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Judges Question Why Democrat Kept On Ballot

By JOHN HANNA
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TOPEKA, Kan. (AP) — Several Kansas Supreme Court justices expressed skepticism Tuesday about a Republican official's decision to keep the Democratic nominee for the U.S. Senate on the ballot against his wishes as they reviewed a legal dispute that could affect the national fight for control of the Senate.

During arguments before the court, justices focused on whether a formal letter from Democrat Chad Taylor to withdraw from the race required Secretary of State Kris Kobach to remove Taylor's name from the Nov. 4 ballot. Some Democrats nudged Taylor out of the race because they see independent candidate Greg Orman as the stronger rival to three-term Republican incumbent Sen. Pat Roberts.



Secretary of State Kris Kobach

"The letter is what it is," Justice Dan Biles said from the bench. "If, as a matter of law, the letter complies with the statute, he (Kobach) has no discretion."

The Democrat's withdrawal

thrust the Senate race into the national spotlight. Republicans hope to recapture a Senate majority and they've always counted on Roberts winning reelection in his GOP-leaning state. Some Democrats believe an Orman victory could deny

the GOP a majority in a close national election.

Roberts, 78, has looked vulnerable since a tough GOP primary race against a tea party challenger. Orman, a 45-year-old businessman and co-

founder of a private equity firm, raised more in contributions and was more visible on television than Democrat Taylor, the Topeka-area district attorney.

Kobach, who serves on Roberts' honorary campaign committee with other prominent Republicans, ruled that Taylor's name had to remain on the ballot because the candidate didn't meet the requirements of state law in withdrawing. Keeping Taylor's name on the ballot could split the anti-Roberts vote and allow the incumbent to win more easily.

A state election law says nominees' names can be removed from the ballot if they die or declare they're incapable of fulfilling the duties of office. Taylor's letter said he wanted to withdraw "pursuant to" the law, but he has not given a reason why he can't serve. Taylor attended the hearing but declined to comment.

Taylor petitioned the court to overturn Kobach's decision. The court is expected to rule quickly, because county officials must begin mailing ballots Saturday to overseas military

personnel.

But a court decision may not be the end of the legal dispute.

Kobach argues that even if he's forced to remove Taylor's name from the ballot, Democrats are obligated under state law to find another nominee. The court did not address that issue during the arguments.

Kobach said after the the hearing that he's ready to file his own state Supreme Court petition if Taylor is off the ballot and Democratic leaders won't name a new candidate.

"If I ignore the law and don't enforce it because, hey, it'd be easier for my own campaign, then I would be a raw political hack," said Kobach, who's also running for re-election this year.

State Democratic Party Chairwoman Joan Wagnon said she doesn't expect the party to name a new candidate so close to when ballots must be printed.

"I just don't see how it's physically possible," she said.

Pedro Irigonegaray, a Topeka attorney representing Taylor, said during the arguments on Tuesday that citing the law was enough to declare that someone is unable to serve. Eddie Greim, a Kansas City, Missouri attorney representing Kobach, argued that the candidate has to say specifically in writing that he or she is incapable of serving.

But Justice Carol Beier asked why citing the law wasn't the same as declaring an inability to serve.

"Is there any other acceptable reason under the statute?" she said.

Four justices — a majority for the seven member court — were appointed by former Democratic Gov. Kathleen Sebelius, including Beier and Biles. Two others were appointed by Sebelius' predecessor, former moderate GOP Gov. Bill Graves. The seventh spot is open because conservative Gov. Sam Brownback's first appointee won't be sworn in until December, and a retired district judge is sitting with the court.

Feds allow Kansas To Withhold Test Data

Kansas education officials have secured federal approval not to release test results for last school year that experts say were rendered invalid by the technical problems and cyber attacks that plagued the state's computer-based exams.

The decision means parents, teachers and school administrators won't be able to see how specific students, schools or school districts performed in mathematics and reading this year.

They will, however, receive more generalized information about how Kansas children performed on certain test items at various grade levels.

"There were so many problems this year," Kansas State Board of Education chairwoman Jana Shaver said. "It was just not feasible or fair, in my opinion, to release (the) data."

Kansas students take computer-based state math and reading tests in grades three through eight and once in high

school. Making the results public is normally a federal requirement. Parents receive their children's scores and the public can view overall scores for specific schools, school districts or the state.

This year, however, technical glitches caused trouble for students taking the tests, and once those were resolved, cyber attacks caused further problems.

Experts at the Center for Educational Testing and Evaluation — the University of Kansas department that administers the state math and reading tests — say the problems affected up to one-third of this year's math tests and two-thirds of the English tests.

That means there isn't enough data to calculate reliable scores statewide, they say. The Kansas State Department of Education therefore sought permission from the U.S. Department of Education not to publish the results.

Instead, the state will make public a few of the test questions that were used at each grade level for each subject, and how students performed in answering those items.

This year's technical problems were related to changes in state testing. The tests were a pilot run of new exams that marked a shift away from multiple-choice questions and toward open-ended problems, and formats that require students to interact with data on screen.

Because the tests were a pilot, the Kansas State Board of Education had already decided not to use the results for accountability purposes such as school accreditation.

"The whole purpose of giving the assessments this year was as a planning tool," Shaver said, to help the state try out the new test design and determine the validity of questions on the tests.

Funds For Immigration Courts

Group Raps Use of Taxpayer Funds to Ease 'Unmanageable' Immigration Courts

Josh Siegel
 Heritage Foundation

As the backlog of cases in immigration courts grows, the Department of Justice announced it has awarded \$1.8 million in grants to legal aid organizations to help move cases through the system.

A prominent proponent of stronger border security, however, denounced the move as an effort to force taxpayers to "underwrite a costly and dysfunctional system."

The Justice Department funds were awarded through another federal agency, the Corporation for National and Community Service. The stated aim is to "increase the effective and efficient adjudication of immigration proceedings" by enabling legal aid groups to hire 100 lawyers and paralegals to represent unaccompanied minors who unlawfully crossed into the country.

But the Federation for American Immigration Reform, which strives to limit illegal immigration, sees the Justice Department move as an unnecessary use of taxpayer dollars to prop up an already "unmanageable" system.

Those going through immigration courts are not entitled to an attorney, the group notes.

"This is unprecedented because immigration proceedings are civil in nature," FAIR President Dan Stein said, adding:

Immigration proceedings have never required an attorney and certainly never been a taxpayer expense. There are organizations aligned with the [Obama] administration that want to turn immigration proceedings into the equivalent of a criminal trial. They analogize deportation to be certain death, to justify taxpayers' continually underwriting a costly and dysfunctional system.

The Justice Department assistance, announced Friday, comes after the Transactional

Records Access Clearinghouse at Syracuse University released a report saying 396,552 cases were pending in the federal agency's 59 immigration courts as of the end of July.

As of the end of July, 396,552 cases were pending in the 59 federal immigration courts.

The backlog grew by more than 75,000 cases since the start of the budget year last October, the report showed.

The federal Department of Homeland Security has reported that since Oct. 1 more than 66,000 unaccompanied child immigrants, mostly from Honduras, El Salvador and Guatemala, have been caught crossing the Mexican border illegally.

The Justice Department announced earlier this year plans to move cases of unaccompanied minors to the top of the court docket.

Of the \$1.8 million in grants, Attorney General Eric Holder said:

Want Cheaper Gas... Lift Crude Oil Exports Ban

By Rob Nikolewski
 New Mexico Watchdog

For nearly 40 years, there's a ban on exporting crude oil from the United States to other nations in the world.

Now, a just-released study says lifting the ban could boost the U.S. economy between \$600 billion to \$1.8 trillion and save motorists up to 12 cents a gallon at the pump.

Researchers for the Energy Security Initiative of the Brookings Institution called the ban "an anachronism that has long outlived its utility and now threatens to impair, rather

than protect, U.S. energy, economic, and national security" and cites modeling that predicts broad-based economic benefits that include more jobs, better wages and higher gross domestic product if the ban got ditched.

The study from Brookings, which is considered a left-of-center think tank, claims the sooner the ban is lifted, the greater the economic impact.

"What is most important is our finding that in all these modeling scenarios, there are positive gains for U.S. households," the analysis said.

For example, the Brookings study says lifting the ban would

increase domestic oil production, which would increase gasoline supply. That would lead to a drop of the price of gas. The study estimated a reduction of nine cents per gallon for about five years up to as much as 12 cents a gallon if oil supplies are more abundant.

Furthermore, according to the Brookings modeling done by National Economic Research Associates, lifting the export ban reduces unemployment by 200,000 each year between 2015 and 2020.

"Allowing crude oil exports is in the national interest," wrote the study's authors. "Our

analysis shows a direct correlation between increased U.S. oil production, net benefits to society, and lower gasoline prices."

Bernard Weinstein, economist and associate director of the Maguire Energy Institute at Southern Methodist University, agrees with the study's findings.

"It's not just the oil-producing states that benefit, everybody benefits in the form of lower gasoline prices," Weinstein said. "It holds down power costs and heating costs in other parts of the country."

U.S. oil production has boomed in recent years, largely

due to technological advancements that allow companies to drill "tight oil" in places such as the Bakken formation in North Dakota, the Eagle Ford formation in south Texas and the Permian Basin in west Texas and eastern New Mexico.

Lifting the crude oil ban would further boost production in those areas, and that figures to mean more money for the general funds in those states through increased severance tax revenue and royalty payments made by oil companies.

"That goes without question," Weinstein said. "The greater level of production, the

more revenue is generated."

But more production means more use of hydraulic fracturing, commonly known as "fracking," and that's something environmental groups are dead-set against.

The Brookings Institution study didn't address environmental issues and concentrated on the economics of the crude oil ban. "We do agree these issues need to be recognized, though the impact on global emissions (in comparison to U.S. coal exports) is likely to be negligible," the study's authors said.

Snyder Holds Weekly Press Meeting

Head Coach Bill Snyder On quarterback run game...
 “We’ve always been invested in it. I think you always have to fit the needs and the capabilities of the young people you have in your program at that position or any other position. We’ve been blessed to have those ‘dual threat’ guys over a period of time and we like to have that. It’s the way the system works for us. It plays to our advantage when you are doing something that people haven’t seen over a period of time. That is the nature of football - what goes around comes around. It’s a little bit different than what we have seen. Every week we see parts of team’s offense that equates to Auburn’s and the next week we will see something else that equates to some facet of Auburn’s offense. We see all of it, but they have it all in one package.”

On Nick Marshall...

“He’s a talented young guy and he can do both - he can throw it and he can run it. His numbers indicated exactly that. They say that (Auburn) is a team that likes to run the football and that is their first emphasis. They will throw the ball and try to cast it down the field because he has the ability to do that. He has a strong arm. They’ll see him running the ball and they’ll see him throwing it. He is a young, dedicated athlete and will play hard and compare well no matter who he plays.”

On Auburn’s defense...

“They are physical and fast - I think fast in the perimeter of people and physical and quick with the front people. They are a north and south football team defensively. Their defensive people, their front four are not necessarily readers, they are guys that get in their stance and get their pads down and get in the line of scrimmage and they make it a very physical game. And I would anticipate that’s what we will see.”

On similar coaching styles...

“At least we have some opportunities to present similar

types of things to our defense because we have invested in them over a period of time; perhaps that helps. We do some similar things - we don’t do everything they do and they don’t do everything we do.”

On preparing for Auburn...

“You watch so many tapes and games and sometimes it kind of runs together. Certainly the base of their offense is in a specific package. They have run more frequently than they have others, and they dress it up with so many different formations and motions, but they are still a pretty broad package in regards to offense, which is similar to us. Your preparation has to be broad based as well and be prepared for all of it and get focused on the condensed package. To me, things get blown out of proportion. What is important is that we get better and that we prepare ourselves as well as we can. Any football coach in the country wants the players to honestly believe that they will win and can win, and I want our players to do exactly the same thing. You can expect to win and you should have that attitude and prepare yourself. If you don’t prepare yourself, well, you probably can’t be successful on what you are going to do and the whole element is preparing yourself day in and day out. This is the most valuable game we will play this season, and then the following week, that game will be the most valuable game we will play this season.”

On intensity...

“Our guys are seemingly focused on the task at hand. If you were to ask them, I think they would tell you that they are anxious to play. I like to think that the anxiousness is really excitement to play and I hope that indeed is the case, and I hope it carries into this afternoon and we practice with excitement about playing the game and still stay focused on the task at hand today. I’ve seen our guys have a legitimate focus. Our message is continual - a day doesn’t go by that I’m

not going to address our players on taking care of today. I have no issue with enthusiasm and excitement. I’m all in favor of that. I try to promote that and I try to get our leadership to step up and promote that. I want to see spirit on the practice field and spirit on the game field. I want to see them play with emotion. If you can put emotion and execution and effort together, you have a great opportunity to succeed. I want those things to take place, but you have to make sure that it is legitimate and that it doesn’t interfere with your preparation because execution is a part of the preparation, emotion is a part of the preparation, everything goes hand in hand.”

On bi-weekly improvements...

“If your players are invested and your coaches are invested, then there should be improvements day in and day out, that’s the nature of athletics. That’s important to (Auburn) as it is important to us. If we hold true to what we believe in, then yes, we will get better. The extra time benefits us but it probably also benefits them. I just hope and pray that we are working on the things that we are going to see on Saturday, and, when you have that extended period of time, there is always a possibility that you could invest that time in things that you haven’t put on the field before, so your opponent has no earthly idea of what you are going to put on the field.”

On home-field advantage and the fan base...

“Just be who you are. Our fans have always been great and our students have always been great and they do it in a classy manner as well - I appreciate that a great deal. It can have an impact and it has had an impact here. Though we are small by numbers, comparatively speaking, it still has an impact. I know they have some concerns, they have indicated that, but they have had experience playing in those 80-90 thousand-seat stadiums and there is some noise in those as well.”

Senior Quarterback Jake

Waters

On the excitement for the game...

“We are getting so excited and anxious to go out and play in the type of environment, type of game and the challenge that you live for as a player and while growing up. It is the games you dreamed of while lying in bed as a child. We are just so excited and ready to play Thursday.”

On operation of offense...

“It has been business as usual. It has been very normal. We have thrown in some tweaks here and there like we do for every opponent. We have just been focusing on executing our game plan the way that we do things. If you execute the way you have to play, then we will be able to move the ball the way that we want to and build the confidence of moving the ball against anyone in the country. It is all about execution though.”

On respecting Auburn’s play...

“We definitely respect them, but we also know that they are trying to come in here and smack us around and beat us. We have to have that same attitude and that confidence that we can play with anyone in the country if we go out and prepare the way that we have been this past week and execute. We respect them, but we are not scared of them.”

Sophomore Wide Receiver Deante Burton

On playing in the national spotlight...

“It is definitely something that you look forward to when you start playing the game, especially when you are younger. I think someone told me that we are the only game going on that day, so it is definitely all eyes on us. It is a game you dream about.”

On Auburn’s defense...

“They are a fast and physical defense. A lot of people talk about the SEC and how they are known for defense, and I think these guys fit that mold. They are very quick, talented and athletic, but I think if we play our game we should be alright.”

On his comfort level so far... “I think I am doing alright. There is always room for improvement. Just as the games and practices go on, I get a little more comfortable every day. Hopefully as you get into a big game like this, if I can go out and conquer this game that it will be build my comfortableness and confidence going into the future games.”

Junior Offensive Lineman Boston Stiverson
On playing against an SEC defense...

“We prepare for everyone the same way. We want to go out there and play physical and tough. We have gone against big, strong, tough guys like these before, so I do not think there is any added pressure for us.”

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Lower Marijuana Penalties Get 2nd Chance

WICHITA, Kan. (AP) _ A group of Wichita residents who want to reduce the punishment for possessing small amounts of marijuana will try a second petition drive.

The first effort to get the issue on the November ballot fell less than 40 signatures short of the number required.

Esau Freeman, president of Kansans for Change, says supporters will start collecting signatures again Oct. 1, with a

goal of getting the issue on the April ballot.

KAKE-TV reports (http://bit.ly/1qb1KQa) the effort would reduce the fines for possession of small amounts of marijuana. The first effort sought to reduce the penalty for possessing marijuana from the current maximum of a year in jail and a \$2,500 fine to a \$25 fine with no jail time.

Farmers Planting Wheat, Harvesting Corn

WICHITA, Kan. (AP) _ Some Kansas farmers have begun planting next year’s winter wheat while others are busy harvesting corn and sorghum.

The National Agricultural Statistics Service reported Monday that 5 percent of the state’s wheat crop is seeded. That’s about average for mid-September.

Corn harvest has progressed to the 18 percent mark but remains behind the average of

23 percent. Corn condition is rated as 16 percent poor to very poor, 29 percent fair, 42 percent good and 13 percent excellent.

About 2 percent of the Kansas sorghum crop has now been cut, about average for this time of year.

A cold front last week dropped temperatures across the state, with light frost reported in isolated areas of north-central and northwest Kansas.

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Water Dispute Before Court

By Mike Krings
KU News Service
LAWRENCE

A University of Kansas law professor has authored a study and will argue before the Supreme Court on a water rights case via a method that can be thought of as a more civil version of civil war.

Stephen McAllister, E.S. & Tom W. Hampton Distinguished Professor of Law, will argue on behalf of Kansas before the Supreme Court on Oct. 14 in a dispute about water rights and the Republican River. Lower courts have determined that Nebraska has pumped too much water from the river before it flows into Kansas and that Nebraska should pay Kansas \$5.5 million. Nebraska claims that amount is too steep, while Kansas claims the payment should be higher. McAllister is arguing at the request of Kansas Attorney General Derek Schmidt, who will join McAllister at counsel table for the oral argument.

McAllister also has written a new article to be published this fall in the law journal The Green Bag about original jurisdiction procedures, the process by which disputes between states often are initiated and decided in the Supreme Court.

"One of the ways to think of original jurisdiction is as 'the other civil war,'" McAllister

said. "Instead of states taking action against each other, militarily or otherwise, they can go to the Supreme Court and get a resolution of their dispute. Original jurisdiction gives the Supreme Court the chance to keep such disputes from ever reaching the point of violence or other punitive actions between states."

Original jurisdiction was used only sparingly before the Civil War, but since then it has been used frequently to determine all manner of disputes between states over water rights, fishing rights, boundaries and occasionally other issues such as interstate pollution. One of the most famous recent cases was a dispute between New York and New Jersey over which state owned Ellis Island, home to the historic center that processed millions of immigrants to the United States.

This isn't the first time McAllister has been involved in a water rights case that ended up at the Supreme Court via original jurisdiction. Kansas v. Colorado was a dispute over water rights to the Arkansas River. In that case, Kansas sued Colorado for taking more than Colorado's share of the water in the river before it reached Kansas. McAllister worked on the case near its conclusion, assisting then-Kansas Attorney General Steve Six, writing

briefs and providing consultation. McAllister's work on that case and the Supreme Court's decision prompted him to write another article in The Green Bag, agreeing with Chief Justice John Roberts that the Supreme Court alone had the constitutional power to determine the procedures for original jurisdiction cases and that Congress could not and should not get involved in such matters.

Some have argued that Congress has the power to dictate the procedures the Supreme Court uses in these state versus state cases, but McAllister in responding has noted that Congress has never purported to do so directly in the nation's history.

"History suggests that Congress has never really thought they could or needed to get involved in these cases," McAllister said. "I don't see how Congress getting involved could make things any better. The court has developed procedures and provided a forum that has worked for the states."

While some claim that the Necessary and Proper Clause of the Constitution, which gives Congress the authority to set certain parameters on the court, gives Congress the power to determine original jurisdiction procedures, McAllister disagrees.

"The logical extension of

that argument is that Congress could completely control every aspect of the Supreme Court's original jurisdiction, which would do away with separation of powers. The Supreme Court does not try to control or change the procedures Congress uses."

In his upcoming arguments before the Supreme Court, McAllister will argue because it has been established that Nebraska pumped too much water from the Republican River and violated a previous compact between the states on water usage, Nebraska should have to pay Kansas significant damages, both to compensate for the loss to Kansas and to deter Nebraska from committing future violations.

"The upstream states always have an advantage, as far as first shot at the water and the ability to use what they want," McAllister said. "You often end up with disputes arising from interstate water compacts arising decades down the road. I think one of the questions is, 'How much remedy is appropriate in this situation? It's an interesting question to argue because there aren't really hard and fast rules here.'"

The case will be both a chance for a KU professor to argue before the Supreme Court and for KU Law students to observe the preparation process firsthand.



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Pawnee Celebrates Recovery Month

Each September Pawnee Mental Health takes time to celebrate National Recovery Month. This year's theme, "Join the Voices of Recovery: Speak Up, Reach Out," encourages people to discuss mental health and substance use disorders and the reality that recovery is possible. It also aims to foster public understanding and acceptance about mental health, substance use, and recovery.

In 2012, 65.9 million people in the United States were diagnosed with a mental health or substance issue. People in recovery are all around us. They are full contributors to our community, participating in business, volunteering, and providing for their families. To promote an even more accepting environment, where people feel free to join others on their path of recovery, we must reach

out to them or speak up for their cause. We need to recognize that mental and/or substance use disorders can be treated, just like other health problems, such as diabetes and hypertension. We can work together to improve the overall health of our community by supporting behavioral health.

As we celebrate National Recovery Month, it is impor-

tant to recognize that most people in recovery find that treatment is effective in reducing their symptoms. Treatment providers at Pawnee Mental Health have witnessed the positive reality of recovery in people's lives as they achieve improved mental and physical health, and form stronger relationships with their family members, neighbors, and peers.

UTEP Game Set For 11 a.m.

UTEP Game Set for 11 a.m. Kickoff on FSN

MANHATTAN, Kan. - The Big 12 Conference and FOX Sports have announced that Kansas State's September 27 contest against UTEP will kick off at 11 a.m., and will be televised nationally by FSN.

The game will be the first of the season for the Wildcats on FSN, and the first since defeating TCU, 33-31, on November 16 last season. The contest against the Miners - which is sold out - is the third in school history and the first since a 40-7 K-State win in 1999.

Fans wishing to find tickets to the sold-out game can do so through Vivid Seats, a secondary market that partnered with K-State Athletics this season. To find tickets, fans can visit vividseats.com or call (844) 5 4 5 - 6 7 0 2 .

No. 20 Kansas State hosts fifth-ranked Auburn on Thursday night at 6:30 p.m., in a nationally-televised contest on ESPN.

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Foreman 450, very nice; **Polaris 800xlt w/winch, 100 miles;** Large pile ash firewood 2 cords; Hand tools; 15 gallon skid sprayer; DeWalt chop saw; 240 volt electric heater; Work bench; Electric tank heater; Chain saw; Kärcher GX270 power washer; Kerosene heater; Post pounder; 2 Husqvarna weed eaters; Everstart battery charger; Limb lop-per; 6 ft. 3 pt. disc harrow; Ferguson 2 bottom 3 pt. plow; 3 pt. spring tooth; Ford 5 ft. 3 pt. mower; 1995 Ford 2500 4x4, 96K miles, topper & Meyer snow plow; 16 ft. gate; Steel wheels; 2 wheel small ATV trailer; Wheelbarrow; Garden hose; Miscellaneous barn board lumber; Small wood stove; 2 man saw; Extension ladder; Metal stools; Long handled tools; t-posts; several horse drawn items; many other items.

Household & Collectible Items: Redwing crocks, 30, 25, 12, 12, 6, 5, 4, 4, 3, 2; churn bottom, 4 crock jugs; **Phonograph;** Chest of drawers with mirror; Small chest of drawer; coolers; Full size oak bed frame; Pots and pans; Dishes and glassware; Small electronic appliances; Kitchen table & 6 chairs; **Antique secretary;** Oak end tables; Small oak stand; bed-ding & linens; Coffee table; Small freezer chest; Sony Trinitron 36" TV and stand; DVD player; Filing cabinet; Display cabinet; Wicker rocker; Oak wardrobe with mirror; Full size bed; Wash bench; Metal shelving units; butter churn; Many other items.

AUCTIONEER'S NOTES: All of the items on this sale are well cared for and very clean, come prepared to buy. We will start on the household items at 10:00 a.m. then move on to tools and end with guns and hunting equipment. We will sell Real Estate at 12:00 p.m., followed by truck, tractor, 4-wheeler, and mower.

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Tract 1: Tract 1: House and approximately 17.5 acres. This ranch style home built in 2000 has two bedrooms and two baths. The full walkout basement has a single bedroom and bath along with a living room, utility room, storm shelter, and wood burning stove. The main floor has a single bedroom, bath, living room, and tasteful kitchen. The main floor has maple floors, hickory cabinets in the kitchen, a skylight, and many other amenities. This home has central heat and air and is extremely well built and efficient. There is an oversized two car attached garage. On the acreage is an older barn in great shape, and a 36x30 insulated Morton building with a concrete floor. The approximately 17.5 acres will consist of about 4 acres of cropland, 3.5 acres of CRP, 3 acres of broom meadow, with the balance being yard and a small pasture. **Open House Sept 28th 2-4 p.m. or by appointment.**

Tract 2: This property is all the land in the NW 1/4 and the N 1/2 SW 1/4 except for Tract 1 and an approximate 25 acre tract along the south edge located in Section 22-4-2. This tract consists of approximately 203.5 acres of which 90.4 acres is cropland, 47 acres is CRP, and 53 acres is pasture. This property wraps around the house place and the majority of the cropland is on this piece.

Tract 3: This is the W 1/2 SE 1/4 22-4-2. This tract is approximately 80 acres with about 13.6 acres of cropland, 31 acres of CRP, with the balance of this farm being excellent hunting, filled with old growth trees and shrubs

Tract 4: Tract 4 will be the combination of Tracts 1, 2, & 3.

Land Location: From Linn Ks. Go 6 miles west on 8th Road then 1/2 mile North on Indian Road. This is the west side of the property.

Brokers Notes: **Tract 1-** This tract will have the house and buildings. The home is in great shape, has an exceptionally large yard, and well maintained outbuildings. This tract would make an excellent home for a retired couple, farm family, or hunting retreat. **Come to the open house Sept 28th 2-4p.m.**

Tract 2 - This tract is predominately cropland. There is a small creek that splits this tract from west to east, with the pasture lying along this creek. This tract is in compliance with conservation requirements. Pride of ownership is evident.

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Tract 4 - This tract will be a combination of tracts 1, 2 & 3. **If tracts are sold separately, survey costs will be split 50/50 buyer / seller**

******Terms & Possession:** 10% down day of the sale. Balance due on or before Nov 21st, 2014. Seller to pay 2014 taxes. Title insurance, escrow and closing costs to be split equally between buyer and seller. Possession on closing subject to tenants rights to harvest existing crops. This property to be sold as-is. All inspections should be made prior to the day of the sale. This is a cash sale and will not be subject to financing. Have your financing arrangements made prior to sale day. **Midwest Land and Home** is acting as a transaction broker and does not represent either party. All information has come from reliable sources. Potential buyers are encouraged to verify all information independently. All announcements made the day of sale will take precedence over any other information. The Law office of Elizabeth Baskerville Hilgen, Washington KS, will be the escrow and closing agent.

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The Conservative Side...

How Obamacare Forces You to Subsidize Plans That Cover Elective Abortion

By Sarah Torre
Heritage Foundation

Throughout debate and final passage of Obamacare, the president and liberal allies in Congress assured the American people that the expansive healthcare law would not fund elective abortions.

"Under our plan, no federal dollars will be used to fund abortions," President Obama declared in 2009.

Today, the Government Accountability Office (GAO) confirms that's just another broken promise. Here are three things you need to know about abortion and Obamacare:

1. Obamacare sends federal taxpayer dollars to health plans that include coverage of elective abortion.

The GAO identified 1,036 Obamacare exchange plans across the country that cover elective abortion while remaining eligible for taxpayer subsidies. As Heritage Foundation and others predicted when Obamacare was passed, federal taxpayers in all 50 states are now footing the bill for subsidies for the purchase of health plans that cover abortion.

2. The law's surcharge accounting gimmick to separate funding for abortion is being ignored.

The healthcare law requires that insurance companies offering elective abortion coverage collect a separate premium of at least \$12 a year from individuals to cover the procedures. That money must be placed into a separate account by the insurance issuer, used solely to pay for elective abortions. Supporters of Obamacare say this accounting gimmick separates any federal tax subsidies going to exchange plans from the money used to pay for abortions. But, according to the GAO report, insurers aren't even following that convoluted scheme.

Many individuals and families may not even be aware that they're signing up for a plan

that includes elective abortion.

None of the 18 insurance issuers interviewed by the GAO actually billed separately for the abortion premium they were charging enrollees and only one itemized the amount on customers' bills. If insurers are failing to separate payments on the front end, are they ensuring taxpayer-backed subsidies remain separate from payments for elective abortions? It remains to be seen whether the Obama administration will enforce its own promise not to mix tax dollars with abortion coverage.

3. Insurers are hiding the ball when it comes to abortion coverage.

Many individuals and families who would otherwise object to paying for abortion coverage may not even be aware that they're signing up for a plan that includes elective abortion.

This year, in five states, (Connecticut, Hawaii, New Jersey, Rhode Island, and Vermont) there are no abortion-free plans offered on the exchanges. In 15 other states, where between 2 and 98 percent of exchange plans include elective abortion coverage, individuals will have to wade through summary of benefits materials, insurers' websites or call individual insurance issuers to figure out which plan is abortion-free.

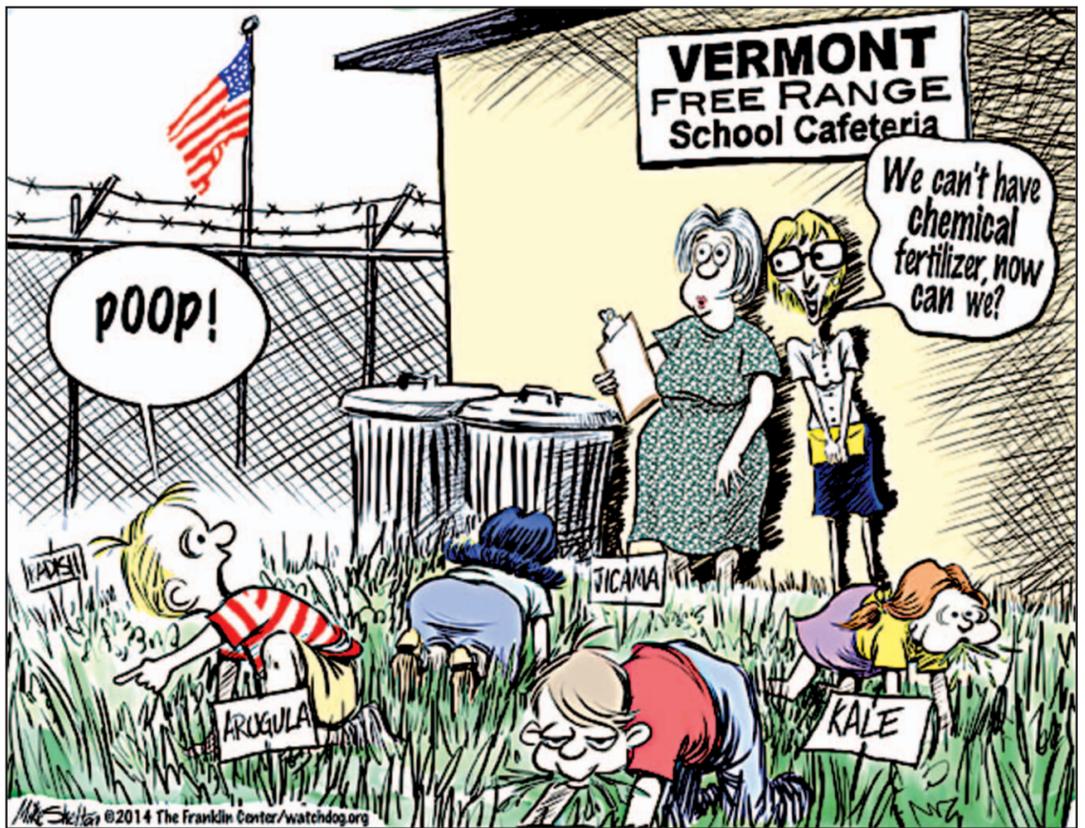
Even then, the GAO report shows, as many as "[c]leven issuers indicated that consumers shopping for [exchange plans] do not have access to such information."

Groups on both sides of the abortion debate have complained about the severe lack of transparency on abortion coverage in Obamacare exchanges. The inability to choose an abortion-free plan in some states' exchanges, coupled with the mandatory abortion surcharge, has led at least one family to file a federal lawsuit over Obamacare's serious infringement on their conscience rights.

Protect Taxpayers, Individuals, and Families by Repealing Obamacare

Americans really shouldn't be surprised at this bewildering system of hidden premiums and restricted consumer choice. Obamacare's capacity to confuse stems from the law's power to control.

Americans, told that their consciences are of no consequence, are left with few tools to understand confusing regulations written by unselected



bureaucrats in search of health care that meets their family's needs and aligns with their values.

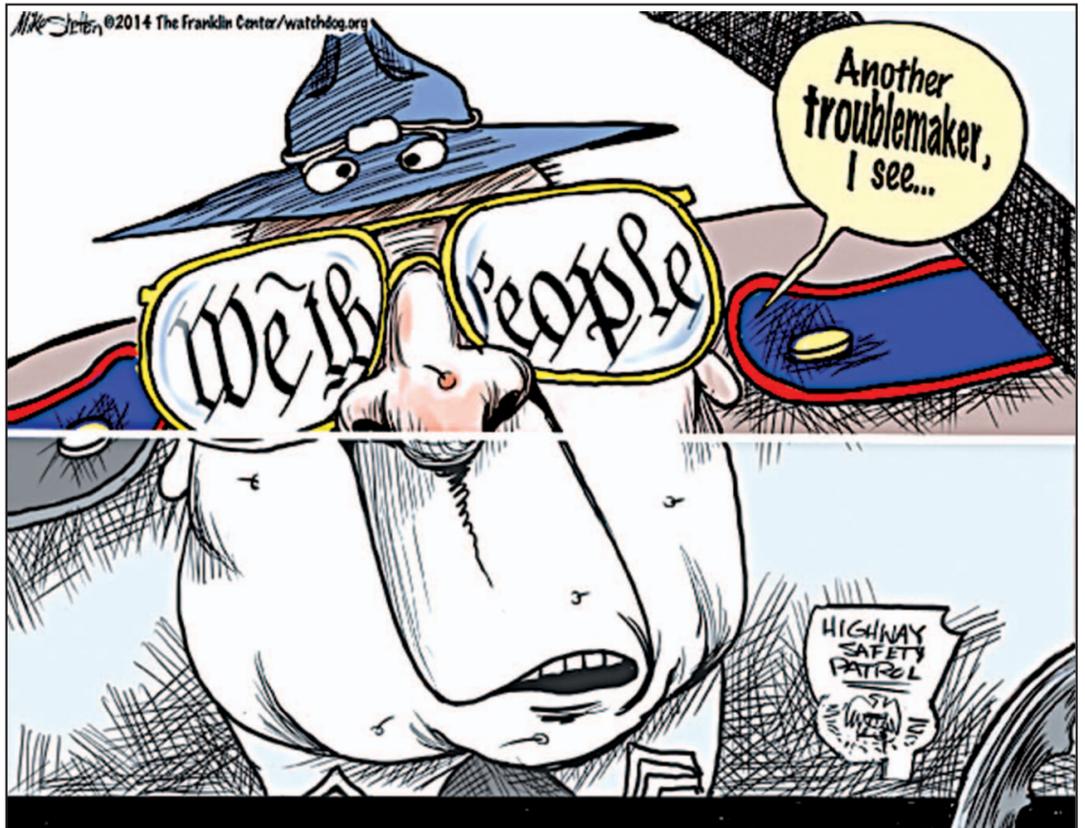
Congress should permanently prohibit federal funding of abortion and ensure transparency in health care. The "No Taxpayer Funding of Abortion

Act," H.R. 7, would ensure that no federal funds could be used to pay for abortion or health benefit plans that cover abortion, including those offered through Obamacare exchanges. The Abortion Insurance Full Disclosure Act, H.R. 3279, would also amend Obamacare

to require issuers that include elective abortion coverage on exchange plans to prominently display in marketing and enrollment materials the existence of such coverage.

To truly protect taxpayers, individuals, and families, Congress should repeal

Obamacare and move forward with real health care reform. Americans deserve a health care system that increases access, decreases costs and allows individuals and families to choose health care without subsidizing life-ending procedures.



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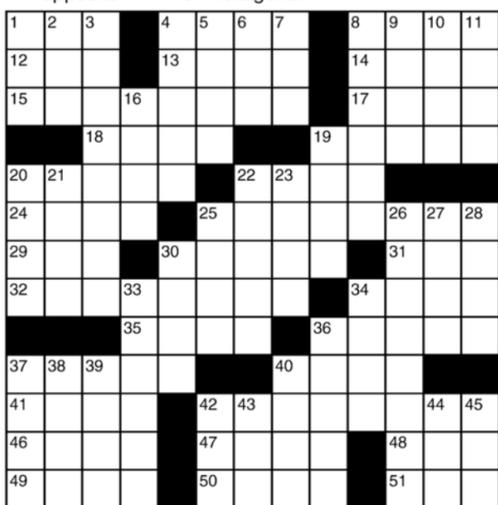
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 - 8 Cougar
 - 12 "Le Coq —"
 - 13 Spread selection
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 - 15 Hive honcho
 - 17 Carry on
 - 18 Actress de Matteo
 - 19 Leading man in the theater?
 - 20 "Odyssey" companion piece
 - 22 Competent
 - 24 Massages
 - 25 Slaked
 - 29 Every last crumb
 - 30 Kama follower
 - 31 Before
 - 32 Interrogate
 - 34 Delany or Carvey
 - 35 Reveille's opposite
- DOWN**
- 1 Promptly
 - 2 Debtor's letters
 - 3 Convincing
 - 4 Filleted
 - 5 Goya's "Duchess of —"
 - 6 Ball-bearing item
 - 7 Weeding tool
 - 8 3.26 light-years
 - 9 Hexagonal
 - 10 Relocate
 - 11 Mimic
 - 16 Historic times
 - 19 Arm bone
 - 20 Baghdad's country
 - 21 Humdinger
 - 22 Cars
 - 23 Swiss capital of
 - 25 Witticism
 - 26 Migraine
 - 27 Sea flier
 - 28 Campus bigwig
 - 30 Remain
 - 33 Not lenient
 - 34 Jay's rival
 - 36 Neighbor of Sudan
 - 37 Visibility hindrance
 - 38 Low-pH
 - 39 Hindu princess
 - 40 Cabinet div. of —
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 - 44 "A mouse!"
 - 45 Catcher's place



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- 1/2 cup sugar
- 2 tablespoons Gold Medal™ all-purpose flour
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 1 egg
- 1 can (21 oz) apple pie filling
- 1/2 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 1/4 cup chopped walnuts

Directions

- 1 Heat oven to 350°F. Spray bottom and sides of 13x9-inch pan with cooking spray.
- 2 Place cookie mix in large bowl. With pastry blender or fork, cut in butter until mixture is crumbly and coarse. Reserve 1 1/2 cups crumb mixture; press remaining crumbs in bottom of pan. Bake 10 minutes.
- 3 Meanwhile, in large bowl, beat cream cheese, sugar, flour, vanilla and egg with electric mixer on medium speed until smooth.
- 4 Spread cream cheese mixture evenly over partially baked crust. In medium bowl, mix pie filling and cinnamon. Spoon evenly over cream

cheese mixture. Sprinkle reserved crumbs over top. Sprinkle with walnuts.

5 Bake 35 to 40 minutes longer or until light golden brown. Cool about 30 minutes. Refrigerate to chill, about 2 hours. For bars, cut into 6 rows by 4 rows. Store covered in refrigerator.

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Date	Overall 2-0	Conf. 1-0	Home 1-0	Away 1-0	Record
	Opponent / Event	Location	Time		
08/30/14	vs. Stephen F. Austin			55-16	1-0
09/06/14	at Iowa State * TV	Ames, Iowa		32-28	2-0
09/18/14	vs. Auburn TV	Manhattan, Kan.	6:30 PM		
09/27/14	vs. UTEP	Manhattan, Kan.		TBA	
10/04/14	vs. Texas Tech *	Manhattan, Kan.		TBA	
10/18/14	at Oklahoma	Norman, Okla.		TBA	
10/25/14	vs. Texas *	Manhattan, Kan.		TBA	
11/01/14	vs. Oklahoma State *	Manhattan, Kan.		TBA	
11/08/14	at TCU *	Fort Worth, Texas		TBA	
11/20/14	at West Virginia * TV	Morgantown	6:00 PM		
11/29/14	vs. Kansas *	Manhattan, Kan.		TBA	
12/06/14	at Baylor *	Waco, Texas		TBA	

Big 12 Standings

Team	Big 12 Record	Over All Record
Kansas State	1-0	2-0
Baylor	0-0	3-0
Oklahoma	0-0	3-0
TCU	0-0	2-0
Oklahoma State	0-0	2-1
Texas Tech	0-0	2-1
West Virginia	0-0	2-1
Kansas	0-0	1-1
Texas	0-0	1-2
Iowa State	0-0	1-2

Big 12 Conference Schedule

Date	Home Team	Location	Time (CT)
Thu, Sep 18	Kansas State	Auburn	
Manhattan, Kan.		6:30 p.m.	ESPN Live
* Sat, Sep 20	West Virginia	Oklahoma	
Morgantown, W.Va.		TBA	Live
Sat, Sep 20	Kansas	Central Michigan	
Lawrence, Kan.		TBA	Live
* Thu, Sep 25	Oklahoma State	Texas Tech	
Stillwater, Okla.		6:30 p.m.	ESPN
* Sat, Sep 27	Iowa State	Baylor	
Ames, Iowa		TBA	Live Stats
Sat, Sep 27	Kansas State	UTEP	
Manhattan, Kan.		TBA	Live Stats
Sat, Sep 27	SMU	TCU	
Dallas, Texas		TBA	
* Sat, Sep 27	Kansas	Texas	
Lawrence, Kan.		TBA	Live Stats
* Sat, Oct 04	Texas	Baylor	
Austin, Texas		TBA	Live Stats
* Sat, Oct 04	West Virginia	Kansas	
Morgantown, W.Va.		TBA	Live Stats
* Sat, Oct 04	Oklahoma State	Iowa State	
Stillwater, Okla.		TBA	
* Sat, Oct 04	Kansas State	Texas Tech	
Manhattan, Kan.		TBA	Live Stats
* Sat, Oct 04	TCU	Oklahoma	
Fort Worth, Texas		TBA	
* Sat, Oct 11	Texas Tech	West Virginia	
Lubbock, Texas		TBA	Live Stats

Kansas 2013-2014 SCHEDULE

Sat. Sept 6th	Overall 1-0	Conf. 0-0	Home 1-0	Away 0-0	Record
	Southeast Missouri		Lawrence, Kan.	34-28	1-0
Sat. Sept 13th	Duke		Durham, N.C.	3-41	1-1
Sat. Sept 20th	Central Michigan		Lawrence, Kan.		TBA
Sat. Sept 27th	Texas		Lawrence, Kan.		TBA
Sat. Oct 4th	West Virginia		Morgantown, W.Va.		TBA
Sat. Oct 11th	Oklahoma State		Lawrence, Kan.		TBA
Sat. Oct 18th	Texas Tech		Lubbock, Texas		TBA
Sat. Nov. 1	Baylor		Waco, Texas		TBA
Sat. Nov. 7th	Iowa State		Lawrence, Kan.		TBA
Sat. Nov. 15th	TCU		Lawrence, Kan.		TBA
Sat. Nov. 22nd	Oklahoma		Norman, Okla.		TBA
Sat. Nov. 29th	Kansas State		Manhattan, Kan.		TBA

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