

# *Wilson County Tea Party Newsletter*

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## **U.S. Senators and Congressmen & Fiscal Responsibility**

On the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of the Lame Duck Session (11/16), the GOP Senate caucus approved Senator Jim DeMint's resolution to banish the practice of earmarks for the next two years. The much anticipated vote on this non-binding resolution was watched closely by Tea Party participants who expressed legitimate concern that the Senate Republicans did not 'get' the real message sent by the 11/2 election tidal wave: *STOP THE SPENDING*. ([Article](#))

It wasn't until approximately twenty-four hours prior to the vote that Republican Senate leader Mitch McConnell finally caved into pressure to support the earmark moratorium. His failure to support the moratorium earlier in the process angered many Conservatives because it appeared that he was oblivious to the outrage of the American people over the disdained earmark practice commonly referred to by the voters as 'pork barrel spending'.

Although TN Senator Bob Corker expressed support for the DeMint resolution rather early in the process, Senator Lamar Alexander was considered to be a NO vote less than 24 hours prior to the vote. A call to his Washington office on the morning of 11/15 was met with a vague non-committed response while his staffer tried to draw attention away from the controversial subject by focusing on the unrelated subject of unfunded mandates to states ([Article](#)). However, on the afternoon of the 15<sup>th</sup>, it was obvious that Senator Alexander had also FINALLY gotten the message from the voters although his press release seemed to indicate that his support was lukewarm and would last only a short time. Particularly disturbing was his statement that indicated that "*Cleaning up earmarks is good short-term policy, but as long-term policy it would undermine the Constitution because instead of placing a check on the President, it turns the checkbook over to him*". ([Article](#)). This outlandish claim – made several days ago by OK Senator Inhofe - was recently disputed in an article written by OK Senator Tom Coburn ([Article](#)) and we urge you to read it. Senator Coburn describes earmarks as "*the gateway drug to spending addiction in Washington*" and indicated that earmarks have been used to "*push through extremely costly and onerous bills*" (such as Obamacare). In other words, earmarks have been used to bribe legislators into voting for legislation that they might not have otherwise supported.

*Why then, Senator Alexander, would you make ANY effort to support this corrupted practice? When are the legislators in Washington going to put the American taxpayers first and foremost? What about OUR Senators and Congressmen?*

Since past actions are often a predictor of future behavior, we decided to take a look at the fiscal responsibility rating of those legislators representing Tennessee in Washington. Here are the 2009 ratings by **Citizens Against Government Waste**. CAGW's purpose is to "identify which members of Congress are protecting the interests of taxpayers and which are squandering their hard-earned dollars".

The higher the score, the more fiscally responsible a legislator is ([website](#)):

**Senate:**

**ALEXANDER (R)**

2009 Rating: 59% ('Lukewarm')

Lifetime Rating: 68% ('Friendly')

**CORKER (R)**

2009 Rating: 88% ('Taxpayer Hero')

Lifetime Rating: 75% ('Friendly')

**House:**

**COOPER (D)**

District 5

2009 Rating: 65% ('Friendly')

Lifetime Rating: 46% ('Lukewarm')

**GORDON (D)**

District 6

2009 Rating: 3% ('Hostile')

Lifetime Rating: 24% ('Unfriendly')

**2008-2010 Earmarks Granted to State of Tennessee**

Frankly, the ratings of all are deplorable. Even the 2009 rating of Senator Corker ("Taxpayer Hero") when contrasted with his Lifetime Rating ("Friendly") seems to suggest a late-term move toward a more conservative position in preparation for a re-election bid (you'll note a similar directional move for Jim Cooper as he prepared for his recent re-election bid). This is not acceptable.

Fiscal irresponsibility will no longer be tolerated from our elected officials. Our country's survival is depending on the actions of our legislators BEGINNING NOW!

Earmark Moratorium: [What TN Senators Call 'Symbolism', We Call Waste and Corruption!](#)

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**TIDBITS**

**EYES WIDE OPEN!!** Have you been paying attention to the Federal Reserve's latest action to print massive amounts of money and 'monetize' the U.S. debt? This could result in hyper-inflation as the value of the U.S. dollar shrinks due to the influx of printed money into the economy. [Fed Global Backlash Grows](#) This is very scary so keep your eye on this! The ramifications for the U.S. are **LIFE-ALTERING**. Interestingly, in February 2010, Fed Reserve Chairman Bernake testified before Congress and insisted he would NOT 'monetize' our debt ([here](#)). Another thought: [Is Obama following Lenin's Inflation Strategy?](#) Other important reading: [Bernake's Folly](#), [Bernake's Cowardice Has Sealed Our Fate](#), [The Fed Trashes the Dollar](#), [Corker Says Congress Should Consider Setting Inflation Targets](#)

**FEET TO THE FIRE** ... You might want to read U.S. House Republican Whip Eric Cantor's recently-released 22 page document entitled "[Delivering on our Commitment](#)". This is in addition to the [Pledge to America](#) distributed by the Republicans prior to the election. ([YouCut](#)) Our word to Mr. Cantor: **WE WANT ACTION, NOT WORDS!**

**RED CHANGES TO BLUE** ... Did you ever wonder why the Conservative states are considered 'red' states and the Progressive Liberal states are called 'blue' states? Prior to 2000, it was exactly the opposite! Members of the liberal press changed it in 2000 so that the Democrats wouldn't be associated with the color red (the color of Communism)! Remember ... it's all about perception! Article: [How to Change Red States Blue](#)

**DON'T BE FOOLED!!!** Although the election is over, the fight against socialism is not! Read: [Socialism and Reality](#)

**KUDOS TO HOME-SCHOOLED YOUTH & THOSE TEACHING THEM!** [Home Educated Youth and the Election](#)

**Liberal? ... uh, Progressive? ... no ... Socialist ... yeah, that's it! MSNBC Host Lawrence O'Donnell admits he's a Socialist and discusses how Democrats need to 'temper their platforms' to get elected (aka: LIE) ([Video](#))**

*And speaking of **Progressives** ...* Due to the election loss of many 'Blue Dog Democrats', the Democrat Party in Congress shifted dramatically to the left. For the first time, the Congressional **Progressive** Caucus will represent more than **FORTY PERCENT** of Democrats in the House.

**DID YOU KNOW??** ... that radical-Progressive billionaire George Soros has been funding a project to elect left-wing individuals in the Secretary of State positions (of each state) in order to effect the outcome of elections in favor of Democrats? (The Secretary of State is the chief elections officer of a state.) Luckily, five of the seven candidates he supported on 11/2 did not win. The message from the left? If you can't win, CHEAT! This should infuriate ALL Americans! **READING:** [Secretary of State Project - Soros Vote Counters](#) and [Soros-Supported SOS Project Dealt Blow in Mid-terms](#) Communist Joseph Stalin once said: "The people who cast the votes decide nothing. The people who count the votes decide everything."

**Nancy Pelosi became Speak of the House on 1/4/2007.** At the close of business on Jan. 4, 2007, Pelosi's first day as speaker, the national debt was \$8,670,596,242,973.04 (8.67 trillion), according to the [Bureau of the Public Debt](#), a division of the U.S. Treasury Department. At the close of business on Oct. 22, it stood at \$13,667,983,325,978.31 (13.67 trillion), an increase of 4,997,387,083,005.27 (or approximately \$5 trillion). [Watch the video of her now-infamous words!](#)

**MAKING HARD DECISIONS?** [The Curse of the Welfare State](#), [French President Sarkozy Signs Bill: French Retire at 62, Not 60](#)

**EYES WIDE OPEN!!** The **President's Debt Commission** released a first draft plan on 11/10 although there is speculation that many members of the Commission are not on board with the recommendations. Then why are the Commission leaders releasing parts of the report prior to the 12/1 expected date? Interestingly, the report was released the day before the G20 meeting where many countries are expected to express **strong** objections to Obama's U.S. fiscal policy. Could this release have been an attempt to make Obama look fiscally responsible before the rest of the world? We suggest that you read many different viewpoints on this issue in order to fully understand the proposals! ([Draft](#))([Article](#))([Article](#))([Article](#))([Pentagon \\$100 Billion Hit](#))([Debt Commission Floats Idea of Public Option?](#)) Isn't it the job of CONGRESS to cut spending and balance the budget?

**Looking for things to cut in the budget? Look no more!** ([Federal bureaucrats earning \\$150K up tenfold in past five years](#))([GOP's First Target Should Be Government Worker Salary and Benefits](#))([White House Staffers Got Big Raises Last Year](#))([Government Employees Owe Billions in Delinquent Taxes](#))

## **Supreme Court Weighs Arizona Tax Credit for Christian Schools**

**YOU MUST BE KIDDING!** The Progressives want to destroy the most wonderful health care system on earth in order to help 8011 people? ([Article](#))

**THE PRESIDENT - BY ANY MEANS NECESSARY:** [Outrageous Flip-Flop on Filibuster Rules](#) Also... [Dem backers of new filibuster rules undaunted by GOP](#)

**Buried story of the week ...** White House lied, jobs died ([Article](#))([Article](#))

**Oops .. 2<sup>nd</sup> Buried story of the week ...** [White House Hands Out 111 Obamacare Waivers - Hides It On Website](#), [Waivermania](#), [Waiver List Peppared with Unions](#)

**And... to cheer you up?** [Death Panels and VAT Tax will solve debt crisis](#)