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From the Committee Chair...

“We the American People”

I love the history of America and its people. American people represent a kind of innate capability, the kind that does not require the government telling us how to do things all the time. I reflect on the events of 9/11/2001... a day that will always be forever etched in our minds as a nation. What I remember most was what happened after that terrible day. A nation raised flags, went to church, gathered in public and vowed to not let these types of things happen ever again. We showed the world that when we are brought to our knees, we will rise again and be stronger than before. We set our differences aside and it didn't matter who you were or where you were from.

We need to get back to the basics of what this great Nation was founded on. We as a party and as a people must restore America to its core values. As Americans, we have to start electing those that will listen to us and we must not allow politicians to dictate what we stand for. We have the rights and responsibilities to hold our government accountable to the Constitution. If our founding fathers believed in future generations of Americans, then we as a Party we must reinstate this belief. It will take a lot of hard work, but for those that believe in America; we can succeed.

Accountability, Respect, and Dependability are the values we need to restore in our government. We need to be a “Government of the people, by the people, for the people” again! Let our voices be heard. Let us not be afraid of our government. Let us rise to the occasion and send a message our elected officials that we will not stand for the damage done to this great nation and the next generations. We as a people need to send a message to Washington that we don't want them involved in the matters that we can solve ourselves. I am asking you to join me in sending this message and continuing to fight.

Thank you all for what you do and those that are coming onboard to move this great Nation forward.

Mike Sevak

Chairman RPBC

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In the News...

Friday, February 20, 2009, ARRA newsfeed

State Sovereignty Bill Filed in the Arkansas House Today

Jason Tolbert, The Tolbert Report: HCR1011, a resolution affirming the sovereignty of the state of Arkansas under the 10th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution was filed this afternoon by **Rep. Debra Hobbs (R-Rogers)**. The resolution goes on to say that this is to serve as "Notice and Demand to the federal government, as our agent, to cease and desist, effective immediately, mandates that are beyond the scope of these constitutionally delegated powers." The resolution is part of a grassroots movement in state legislatures across the country as a protest to the intrusion of the federal government into state government affairs. Oklahoma recently became the first state in this movement to pass this type of resolution, HJR1003. As many as twenty other states are reportedly considering similar resolutions to Oklahoma and actual resolutions have been introduced in Arizona, Hawaii, Montana, Michigan, Missouri, New Hampshire, and Washington.

I spoke with Rep. Jon Woods, who is co-sponsoring the bill along with Rep. Debra Hobbs and Rep. Roy Ragland. Rep. Woods helped explain to me why they felt this needed to be filed. Rep. Woods said that they "have been working on this legislation since June, due to the growing trend with the Federal Government that all the answers should come within Washington, D.C., whether it's No Child Left Behind or the Fairness Doctrine." He said that the final straw was the announcement today from the chairman of the U.S. Senate Banking Committee Chris Dodd who said they may have to nationalize our banking system. Rep. Woods said, "The Federal Government is the agent to the state, we are not an agent to the Federal Government. This resolution affirm that."

* <http://www.arkleg.state.ar.us/assembly/2009/R/Pages/BillInformation.aspx?measureno=HCR1011>

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And then what happened...

March 6th...An Arkansas legislative panel has voted down a nonbinding resolution asserting state sovereignty after Democrats questioned why the measure was necessary. Only Republicans voted for the resolution by Republican Rep. Debra Hobbs of Rogers. Backers say the measure — one of several filed this year in legislatures nationwide — was a response to the No Child Left Behind law and the \$787 billion stimulus package passed by Congress, among other federal programs. One Democrat said the language in the resolution was reminiscent of reluctance in the 1950s to desegregate schools in Arkansas, while another lawmaker argued that interpretation of the U.S. Constitution should be left up to courts, not the Legislature.

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GOP Allied Club Notes...

Bella Vista Republican Women (BVRW) - will have their next meeting on Monday, March 23, 2009 at 9:00a.m. for social time and meeting at 9:30a.m. we usually go until 10:30a.m. or a little there after. We meet at the Concordia Retirement Center in Bella Vista. Contact: Brenda DeShields, Club President, Ph. 479-531-9679

Benton County Republican Women (BCRW) - Monthly Meeting

Officer Groomer, RPD, Guest Speaker with an update on the ICE Program, March 17, 2009, 12:00 p.m., \$5.00 lunch donation, Samaritan Community Center, 1112 West Hudson Road, Rogers-Please feel free to visit as a guest!

Republican Men of Benton County (RMBC) - March 27th program will feature Judge Dave Bisbee, Revenue Structure Issues for the County of Benton and county storm damage issues. Meeting place is Metfield Club, 1 Euston Rd. in Bella Vista, at 12 p.m. Contact: Sen. Kim Hendren, Club President, Ph. 479-790-5600, kimhendren@cox.net

Republican Women of Bentonville (BVRW)- Meetings are on the second Thursday at the Bentonville library at 6:30 p.m. Contact: Sara Davidson, Club President, Ph. 479-659-1965, sjdavid@yahoo.com

Siloam Springs Republican Women(SSRW)- will meet March 23rd at the Signature Bank Community Room, 200 Progress Avenue. Our program will feature Joseph Woods, Treasurer of the Arkansas Republican Party. Coffee time is 6:30 P.M. and Program is at 7. Contact: Carrie Chastain, Club President pro tempore, Ph. 479-524-3461, jdchastain@centurytel.net

We ought to be persuaded that the propitious smiles of heaven can never be expected on a nation that disregards the eternal rules of order and right which heaven itself has ordained."

George Washington

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Next Republican Party of Benton County Committee Meeting:

March 24th, 7 p.m. at the Benton County Public Services Building on Highway 102 West. We are asking all those that come to the meeting to please bring 2 canned food items to the meeting. We will donate the food to the Samaritan House soup kitchen this month.

Upcoming Events:

Allied Groups- please make use of the community calendar on the RPBC website by contacting Cindy Beam with your meeting / event information. Email: cindybeam@cox.net

Announcement:

The developer of the RPBC website will work with allied groups to develop and link a webpage to the RPBC website. Please contact Mike Sevak for more information.

From the newsletter editor:

You may have noticed the box in the upper right hand corner... yes, it's true, soon the newsletter will automatically distribute from the RPBC website.... our newsletter will have a look similar to what you see here as well. Please visit our website often for updates. Thank you..

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, batillman1@gmail.com., Ph. 479-715-6762 after 6 p.m. Please also CC to Leigh Nogy, Assistant Secretary RPBC at maltster@nogy.net

Get Involved:

Strain every nerve to gain your point.~ Cicero

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