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THE HOUSE

REPUBLICAN STUDY COMMITTEE - The pro-life members of the House who are members of the Republican Study Committee booked time on the House floor on the evening of the anniversary of Roe v. Wade to make impassioned pleas for the lives of the unborn. The session was moderated by Congresswoman Michele Bachmann (R-MN) who is currently one of the great pro-life champions in the 110th Congress.

The Republican Study Committee currently has 100 members. Keep in mind that after resignations and deaths, the GOP currently has 200 seats in the House. That means that only half of the Republicans in Congress have a desire to join this conservative body that consists of social conservatives who are also economic conservatives.

PELOSI'S TAX REFUND- After spending years denouncing the Bush tax cuts, House Speaker Nancy Pelosi has proposed a tax "rebate" to stimulate the economy. She still does not want to make the Bush tax cuts "permanent." If those tax cuts are not codified, in 2012 the people of this nation will face the biggest single tax increase in history. How odd that Pelosi wants to send billions in checks to American tax payers this year and then take away \$1 trillion a year beginning in 2012. The workings of the liberal mind are a strange thing. See the Senate section for Senator Clinton's "stimulus" plan.

HOLOCAUST SURVIVOR TO LEAVE CONGRESS - Congressman Tom Lantos (D-CA) announced he has esophageal cancer and will not run for reelection. Lantos is serving his 14th term in the House of Representatives and is 79 years old.

The Hungarian-born Lantos immigrated to the United States in 1947 after surviving a Nazi forced-labor camp. He escaped and was one of the Holocaust survivors to be sheltered by Swedish diplomat Raoul Wallenberg, who was credited with saving tens of thousands of Jews from the Nazis. Tom Lantos was one of the few Democrats who would work with Republicans on issues of religious freedom.

THE SENATE

ADDING PRO-LIFE AMENDMENT TO INDIAN HEALTH CARE - On the anniversary of Roe v Wade, Senator Vitter (R-LA) filed a pro-life amendment to the Indian Health Care Improvement Act (S-1200) that would codify a long-standing policy against funding of abortions with federal Indian Health Service (IHS) funds. This amendment to the bill will mean that funds cannot be used for abortions (except danger to life of mother, rape, and incest) no matter what happens with the

annual appropriations language. (This same pro-life goal was accomplished in the Department of Defense by enactment of a permanent Hyde Amendment as part of the Defense Authorization Bill in 1996.)

The Vitter amendment to S. 1200 would accomplish this pro-life goal with respect to the Indian Health Care program. The amendment language is based on the Hyde Amendment which is contained in the Health and Human Services Appropriations Bill.

For Medicaid, federal funding of abortions was restricted beginning in 1976 by enactment of the Hyde Amendment to the annual HHS Appropriations Bill. However, because the Indian Health Service is funded through the separate Interior Appropriations bill, which has never contained a Hyde Amendment, the IHS continued to pay for abortion on demand until 1982. At that time, the Reagan Administration curbed the practice administratively, as a temporary fix. Subsequently, in an IHS Preauthorization Bill in 1988, Congress enacted 25 U.S.C. Sec. 1676, which said that any abortion funding limitations found in the Health and Human Services appropriations measure in effect at any given time will also apply to the Indian Health Services.

Unfortunately the Reagan requirement provides no real assurance that federal IHS funds will not be used to pay for abortion on demand in the future, because the language of future HHS appropriations bills depends upon a host of legislative and political contingencies that a Democrat controlled Congress can apply. Senator Vitter's amendment would codify the long-standing policy: No federal funds for abortion, except to save the life of the mother, or in cases of rape or incest of a minor. **Contact your Senator and tell him you support Senator Vitter's pro-life amendment to S-1200!**

UNDER GOD PETITIONS TO INHOFE - On January 23rd I personally handed a disc containing the names and addresses of every Oklahoman who had signed a petition to protect "Under God" in the Pledge to Senator Jim Inhofe (R-OK). We are seeking a godly Senator to introduce the Pledge Protection Act in the Senate. Senator Inhofe was chosen as the first senator to receive our petitions because he is a member of the Republican Senate leadership. Each week he is part of a steering committee meeting that determines which legislation the Republican members of the Senate will push. Senator Inhofe is the leader of a Senate Bible study that is attended by numerous Senators and each summer he visits African leaders to share the Gospel.



**William Murray and
Senator Jim Inhofe**

SENATOR CLINTON'S TAX REBATE - Senator Clinton's idea of an economic stimulus is to give rebates to "poor people who can't pay their heating oil bills." Those are her words not mine. A lot of people in New York use heating oil, but virtually no one in the South or West does. Beyond pandering to her fellow New Yorkers, her proposal makes no sense at all because it will not create jobs or actually stimulate the economy.

Under Senator Clinton's plan the government would pay the heating oil bills of "poor people" with tax rebates and her "stimulus" plan ends there. The same amount of tax relief given to middle class families would be used to buy clothing, furniture or even take vacations. Those purchases would create jobs which would in turn bring back jobs for the poor so they can pay their bills. The liberal mind set is not about creating jobs; it is about buying votes. Senator Clinton and her husband are multi-millionaires and do not really care about the poor other than to get their votes in the upcoming election.

THE PRESIDENT - THE GOOD, THE BAD, THE UGLY

THE GOOD - On the anniversary of Roe v. Wade the president spoke to the tens of thousands of right to life marchers who had come from all over the nation to protest the murder of more than 50 million unborn babies. The President said:

“Thirty-five years ago today the United States Supreme Court declared and decided that under the law an unborn child is not considered a person. But we know many things about the unborn. Biology confirms that from the start each unborn child is a separate individual with his or her own genetic code. Babies can now survive outside the mother's womb at younger and younger ages. And the fingers and toes and beating hearts that we can see on an unborn child's ultrasound come with something that we cannot see: a soul.

“Today we're heartened -- we're heartened by the news that the number of abortions is declining. But the most recent data reports that more than one in five pregnancies end in an abortion. America is better than this, so we will continue to work for a culture of life where a woman with an unplanned pregnancy knows there are caring people who will support her; where a pregnant teen can carry her child and complete her education; where the dignity of both the mother and child is honored and cherished.”

THE BAD - What do Presidents Carter, Reagan, Bush 41, Clinton, and Bush 43 have in common? All of them declared they would bring peace to the Middle East with a treaty. So far they have collectively convinced Israel to give up land and safety in return for more and more terror. Now President George W. Bush is there trying to get the Fatah controlled Palestinian "government" to sign a treaty with Israel that the HAMAS controlled Gaza has already said it will not honor. All that the President is going to accomplish here is to make Israel even more vulnerable. My advice to the President: Come home and help us bring down the cost of gasoline and forget about signing treaties with Muslims who have no intention of honoring them anyway.

THE UGLY - It was disheartening to watch President Bush in Saudi Arabia holding a ceremonial sword over his shoulder, the kind of sword used to behead "infidels." Worse was his announcement that the United States would sell that treacherous dictatorship advanced weapons that can only be used for offensive warfare. The President is not served well by his advisers, particularly Secretary Rice who still believes the Soviet Union, which dissolved more than a decade ago, is a threat to the United States. While in "The Kingdom," the President also pleaded with the Saudis to pump more oil to help American consumers. The Saudis, grateful for the advanced weapons to be sold to them, told President Bush they would pump more oil if "market conditions warranted." In other words they told our President to take a flying leap.

INTERNATIONAL

BOMBINGS FOR ORTHODOX CHRISTMAS - On the two days in January when the Orthodox Church celebrates Christmas Eve and Christmas Day, four churches and three convents were bombed in two Iraqi cities. Just before the bombings, people in Christian neighborhoods received notices from Al Quaida warning of church bombings for Christmas. There were numerous injuries in the church bombings in Baghdad, and in Mosul there were injuries and deaths.

According to the Bush Administration everything is getting back to normal in Iraq now and refugees can come home -- that is, if they are Muslims. Meanwhile the number of Christians flowing into Jordan and Lebanon from Iraq continues to grow as Syria has closed its border to refugees.

EVEN FEWER IRAQIS ALLOWED IN U.S. - Despite intense pressure by numerous groups on the White House and the State Department, the number of Iraqi refugees allowed in the United States has declined each of the last two months. Rather than the 1,000 a month the White House proclaimed the number has actually dropped to less than 300 in December.

OUR FINANCES AND THE RECESSION

MARKET COLLAPSE - A worldwide recession was at least temporarily averted the week of January 21st by Federal Reserve Bank action. Stock markets dropped as much as 20% in some parts of the world and would have overwhelmed U.S. markets had it not been for Martin Luther King Day. The holiday gave time for the FED to react by lowering the discount rate or loan rate to major banks by almost 1%. This still does not deal with the underlying problems -- the price of gasoline and the credit crisis involving real estate in the United States. I believe there is a better solution than that proposed by President Bush and Democrat leaders such as Hillary Clinton.

President George W. Bush and Democrat Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi both want to send small government checks to Americans to buy cheap Chinese junk at discount stores while allowing the infrastructure of the nation to continue to collapse. The bill for the giveaway to "save" the economy from recession is \$150 billion if the President gets his way and maybe \$500 billion if the Democrats get their way.

Most of I-95 is still four lanes, the same as when it was built in the 1960's despite the fact that nearly one third of the population of the United States lives within 100 miles of it. Mid-afternoon on weekends traffic comes to a stand still in New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Virginia, and the Carolinas. Commerce in 18 wheelers comes to a stop for even a small fender bender. This same scene is repeated on the West Coast, and on many of the nation's other major highways. Major Interstate bridges have collapsed and others are in danger of collapse all over our land.

TRUTH: The \$150 billion the President and congressional leaders would use for rebates could pay to widen I-95 from Bangor, Maine to Miami, Florida to six lanes and free up millions of gallons of gas now wasted in thousands of daily traffic backups. Hundreds of thousands of working hours are lost to traffic jams on our Interstate systems each week. The amount of money the Democrats want to issue in "rebates" could fix the entire nation's road system.

The small rebates proposed by President Bush wouldn't even pay for the gas lost in traffic each year for the average American family. Using the billions he and the Democrats propose to spend to "stimulate" the economy would be better used to fix our roads with American steel, American cement and American labor. The rebates would probably be used by most Americans to buy cheap consumer goods made in foreign countries. We need to say no to tax rebates and demand that our broken roads and bridges be fixed. I have personally set up an Internet site at www.roadnotrebates.com to get this point across. If you agree please go to that site and vote for roads instead of rebates.

OUR FINANCES - In the last Chairman's Report I wrote that our income fell 50% in November and 75% in December as the recession took hold. We were unable to issue paychecks for the last three weeks of December until mid-January when revenue picked up. Our revenue only picked up after special fund raising letters were sent to supporters explaining the situation.

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