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## Senate Town Hall Meetings

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The state Senate of Virginia will hold Town Hall meetings over the next several days in Northern Virginia and Hampton Roads to promote their tax hike plans. The General Assembly is still deadlocked over the budget with transportation funding the key sticking point. The Senate and Governor Kaine are still bent on increasing taxes, including a gas tax hike, while the House is still holding firm against higher taxes.

These meetings are a great opportunity for citizens concerned about ever increasing taxes to send a clear message to the Senate that they have enough of our money! Two years ago they passed the largest tax hike in Virginia history and are currently operating with a budget surplus that approaches \$2 billion!

### Hampton Roads

**When: 6:30 p.m., Wednesday, May 10**

**Where: Old Dominion University, Virginia Beach Higher Education Center, 1881 University Drive, Virginia Beach**

**Comment:** Sen. Stolle, our prominent RINO, Republican in Name Only, is leading the charge to raise our taxes \$1.9 BILLION even though they have a surplus of \$2 Billion on the books. He is in lock-step with the Democratic Governor on this. Go to the meeting, sign up to speak, and give them an earful. NO NEW TAXES. I wonder why they never heard of reducing spending. Ed.

### THE GIPPER

"We hear much of special interest groups. Well, our concern must be for a special interest group that has been too long neglected. It knows no sectional boundaries or ethnic and racial divisions, and it crosses political party lines. It is made up of

men and women who raise our food, patrol our streets, man our mines and factories, teach our children, keep our homes, and heal us when we're sick—professionals, industrialists, shopkeepers, clerks, cabbies, and truck drivers. They are, in short, 'We the people'..." —Ronald Reagan, from the Patriot

### THE LEFT

"I would be more interested in what the Democrats had to say about high gas prices if these were not the same people who refused to let us drill for oil in Alaska, imposed massive restrictions on building new refineries, and who shut down the development of nuclear power in this country decades ago. But it's too much having to watch Democrats wail about the awful calamity to poor working families of having to pay high gas prices. Imposing punitive taxation on gasoline to force people to ride bicycles has been one of the left's main policy goals for years. For decades Democrats have been trying to raise the price of gasoline so that the working class will stop their infernal car-driving and start riding on buses where they belong, while liberals ride in Gulfstream jets... The Democrats' only objection to current gas prices is that the federal government's cut is a mere 18.4 cents a gallon. States like New York get another 44 cents per gallon in taxes. The Democratic brain processes the fact that 'big oil companies' get nearly 9 cents a gallon and thinks: **WE SHOULD HAVE ALL THAT MONEY!** When the free market does the exact thing liberals have been itching to do through taxation, they pretend to be appalled by high gas prices, hoping the public will forget that high gas prices are part of their agenda." —Ann Coulter, from the Patriot.

### Hero on the Hill

There's not much to commend in the mess over the federal budget, but I can point to at least one hero: Sen. Tom Coburn (R-OK). Sen. Coburn was famous when he served in the

House for *rejecting* the byword of the legendary Speaker Sam Rayburn of Texas: "To get along, you better go along." Coburn was willing to buck his own party's leadership in the House--and he's now doing it in the Senate. Sen. Coburn is pushing earmark and lobbying reform.

"Earmarks" are those obscure amendments to spending bills that have proved to be a stampeding herd of cash cows for special interests. It was Coburn who flagged Sen. Ted Stevens' (R) "Bridge to Nowhere" in Alaska. Stevens has now slipped that provision into the Katrina relief legislation! Last year, Sen. Coburn could only get 15 colleagues to vote to strip the bridge. But now he is gaining ground. Senate leaders have lined up with Coburn more frequently lately. Even Sen. Stevens grudgingly admits that Coburn and his fellow spending hawks are "making their point, slowly but surely." With the government spending \$80 million a minute, they can't make their point too fast. *From FRC.*

**Comment:** We must make our case to our two Senators that out of control and by the way much of it illegal spending must stop. Billions are being wasted and they don't seem to care. Warner and Allen have voted yes on every major bill on spending, no matter how loaded. We have got to stop it. Call them now. Ed.

### Liberals want higher prices on oil

Senator Chuck Schumer and most of his Democratic colleagues in the Senate—the very crowd shouting the loudest about 'obscene' gas prices—have voted uniformly for nearly 20 years against allowing most domestic oil production. They have vetoed opening even a tiny portion of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge in Alaska to oil and gas production. If there is as much oil as the U.S. Geological Survey estimates, this would increase America's proven domestic oil reserves by about 50%. They

have also voted against producing oil from the Outer Continental Shelf, where there are more supplies by some estimates than in Saudi Arabia... If [environmentalists have] discovered some new law of economics in which a fall in output with rising demand can cause a reduction in price, we'd love to hear it. The dirty little secret about oil politics is that today's high gas price is precisely the policy result that Mr. Schumer and other liberals have long desired. High prices have been the prod that the left has favored to persuade Americans to abandon their SUVs and minivans, use mass transit, turn the thermostat down, produce less consumer goods and services, and stop emitting those satanic greenhouse gases... So how do the sages on Capitol Hill propose to reduce gas prices? They want to slap a profits tax on Big Oil because of alleged price gouging. Here we have another head-scratcher that seems to defy even junior-high-school economics. Usually when you tax something, like tobacco, you get less of it. But somehow a tax on oil will magically lead to *more* oil." —*The Wall Street Journal*

**Comment:** We have to call our elected reps and insist they start drilling for oil now, and start building refineries now. It has been 30 years. We couldn't process more oil if we got it somehow. Ed.

In his latest audio tape Osama bin Laden says that the Bush administration is evil, it's made up excuses to attack Iraq, and is obsessed with Middle Eastern oil. If Osama bin Laden keeps talking like that he could wind up the Democratic frontrunner. ... from the Patriot.

## Communist Inspired?

Millions of illegal aliens, primarily Mexican Nationalists in the U.S., are protesting against immigration reform today. It is no coincidence that this "May Day" protest falls on the Communist Party's International Workers' Day. And you thought the demonstrations were spontaneous didn't you. Ed.

## Conservative Insurgency

by Phyllis Schlafly, May 3, 2006 in Eagle Forum.

A new conservative uprising is stirring and no one should be surprised. The Republican Establishment has been drifting leftward, and a backlash had to come against the Big Government spenders in legislatures and against supremacist judges who order the spending.

Witness the conservative complaints against the Texas Republican leadership for trying to railroad through, in a special legislative session, a brand new tax on businesses. This would impose \$3 billion in new taxes on the most productive workers in Texas.

Is this justified by a shortfall in the budget? No; Texas has a budget surplus of over \$8 billion this year and business is booming. [Sounds like Virginia, Ed.]

Contrast that with California, which runs annual multibillion-dollar budget deficits and has a bond rating that ranks as low as hurricane-damaged Louisiana. The major difference is income taxes; California has the highest effective top rate (factoring in lack of deductions), while Texas has no personal or business income tax.

Texas Justice Nathan Hecht, writing for the state supreme court, ordered the Texas legislature to revamp its public school funding by June first.

Conservative Texas Supreme Court Justice Scott Brister wasn't fooled by his Court's decision, and he dissented vigorously. The Texas legislature should not be fooled or intimidated because levying taxes and appropriating money are legislative, not judicial, powers.

It is long overdue for state legislatures to educate state judges about the separation of powers and the fact that state courts should defer to elected representatives on taxes and spending.

Enter stage right. Conservative radio personality Dan Patrick declared "I cannot and will not support a tax increase on homeowners or business owners." Patrick just upset the Republican Establishment by winning a landslide victory in the primary for a Texas state senate seat.

Missouri has shown what the real conservative position is on taxes. Thanks to the Hancock Amendment of 1980, a surplus in tax collections must be refunded to the taxpayers, and nearly \$1 billion was refunded to individual and corporate taxpayers during 1995 to 1999.

Conservative challenges to tax-and-spend Republicans are gaining around the country. Despite strenuous efforts by the Republican National Committee to prop up U.S. Senator Lincoln Chafee of Rhode Island for reelection, this tax-and-spend RINO (Republican In Name Only) ran dead last among his major primary and general election opponents in fundraising this past quarter, and his wife has now appealed to Democrats to change their registration to vote for him in the Republican primary.

The politically tone-deaf White House, which is still trying to shove a very unpopular amnesty bill through the Senate, should listen to the grassroots. Read the whole article on [www.eagleforum.org](http://www.eagleforum.org)

## THE ARMED CITIZEN

The motivation behind a brutal assault in Oregon has yet to be determined. According to police, a man answered a knock at his front door and quickly found himself under attack by a stranger wielding a collapsible metal baton. The intruder beat the victim on his head and back, while yelling that he was going to kill the man as they fought throughout the first floor of the two-story dwelling. The victim managed to break free and run to his upstairs bedroom. It was there that he grabbed a 12-gauge shotgun and turned the tables. He shot the intruder at least twice, killing him. (*The Register-Guard*, Eugene, Ore., 02/11/06)

## GET THE U.S. OUT OF THE UNITED NATIONS!

### Stats on illegal immigrants.

1. 40% of all workers in L.A. County (L.A. County has 10 million people) are working for cash and not paying taxes. This was because they are predominantly illegal immigrants, working without a green card.
  2. 95% of warrants for murder in Los Angeles are for illegal aliens.
  3. 75% of people on the most wanted list in Los Angeles are illegal aliens.
  4. Over 2/3's of all births in Los Angeles County are to illegal alien Mexicans on Medi-Cal whose births were paid for by taxpayers.
  5. Nearly 25% of all inmates in California detention centers are Mexican nationals here illegally.
  6. Over 300,000 illegal aliens in Los Angeles County are living in garages.
  7. The FBI reports half of all gang members in Los Angeles are most likely illegal aliens from south of the border.
  8. Nearly 60% of all occupants of HUD properties are illegal.
  9. 21 radio stations in L.A. are Spanish speaking.
  10. In L.A. County 5.1 million people speak English. 3.9 million speak Spanish (10.2 million people in L.A. County).
- (All 10 from the Los Angeles Times)

Sen. Warner, 441-3079 and Senator Allen at 518-1674. Congresswoman Drake – 497-6859.  
 Cong. Randy Forbes 382-0080. Cong. Robert "Bobby" Scott - 380-1000