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From the Committee Chair...

**A bill should pertain to one thing
and nothing more**

A few weeks ago I had a business meeting with an individual who I happen to like very well and know on which side of the fence this person stands. As we talked about business we eventually wandered off into the greatest political 'talk of the season'. The things we discussed were many, from the number of candidates for U.S Senate to health care reform. That is when the conversation turned to bills in the Senate and Congress. Why can't our elected officials just let a bill pertain to the one item at hand and not slip in all the extra garbage? Let's take the health care bill for example. There are so many things in this bill that are unreal and un-American and those items are uncalled for. If you want to pass bills about highways and byways then let the bill pertain to just that and nothing else. What do health care and highways have to do with each other? Other than you need roads to get the emergency vehicles to the proper place in a timely matter in life and death situations.

I would appreciate a politician who stands up in his elected position and tells those that voted for him or her that the reason a road would not get paved or a community center would not be built in the district is because that official did not vote for a particular bill that raised taxes, or because something was slipped into the bill that promoted an unacceptable project or benefits that went way beyond the project as proposed. It's time government stops the out of control spending and those that we elect to office start standing up for what they campaigned for - our vote and our concerns. This has to mean saying "no, we will not vote on a bill that has way too much pork barrel spending and includes any items that have nothing to do with the issue at hand". Let each of the bills introduced from now on be focused on the single matter or project that needs addressed, and nothing more.

Mike Sevak

Chairman RPBC

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***Question... Do you feel secure...
with your government?***

by Leigh Nogy

It's one thing to feel a need to have security in your job, your home, and your personal goings about, but it's completely different to feel insecurity that stems from the veiled threats of the people that represent you in Washington.

The first matter of security can easily be accomplished in many ways. One way is through getting a Concealed Carry License. Not only does getting the license obviously give you the ability to turn a bad situation into something else, but it SUPPORTS our Constitutional rights to protect ourselves. Our 2nd Amendment is under attack and the attack is not so obvious.

In several states, cities are legislating the ban on handguns in parks and public buildings where Federal law would normally allow. So it's becoming more difficult to live securely in these places. Common thievery, battery, rape, burglary, breaking and entering, assault with a weapon and drug crime is a pastime for thugs and endured by those who live there. People who legal carry a concealed weapon do not have criminal records. Making a law prohibiting people from carrying a weapon not only endangers them, but does nothing to prohibit criminals from taking advantage of the situation. In fact, it invites thugs to an easy target community. It's funny, but in California, there's a bill in the works to prevent people from de-clawing their cats, yet those same legislators would not have the same mercy for their own kind.... that's liberals for you.

I had the pleasure of speaking with Kelley Craddock, one of our local Concealed Carry Educators and police officer. His message is simple. He wishes that every qualified citizen would carry a weapon. He knows it would make his job as a police officer easier and we would all be safer. He cites that a people that take away their rights to defend themselves results in ZERO effect on the criminal activity and in fact increases as it did in Australia where guns were banned. He said it's easy at a time of peace to lay down ones rights to own guns as they did in Chicago in the early 80's, with the mind set that there wont be problems later. But as they found out in Chicago, there are major problems down the road; Chicago is now the Crime Capital of the U.S. People are made to be accepting of small violations of their rights and future generations learn to embrace these violations and accept even further restrictions. That's why it is so important that we do not teach our children to simply sit back and watch while Washington erodes our abilities to take care of ourselves and our families. If our children become less accepting than we are and their children less accepting than them, then our problems are well on their way to being permanently solved.

So, are we going to stand up and defend our Constitutional rights NOW or are we going to let Washington cloud the meaning of the 2nd Amendment, tearing it apart bit by bit until the 4th Amendment is also destroyed and we have to endure undue Search and Seizure? As Kelley says "States like Illinois like to pick and choose which rights they have to abide by... making local and state ordinances that break the Constitution."

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There has been a lot of rhetoric used lately to persuade people that the Health Care legislation has back door ways of limiting gun ownership through discouragement via excessive taxing to the government having access to one's medical history. Looking at all this on the surface, one would think that it's not that way. But there are some tell-tell signs including the fact that none of the legislators in Washington want to be subject to the government run health plan. Many of them, including Kathleen Sebelius, our health care CZAR, have tried to ban concealed carry.

Kelley also states that "Right now, Arkansas is processing about 4000 new Concealed Carry licenses per month. It's a \$144 expense that is well worth making. It's a choice that becomes part of your daily routine, like a doctor putting on his stethoscope. It doesn't mean that you'll be looked upon as some militia wanna-be. Instead it helps support our Constitution and enables a person to make better an unthinkable situation should it arise. Fighting to win is what we all have to do at this point." We must win in Washington. We must win here going about our daily effects.

Kelley knows that people want to feel safe in their jobs, their homes and going about their everyday lives. That's why he's made his classes available to any organization, like with one of our local Republican Women's group, donating the profit back to them as a fundraiser. I was able to take the class and get my Concealed Carry License. I am certainly glad to have it and I proudly display my actual license on my T-shirt. It's is my own way of saying that I support the 2nd Amendment and our Constitution.

Shown below is a map of reciprocal states with Arkansas for Concealed Carry. Note that gun legislation can be watched at <http://nationalgunrights.org/billwatch.shtml> A current bill being proposed by our Representative Boozman includes language to expand the reciprocal carry agreements with other states for certain permit holders.

You can contact Kelley to set up a class for your organization at Ugly Stick Self-Defense Programs, uglystickcop@gmail.com



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GOP Allied Club Notes...

Bella Vista Republican Women (BVRW) - Meeting November 23rd at Concordia Retirement Village, 1 Concordia Drive, Bella Vista, 9 a.m. Social, 9:30 a.m. business meeting. Visit our website: <http://www.bvrepublicanwomen.org/>

Benton County Republican Women (BCRW) - Meeting being held November 17th at 12 p.m. at the Apple Blossom Retirement Villiage Meeting Hall, located in separate building on north side of property. Guest Speaker: Dr. Janine Parry, U of A Political Science "Rising Political Hypothesis". Please bring a guest. Buffet lunch will be catered, \$8 per person.

Visit our website: <http://www.bentoncountyrepublicanwomen.org/>

Republican Men of Benton County (RMBC) - We are having a very special meeting on Friday, November 21st at Metfield Club, 1 Euston Rd. in Bella Vista, at 6 p.m. All the candidates for U.S. Senate will be speaking. Contact: Sen. Kim Hendren, Club President, Ph. 479-790-5600, kimhendren@cox.net

Republican Women of Bentonville (BVRW) - The next meeting will be at 6:30 p.m. at the Bentonville Public Library on South Main Street.

Rep. Donna Hutchinson. Also, Octavio and Elizabeth Sanchez will be doing a short presentation on their trip to Washington, DC with the NHRA. Visit our website: <http://republicanwomenofbentonville.org/>

Siloam Springs Republican Women(SSRW)- Fall Membership Tea on November 14th, 2 P.M. - 4 P.M. Location is the home of J.D. and Carrie Chastain, 20122 S. Hwy. 59, Siloam Springs. If you need further information call 479-524-3461. The SSRW club does not meet again in November or December.

Republican National Hispanic Assembly (RHNA) - will meeting Saturday, November 14th at 5 p.m. at Cafe Barrista in Pinnacle Hills near Debbie's Pharmacy. Please come and bring a guest.

Save the Date:

TUSK Club and State Committee Meeting December 4-5 in Hot Springs

NFRW Spring Board Meeting, Thu Mar 11 – Sat Mar 13, 2010 at the Renaissance Convention Center Hotel, Oklahoma City, OK

AFRW 2009 Biennial Convention, Maumelle, AR - Sat., April 4, 2009

AFRW 55th Anniversary on June 18th and State Committee Meeting on June 19th.

Holiday Help: Please check out these Armed Services Projects for ways you can help:

www.pocketflagproject.com

www.qovf.org

www.fisherhouse.org

www.nmfa.org

www.sewmuchcomfort.org

www.va.gov/homeless/page.cfm?pg=6

www.cellphonesforsoldiers.com

www.toysfortots.org/

www.nfrwoperationwecare.org

www.va.gov

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Meetings / Further Information...

Next Republican Party of Benton County Meeting: will be November 24th at the Benton County Public Services Building on Hwy 102 West of Bentonville at 6 p.m. Please join us and bring a guest!!! Our guest speaker will be Joseph Woods, Treasurer of the Republican Party of Arkansas. (You may bring your donation to Toys 4 Tots here if you will not be able to attend the Christmas Party or Christmas Luncheon. We will get it there.)

Thank You, Sue Scott and everyone else that helped organize, make food and set up the chili supper. Everyone got to eat lots and enjoy the company... as Dad always says, "If you didn't get enough to eat then it's your own darn fault!"

Upcoming Events: Ho Ho Ho !

Christmas Luncheon and White Elephant Auction will be held on Dec. 1st-Bentonville Clarion Hotel and Conv. Center, 11:30 a.m. , 211 SE Walton Blvd, Bentonville. Tickets are available for purchase, \$20. Contact Susan Johnston sjohnston@daisy.com for more information. Please bring a new and unwrapped \$5 toy for the Toys 4 Tots fundraiser.

RPBC Christmas Party and Toys 4 Tots Fundraiser, Friday December 11th for the RPBC Committee and all associated groups. Party hosted by the home of Alex Martinez - 4303 SW Brownstone Ave., Bentonville, AR 72712 - Time: 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. Please bring a new and unwrapped \$5 toy for the fundraiser. Please RSVP before November 30th to alex.martinez@soltelnetworksllc.com Thank you.

From the website developer, Alex Martinez:

We are excited to announce that we can now be found at Facebook and Twitter. For those that are on Facebook and Twitter please begin to follow us today. You can find our links on our website: www.bentoncountygop.org under "Follow Us" or you can go directly to: <http://www.facebook.com/pages/Rogers-AR/Benton-County-Republican-Committee/82034112295> or <http://twitter.com/bcgop1>

Submissions to the newsletter: Please submit articles, associated club news, meetings, fundraiser announcements, etc. by the 9th day of the month to Barbara Tillman, Secretary RPBC, Secretary@bentoncountygop.org

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"Laws that forbid the carrying of arms..disarm only those who are neither inclined nor determined to commit crimes. Such laws make things worse for the assaulted and better for the assailants; they serve rather to encourage than prevent homicides, for an unarmed man may be attacked with greater confidence than an armed one." --Thomas Jefferson quoting Cesare Beccaria, Criminologist in 1764. That was 245 years ago.

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