



The Pass Democrat

Newsletter of the Pass Democratic Club—April 2017

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CA UNIVERSAL HEALTH CARE/S.B. 562

Attaining the goal of universal, single-payer healthcare for all has long been an illusive goal in this country. The ACA has gone a long way toward attaining that goal; but it remains flawed and in need of improvement.

The California Legislature is on the brink of passing one of the most momentous bills in the history of the US. California State Senate Bill 562 declaring health care to be a human right and establishing a single-payer system for all Californians. With an effective cost control system, this bill guarantees health care to ALL people. In short, this bill will save people's lives. If enacted into law, California then would lead the nation with such a system, and California would join the ranks of most of Europe, Canada and other advanced countries worldwide in providing this essential right to all its citizens.

Here is an opportunity for you to voice your opinion to our Riverside County State Senators. Read the following piece from Our Revolution; then call your State senator; Senator Mike Morrell (R) 23rd Senate District, Senator Jeff Stone (R) 28th Senate District, and Senator Richard Roth (D) 31st Senate District. Let them know what you think!

We must ensure S.B. 562's passage. Please call your state senator now to voice your support for a universal single-payer health care system. Vote "YES" on S.B. 561.

Thank you for continuing to be a part of the political revolution. In Solidarity,

Shannon Jackson
Executive Director
Our Revolution



Executive Board Meeting: Saturday April 1st
Sun Lakes Country Club Atrium at 6PM

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April Meeting

Wednesday, April 19th

****NEW MEETING LOCATION****

**Banning Women's Club
175 W. Hays St., Banning**

Doors open at 5:45pm
Meeting begins at 6:30pm**

Special Presentation:

**James W. Gilliam, Jr.
Deputy Executive Director
ACLU of Southern California
Response to Trump Administration**

Important Contacts:

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D1 Daniela Andrade
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951/769-8520
Lloyd White, Mayor
Nancy Carroll
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A DAY IN THE LIFE OF JOE CONSERVATIVE

Joe gets up at 6 a.m. and fills his coffeepot with water to prepare his morning coffee. The water is clean and good because some tree-hugging liberal fought for minimum water-quality standards. With his first swallow of coffee, he takes his daily medication. His medications are safe to take because some stupid commie liberal fought to insure their safety and that they work as advertised. All but \$10 of his medications are paid for by his employer's medical plan because some liberal union workers fought their employers for paid medical insurance - now Joe gets it too. He prepares his morning breakfast, bacon and eggs. Joe's bacon is safe to eat because some girly-man liberal fought for laws to regulate the meat packing industry.

In the morning shower, Joe reaches for his shampoo. His bottle is properly labeled with each ingredient and its amount in the total contents because some crybaby liberal fought for his right to know what he was putting on his body and how much it contained. Joe dresses, walks outside and takes a deep breath. The air he breathes is clean because some environmentalist wacko liberal fought for laws to stop industries from polluting our air. He walks to the subway station for his government-subsidized ride to work. It saves him considerable money in parking and transportation fees because some fancy-pants liberal fought for affordable public transportation, which gives everyone the opportunity to be a contributor.

Joe begins his work day. He has a good job with excellent pay, medical benefits, retirement, paid holidays and vacation because some lazy liberal union members fought and died for these working standards. Joe's employer pays these standards because Joe's employer doesn't want his employees to call the union. If Joe is hurt on the job or becomes unemployed, he'll get a worker compensation or unemployment check because some stupid liberal didn't think he should lose his home because of his temporary misfortune.

It's noontime and Joe needs to make a bank deposit so he can pay some bills. Joe's deposit is federally insured by the FDIC because some godless liberal wanted to protect Joe's money from unscrupulous bankers who ruined the banking system before the Great Depression. Joe has to pay his Fannie Mae-underwritten mortgage and his below-market federal student loan because some elitist liberal decided that Joe and the government would be better off if he was educated and earned more money over his lifetime..

Joe is home from work. He plans to visit his father this evening at his farm home in the country. He gets in his car for the drive. His car is among the safest in the world because some America-hating liberal fought for car safety standards. He arrives at his boyhood home. His was the third generation to live in the house financed by Farmers' Home Administration because bankers didn't want to make rural loans. The house didn't have electricity until some big-government liberal stuck his nose where it didn't belong and demanded rural electrification. He is happy to see his father, who is now retired. His father lives on Social Security and a union pension because some wine-drinking, cheese-eating liberal made sure he could take care of himself so Joe wouldn't have to.

Joe gets back in his car for the ride home, and turns on a radio talk show. The radio host keeps saying that liberals are bad and conservatives are good. He doesn't mention that the beloved Conservatives have fought against every protection and benefit Joe enjoys throughout his day. Joe agrees: "We don't need those big-government liberals ruining our lives! After all, I'm a self-made man who believes everyone should take care of themselves, just like I have."

SHARE IF YOU KNOW SOMEONE AS SELFISH, SELF-CENTERED AND OUT OF TOUCH AS JOE!

Teanderthal Party

National Democratic Redistricting Committee

Over the past decade we have seen the Republican Party systematically take over State Governorships and Legislatures across the country through carefully gerrymandered voting districts. The November election put Republicans firmly in control of all three branches of our Federal government, as well. Democrats are now in our weakest position nationally since the 1930s. It is time for us to rebuild our party and reform our political strategies. **President Obama and Attorney General Holder** have joined together to help lead the way by forming the **National Democratic Redistricting Committee**. Here is an email from Attorney General Holder telling you more about their plan:

Friends,

The fight for the future of our democracy starts now -- and it begins with gubernatorial and state legislative races. After the 2016 election, Democrats had control of the legislature and governorship in only six states --compare that to 25 states with Republican control of the governorship and the legislature. Republicans have changed the rules of the game, hand-drawing district maps that let politicians pick their voters. This gerrymandering rigs our elections at the state and federal level. It threatens our fundamental right to vote -- and every single one of us needs to commit to fighting back.

President Obama and I are making the fight against gerrymandering a top priority and I hope you will too. We've launched the National Democratic Redistricting Committee to fight for fairer districts and to make sure that all of us have an equal shot at the ballot box before the 2021 redistricting process.

We must fight to reclaim our democracy. [Add your name to help us reach 100,000 Democrats fighting back against Republican gerrymandering!](http://action.democraticredistricting.com/page/s/03-08-DGA-opt-in)

We've built a targeted, state-by-state strategy to fight illegal gerrymandering. First, we'll focus on winning key elections at the state level, targeting the races that matter most for redistricting and rebuilding our party from the ground up. Second, we'll challenge unfair maps in the courts with an aggressive legal strategy to defend our civil rights. Third, we'll support ballot initiatives to bring the fight for fairer districts directly to the voters.

The future of our democracy depends on committed Democrats standing with us from the start. [Will you add your name and stand with Democrats against Republican redistricting?](http://action.democraticredistricting.com/page/s/03-08-DGA-opt-in)

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Thank you for joining the fight for a fair playing field.

Eric H. Holder, Jr.

Chairman, National Democratic Redistricting Committee

Blue News

The **Trump/Republican budget** will have wide-spread opposition. Please continue to check in on Facebook, Twitter, the Indivisible, Resistance and PDC websites for actions you may take to voice your opposition to these issues.

The **Trump/Republican tax plan** would abolish the

AMT tax. Trump paid a 24% tax rate in 2005 due to the AMT, without it he would have paid only a 3.5% tax rate. The plan will also propose eliminating the estate (inheritance) tax (currently assessed on only individual estates above \$5.45 million). In addition, it will propose lowering the capital gains tax rate from 25 to 15%,

benefiting only those with investment portfolios.

After the **failure of the AHCA**, hopefully the Republicans will enlist Democratic support and consider some variation of Mark Cuban's **health care fix**, i.e. "Single payer...for mental illness and for any life threatening injury. Everything not covered by the

above can be covered by insurance sold on the free market, managed by the states, sold across state lines, without government interference". **Or fix ACA** : Keep current plans and the mandate, add low cost preventive, emergency, high deductible, catastrophic plans. No coinsurance or low major medical plans allowed.

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Executive Order 3/28

Presidential Executive Order on Promoting Energy Independence and Economic Growth

Executive Order 2/27

Presidential Executive Order on the Revocation of Federal Contracting Executive Orders

Executive Order 3/13

Presidential Executive Order on a Comprehensive Plan for Reorganizing the Executive Branch

Executive Order 3/6

Executive Order Protecting The Nation From Foreign Terrorist Entry Into The United States

Executive Order 2/28

Presidential Executive Order on The White House Initiative to Promote Excellence and Innovation at Historically Black Colleges and Universities

Executive Order 2/28

Presidential Executive Order on Restoring the Rule of Law, Federalism, and Economic Growth by Reviewing the "Waters of the United States" Rule

Executive Order 2/24

Presidential Executive Order on Enforcing the Regulatory Reform Agenda

Executive Order 2/9

Providing an Order of Succession Within the Department of Justice

Executive Order 2/9

Presidential Executive Order on Enforcing Federal Law with Respect to Transnational Criminal Organizations and Preventing International Trafficking

Executive Order 2/9

Presidential Executive Order on Preventing Violence Against Federal, State, Tribal, and Local Law Enforcement Officers

Executive Order 2/9

Presidential Executive Order on a Task Force on Crime Reduction and Public Safety

Executive Order 2/3

Presidential Executive Order on Core Principles for Regulating the United States Financial System

Executive Order 1/30

Presidential Executive Order on Reducing Regulation and Controlling Regulatory Costs

Executive Order 1/28

Executive Order: ETHICS COMMITMENTS BY EXECUTIVE BRANCH APPOINTEES

Executive Order 1/27

EXECUTIVE ORDER: PROTECTING THE NATION FROM FOREIGN TERRORIST ENTRY INTO THE UNITED STATES

Executive Order 1/25

Executive Order: Border Security and Immigration Enforcement Improvements

Executive Order 1/25

Executive Order: Enhancing Public Safety in the Interior of the United States

Executive Order 1/24

Executive Order Expediting Environmental Reviews and Approvals for High Priority Infrastructure Projects

**Next month:
Signed Legislation**

Executive Order 1/20

Executive Order Minimizing the Economic Burden of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act Pending Repeal

Issa/Hunter OUT!

Trump Republicans, San Diego County Congressmen Darrell Issa and Duncan Hunter are in trouble.

The most competitive race in the country is here in our own back yard. Our County Democratic Party is already gearing up to beat Issa, who lost in 2016 by less than 1%...and we're also going for Hunter. If possible, Ken Calvert as well!

We're welcoming 100's of first-time volunteers, building new partnerships, and training dozens of candidates and campaign workers. We receive no funds from the state or national parties. Last year we endorsed 114 candidates—and elected 70% of them.

There are now 108,000 more Democrats than Republicans in the county. Ten Democratic Clubs have formed in just the past few months. Since November, more than 1,000 San Diegans have reached out to us to get involved. Everything has grown ... except our staff of two serving more than 600,000 registered Democrats.

I invite you to join fellow Democrats throughout our area and make a contribution today of \$5 to \$25! Will you help?

Please help and give at:
www.sddemocrats.org/victory

Jessica Hayes, San Diego County Party Chair

Assemblymember Eduardo Garcia

Is Honored to Announce his Appointment to Serve on the California Air Resources Board.

CALIFORNIA DEMOCRATS ARE MAKING PROGRESS:

- INCREASED EDUCATION FUNDING
- LED THE WAY ON CRIMINAL JUSTICE REFORM
- CLOSED A \$27 BILLION DOLLAR DEFICIT
- CREATED ALMOST 2.5 MILLION NEW JOBS
- MADE PROGRESS FIGHTING CLIMATE CHANGE

NO MATTER WHAT, CALIFORNIA WILL CONTINUE TO LEAD THE WAY!



Legislative Process 101—Congressional Committee Action

The legislative process can be really confusing, even for those of us who might have first learned about it through [School-house Rock!](#) or 10th grade civics. It takes time for staffers to feel comfortable with how this works, so we put this document together to pass on our knowledge and help you understand the process better. This document also complements our other explainer on regular order that can be found [here](#).

COMMITTEE JURISDICTION

When a bill is introduced in either chamber of Congress (House or Senate), it is referred to different committees depending on what the bill proposes to do. These are called **committees of jurisdiction**. For example, for legislation attempting to repeal the Affordable Care Act, both the Committee on Energy and Commerce (which has jurisdiction over all matters of health care policy), and the Committee on Ways and Means (which has jurisdiction over taxes and subsidies) have jurisdiction. Energy and Commerce is the primary committee in the House to consider ACA “replace” bills.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

After referral to committees, the [committees hold public hearings](#) to receive testimony from experts and other affected parties to figure out how best to craft a policy. Some hearings occur first in smaller subcommittees and then graduate to the full committee for more hearings. After holding hearings, the subcommittees and committees then proceed to a bill **markup**, a process where committee members “mark up” or make changes to the proposed bill. A markup can also just mean a vote in a committee. A full committee markup, where the all members of the committee vote to approve (or reject) a bill, is the final stage in the committee process.

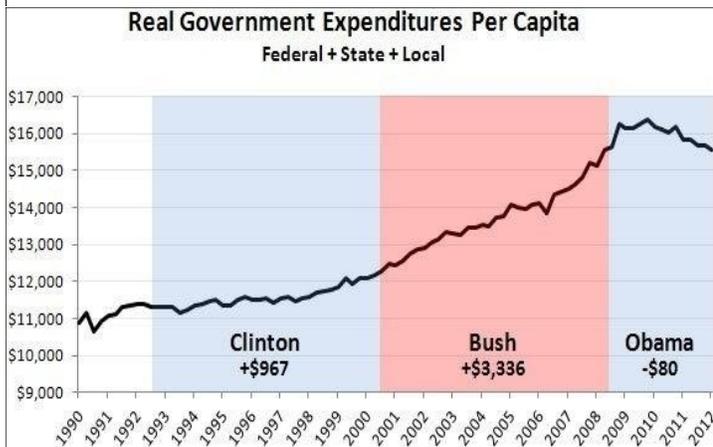
COMMITTEE MARKUPS

At a markup, Members of Congress (MoCs) can offer amendments to a bill. This process can take several hours or sometimes days depending on the complexity of the policy or the number of amendments that have been proposed. But, in order for amendments to be considered, they must be **germane**, or within the scope of the policy at hand. For example, as congressional committees consider ACA repeal bills, MoCs can offer amendments related premium tax credits or Medicaid because they are germane (relevant) to the bills being considered. If they tried to offer amendments related to Trump’s connection to Russian officials, those amendments would not be considered because they aren’t germane to the ACA.

Once all germane amendments have been considered and voted upon, the bill will go to a final vote in committee. If approved, the bill will be “reported out favorably” for consideration by the full House. Very seldom will a bill not be approved if it is scheduled for markup; similarly on the House Floor, very few bills are voted down or pulled from consideration because the leadership of the majority know they have the votes for final passage.

You should also know that following a markup the committee will also produce a **committee report** which includes descriptions of the legislation in plain-speak, a description of the process the committee used when it considered the bill, all of the votes taken by the committee, and dissenting views by the minority. All reports are made available to the public through [Congress.gov](#).

Indivisible Groups



VENTING!

OFFERING
A POOR PERSON
A
HEALTH SAVINGS ACCOUNT
IS LIKE
OFFERING
A STARVING PERSON
A
COOKBOOK.

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Things we *can* afford:

1. Iraq & Afghan wars: *\$4-6 trillion*
2. Wall Street bailouts: *\$12.8 trillion*
3. Big Oil subsidies: *\$37.5 billion/year*
4. F35 program: *\$1.5 trillion*

Things we *can't* afford:

1. Healthcare
2. Infrastructure
3. Public transport
4. Education
5. Renewable energy
6. Clean environment
7. Feeding the poor
8. Public elections

- Take my \$1.37 I want my PBS.
- Take my \$.46 I am all for federal funding of art programs.
- Take my \$.46 I love my museums, colleges, and libraries.
- Take my \$.11 I support developing minority businesses.
- Take my \$.66 I am for entrepreneurship and innovation.
- Take my \$1.60 I want us to export more goods overseas.
- Take my \$0.43 I would like to see more American manufacturing.
- Take my \$0.88 I think community policing needs vast improvement.
- Take my \$1.48 I support programs for women.
- Take my \$1.55 I believe in due process for all.
- Take my \$0.48 We need a civil rights division in the justice department.
- Take my \$0.38 I think we need to defend our Mother Earth.
- Take my \$0.03 I know more work needs to be done for climate change.
- Take my \$8.95 because we need more sustainable energy.
- Take my \$2.71 because we should reduce our carbon footprint.

IF SAVING THESE PROGRAMS MEANS I'M OUT \$22.36 A YEAR, I'M GOOD. NOW GIVE ME BACK THE \$575 I PAY TO KEEP THE WAR MACHINE RUNNING AND THE \$368 I PAY IN CORPORATE WELFARE TO BIG OIL AND WALMART.



If you complained that the Obama's annual vacations cost taxpayers \$12.3 million but said nothing when the Trump's spent \$11.3 million in one month;

If you were ashamed of Michelle Obama but adore Melania Trump, who lied about completing college, plagiarized Michelle Obama's speech and has pictures in the public domain that violate Facebook's community standards on nudity;

If you thought Obama's golfing was excessive but have remained silent as Trump's golfed 9 times in 6 weeks;

CONGRATULATIONS!

Your racism is exceeded only by your hypocrisy

AMERICAN NEWSX

Laura C Keeling

Dear Congress,

\$880 BILLION IN CUTS TO MEDICAID WHILE GIVING THE RICHEST AMERICANS AND CORPORATIONS A \$592 BILLION TAX BREAK?

Talk soon.

INDIVISIBLE

Trump's budget proposal includes:

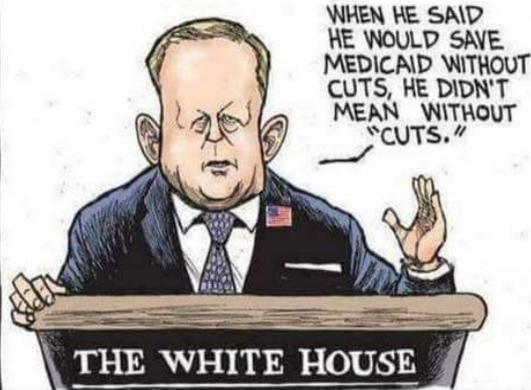
\$64.4 billion in cuts across 17 agencies



\$59.5 in expansions across 3 agencies



The Washington Post



HEALTHCARE IN JAPAN

1. 100% of Japanese have health insurance
2. Costs are half of what we spend in the U.S.
3. Japanese choose their own doctors.
4. Japanese see their doctor twice as often as Americans
5. Japanese have the world's longest life expectancy
6. Japanese have the second lowest infant mortality
7. 95% of Japanese healthcare is not-for-profit
8. The government sets all fees for medical services and drugs in Japan
9. We could be like Japan, if Congress stopped taking bribes from the healthcare industry, and did their job instead.

By, Facebook.com/ARTWC

UNIVERSAL HEALTHCARE

| Country | Start Date | Country | Start Date |
|-----------|------------|----------------------|------------|
| Australia | 1975 | Italy | 1978 |
| Austria | 1967 | Japan | 1938 |
| Bahrain | 1957 | Kuwait | 1950 |
| Belgium | 1945 | Luxembourg | 1973 |
| Brunei | 1958 | Netherlands | 1966 |
| Canada | 1966 | New Zealand | 1938 |
| Cyprus | 1980 | Norway | 1912 |
| Denmark | 1973 | Portugal | 1979 |
| Finland | 1972 | Singapore | 1993 |
| France | 1974 | Slovenia | 1972 |
| Germany | 1941 | South Korea | 1988 |
| Greece | 1983 | Spain | 1986 |
| Hong Kong | 1993 | Sweden | 1955 |
| Iceland | 1990 | Switzerland | 1994 |
| Ireland | 1977 | United Arab Emirates | 1971 |
| Israel | 1995 | United Kingdom | 1948 |



IS IT A COINCIDENCE THAT A LARGE GROUP OF BABOONS IS CALLED A CONGRESS?