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## Detroit And The Bankruptcy Of Liberalism

**Rich Tucker**  
**Heritage Foundation**

Detroit is a showcase for the liberal agenda — and now it is bankrupt. More than 50 years of control by big-government liberals and union bosses have left a once-great American city crippled and deteriorating.

Last week Detroit became the largest city in American history to declare bankruptcy. Few were surprised, as the city's been struggling for years.

The unemployment rate in Detroit is 16 percent, more than twice the national average. The city's government-run schools have failed, with just 7 percent of eighth graders proficient in reading. It takes police about an hour to respond to calls, and the city has more than \$18 billion in unfunded liabilities. The city's population has dropped by a quarter in just the last

decade, as hundreds of thousands have voted with their feet and left.

It hasn't always been this way, of course. For decades, the city of Detroit was a manufacturing powerhouse. The assembly line was perfected there, and brought with it the idea of a middle-class lifestyle based on manufacturing. Tanks and planes made in Detroit helped make the U.S. the arsenal of democracy. And after World War II the city boomed, producing cars that helped make the American dream achievable for millions. Motown Records produced music that defined a generation, with artists who remain household names such as Diana Ross and the Supremes, Marvin Gaye and the Jackson 5.

Many of Detroit's problems resulted from a lack of political



Jeremiah Robinson/ZUMA Press/Newscom

competition. Democrats have dominated the city council, and there's been a Democratic mayor since 1962. One-party government quickly became bad government, featuring a stream of liberal, blue-state policies such as sweet deals for government unions. Now,

though, the bill has come due for these liberal policies.

"For decades, Detroit sustained itself through the usual suspects of bad fiscal management: unaffordable borrowing, state grant schemes, raising taxes, and deferring public pension contributions rather than

cutting city spending," explain Heritage's Alison Acosta Fraser and Rachel Greszler. "But Detroit's tragic downward cycle has reached its end."

**Detroit Bankruptcy Is No Time for Federal Bailouts**

There's much Washington should learn from Detroit. The federal government has a staggering national debt of more than \$17 trillion, larger than the U.S. economy. Fraser and Greszler note that future federal spending "will be driven to the breaking point" by entitlement programs.

Even as Detroit struggles, its state, Michigan, has taken a positive step. In December, it passed a right-to-work law, becoming the 24th state to do so. That will introduce competition and make the state a more attractive place for people to do business, and for employees as

well.

"Workers in right-to-work states enjoy higher wage growth and, when cost of living is factored into the equation, better compensation than their counterparts in forced unionism states," notes Vincent Vernuccio of the Mackinac Center. And by reducing the power of public-sector unions, the move should help the state and local governments reduce the pension promises that eventually dragged Detroit down.

F. Scott Fitzgerald said there are no second acts in life, but Americans of all stripes — blue and red — should hope he was wrong. In order for Detroit to succeed again, however, its leaders must realize why they city has failed.

## Liberal Manhattan, Riley County Going In Wrong Direction

### City

**Editorial**  
**By Jon A. Brake**

Our liberal City Commission and City Staff are busy making it look like they are cutting the 2014 Budget.

The way "cutting" works for the City of Manhattan is the Staff adds more money than an army would need and then they let the Liberal City Commission cut funds and programs that they didn't want or need.

The best way of looking at the City of Manhattan and the direction they are going is by looking at the past.

According to the graph at the right the total City Expenditures in 2010 was \$76 million. In 2011 it jumped to \$81 million. The sky fell on the City in 2012 and the Budget went up to \$113 million. This year the City will spend \$121 million. That is \$45 million in just 4-years. Detroit look out here we come. Look for the 2014 Budget to hit \$130 million.

The Debt has doubled in the past 5-years to \$270 million. Look at the Bond & Interest line on the graph, the City paid \$11 million just on the City Debt. This year the figure went up to \$24.4 million and you can look for it to continue going up.

Oh! But you can say that the City looks good and is growing. It may look good to some people but the Credit Rating people have all cut the Cities rating because of the Debt and Budget.

### 2013 City Budget Expenditures - All Funds

Fund	2010	2011	2012	2013
	Actual	Actual	Budget	Budget
General Operating	\$ 21,218,364	\$ 21,900,461	\$ 24,348,374	\$ 25,993,571
City University	485,174	451,832	677,000	609,300
Aggieville Business Improvement Dist.	32,282	35,657	56,500	56,500
Downtown Business Improvement Dist.	56,400	57,000	65,500	68,500
Economic Development Opportunity	2,829,256	3,406,111	5,376,096	4,673,700
Employee Benefit Contribution	1,381,083	1,517,613	1,794,000	1,842,000
Fire Equipment Reserve	239,935	93,891	483,500	379,271
Fire Pension K. P. & F.	479,298	516,663	628,000	770,000
General Improvement	62,716	14,642	62,717	100,000
Industrial Promotion	97,503	100,915	180,725	257,400
Library	1,979,544	1,999,393	2,073,910	2,156,028
Library Employee Benefit Contribution	439,800	440,000	439,800	465,088
Park Development	68,439	61,115	25,000	100,000
Sales Tax	5,285,473	4,923,013	4,961,000	5,726,454
Special Alcohol Programs	405,498	426,626	560,900	560,900
Special Parks & Recreation	351,745	430,814	979,313	901,250
Special Street & Highway	1,492,296	1,418,872	2,103,167	1,772,000
Special Sunset Zoo	213,025	222,604	399,050	543,050
Tourism & Convention	920,110	1,158,143	1,266,231	1,225,634
Riley County Health Department	251,150	289,319	-	-
Riley County Police Department	11,847,984	12,321,888	13,054,500	14,144,590
Capital Improvement Reserve	-	-	2,605,000	1,755,000
Downtown Redevelopment T.I.F.	1,361,516	1,189,063	2,700,000	2,703,000
CDBG - Federal Entitlement	71,809	362,391	-	-
Bond & Interest	11,348,042	12,542,751	20,345,757	24,495,886
Water	6,884,660	8,149,488	12,693,490	14,056,840
Wastewater	5,278,354	6,088,894	12,576,640	13,471,180
Stormwater Management	991,838	1,265,063	2,797,000	2,977,000
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$ 76,073,296</b>	<b>\$ 81,384,222</b>	<b>\$ 113,253,170</b>	<b>\$ 121,804,142</b>

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What is going on with the Riley County Commission?

Two conservatives were elected to the Commission and just took office in April and already they want to complete a project that every Liberal County Commission in the past 10-years could not and would not pass. They want to establish a Riley County Building Commission. What a wrong way to go.

A County Building Commission has the power to make agreements with any other government in the State, build their buildings and then finance the construction and lease it back to them. They will tell you that the voter can put together a petition and take it to a vote of the people. Why? We do not need a Building Commission. When was the last time the voters turned down a building project in Manhattan or Riley County?

Voter approved a \$95 million USD 383 building project, they approved millions and millions for the City to build a new swimming pool, repair others and a new building at the Zoo.

Who or what is behind the push for a Building Commission. We know the City is asking for help because they are the the breaking point on construction.

Someone else is pushing the Commission, someone big, someone who wants or needs a lot of money. Who is it?

## Kan. Dems Expect Governor Hopeful To Arise Soon

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criticism from Democrats and disaffected moderate Republicans.

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Brownback and his allies believe that his tax cuts not only will bring widespread relief to taxpayers but also stimulate the economy. His conservative stances on issues such as abortion resonate with the GOP's base, and Republicans outnumber Democrats by about 344,000 among the state's nearly 1.8 million registered voters.

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"I am committed to helping to turn the political climate in Kansas around," she said.



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## Nebr. County Approves Pipeline Measure

YORK, Neb. (AP) — A board of county commissioners on Tuesday rejected a resolution opposing placement of the proposed Keystone XL pipeline in the southeast Nebraska county.

Three commissioners opposed the measure and two supported it, the York News-Times reported (<http://bit.ly/162mofx>).

The measure said the board "... realizes the risks of tar sand and crude oil pipelines to our resources in York County and oppose any pipelines of this nature."

An earlier version tabled by the board at its July 9 meeting included a sentence that committed the board to using its powers to protect the county residents' health and the county's natural resources.

County officials had said their power to regulate pipelines was limited, and an attempt to impose safety restrictions could trigger a lawsuit.

The resolutions were submitted by some York County landowners calling themselves the Good Life Alliance. The

alliance said it's concerned about what the county can do to protect residents' water, soil, livelihoods and health should there ever be a spill. They said they were also concerned about road conditions and other situations that might arise during construction and throughout the pipeline's life.

Opponents of the Keystone XL pipeline have turned to local and county officials in recent months in an effort to strengthen resistance to the project.

The much-debated Keystone

XL pipeline could carry 830,000 barrels of oil per day from Canadian tar sands to refineries on the Texas Gulf coast.

The Obama administration is still considering whether to approve the project. Supporters say the project will create jobs and stimulate economic growth, while opponents argue that the project contributes to global warming and could contaminate underground water supplies.

## Marthina "Tina" Koch

Martina "Tina" Koch, age 93, of Manhattan, died Thursday morning, July 18, 2013, at Meadowlark Hills Wroten House in Manhattan.

She was born on January 12, 1920, in Ottumwa, Iowa, the daughter of Edwin A. and H. Faye (Hopkins) Erskine, and had been a Manhattan resident since 1956.

On April 22, 1944, in Los Angeles, California, she was married to Berl A. Koch.

Mrs. Koch was a homemaker and had worked from 1973 to 1977 at First National Bank in Manhattan. She was also

the Extension Secretary for the Kansas State University Entomology Department from 1980 to 1983.

She was a member of the First Presbyterian Church in Manhattan.

She was preceded in death by her husband Berl on July 31, 2010. She was also preceded in death by her three siblings: Carolyn Frederick, Avanelle Bullis and Edwin Erskine.

Survivors include her three children: Kerri Mathis and Jerry Marvel of Richland, WA, Kim Koch and his wife Becky of Fargo, ND, and Kevin Koch

and his wife Beth of Tucson, AZ; and five grandsons: Kenyon Koch, Kyle and Kelly Koch, Austin and Kaden Mathis.

Funeral services were held at 10:00 A.M. Monday at the First Presbyterian Church, 8th and Leavenworth, Manhattan, with Reverend R. Cam McConnell officiating. Interment followed in the Sunrise Cemetery in Manhattan.

The family received friends from 3:00 until 5:00 P.M. Saturday, July 20th, at the Yorgensen-Meloan-Londeen

Funeral Home.

Online condolences may be left for the family through the funeral home website at [www.ymlfuneralhome.com](http://www.ymlfuneralhome.com).

Memorial contributions may be made to the Meadowlark Hills Good Samaritan Fund or the First Presbyterian Church. Contributions may be left in care of the Yorgensen-Meloan-Londeen Funeral Home, 1616 Poyntz Avenue, Manhattan, Kansas 66502.

## Edward LeRoy Lesline

Edward LeRoy Lesline, 88, of Olathe, Kansas, formerly of Manhattan, died Wednesday, July 17, 2013, at his home.

Ed was born July 30, 1924, in McFarland, Kansas, the son of Henry and Emma Hansen Lesline. He attended local schools and graduated from Alma High School in 1943. He attended technical school for television repair and technology. Ed served in the United States Army as a clerk during WWII and the Korean Conflict. He then worked several years as a switchman for the Rock Island Railroad.

Ed worked most of his life as a union electrician. He did mostly commercial work and helped build buildings on Fort Riley (including the missile base north of Wamego), Kansas State University, in Topeka, and also worked on Tuttle Creek dam.

He married Twilla Fair on December 30, 1948, in McFarland. She survives at their home. Their homes were located in McFarland, Manhattan (46 years), and Olathe (since 2001). They enjoyed a winter retirement home in Harlingen, TX for the last 24 years.

Ed was a member of the IBEW Local #226 in Topeka and the American Legion. He was a member of Trinity Lutheran Church in his youth, St. Luke's Lutheran in Manhattan, and then St. Paul Lutheran in Harlingen, Texas. He was a member of the LLL group at the churches. He loved to fish and hunt. He was known for his willingness to help others, no matter what the need. Some will also remember his delicious fish fries.

Ed is also survived by his

four daughters, Shirley Kleiner and her husband, Dave, Olathe, Sandra McCool and her husband, Martel, Olsburg, Sonja Hoglund and her husband, Greg, Topeka, and Sherri Harp and her husband, Michael, Naples, Florida; fifteen grandchildren and twenty two great-grandchildren. Ed was preceded in death by a grandson, Kelly; sister, Lillie Diepenbrock and her husband Edwin; brothers, Elmer Lesline and his wife, Mary, and Vernon Lesline and his wife, Nyla.

Funeral services will be held at 1:00 p.m., Monday, July 22, 2013, at Trinity Lutheran Church in McFarland. Burial with military honors will follow at Trinity Lutheran Cemetery. The family will greet friends at the church, on Sunday, from 5:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. They suggest memorial contributions to the Wounded Warrior Project, and

those may be sent in care of Campanella-Gentry Funeral Home in Alma. Online condolences may be made at [www.campanellafuneral.com](http://www.campanellafuneral.com).

## Karen Kemnitz

Karen Renee Kemnitz, age 56, of Topeka, died July 20, 2013, at St. Mont-Vail Healthcare in Topeka.

She was born December 20, 1956, at Irwin-Army Hospital at Fort Riley, the daughter of Marvin and Shirley (Long) Ward.

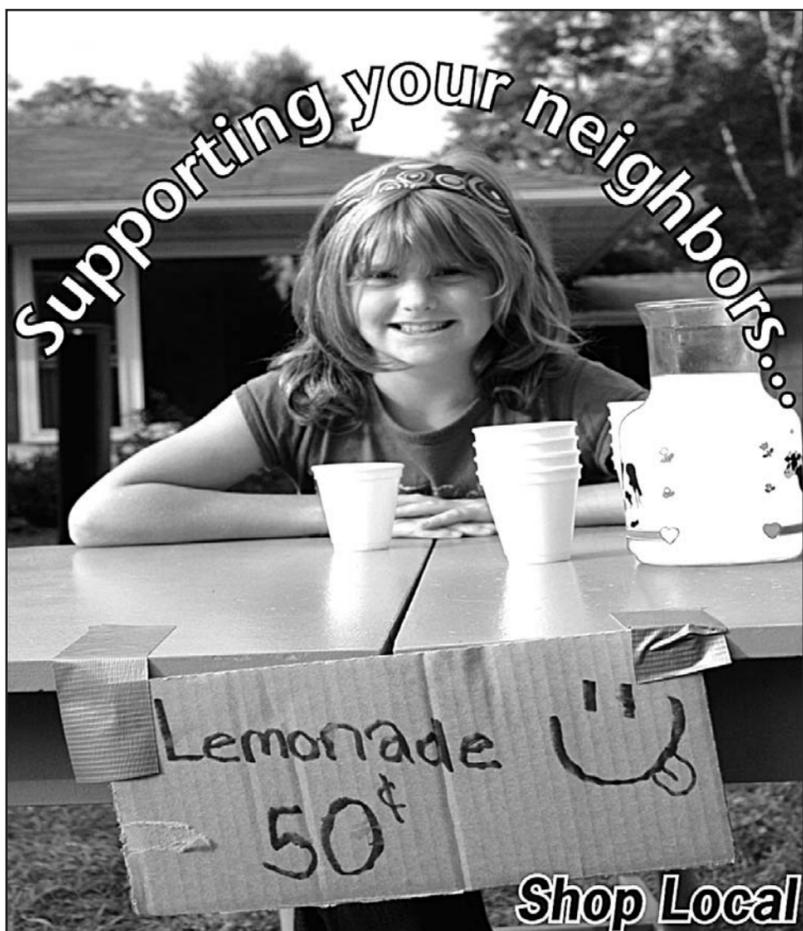
Karen attended Manhattan High School.

Survivors include her son, Seth Waskom of Topeka and three siblings: Pam Gieber, David Ward and George Dillon all of Ogden, Kansas.

Cremation is planned with graveside services to be held at 10:30 AM Friday at the St. Patrick's Cemetery in Ogden, Kansas, with Father Joseph S. Popelka officiating.

Online condolences may be left for the family through the funeral home website at [www.ymlfuneralhome.com](http://www.ymlfuneralhome.com).

Contributions may be made to the Yorgensen-Meloan-Londeen Funeral Home, 1616 Poyntz Avenue, Manhattan, KS 66502, to help the family with the funeral expenses.



## Environmentalists Pan Kansas Coal Plant

By JOHN MILBURN  
Associated Press

TOPEKA, Kan. (AP) — Opponents of a coal-fired power plant planned for south-west Kansas said Tuesday that developers of the nearly decade-old project still face obstacles in completing the work despite legislation approved by the U.S. House.

Kansas congressman Tim Huelskamp inserted language removing one level of federal oversight of the project planned by Sunflower Electric Power

Corp. The Hays-based company wants to build a second coal-fired unit at its Holcomb power plant. Huelskamp, a Republican, represents the area where the plant would be built and has long supported its construction dating to his term in the Kansas Legislature.

"I think it's still really wishful thinking that the project will happen," said Amanda Goodin, senior associate attorney with the environmental group Earthjustice. "There's no place for the power to go. It seems

more than a little foolish to invest \$2 to \$3 billion in this power when you don't have a buyer."

Three-fourths of the energy generated by the second unit, enough by some estimates to power more than 400,000 homes, would be reserved for Tri-State Generation and Transmission Association, of Westminster, Colo. Tri-State is a wholesale supplier that is owned by 44 cooperatives throughout a 200,000-square-mile service territory across

Colorado, Nebraska, New Mexico and Wyoming.

Goodin said the project still faces other obstacles from Kansas courts and the Environmental Protection Agency, as well as new renewable energy standards imposed by Colorado on Tri-State.

Huelskamp inserted the provision, which has not been approved by the Senate, in the House version of the farm bill. He said Congress was moving closer to approving his efforts help Sunflower and other rural

electric cooperatives from excessive federal regulation.

"The privately-funded Holcomb project will help meet the energy needs of Kansans, reduce the danger of 'brown outs,' and bring \$2 billion in economic activity to the region," Huelskamp said in a statement. "It is a shame that environmental groups and regulatory excess continue to stand in the way of affordable electricity for rural America."

Cindy Hertel, spokeswoman for Sunflower, said the provisions won't make it easy to build the new power plant, but it affirms existing federal procedures in place for decades on rural projects that do not involve federal funding, which is the case with Holcomb.

"The provision in the farm bill would enable Rural Utility Service to process routine requests in a reasonable amount of time, thus enabling electric cooperatives all over the country to continue to serve their members with reliable energy at the most affordable cost," Hertel said.

The 895-megawatt generating station near Holcomb hit its first wall in 2007, when then-Gov. Kathleen Sebelius withheld a permit sought by

Sunflower Electric Power Corp. because of the plant's potential environmental impact. Republican lawmakers who supported the plant passed four bills in 2008 and 2009 aimed at pushing the project forward, but Sebelius vetoed all of them.

The project was cleared at the state level after a deal was brokered by Gov. Mark Parkinson, Sebelius' replacement, which allowed Sunflower to construct the plant in exchange for expanding wind farms and establishing renewable energy standards in Kansas.

Bill Griffith with the Kansas chapter of the Sierra Club said the fight over the Holcomb plant was something to take serious as it goes to the Senate, but not one he felt would move the project forward anytime soon.

"They are really pushing a large stone uphill," he said,

Griffith said the ongoing court and regulatory fight was a "cultural battle" between those who cling to coal as a power source and environmentalist concerned about the impact on the climate.

## KU Fundraising Up And Up

By Travis Perry  
Kansas Watchdog

OSAWATOMIE — Since the end of the Kansas legislative session nearly two months ago, much has been said on both sides about the state's reduction in spending at higher education institutions, chief among them being the University of Kansas.

But amid an atmosphere of austerity wherein KU stands to lose \$13.5 million in state funds over the next two years, little has been said about the fact that the university's endowment raised 3,100 percent more than that amount in the last three years alone.

And they won an award for it, too.

Standing next to the \$432 million the Kansas University

Endowment Association has received in donations since 2010, cuts implemented by state lawmakers seem like small potatoes. Yet because of those rollbacks, university officials have said the institution will need to reduce staff and increase tuition — even decrease the number of students admitted to some programs at KU Medical Center.

But Jack Martin, KU's director of strategic communications, said it's not a simple matter of replacing state dollars with private donations. For one, he said, private monies usually come with strings attached.

Funds are often earmarked for a specific purpose, such as

replacing athletic equipment or establishing a scholarship fund. In long-term cases the money is invested, and the university uses the resulting interest to fund a given initiative.

Be that as it may, KU still has a thriving endowment operation, and they've got the money and awards to prove it. So why not solicit university benefactors to make up the shortfall in state funding rather than pass the cost — and the cuts — on to students and staff?

Martin says donors want to pay for progress, not upkeep. In other words, it's sexier to sponsor a new scholarship or a scoreboard than to make sure the university's heating and cooling units are up to snuff.

"It's not the case where many donors are going to give to keep the lights on or pave the street. They want to give for scholarships or pay for research projects. It's not the case where they can take donations and replace state funding of the basic operation of the university," Martin said. "I think that's a tough sell. What donors are looking for is to improve the university, not just help it stand still and make up for state cuts."

According to the KU Endowment's 2011 form 990 (the most recent available), the non-profit maintains assets in excess of \$1.44 billion, with just over \$106 million in liabilities.

## On The Roll To Fight Cancer

Nicki the fire truck doesn't fight fires anymore. This pink traveling memorial spreads love and hope in support of women who have cancer, and she's coming to the Kaw Valley Rodeo for Tough Enough to Wear Pink night on Friday, July 26.

Held in conjunction with the Riley County Fair, the rodeo will be at 8 p.m. in Wells Arena in CiCo Park, Manhattan. The Kaw Valley Rodeo Association's Tough Enough to Wear Pink campaign supports Kansas State University's Johnson Cancer Research Center, which directs all donations to cancer research and student training at the university.

Nicki will be parked at the north end of the fair, close to the arena entrance, by 1 p.m. Visitors who have lost loved ones to cancer are encouraged

to sign the truck.

Nicki belongs to the Wichita chapter of Guardians of the Ribbon, a group of firefighters and their families and friends who drive Nicki to cancer-related events around the state

and beyond to help philanthropies raise money for their local cancer-related causes. It is named after Nicki Janne, a retired firefighter's wife who survived stage 3 breast cancer and is a member of the chapter.

This special event is sponsored by Hilton Garden Inn Manhattan, 410 S. Third St., where the visiting members of the Guardians of the Ribbon will receive a free night's stay.



### Help Wanted

Center Manager position available. Outgoing, enthusiastic person, who is willing to host seniors by coordinating meals and file monthly reports. 6.0 hours a day M-F. Applications available at the Riley County Senior Services Center, 412 Leavenworth, Manhattan KS. Questions: Send resume to NC-FH AAA, 401 Houston St. Manhattan, KS or call 1-800-432-2703 or 776-9294. EOE/AA

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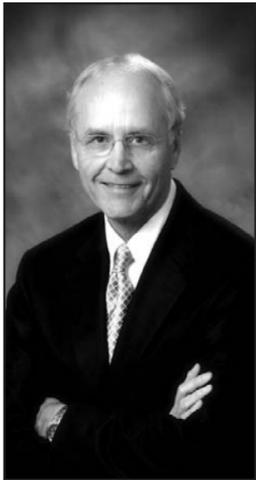
We like most conservatives are guarded in our assessment of "climate change," until it seemingly hits home as it did Tuesday night at the Manhattan City Commission. What? Well, Tuesday the commission passed first reading of a water conservation ordinance that gives the city an option to throw citizens in jail and fine them up to \$2000 for violating emergency water plan restrictions.

It's not news that Kansas has been in drought conditions for the past year. Governor Brownback recently issued directives to local governments to update their water conservation plans. The city is thus revising its more-than-dated 1989 water ordinance. To give you some perspective that was Bill Snyder's first year at K-State when his "Futility U" Cats beat North Texas State for the school's first victory in three years.

Anyway, the new ordinance would allow a declaration of water emergency with any one of the following conditions: the state requires it; demand reaches production capacity limits; storage dwindles to dangerously low levels; equipment fails; or there's a water quality issue.

At any one of the conditions, as Commissioner Karen McCulloh put it, the ordinance would give the city the "ability to step on people." Her analogy is perhaps a bit strong for our tastes, but we get the point. Spending 60 days in jail and paying a couple grand in fines is noteworthy.

Somewhat tepid concern was expressed about "unaccounted-for water." That's government jargon for what most of us would call "shrink," the 12 percent of Manhattan's water production that's lost somewhere in the system. In private enterprise that kind of hit to the P&L would be cause for more than a little scrutiny. But here shrink results from things like water main breaks, leaks, poor metering, theft, and of course, we would presume, evaporation from city swimming pools and holding areas, although that topic never was addressed. You see, the city doesn't charge itself for water. It's unaccount-



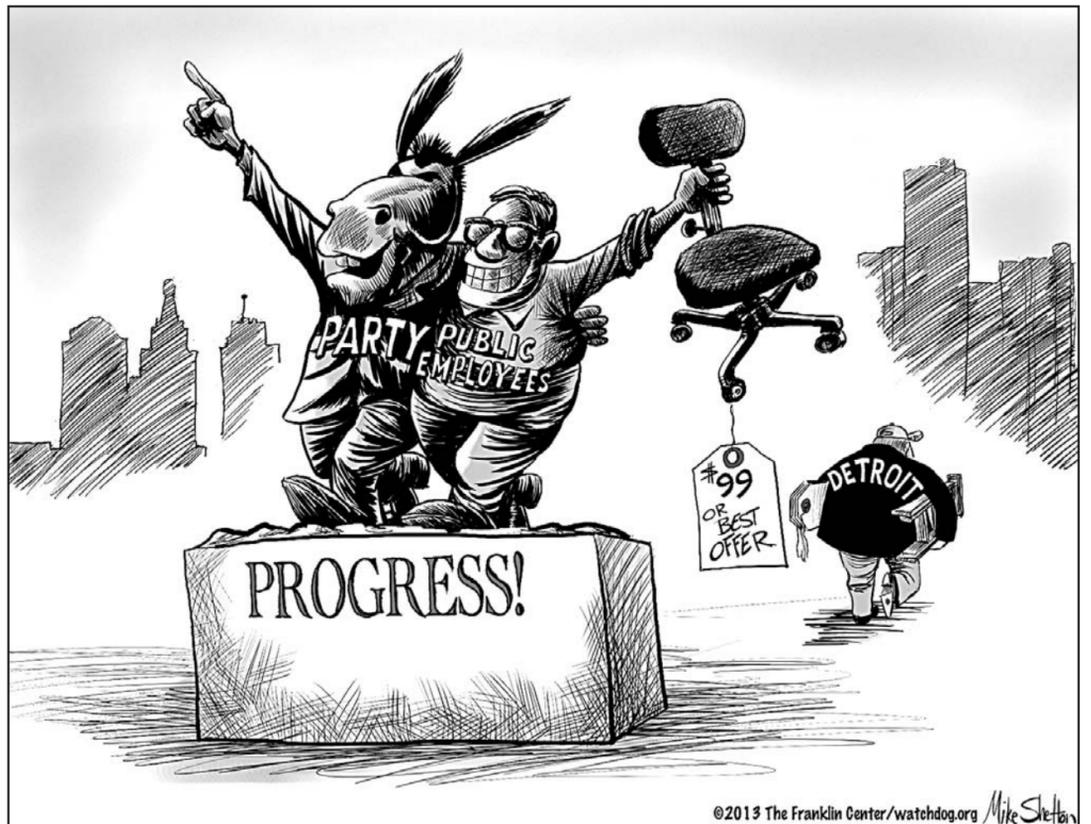
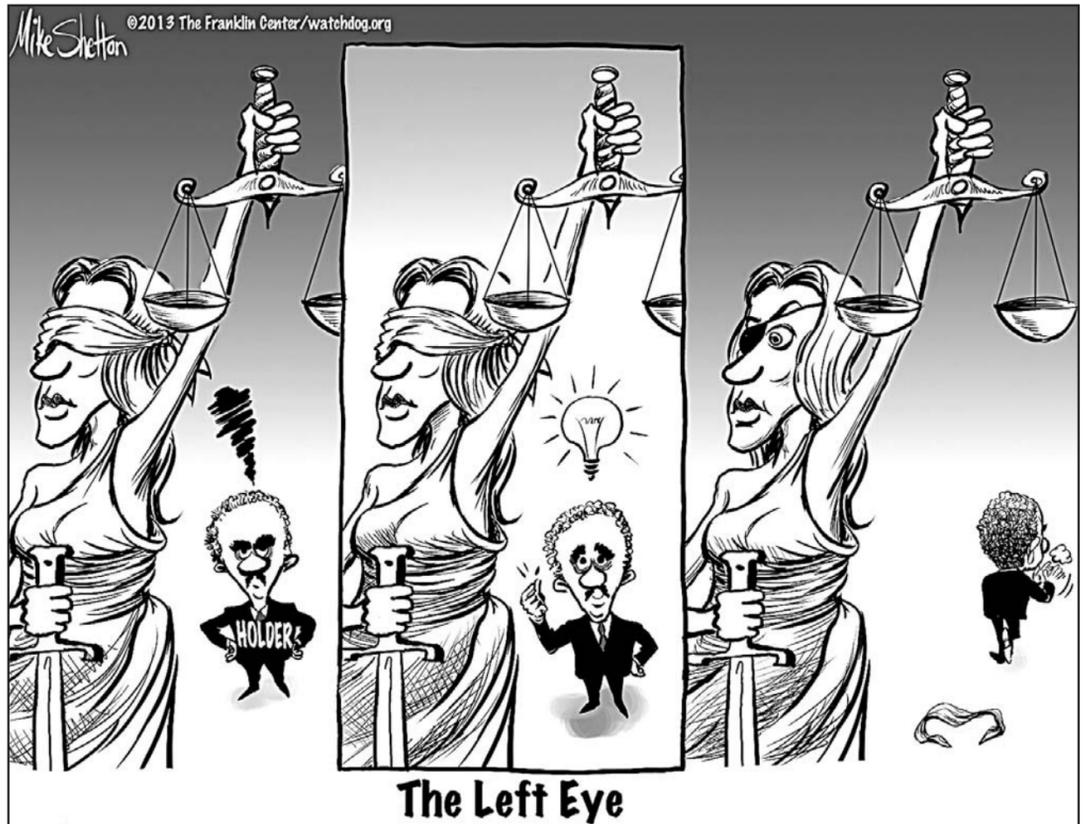
Bob Strawn

ed for - essentially free. Kind of like certain pills under Obamacare.

Anyway, it wasn't long ago that the commission on which we served generated a new water "rate" ordinance. Essentially, the structure was built on an industry accepted method for costing and pricing water that allowed the city's water fund to operate in the black while ensuring that small users were not subsidizing large ones and vice versa. At the time we were told that Manhattan would never experience a water shortage due to the vast amounts available in the region. Large users, like golf courses and the university, supported by the Manhattan Mercury howled in protest at increased fees because they had been addicted to what some would label as "free water." But in spite of their protestations, the rate structure was approved.

So not surprisingly, we are pleased the commission is taking the next step to a plan that will include penalties for over-consumption during water rationing mandates. Why? Because water supply is bigger than Manhattan. Like Coach taking his Cats from the days of "Futility U," our city has rightly recognized the futility of providing free water and now water without adequate controls. This is not only a matter of law but more importantly one of ethics. (bob-strawn1@gmail.com)

## The Conservative Side...



## Democrats' Obamacare Allies Break Ranks

By Michael F. Cannon  
CATO Institute

President Obama touted Obamacare's supposed benefit Thursday in the hope of distracting attention from Wednesday's bipartisan House vote that for the first time revealed fissures in congressional Democrats' lockstep support for his health care law.

An unprecedented 35 Democrats bucked the president by voting to delay Obamacare's "employer mandate," while 22 Democrats voted to delay its "individual mandate" for one year. Obamacare opponents now have an opportunity to widen the fissures among its supporters.

Starting in 2014, the employer mandate threatens large employers with fines unless they offer health coverage to their workers, while the individual mandate threatens taxpayers with fines unless they purchase a government-approved health plan.

This month, President Obama announced he will delay the employer mandate until 2015. The move was of dubious legality, and widely interpreted as a sign the administration won't have Obamacare operational by the October 1 deadline. It was also bad optics to cut employers a break without doing the same for families.

House Republicans responded by holding votes

Wednesday on two bills. The first would codify the president's employer-mandate delay, thereby making it legal. That bill passed 264-161. The second would grant the same one-year reprieve to everyday Americans subject to the individual mandate. It passed 251-174.

President Obama threatened to veto the individual-mandate delay. No surprise there: his administration argued before the Supreme Court that Obamacare simply cannot work without that mandate. Moreover, health insurers have hinted that if Congress delays the individual mandate for a year, they would ask Congress to delay the rest of the law, too. Bizarrely, he also threatened to veto the bill that would codify his delay of the employer mandate, and remove any doubt about its legality. (Evidently, Barack Obama thinks only he should be able to amend Obamacare.)

Before Wednesday's votes, I predicted congressional Democrats are none too happy with their president. The individual mandate is the most hated part of Obamacare. Only 17 percent of Americans support it, and just 12 percent think workers should be subject to it while employers get a pass. The president's unilateral delay of the employer mandate put House Democrats in a most unwelcome position: either cast a highly unpopular

vote to preserve the individual mandate, or reveal a fissure among Obamacare supporters.

The vote tallies suggest my prediction about Democratic discontent was correct. While most House Democrats voted to preserve the individual mandate — which may haunt them in their next election — one in six voted against President Obama on the employer mandate, while one in nine voted against him on the individual mandate. These votes exposed the first fissure in more than three years of lockstep support for Obamacare among congressional Democrats, and are the latest sign that support for the law is fracturing.

Unions are a key Democratic constituency, and many unions that once supported Obamacare are now screaming for Democrats to reopen the law. Last week, the Teamsters, the United Food and Commercial Workers, and UNITE-HERE wrote Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid (D-NV) and House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi (D-CA) that Obamacare "will destroy the very health and wellbeing of our members along with millions of other hardworking Americans." Obamacare, they wrote, "will shatter not only our hard-earned health benefits," but is already creating "nightmare scenarios" in which "[n]umerous employers have begun to cut workers' hours," leaving

workers with "less pay while also losing our current health benefits." In April, the United Union of Roofers, Waterproofers, and Allied Workers called for "repeal or complete reform" of Obamacare.

Every implementation glitch that emerges between now and 2014, every complaint

ObamaCare supporters hear from unions and other Democratic constituencies will soften congressional opposition to reopening ObamaCare. If the same one-in-nine share of Senate Democrats buck the president on the individual mandate, there would be more than enough Senate votes — 52 — to delay or repeal the indi-

vidual mandate through the budget-reconciliation process. The more uncomfortable things become for congressional Democrats, the harder it will be for President Obama to veto these measures.

If I were President Obama, I'd want to change the conversation too.

### US Supreme Court Decision Threatens Kan. Sentences

WICHITA, Kan. (AP) — A U.S. Supreme Court decision that found juries should have the final say on facts triggering mandatory minimum sentences could impact "hard 50" cases now on appeal in Kansas,

Sedgwick County District Attorney Marc Bennett also told The Wichita Eagle (<http://bit.ly/1242uBF>) that the

ruling could also change the way prosecutors deal with first-degree murder cases in the future.

It could also affect any "hard 50" case in Kansas that is on appeal.

Among them is the first-degree murder appeal from Scott Roeder for killing abor-

tion provider George Tiller in 2009.

The ruling has already prompted the Kansas Attorney General's Office to drop plans to seek a hard 50 sentence against Brett Seacat. He was convicted last month of killing his wife and setting their Kingman home on fire in 2011.

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## Riley County Commission Minutes

The Board of County Commissioners  
Of Riley County, Kansas

The Regular meeting of the Board of County Commissioners met at the Riley County Plaza East Building July 15, 2013 with the following members present: Dave Lewis, Chair; Robert Boyd, Vice Chair; Ron Wells, Member; and Rich Vargo, County Clerk.

8:30 Pledge of Allegiance  
Public Comment,  
Commission Comments, &  
Business Meeting

Clancy Holeman, Counselor/Director of Administrative Services; Leon Hobson, Public Works Director/County Engineer; Cindy Volanti, Human Resource Manager/Deputy Clerk; Johnette Shepek, Budget and Finance Officer; Brenda Nickel, Health Department Director, Ed & Laura Krieger, 2011 Arthur Drive, Manhattan; Julie Merklin, League of Women Voters; Maura Wery, Manhattan Mercury; Laura Monsanto, KMAN; and Joe Knopp, attended.

Mr. Krieger spoke on being involved in county government.

Knopp said he heard on the radio a Commissioner's request for public participation. Knopp spoke about the commission meetings being held during working hours so few can participate. Knopp spoke about concern of the Riley County budget possibly being increased by ten percent. Knopp asked the Board of County Commissioners to remember their principles and philosophies.

Knopp stated he has always been opposed to the formation of a Public Building Commission (PBC). Knopp said the people should have the opportunity to vote on large projects like school districts are required to do.

Wells stated the formation of the PBC is not to circumvent the election process but to create another tool for the Board to use in financing building projects.

Boyd said he understands the timing of the Board of County Commissioners' meetings, but

he feels the problem is communication with the public. Boyd said there are opportunities for the public to contact Commissioners but they don't.

The Board of County Commissioners signed a Riley County Personnel Action Form for Lyndsey Ekstrum, a Customer Service Representative I, a new hire, in the County Treasurer Department, at a grade F step 2, at \$14.00 per hour.

The Board of County Commissioners signed a Riley County Position Action Form for a Raising Riley Child Care Facilitator/Manager, in the Health Department, at a grade N.

Boyd moved to approve "Resolution No. 071513-51, Resolution appointing Brenda Nickel Local Health Officer and designating Doctor Cary Herl to act as her consultant and direct her on program and related medical and professional matters." Wells seconded. Carried 3-0.

Boyd moved to sign a letter of support to Doctor Cary Herl for his assistance to the Riley County Health Department. Wells seconded. Carried 3-0.

Boyd moved to approve a Portable Communication Device Allowance Form for Brenda Nickel. Wells seconded. Carried 3-0.

9:00 Johnette Shepek, Budget and Finance Officer

Clancy Holeman, Counselor/Director of Administrative Services; Leon Hobson, Public Works Director/County Engineer; Cindy Volanti, Human Resource Manager/Deputy Clerk; Brenda Nickel, Health Department Director, Ed & Laura Krieger, 2011 Arthur Drive, Manhattan; Julie Merklin, League of Women Voters; Debbie Register, Register of Deeds; Dennis Peterson, Noxious Weed Director; Monty Wedel, Planning/Special Projects Director; Shilo Heger, Tax & Accounting Supervisor/Deputy Treasurer; Robert Nall, IT/GIS Director; Jennifer Wilson, County Extension Director; Maura Wery, Manhattan Mercury; and Laura Monsanto, KMAN, attended.

Shepek reviewed the 2014

budget status.

Heger stated the Treasurer's Office did review their budget but could not find additional funds to reduce.

Boyd suggested a \$2,500.00 reduction to the Emergency Management budget. The Board of County Commissioners did not reduce Emergency Management's budget.

The Board of County Commissioners discussed the 2014 budget.

The Board made no further changes to the proposed budget.

Boyd moved that the Board of County Commissioners authorize the Budget & Finance Officer to proceed with finalizing the budget with the recommended changes in the State of Kansas budget format.

Upon an acceptable review of the budget by the County's auditors, the Riley County budget and Notice of Hearing will be published in the Manhattan Mercury on or before Sunday, August 5, 2013. Wells seconded. Carried 3-0.

9:19 Jennifer Wilson, County Extension Director

Clancy Holeman, Counselor/Director of Administrative Services; Ed & Laura Krieger, 2011 Arthur Drive, Manhattan; Julie Merklin, League of Women Voters; Maura Wery, Manhattan Mercury; and Laura Monsanto, KMAN, attended.

In regards to the State House County Mapping Project, Wilson stated that she has visited with Dana Wethington at the Kansas Associations of Counties (KAC) about how other counties have met their goal, and has also done some brainstorming with her staff about how this might be accomplished using the county fair as a venue. Below are some of the options other counties have used:

Paid out of county general. One County Commissioner paid personally.

One county had Chamber of Commerce pay out of economic development or CVB funds.

Other counties suggested possibilities from KAC were churches, community foundations, and scouts.

Possibilities at the county fair:

Informational display with brochures and collection jar inside Pottorf Hall. This would be unstuffed.

Celebrity Kiss the Pig Contest with a jar for each commissioner. Jar with the most money by Monday at 5:00 pm would kiss the grand champion market hog before it sells on Monday evening.

Involve political party booths at the fair by asking them to distribute the information.

We can send donor letters to our 4-H clubs to see if they would contribute.

Wilson said she is open to additional ideas the commission might have. KAC is willing to provide brochures personalized with our county information, but a decision will need to be made about who is going to collect the funds.

9:30 Press Conference  
Jennifer Wilson, County Extension Director; Johnette Shepek, Budget and Finance Officer; Ed & Laura Krieger, 2011 Arthur Drive, Manhattan; Julie Merklin, League of Women Voters; David Kreller, Document Resources Inc.; Greg McClure, County Extension Agent; Maura Wery, Manhattan Mercury; and Laura Monsanto, KMAN, attended.

Wilson reported the Riley County Fair officially begins July 25th. Wilson discussed Fair activities taking place prior to the Fair. Wilson presented a schedule for the Riley County Fair.

McClure said the 4-H Livestock Sale will be Monday, July 29th at 6:45 p.m.

Shepek announced the Board of County Commissioners approved the 2014 budget at a mill levy of 37.345, which is a 1.949 mill increase over the 2013 budget.

Shepek thanked the Board and department heads for their hard work in the 2014 budget process.

Lewis stated the loss of revenue for 2014 is estimated to be \$1,000,000.00 over the last two years.

Kreller, owner of Document Resources, Inc., asked how to proceed with updating the privacy language on agreements with the various departments.

Boyd suggested a unitarian agreement countywide.

Holeman stated he will work with Kreller on the matter.

Boyd moved to approve the minutes of July 11, 2013 as amended. Wells seconded. Carried 3-0.

10:10 Clancy Holeman, Counselor/Director of Administrative Services

Administrative Work Session

Johnette Shepek, Budget and Finance Officer; Ed & Laura Krieger, 2011 Arthur Drive, Manhattan; Julie Merklin, League of Women Voters; Craig Cox, Assistant County Counselor; Maura Wery, Manhattan Mercury; and Laura Monsanto, KMAN, attended.

Holeman said Judge Stutzman sent him an email noting the language on the conceal carry sign only addresses licensed conceal carry. Holeman stated he will look at what can be done to address non-licensed conceal carry being prohibited from entry into the building.

Holeman stated he and Cindy Volanti will be working with Shelly Williams on a countywide policy addressing county employees carrying outside of facilities while on the job.

Holeman discussed updating Riley County's network usage policy.

10:30 Leon Hobson, Public Works Director/County Engineer

Clancy Holeman, Counselor/Director of Administrative Services; Johnette Shepek, Budget and Finance Officer; Craig Cox, Assistant County Counselor; Ed & Laura Krieger, 2011 Arthur Drive, Manhattan; Julie Merklin, League of Women Voters; Jon Brake, Manhattan Free Press; Maura Wery, Manhattan Mercury; and Laura Monsanto, KMAN; and Mel Van Der Stelt, attended.

Hobson discussed Public Works Projects.

10:45 Monty Wedel, Planning/Special Projects Director

Clancy Holeman, Counselor/Director of Administrative Services; Ed & Laura Krieger, 2011 Arthur Drive, Manhattan; Julie Merklin, League of Women Voters; Maura Wery, Manhattan Mercury; and Laura Monsanto, KMAN; and Mel Van Der Stelt, attended.

Wedel said Karen Davis from the City of Manhattan has indicated that the Request For Qualifications (RFQ) for the

Manhattan Urban Area Comprehensive Plan (MUACP) Update has been finalized by the City Commission. The next step in the process is to send out the RFQ and obtain submittals for review by a Selection Committee.

Wedel said that the City of Manhattan has suggested that Riley County appoint one Commissioner or Planning Board member and one staff person to serve on the Consultant Selection Committee. Wedel recommended himself and one Commissioner be appointed to serve on this committee.

Wedel recommended the Board appoint Leon Hobson to the committee.

Boyd moved to appoint Monty Wedel, Planning/Special Projects Director, and Ron Wells, Riley County Commissioner, to the MUACP Consultant Selection Committee. Lewis seconded. Carried 3-0.

Holeman presented a draft of the Plaza Reservation Request Amendments.

Boyd moved that the proposed revisions be adopted. Wells seconded. Carried 3-0.

11:00 Clancy Holeman, Counselor/Director of Administrative Services

Leon Hobson, Public Works Director/County Engineer; Ed & Laura Krieger, 2011 Arthur Drive, Manhattan; Julie Merklin, League of Women Voters; Jon Brake, Manhattan Free Press; Trent Armbrust, Manhattan Area Chamber of Commerce; Randi Dale, 2416 Rogers Boulevard, Manhattan; Chuck Heidrick, 1905 Plymouth Landing, Manhattan; Bruce McMillan, 555 Poyntz Avenue, Suite 785, Manhattan; David V. Adams, 1725 Wildcat Creek Road, Manhattan; Maura Wery, Manhattan Mercury; and Laura Monsanto, KMAN; and Mel Van Der Stelt, attended.

Holeman said that on July 1, 2013, the Board of County Commissioners reviewed and approved "in concept" the resolution forming a Riley County Public Building Commission (PBC). Holeman said the Board directed him to place that resolution on today's agenda, in order to give the public an opportunity to voice their opinions on the matter, pro or con.

Holeman stated that on July 8, 2013, at the request of the Board of County Commissioners, he announced today's agenda item during the Board's regular press conference. Holeman invited any interested members of the public to attend at 11 a.m. today to express their views about formation of a PBC.

Holeman said that on July 9, 2013, he appeared on KMAN's "In Focus" program, with Commissioner Ron Wells and County Clerk Rich Vargo. Holeman said they all encouraged interested members of the listening audience to attend today, whether they supported or opposed creation of a PBC.

Holeman said that Section 1 of today's resolution actually establishes the PBC, while Section 2 describes its composition. Holeman said that within Section 2, current and future Board of County Commission members are made the sole voting members of the PBC.

Holeman stated that Sections 3 A through H give the PBC all powers set out in the applicable statute and any subsequent

charter resolution.

Holeman said there is no fiscal impact in the formation of a public building commission. Once formed, any bond issues authorized by the PBC are subject to a protest period. During that protest period, the public can require a public vote on the bond issue.

Holeman said that he recommends the Board approve the resolution as presented. Holeman believes it represents a responsible financing tool, which does not commit the Board of County Commissioners or PBC to any future projects of any kind. Holeman stated that in his opinion, approval only gives the Board of County Commissioners lawful available flexibility to manage taxpayer funds.

Dale stated she is totally against the Public Building Commission. Dale said it would be denying her the right to vote.

McMillan, owner of a local architecture firm, stated he has worked with Geary County's PBC and recommends the Board contact Florence Whitebread, Geary County Commissioner, to discuss the pros and cons of PBC's.

Krieger, asked if Riley County would be liable as an owner of the buildings?

Holeman said, no, the PBC would be liable as an owner of the buildings.

Krieger, asked if there has been any experience with the petition process of PBC's?

Holeman said the bond counsel discussed the petition process with the Board of County Commissioners.

Krieger, stated he believes the PBC needs to be done, but it needs to be communicated to the public that the building is being leased through the county.

Krieger stated that with the community growing and NBAF facilities coming, Riley County will need to be expanded.

Brake asked what other facilities Riley County is looking at over \$300,000.00?

Lewis stated there are potential facilities needs for courts and emergency services. Lewis stated Riley County department heads will have a retreat on September 6th, 2013 to discuss facilities.

Dale said she does not feel it is a transparent process.

Heidrick, a previous Mitchell County Commissioner, stated Mitchell County established a PBC ten years ago. Heidrick discussed the uses of PBC's.

Heidrick said Mitchell County Built a hospital with the PBC. Heidrick said they just approached the PBC as a financing tool.

Adams said he is not for or against a PBC, he just wants to learn more about the process. Adams said he feels it is up to the Board of County Commissioners to bring the information to the public on the PBC.

Lewis stated if there was a project, there would be public information and education.

No binding action was taken on the Public Building Commission at this time.

Boyd moved that the Board of County Commissioners authorize the Chairman to sign "Appendix A" to the "Healthy Families" Contract. Wells seconded. Carried 3-0.

11:48 Boyd moved to adjourn. Wells seconded. Carried 3-0.

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## GOP, Dems Clash Over Immigration

**By ERICA WERNER Associated Press**  
WASHINGTON (AP) — House Republicans took a tentative step toward offering citizenship to some unauthorized immigrants Tuesday, but hit an immediate wall of resistance from the White House on down as Democrats said it wasn't enough.

The dismissive reaction to the GOP proposal to offer eventual citizenship to some immigrants brought illegally to the U.S. as children underscored the difficulties of finding any compromise in the

Republican-led House on the politically explosive issue of immigration.

That left prospects cloudy for one of President Barack Obama's top second-term priorities. Congress is preparing to break for a monthlong summer recess at the end of next week without action in the full House on any immigration legislation, even after the Senate passed a sweeping bipartisan bill last month to secure the borders and create a path to citizenship for the 11 million immigrants already in the country illegally. The back-and-forth began

hours before the House Judiciary Committee opened a hearing Tuesday afternoon on the question of legal status for immigrants brought here as children. House Republican leaders have embraced offering citizenship to such immigrants, and Majority Leader Eric Cantor is working on a bill toward the goal along with Judiciary Chairman Bob Goodlatte.

They haven't released their bill yet but that didn't stop Democrats from dismissing it even before the hearing began, saying that any solution that

doesn't offer citizenship to all 11 million immigrants here illegally falls short.

Over Twitter, White House senior adviser Dan Pfeiffer slammed "the cruel hypocrisy of the GOP immigration plan: allow some kids to stay but deport their parents."

That got a counterattack from Cantor spokesman Rory Cooper.

"If White House opposes effort to give children path to staying in only country they know, how serious are they about immigration reform?" Cooper responded over Twitter.

In fact, Democrats and immigration advocates pushed hard in past years for legislation offering citizenship to immigrants brought as youths. The so-called DREAM Act passed the House in 2010 when it was controlled by Democrats, but was blocked by Senate Republicans.

But now, with a comprehensive solution like the one passed by the Senate in sight, Democrats and outside activists say they won't settle for anything less.

"Times have changed and they demand a comprehensive approach," said Hector Figueroa, an executive board member at the Service Employees International Union.

Democrats and outside advocates are also concerned that the Cantor-Goodlatte bill tentatively titled the Kids Act will be narrower in scope than the DREAM Act, which would have offered legal status to people under age 35 who arrived in the U.S. before age 16 and had lived here for five years and obtained a high school diploma. Slightly more than 2.1 million immigrants could have qualified, according to an analysis by the Migration Policy Institute.

At the same time, Democrats were attacking Republicans for an apparent turnaround after the House's GOP majority voted in June to overturn an Obama administration policy halting deportations of some

immigrants brought to the U.S. as youths. The Obama administration put the policy in place after Congress failed to pass the DREAM Act.

"Which is the real Republican Party?" said House Minority Whip Steny Hoyer, D-Md.

House Speaker John Boehner, R-Ohio, insisted that though he has rejected the Senate bill, House Republicans are committed to dealing with immigration, they just want to do it in a step-by-step and deliberate fashion.

"Nobody has spent more time trying to fix a broken immigration system than I have," Boehner said during a morning press conference.

Several hours later, White House spokesman Jay Carney responded with derision.

"The idea that you can oh, I don't know declare yourself to have been more committed than anyone to improve our immigration system and then have nothing to show for it is a little laughable," Carney said.

## Judge: US Position In Drone Suit "Disconcerting"

**By FREDERIC J. FROMMER Associated Press**  
WASHINGTON (AP) — A federal judge said Friday that she finds "disconcerting" the Obama administration's position that courts have no role in a lawsuit over the 2011 drone-strike killings of three U.S. citizens in Yemen, including an al-Qaida cleric.

U.S. District Court Judge Rosemary M. Collyer made the comment at a hearing on a government motion to dismiss the case. The suit was filed by relatives of the three men killed in the drone strikes, charging that the attacks violated the U.S. Constitution. It names as defendants then-Defense Secretary Leon Panetta, then-CIA Director David Petraeus and two commanders in the military's Special Operations forces, and seeks unspecified compensatory damages.

Collyer didn't say which way she would rule on the motion but repeatedly expressed concerns over the government's argument, saying she was "really troubled" by it.

U.S.-born al-Qaida leader Anwar al-Awlaki and Samir Khan, an al-Qaida propagandist, were killed in a drone strike in September 2011. Al-Awlaki's 16-year-old son, Abdulrahman, was killed the following month. Al-Awlaki had been linked to the planning and execution of several attacks targeting U.S. and Western interests, including a 2009 attempt on the Detroit-bound airliner and a 2010 plot against cargo planes.

The government has argued that the matter is best left to Congress and the executive branch, not judges, and that courts have recognized that the defense of the nation should be left to those political branches.

Brian Hauck, a deputy assistant attorney general lawyer who argued the case for the government Friday, noted that President Barack Obama, in a speech in May to the National Defense University, said he didn't think it was constitutional for the government to target and kill any U.S. citizen without due process.

"Where was the due process in this case?" asked Collyer, an

appointee of Republican President George W. Bush.

Hauck said there were checks in place, including reviews done by the executive branch.

"No, no, no, no, no," Collyer retorted. "The executive is not an effective check on the executive" when it comes to protecting constitutional rights.

Hauck said Congress is also briefed on drone attacks. He added that U.S. officials should be allowed to do their jobs without the threat of litigation hanging over their actions.

"You're saying there is no courthouse door where this goes through," Collyer said later. She repeatedly pressed Hauck to say what checks and balances the president faces, at one point saying in exasperation, "There's a man who won't be taken off message."

When Hauck mentioned the constitutional structure as one such constraint, Collyer replied that the Constitution sets out three branches of government, including the judiciary — "the one that's usually yelled at and not given any money."

She added: "I consider us a nation of laws, and everybody from the president down to homeless people have to follow the law."

Pardiss Kebriaei, a lawyer for the Center for Constitutional Rights — which is representing the relatives along with the American Civil Liberties Union — called the government's arguments "not just wrong; they're dangerous." She said the government can kill a 16-year-old U.S. citizen (al-Awlaki's son) without any explanation. Attorney General Eric Holder wrote in a letter to Senate Judiciary Committee Chairman Patrick Leahy this year that the teen was not "specifically targeted" by the U.S.

## Resort Could Help Tourism

WICHITA, Kan. (AP) — Patches of prairie meet ridges of dense woodlands of hickory, oaks and walnuts at Clinton State Park, the trees often rising from steep, rock-strewn hillsides that fall into the reservoir. The area a tad west of Lawrence has a bit of Ozarks flavor.

The state is now seeking proposals from developers to build a large resort and convention center in the park to compete with the Ozarks for tourism dollars.

"I think there's a market for it, some real opportunities," said Steve Kelly, Kansas

Department of Commerce deputy secretary. "I think it could attract people to this region and retain some (area) people who have been leaving to go to places like Lake of the Ozarks or maybe Big Cedar Lodge down by Branson for business meetings or retreats."

Robin Jennison, head of the Kansas Department of Wildlife, Parks and Tourism, also thinks Clinton is the place, and that the time is now, for a resort.

"A lot of things are coming together, and the (U.S. Army Corps of Engineers) is very willing to work with us," Jennison said.

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# Weather for Manhattan, Ks

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NWS Weather Forecast Office

Wednesday	Wednesday Night	THURSDAY	THURSDAY NIGHT	FRIDAY	FRIDAY NIGHT	SATURDAY	SATURDAY NIGHT	SUNDAY
Sunny High: 84 °F	Partly Cloudy Low: 64 °F	Slight Chc Thunderstorms High: 84 °F	Chance Thunderstorms Low: 65 °F	Slight Chc Thunderstorms High: 82 °F	Mostly Clear Low: 61 °F	Mostly Sunny High: 81 °F	Partly Cloudy Low: 63 °F	Slight Chc Thunderstorms High: 83 °F

# The Basics For Summer Outdoor Grilling Of Meat

Everyone can feel good about grilling, a naturally low-fat method of dry heat cookery for their favorite meats, by monitoring heat levels and doneness, and following a few simple and safe tips:

- Savor the Flavor -**  
Marinades add flavor to meat and poultry and can tenderize less tender cuts of meat. In addition, marinades with little or no sugar may help protect meat from charring and have also been shown to reduce HCA formation.
- Before cooking, remove meat from marinade and pat dry with a paper towel to promote even browning and prevent steaming.
  - Sugary sauces and glazes can burn easily and cause charring. If using these types of products, baste during the last few minutes of grilling and avoid charring.
- The Heat is On... Medium!**  
Use medium heat while cooking to ensure delicious, flavorful meat. High heat can overcook or char the outside of meat while the interior remains underdone.
- Charcoal grilling: Medium heat is achieved when coals are

- no longer flaming, and are ash-covered and spread in a single layer.
  - Check cooking temperature by cautiously holding the palm of your hand above the coals at cooking height. Count the number of seconds you can hold your hand in that position before the heat forces you to pull it away; approximately 4 seconds for medium heat.
  - Gas grilling: Consult the owner's manual for specific information about preparing the grill for medium heat since gas grill brands vary greatly.
- Determine Doneness.**  
Lean meat's tender, juicy texture is optimum when cooked to the proper doneness. For steaks, this is medium rare (145°F) to medium (160°F). For burgers, an instant-read thermometer is the only way to ensure that your ground beef is cooked to the proper temperature of 160°F – color and juices don't tell the whole story.
- Insert an instant-read thermometer horizontally into the side of burgers and steaks to check temperature.
  - Place the thermometer in the thickest part or center of the burger or steak. For steaks, the

- thermometer should not touch bone, fat or the grill.
- Go Lean.**  
There are 29 beef cuts that meet government guidelines for "lean" with less than 10 grams of total fat, 4.5 grams or less of saturated fat and less than 95 milligrams of cholesterol per 3-ounce cooked serving and 100 grams.
- Choose from traditional favorites like flank, tenderloin and T-bone steaks, as well as 95% lean ground beef.
- Heterocyclic amines (HCAs) Cooking protein-rich foods like meat, poultry and fish at very high temperatures can create chemicals that some scientists hypothesize may increase cancer risk. However, the potential risks to human health are inconclusive.
- Heterocyclic amines (HCAs) are compounds of protein that form on charred meats. Polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs) are compounds of fat drippings that form when meat is cooked over open flames and produces smoke. HCA and PAH formation can occur in any protein (poultry, meat or fish) that is charred or overcooked with any cooking method at very high temperatures

- whole new flavor experience. Try them!
- Lean and Trim
  - Choose lean, well-trimmed cuts of meat to prevent fire flare-ups and excess smoke formation. Should minimal over-

cooking occur, trim off any burnt or charred pieces before eating.

**Sources**  
(HPBA Barbecue, Lifestyle, Usage and Attitude Survey, www.hpba.org  
(Psychology of Grilling survey,

September 2008, funded by the Beef Checkoff Program) (USDA Nutrient Database) (FreshLook Marketing Group, leading U. S. source of grocery scanner data for meat and produce purchasing)

**HOCUS-FOCUS** BY HENRY BOLTIHOFF

CAN YOU TRUST YOUR EYES? There are at least six differences in drawing details between top and bottom panels. How quickly can you find them? Check answers with those below.

Differences: 1. Fringe is missing. 2. Blanket is smaller. 3. Hat is moved. 4. Pan is empty. 5. Trash can is missing. 6. Cooler is missing.

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**Grilling Facts**  
Fill your grill this summer with healthy foods, including lean beef, and consider these facts from the Kansas Beef Council. And visit www.BeefItsWhatsforDinner.com.

- Go Lean with Protein
- There are 29 cuts of beef that meet government guidelines for lean, including popular cuts such as T-bone steak and the New York Strip steak.
- Lose the Fat, Spare the Wallet
- Lean cuts are healthy and affordable. The average cost per lean beef cut retails at about \$5.19 a pound, or less than \$1 for a 3-ounce serving.

**Perfect Pair**  
• Many people fall short of dietary guidelines recommending two cups of fruit and 2 ½ cups of vegetables a day. Try pairing mushrooms, tomatoes, sweet potatoes or carrots with lean beef for an added punch of flavor and nutrition.

- Marinades and rubs
- Marinades add both flavor and tenderness to lean cuts of beef, while dry rubs add a

**THEY'LL DO IT EVERY TIME** BY AL SCADUTO

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## King Crossword

**ACROSS**

1 Humpty's perch  
5 — out (relax)  
8 Applaud  
12 Others (Lat.)  
13 Mrs. McKinley  
14 Helper  
15 Dracula's ilk  
17 Nasty  
18 Before  
19 Fellows  
20 Reject disdainfully  
21 Quid pro —  
22 3, on the phone  
23 Counterfeit  
26 Spoke highly of  
30 Met melody  
31 Bliss  
32 Italy's capital  
33 "Oh, what a — web we weave ..."  
35 Underneath  
36 Wrestling surface  
37 Storefront sign abbr.  
38 DJ's creation  
41 Twosome

42 Ostrich's cousin  
45 Tresses  
46 Shortcircuits the ignition  
48 Slave to crosswords?  
49 Joan of —  
50 Workbench attachment  
51 Nays' opponents  
52 — -jongg  
53 12 months

**DOWN**

1 Greet silently  
2 Winged  
3 Key — pie  
4 Once around the track  
5 Migratory songbird  
6 Biblical garden  
7 Petrol  
8 S'mores are often cooked over them  
9 Stead  
10 Jewish month  
11 Teller's partner  
16 Don of radio fame  
20 Vast expanse

21 Marshes  
22 Parched  
23 Cudgel  
24 Man-mouse link  
25 Martini ingredient  
26 Spacecraft compartment  
27 Scale member  
28 Comedian Philips  
29 Morning moisture  
31 Lustrous black  
34 Remiss  
35 Forehead  
37 Starsky's pal  
38 Perlman of "Cheers"  
39 Simple digger's place?  
41 Nickelodeon's explorer  
42 Great Lake  
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47 Wall climber

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# History In Time

Manhattan Free Press

Thursday, July 25, 2013

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## Fib's Collection Of Record Proportions

The Blue Rapids Museum's exhibit of a small part of Floyd (Fib) Sutton's collection of working phonographs, antique clocks, toys, model trains, old photos of BR and other antiques opened last weekend.

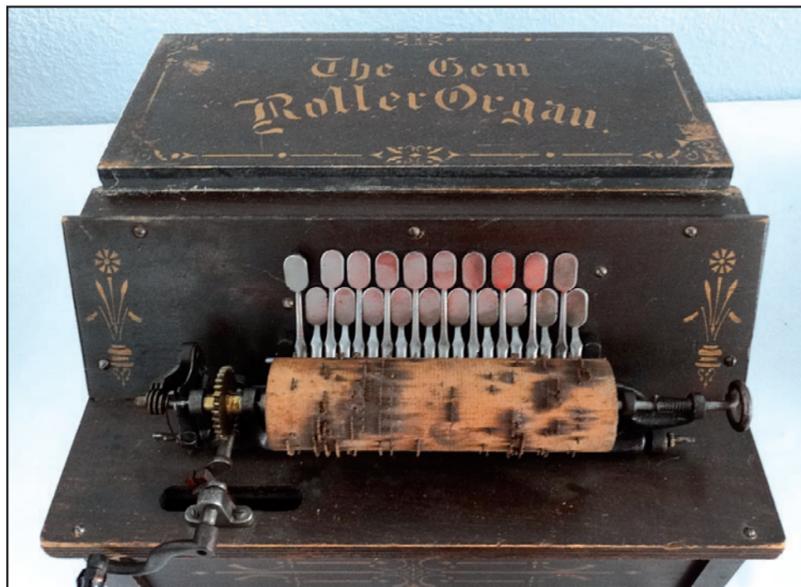
With a newly remodeled 36'x72' room, the museum expected to hold most of Sutton's items but was able to handle only about 20% of his collections! As the family continues to unpack and discover, they expect to rotate items at the museum.

This is a rare opportunity to view a portion of what is likely the largest privately held collection of Edison phonographs.

This collection will be available for viewing on Saturday, July 27th morning from 9:00 am to noon and again on Sunday, July 28th afternoon from 2:00 pm to 5:00 or by appointment at 785 363 7949. This is a fund raiser for the Museum with a suggested donation of \$5.00.



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