



Readers' Forum for 7/18

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— Be afraid of those who spread lies

I suffer with a condition that keeps me from getting around much so I rely on the media to bring me the world.

One of my favorite things to do is read papers from across the globe online. Many viewpoints and lots of curious chuckles.

Then there is television, which also lets me look at the goings-on in the planet from all over the big blue marble. I really like "Morning Joe." Lots of relaxed fun and information and opinion.

So anyway, I was catching up on the Terre Haute funny pages and I see all the stuff about the left and the president and plans to do all manner of bizarre stuff.

Illegal to fly a flag? Take away freedoms? Shot for doing something or other. Huh?

Who makes this stuff up? No really, where is the room of guys sitting around drinking beer and eating pork rinds who are just free-basing crazy ideas and then blogging them into the Web world.

And why does anyone sane enough to buckle the belt in the front take this junk as truth?

Sit close, I want to tell you something. I am more fearful of folks who make up and spread and believe this pig feed than I am of jihad. See, they are over there somewhere, but these nuts are among us.

Left or right, grow up. Stop trying to scare people with lies. Doing so is no less than treason.

— Dennis Roberts

Gary

Hard to believe this 'monstrous' bill

It is an unusual pleasure to be in the position of defending Rep. Brad Ellsworth, particularly against an attack from a member of the radical left of his own party, Gary Daily. In a July 6 letter to you, Daily chastised Ellsworth for voting 'no' on the Cap and Trade bill that passed the House despite the no votes of 44 courageous Democrats.

Among the reasons Daily inferred for his disappointment with Ellsworth are the following:

- 1) Ellsworth abandoned Obama's program of "change." Daily knows that this radical agenda cannot be enacted without the support of reasonable Democrats like Ellsworth who are concerned that Pelosi and Obama are leading the country down a path that is destructive to all. Daily worries that when they think, they vote no.
- 2) Ellsworth has not presented an alternative. By voting with the Republicans, I hope he has signaled his support for their alternative to the Democrat's massive, bureaucratic nightmare. This alternative simply and directly addresses the main issue of energy independence with the "all of the above" solutions of clean coal, drilling for oil and gas in the USA, development of economical alternate sources and nuclear power, the most direct answer to both independence and CO2 reduction.
- 3) Ellsworth, heaven forbid, may not be a believer in the gospel according to the global warming alarmists, now called climate change, whatever that means. To this point the Cato Institute has just replied to President Obama's assertion that "the science on climate change is beyond dispute and the facts are clear" with a letter signed by more than 100 pre-eminent scientists in the climate field. The letter states;

“We ... maintain that the case for alarm regarding climate change is grossly overstated. Surface temperature changes over the past century have been episodic and modest and there has been no net global warming for over a decade now. After controlling for population growth and property values, there has been no increase in damages from severe weather related events. The computer models forecasting rapid temperature change abjectly fail to explain recent climate behavior. Mr. President your characterization ... is simply incorrect.”

4) Daily asked the question that is probably most important to him; “Are you a Democrat?” Daily apparently believes that to be a Democrat today Ellsworth must blindly follow the radical left leadership that has seized control of the party. In the case of Cap and Trade it would have required Ellsworth to follow leadership that would not even give him a copy of the bill before he voted. The week before the vote the bill was 946 pages. Then it ballooned to 1201. Then at 3 a.m. on the morning of the vote, the Pelosi-led House added 255 pages and insisted on a vote after limiting debate to three hours.

Ellsworth has plenty of other reason to vote no. Some follow;

1) As noted above, there is a real probability that humans have made no contribution to the warming of the earth. After all, the earth has been warming at a steady rate for the last 1,500 years, well before any CO2 was emitted by humans. Further, it has been reliably estimated that the successful implementation of all of the Cap and Trade measures would reduce the earth’s temperature by less than 0.2 degrees C. And this does not consider that many of the industries that emit CO2 will move their activities overseas where probably more CO2 would be emitted. If CO2 actually does contribute to warming, it is possible that the end result of the whole fiasco could be a net warming of the earth.

2) The government bureaucracy created by the bill is mind-boggling. There will be dozens of agencies at all levels of government with broad powers to set standards, dole out rebates and tax subsidies, pick winning and losing technologies as well as regulate everything from your lawn mower to bovine emissions. As an example, every county in the country will be required to hire a full-time inspector. One of his duties will be to inspect every home that is put up for sale. If there are “energy use deficiencies,” the seller will be required to fix them to the inspector’s satisfaction before the home can be sold.

3) The financial impact on the country is staggering. The Heritage Foundation has estimated that the increase in energy costs to the average family will be more than \$3,000 each year. As President Obama has said, “everyone’s electricity costs will necessarily skyrocket.” Make no mistake, this increase in energy costs is a tax and it particularly hits the poor. The drafters recognized the impact on the poor. Their answer? Subsidies to the poor to help pay their increased costs using your taxpayer money.

4) The radical left states that this bill creates jobs. Of course jobs can be “created” with government expenditures, and they do plenty of that. In fact, more than \$600 billion. But they won’t talk about the estimated two jobs that are killed for every one created. It has been estimated that the net loss of jobs will be 1.2 to 1.8 million by 2020. Whole industries will be decimated, particularly the coal industry which is essential to the central part of the country. The created “green” jobs will mainly be on the two coasts and the jobs lost will be in the heartland.

5) The same Democrats, who railed against Wall Street, would set up a whole new system to trade their “pollution permits.” Former hedge fund managers will have a new home to make enormous profits trading permits. Of course, these profits just get added to your energy bills like all the other costs. And guess who is deeply involved in this whole scheme? Al Gore, who has already increased his wealth to more than \$100 million since beginning this whole scam.

It’s truly hard to believe that supposedly intelligent people approved this monster, albeit by the narrow margin of 219 to 211. Now it is up to the Senate to do something. Please, please contact Sen. Lugar and Sen. Bayh and tell them to save our country from Cap and Trade.

— Tom Tucker

Terre Haute

Help available — in the Bible

Mr. Torphy, your recent letter touched my heart. After enlisting the help of more qualified people than myself, I take the liberty to answer your very valid questions.

You won't need new clothes. Through Jesus' sacrifice, God will provide you with a robe of righteousness. It's made just for you. There are fruit trees in Heaven that give you all the nourishment you need. Jesus prepares a mansion for you, in a city made with golden streets. Everyone has a special home of their own. The earthly body will change into a new body, with a new language.

You will not remember cursing. No guns needed, everything is provided and everyone lives in peace and harmony. Gates in Heaven are important, however, I am not qualified to answer that. Who can enter? Only a person who accepts the forgiveness of Jesus for all the wrongs committed. Please check it out in the Bible, Romans chapter 3, verse 23. This applies to each person, no one is under authority of a ruler. Sharing will be your thank you to God.

In Heaven we have new bodies remember. Our thinking and desire are directed toward God — no more living as we did on earth. And yes, you may see God face to face.

As for myself, I am looking forward to that day. This is written with my prayers, that you find the answers you are searching for. Please, check out the Bible, John chapter 3, verse 16, plus Revelation, chapters 21 and 22. It's hard to understand, so please enlist the help of a trusted minister.

— Marion Wallace

Martinsville, Ill.

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