait until at least next year. An effort by John McCain to amend the pending financial regulation bill to address the problem was defeated recently and replaced by a call for a “study” of the issue.

Fixing Fannie and Freddie

* **Stop Perpetuating the Problem:** Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac have posed a risk to the financial system and the taxpayer for long enough. They need to be put on a path to genuine resolution. Fannie and Freddie should be partly wound down, the rest broken up and sold off—not replaced, reformed, or rejuvenated.

* **Don’t Let It Happen Again:** Congress should also ensure that no successor institution be provided with the implicit guarantees that allowed these two to play havoc with financial markets.

Factsheet #60 See: <http://www.heritage.org>

THE CLASS ACT: REPEAL NOW, OR FACE PERMANENT TAXPAYER BAILOUT LATER

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1. CLASS Act, a new national long-term-care insurance program, was added to Obamacare so that CLASS’s total \$70 billion surplus from 2011 to 2019 would cover up Obamacare’s other deficits.

2. CLASS is supposed to be self-financing and not cost taxpayers a dime. However, its design virtually guarantees that the program will run large deficits after 2019, and reach bankruptcy shortly thereafter.

3. Senate Budget Committee Chairman Kent Conrad (D–ND) has acknowledged CLASS’s unsustainability by calling it “a Ponzi scheme of the first order, the kind of thing that Bernie Madoff would have been proud of.”

4. The surest way to avoid a future of massive, permanent taxpayer bailouts is for Congress to repeal CLASS before it begins enrolling participants on January 1, 2011.

See the full report: <http://www.heritage.org>



DOWNSIZING THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

Department of Agriculture

The department will spend \$142 billion in 2010, or about \$1,200 for every U.S. household. It operates 237 different subsidy programs and employs 96,000 workers in about 7,000 offices across the nation. It oversees more than 10,700 pages of regulations. Downsize This!

- * Agricultural Subsidies. The department provides up to \$30 billion annually to farmers of corn, cotton, rice, soybeans, wheat, and other crops. It also aids farmers with research, loan, and insurance programs.
- * Agricultural Regulations and Trade Barriers. The government regulates domestic markets for products such as sugar and milk, and it imposes trade restrictions on various farm products.
- * Rural Subsidies. The department operates a range of subsidy programs for businesses and individuals living in rural areas.
- * Food Subsidies. Most of the department's budget goes toward food subsidies, including the food stamp and school lunch programs.
- * Forest Service. The Forest Service oversees 193 million acres of forests and provides subsidies to businesses and state governments.

Department of Transportation

The Department of Transportation subsidizes and regulates highways, airports, air traffic control, urban transit, passenger rail, and other activities. But taxpayers and consumers would be better off if these activities were privatized, as has occurred in numerous other nations. Opening up the financing and operation of transportation infrastructure to the private sector would save money, spur innovation, and reduce congestion.

The department will spend \$91 billion in 2010, or about \$770 for every U.S. household. It employs 58,000 workers and operates 85 different subsidy programs.

Department of Housing and Urban Development

The Department of Housing and Urban Development engages in a range of housing and community activities that used to be the responsibility of local governments and the private sector. Its public housing subsidies, rental aid, and housing finance activities have proven to be damaging to the economy. The department's poor management and misguided policies have also led to numerous scandals.

The department will spend \$63 billion in 2010, or about \$530 for every U.S. household. It employs 9,500 workers, operates 108 different subsidy programs, and oversees more than 3,600 pages of regulations.

Downsize This!

- * HUD Scandals. The department has suffered many management failures, with corruption and cronyism a common occurrence in the executive suites.
- * Public Housing and Rental Subsidies. Public housing projects and federal vouchers for low-income renters have proven to be expensive failures.
- * Housing Finance and the 2008 Financial Crisis. Programs to subsidize home ownership have created large economic distortions and were an important cause of the recent financial crisis.
- * Community Development. The department disregards traditional federalism and spends taxpayer money on properly local and private activities such as museums and parking lots.

Full report-See: <http://www.cato.org>



CRISIS BEGETS A BOON

The BP oil disaster was a “crisis’ embraced for its own destiny; that of promoting the glory of clean air energy. What a boon for Obama’s agenda.

It took until June for Obama to proclaim from the Oval Office: "We cannot consign our children to this future. The tragedy unfolding on our coast is the most painful and powerful reminder yet that the time to embrace a clean energy future is now. Now is the moment for this generation to embark on a national mission to unleash America's innovation and seize control of our own destiny."

This is a disaster in anyone’s eyes and apparently could have been avoided. Time magazine stated that the number of birds killed is -- so far -- less than 1 percent of the avian casualties of the Exxon Valdez. This doesn’t undo the damage. However, we know Obamas tactics well enough by now to know that this crisis wouldn’t go to waste.

STIMULUS FAILED

Obama calls it a success. Does he read the statistics on the cost of the jobs created? Does he listen to economic academics who proclaim the rate of spending is unsustainable and a 13 trillion dollar debt that reveals no solutions to reduce the debt in site?

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, which promised that 3.5 million private sector jobs would be created at a price of \$787 billion. The President warned that if the stimulus were not signed into law, the country could face 8.8 percent unemployment. One only needs the post-enactment facts in order to ascertain the success of the stimulus bill:

- * 862,000 jobs created at an average cost of \$282,000 per public sector job and \$647,000 per private sector job
- * Four of five jobs created are in the public sector
- * Government spending is not correlated to areas of high unemployment, and
- * The rate of unemployment has reached 9.3 percent after peaking at 10 percent.

Bruce Yandle, former Executive Director of the Federal Trade Commission, stated: The average family’s private world will contract while the public sector expands. Their expectations for future wealth and prosperity will gradually be revised. And they will not likely know that deficits and public debt led to these results.

Obamanomics 101: Failure Explained
July 23rd, 2010 Enterprise and Free Markets

See: <http://www.heritage.org>

PILE ON THE DEBT- WHAT’S ANOTHER \$16 BILLION!

Senate expected to take up enhanced Medicaid funding
By Julian Pecquet - 07/30/10

The Senate is expected to hold a cloture vote Monday evening on a bill that includes enhanced federal Medicaid funding for states.

Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid (D-Nev.) filed for cloture Thursday evening on a substitute amendment to the Federal Aviation Administration reauthorization bill that includes enhanced Federal Medical Assistance Percentages (FMAP) for states.

The FMAP provision mirrors the phased-down increase in enhanced Medicaid funding that was included in the most recent version of the defeated tax extenders package. It would give states a 3.2 percent Medicaid funding boost for the first quarter of 2011 and 1.2 percent for the second quarter, at a cost of \$16.1 billion.

State officials have been warning that failure to extend the enhanced FMAP payments approved in last year's recovery act past their Dec. 31 expiration date would result in tens of thousands of state employees being laid off and deep cuts to social services.

Reid's substitute also requires drug manufacturers to offer steeper discounts for certain types of drugs in the Medicaid program. The provision covers inhalation, infusion and injectable drugs not sold through retail pharmacies; it saves the federal government \$2.1 billion over 10 years.

See: <http://www.thehill>



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The threat against the very essence and core of what the United States of America exemplifies, is real. Our Constitution, the Declaration of Independence and Bill of Rights were written to prohibit political and judicial manipulations that bespeak oppressive i.e. big government. This is a Republic (dictionary: A state in which supreme power is held by the people---). We are a nation suffering a threat from within.

If we, in our home towns, our state and nation, are subjugated by the government, our dollar weakened, property diminished, and spirit depressed, does it not indicate that we must act with stronger resolve and greater passion to dismantle the foes of freedom. Contact your congressmen and senators in Idaho. Let them know how they are doing and what you believe will promote freedom from big government. Invite them to join us at Tea Party Boise. Encourage your friends to do the same.

- CONTINUE TOWN HALL MEETINGS,
- WRITE AND CALL STATE REPRESENTATIVES & SENATORS
- CONTACT THE GOVERNOR
- SUPPORT WITH YOUR REOURCES ORGANIZATIONS THAT IMPACT PUBLIC OPINION.
- VOTE!

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for all the details and to register.

If you want to make a difference and want to win in the battle to restore our Republic – then you need to be at the Freedom Action National Conference!

One of the central messages of the Freedom Action National Conference is the dire need for states to reclaim their sovereignty under the Constitution's 10th Amendment. Pennsylvania State Rep. Sam Rohrer will show why it is so difficult for the states to take that action. The answer – follow the money. The states have allowed themselves to be so tied down by federal grants that they don't dare stand up for their Constitutional rights and responsibilities.