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THE BLOGOMETER

The Blogometer is a daily report from The Hotline taking the temperature of the political blogosphere. The Blogometer appears in The Hotline's subscription-only tip sheet and in this space every weekday at noon.

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6/29: RINO-Hunting

Conservative bloggers are furious that 8 GOP Reps. voted in favor of the climate change bill, which narrowly passed the House in spite of an aggressive lobbying campaign led by Americans For Prosperity and righty blogs. Conservative bloggers are denouncing these 8 GOP Reps. as "turncoats" and "Quisling Republicans". Some are declaring that they will no longer donate money to the NRCC, since they see no reason to support "the campaign committee whose job is to re-elect these RINO sellouts." Others are encouraging the Club for Growth to fund primary challengers against these 8 Reps. Meanwhile, the offices of these Reps. can expect to receive some angry phone calls today, since conservative activists listed their contact information on a website called "Defeat The Liberals: Working To Rid The GOP Of RINO's."

On the other hand, Min. Leader **John Boehner** won <u>himself</u> some <u>fans</u> in the conservative blogosphere thanks to his hour-long filibuster of the climate change bill.

What else is happening in the blogosphere?

- Liberal bloggers (<u>McCarter</u>, <u>Greenwald</u>, <u>digby</u>, <u>hilzoy</u>) are angry that the
 Obama admin. is <u>reportedly</u> "crafting language for an executive order that would reassert presidential authority to incarcerate terrorism suspects indefinitely."
- Conservative bloggers (Malkin, Morrissey, Jacobson, Pilon) are portraying the SCOTUS's decision in the Ricci case -- which "revers[ed] a decision that high court nominee Sonia Sotomayor endorsed as an appeals court judge" -- as a blow to Sotomayor's chances of having a smooth Senate confirmation. Liberal bloggers (Benen, Dayen) are pushing back against this argument.
- Conservative bloggers (<u>Johnson</u>, <u>Lane</u>, <u>Hawkins</u>, <u>Gateway Pundit</u>, <u>Allahpundit</u>) support the <u>military coup</u> in Honduras, and they're assailing Obama for <u>trying</u> to avert the coup during the weeks leading up to it.
- Conservative bloggers (<u>Geraghty</u>, <u>Painter</u>, <u>Richardson</u>, <u>Allahpundit</u>) are buzzing about WH adviser **David Axelrod**'s <u>refusal</u> "to rule out the possibility that the White House would agree to a tax hike on health insurance plans that would hit middle-income Americans."
- Liberal bloggers (<u>Green</u>, <u>Waldman</u>, <u>Dayen</u>, <u>digby</u>) are blasting <u>Washington</u>
 Post reporter **Ceci Connolly** for writing an <u>article</u> alleging that "sniping
 among liberals may jeopardize [the] votes" needed to pass a health care
 reform bill.
- Liberal bloggers (digby, Yglesias, Ackerman, BooMan, Foser, Sudbay) are
 criticizing Washington Post columnist Dana Milbank after he reportedly called
 Huffington Post reporter Nico Pitney a "dick" following their appearance on
 CNN's "Reliable Sources."

CLIMATE CHANGE BILL: The Traitorous Eight

Conservative bloggers are blasting the 8 GOP Reps. who voted in favor of the climate change bill:

- <u>Michelle Malkin</u>: "Congrats, congresspeople, you helped the Democrats pass a junk science-based, massive national energy tax. Headed to Disney World now? We still want to know: What were your payoffs/earmarks?"
- AmSpec Blog's Matthew Vadum: "[H]ere are the names of the eight Republican lawmakers who betrayed their party and their country by voting for this extremist legislation."

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