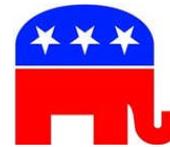


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The social hour starts at 6:30 PM and the general meeting starts at 7:15 PM.



Violet Moberly

This month, at Republicans of River City, we celebrate the birthday of long-time member Violet Moberly.

Most of us know Vi as the nice lady who sells us our raffle tickets.

But what you may not know is that Vi is always ready to support our club.

On several occasions we called on Vi for help and she is always ready to lend a hand.

So please, come on and help celebrate Vi's birthday with a luau dinner and birthday cake.

LAST MONTH AT RIVER CITY

by Robert Evans

Last month **Rob Lapsley**, the California Chamber as vice president of public affairs, spoke to us.

Lapsley, who is responsible for CalChamber public affairs activities, including its Advisory Council, a political advisory committee made up of major members; its candidate recruitment and support program; and its political action committees — Chamber PAC, which supports pro-jobs candidates, and CalBusPAC, which qualifies, supports and/or opposes ballot initiatives. He also serves as the CalChamber liaison to JobsPAC, a broad, employer-based committee that supports pro-jobs candidates.

In his presentation, Lapsley did something quite different from our previous speakers.

He conducted a seminar style give and take where we and he candidly

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spoke regarding the current political climate in California and the nation.

Asking questions of and answering questions from our members, Lapsley filled us in on his analysis of how the California primary election will work, who the probable winner in both the Democratic and Republican contests will be.

All in all, those who attended this meeting pronounced it one of our best recent meetings.

Thank you, Rob Lapsley, for a most enjoyable and enlightening presentation.

OFFICIAL ENGLISH

by Betty Axup

Dear Members and Friends; I should say at the outset of this article that I am a retired educator with more than 30 years service in public education. I hold a Conservatory Bachelor of Music degree and a Master of Arts in Education with emphasis in gifted education. I have Lifetime Credentials for General Elementary (K-8 level) and Special Secondary in Music (K-14, actually nursery school through Community College level), and I am qualified and have taught Adult Education classes in Parent Education. The latter were in conjunction with Parent Co-Op Nursery School. I volunteered to write this article for our newsletter in order to bring your attention to some legislation that I feel is very important for public education.

Throughout Europe and Asia people are studying English in order to gain access to economic and educational opportunities. In our country educational standards require that even those of us born to educated, English-speaking parents study and pass exams in English during our entire K- 12 years of public school. To do less for those hoping to become productive citizens of the United States, but who have not had those advantages, is crippling

to them and would be detrimental for our country. Requiring the successful passing of an exit exam in English in order to receive a high school diploma is not unfair racist, or punitive. It is a reasonable and responsible effort to assess the progress of any student for which the school district, by awarding the diploma, is assuring a level of competency.

Establishing English as the official language of our country will not discourage or deny any ethnic or cultural group equal opportunity for education or employment. Such a suggestion is put forth in the interest of maintaining present conditions beneficial to those advocating against it and/or in order to rally support for educationally unsound measures. University or college admission still requires two or more years of another language. Students in K-12 levels will still learn about other countries' languages and cultures.

Unlike the old days when immigrants eagerly learned English and adopted our culture, many immigrants today don't learn English because they don't have to. Instead of creating a climate in which immigrants are encouraged to learn English, our government tells them, "Come here and don't bother to learn English. We'll provide whatever you need in the way of government services, education, and medical care in your native language."

That's why U. S. ENGLISH, Inc. is pushing for a legislative solution to halting the destructive trend toward official multiculturalism.

Some of these efforts are directed at the federal level, some at the states, and some are court battles. In the federal campaign the **first task is to press Congress to pass the Official English bill, H.R. 997**, which would establish English as the official language of our federal laws, government, and U.S. citizenship. There are 141 co-sponsors of this bill in the current session of Congress. In

fact, H.R. 997 has more support than 98% of the bills introduced in the 109th Congress. The need here is to get a grassroots drive to inform and rally people to put their representatives on notice to pass H.R. 997.

Another part of the federal campaign is to continue the efforts to get more members of Congress to support the **Official English Constitutional Amendment, House Joint Resolution 43**. Though this would probably not happen in 2007, it is important to keep it on the front burner as this amendment, would establish the English language as the law of the land, once and for all.

The third part of the federal campaign is to **support S. 557, a bill to REPEAL President Clinton's Executive Order 13166**, arguably one of the MOST costly, MOST inefficient, and MOST far-reaching and damaging multi-lingual mandates ever. Organizations receiving federal funds are all being forced to provide all services and documents in foreign languages for non-English-speaking people, on demand, or RISK LOSING CRITICAL FEDERAL FUNDS. Just to comply with Executive Order 13166, it's costing TAXPAYERS up to **\$46.7 BILLION ANNUALLY!**

The cost in dollars of trying to make information available in multiple languages is daunting on its own, and the inability of those who cannot communicate in English to take advantage of educational opportunities will increase that cost and keep individuals dependent on others and unable to become productive citizens.

After all, English is the tie that binds us together and keeps us united as a nation in good times and bad.

English is the language that makes our economy tick.

English is the language that enables our young people to compete for jobs at home as well as in the global

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marketplace where English is the language of business.

At the root of this endeavor is the same reasoning that led to the founding of the Republic, its Constitution and then the creation of free public education: the real desire that an individual have an equal *opportunity to participate* in “the pursuit of happiness.”

EDUCATION MAKES DEMOCRACY WORK!

POSITION ON IMMIGRATION

by Dr. Gaspar R. Garcia, Ed.D.
July 3, 2006

The first inhabitants of the modern United States were invaded by a powerful group of illegal immigrants who forcefully took their land and other resources. The original owners were left to lead a life of deprivation and poverty at the mercy of the illegal aliens of the time. These illegal residents formed and adopted a constitution and laws to regulate immigration among other things. Since then, the people of the United States have been reluctant to openly accept immigrants from foreign countries. However, there have been procedures that immigrants could follow to become citizens of the USA. In fact, there have been many immigrants who were allowed to immigrate into the USA each time there has been a shortage of workers for various industries.

There were a higher percentage of foreign-born Americans in 1910 than there are now. Every new group that has arrived, since the Irish started coming in large numbers in the 1820's, has met with anger and resistance (and discriminatory laws) by those already here. “They work for less,” “They're different,” “They don't speak English,” “They will change the America we know and love” is always the cry. (Well the Irish spoke English, sort of.)

Policy makers know that human

immigration is a symptom not a cause. Globalization is the cause of economic, political, social, and environmental deterioration and these changes instigate immigration. The current position of radicals on both the political right and left has us racing for the “bottom”.

Many of Native American roots wonder a little about the latest round of concerns with slamming the doors shut and causing the USA to be the largest gated community in the world and without any benefit to any US citizen in the long run. To wit, the baby boomers are becoming old in the next 25 years and there will be a severe labor shortage. In short we need immigrants just as much as they need us. One final comment on the Native Americans, when the US-Mexico border was established, many Native Americans who for centuries migrated between the USA and Mexico, got caught on the Mexican side of the border and forevermore were considered illegal immigrants if they crossed that line in the sand that was placed there in relatively recent history by the original illegal aliens. The point of all this is to say that many people who live in Mexico are Native Americans. The “establishment citizens” of Mexico dislike the Native Americans from Mexico. Also, it is known that they are not welcomed in the USA by the American establishment who are policy makers. The United States Supreme Court should visit the issue of the Native Americans living in Mexico.

The California experience was instructive. When the immigrant bashing happened in 1994, people who had not yet made a decision to stay were in a way forced to become citizens because they feared deportation. Pete Wilson rode the immigrant issues to reelection but then watched Latinos in droves register as democrats. The majority of the legislature and most Constitutional elected officials are

democrats as a result. In short, it is really too late to pretend the USA is a white-northern European nation because it never reflected that ideal. Immigration is a complex issue. Polls come out very different depending on how the questions are asked. It is true that the upper income folks who have household help, patronize restaurants and hotels and work in offices, benefit much more from immigration than lower income people, but many workers realize that immigrants didn't steal their high wage jobs because they were outsourced to Mexico and Asia.

We call upon our elected officials to enact legislation that includes the following:

- An opportunity for hard-working immigrants who are already contributing to this country to come out of the shadows, regularize their status upon satisfaction of reasonable criteria and, over time, pursue an option to become lawful permanent residents and eventually United States citizens;
- Reforms in our family-based immigration system to significantly reduce waiting times for separated families who currently wait many years to be reunited;
- The creation of legal avenues for workers and their families who wish to migrate to the U.S. to enter our country and work in a safe, legal, and orderly manner with their rights fully protected; and
- Border protection policies that are consistent with humanitarian values and with the need to treat all individuals with respect, while allowing the authorities to carry out the critical task of identifying and preventing entry of terrorists and dangerous criminals, as well as pursuing the legitimate task of implementing American immigration policy.

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While we support the right of the government to enforce the law and protect the national security interests of the United States, it is recognized that our existing complex and unworkable immigration system has made it nearly impossible for many immigrants – who seek to support their families or reunite with loved ones – to achieve legal status.

Reforming the immigration system to address this reality would allow the U.S. government to focus its enforcement efforts on real threats that face all Americans – citizens and immigrants alike.

We urge our elected officials to conduct the immigration reform debate in a civil and respectful manner, and being mindful not to blame immigrants for our social and economic ills or for the atrocities committed by the few who have carried out acts of terrorism. A polarized process that is lacking in civility would hinder deliberative discourse and not serve the best interests of our nation. Our legal immigration system is profoundly out of synch with the needs of American businesses and American families. U.S. legal immigration admission policies fleet inflexibly adhered-to outdated quotas and antiquated regulatory processes. Since the mid-1980s, undocumented immigration to the U.S. has doubled—despite a 1986 legalization program, new penalties for employers that hire undocumented workers, and a six-fold increase in Border Patrol

resources. During the 1990s, half of all new workers were foreign-born, filling gaps left by native-born workers in both the high- and low-skill ends of the spectrum.

Permitting the status quo to remain—a situation in which there are no real legal avenues for immigrant workers without advanced skills to enter and work legally in the United States—serves no one. The current system institutionalizes an underclass of exploitable workers, gives rise to chaos at our borders, and engenders instability for American businesses and families. Moreover, it wastes precious law enforcement resources chasing down immigrant workers, when these resources would be better directed looking for real criminals and investigating terrorist activities.

ON THIS DATE IN HISTORY

August 1, 1916 - Republican presidential candidate Charles Evans Hughes, former New York Governor and U. S. Supreme Court Justice, endorses women’s suffrage constitutional amendment.

August 3, 1990 - President George H. W. Bush declares first National American Indian Heritage Month.

August 4, 1965 - Senate Republican Leader Everett Dirksen, (R. Il.) overcomes Democrat attempts to block 1965 Voting Rights Act; 94% of Senate Republicans vote for

landmark civil rights legislation while 27% of Democrats oppose.

August 5, 1964 - Hispanic-American Lt. Everett Alvarez, USN, is shot down in Vietnam; he becomes the first U.S. prisoner of North Vietnamese and the longest servig POW in U.S. history.

August 6, 1965 - Voting Rights Act of 1965, abolishing literacy tests and other measures devised by Democrats to prevent African-Americans from voting is signed into law; a higher percentage of Republicans than Democrats vote in favor.

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Honorable Roger Niello

Tax Cuts- Think Outside the Box!

By Assemblyman Roger Niello

Certainly, we've all heard the conceptual argument that targeted tax cuts "stimulate the economy". But what does this mean in concrete terms to which the average Californian can relate?

This session, I introduced AB 1152, which would exempt the purchase of manufacturing equipment from sales tax. The aim of the measure is to encourage the manufacturing sector to thrive, thus creating typically well-paying middle-class jobs and stimulating the overall health of the California economy. Sounds well intentioned enough, right?

As I write this column, AB 1152 sits on the "Suspense File" of the Assembly Revenue and Taxation Committee, meaning that it has been scored with a price tag high enough to justify holding the bill indefinitely. The bill has not yet even received the benefit of a vote in the Committee.

Unfortunately, this is an all-too-common fate for tax cutting measures. Even the most targeted of cuts have a difficult time clearing the Legislature because of their perceived impact on the State's coffers. The problem lies with the way that we project these impacts---we generally consider tax cuts in a vacuum, absent their ripple effect. The reality is that the true impact of a tax adjustment can only be measured

in terms of its effect on the overall economy. The big picture is not considered, and the "cost" included in the fiscal analysis is simply the initial taxes not collected by the State.

You might be wondering why, with a \$5-7 billion structural deficit, I introduced a bill to cut taxes. The answer is that I believe this proposal will actually help our deficit in the long term. Here's an example:

I recently received a call from a gentleman who has a patent on the process to convert rice straw to high-density fiberboard. For a long time, the disposal of rice straw has been quite a nuisance to farmers. The traditional methods carry significant environmental disadvantages---burning the remnants of the harvest pollutes the air and is no longer allowed. Flooding the straw releases methane gas, also undesirable. By converting the rice straw to fiberboard, this entrepreneur has found a way to provide a great service to the agricultural community and to the surrounding environment. He has secured a patent for the process as well as a significant multi-million dollar investment from Wall Street, who obviously forecast positive growth from the innovation.

While I don't know a great deal about the technology involved in this process, what struck me about the situation was that this business would provide both environmental as well as economic benefit to the local area. The man told me he plans to headquarter his business in the rural community of Willows, California, adding over 100 year-round jobs to an area with a significantly high rate of unemployment. He was stunned to learn that the manufacturing sales tax exemption that had existed up to 2004 had expired, and would not be reinstated without the passage of AB 1152. The sales tax exemption on manufacturing equipment would have allowed his business to further invest and hire more employees.

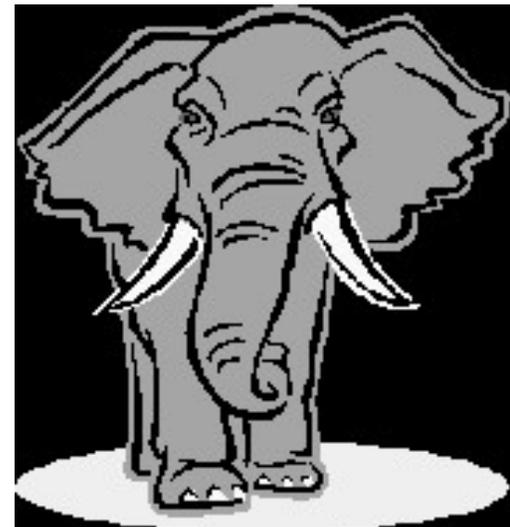
In this specific case, the outcome of

whether the sales tax exemption passes will determine to what extent the entrepreneur grows his business. In other cases, offering the exemption could actually make the difference between going into business or not. Viewed another way, without AB 1152 and the ensuing investments by businesses, the State could actually be preventing the "loss" of sales tax revenue it never had.

Additionally, how much would the state save in welfare and other social services if 100 people who were previously unemployed are now employed? This is just another calculation that is never considered in the fiscal analysis.

Surely, "stimulating the economy" sounds abstract on its face, but looked at with the backdrop of a real world anecdote we are able to see how far the branches extend from the root of investment in the manufacturing sector. This investment grows with decreased tax burden, and we should be doing all we can to further such growth.

Regardless of the outcome of AB 1152, it is imperative that we move beyond flat analyses and toward a more accurate portrayal of the ripple effect of such policies: a "dynamic" model, if you will. Perhaps if we move in this truly progressive direction, the "cost" of tax cuts will be worth the price of admission.





Carl Burton, President

Voter registration is the KEY to Republican Victory

All Americans are equal when we get in the ballot box. It doesn't matter how much wealth you may have, your race or gender; we each have one equal vote.

But to get into the ballot box you must register to vote and to register to vote you must be a United States citizen, a resident of California and 18 years of age by date of the election. You cannot be in prison, on parole for a conviction of a felony or judged by a court to be mentally incompetent (excluding Democrats).

Republicans of River City are part of an energetic registration plan for Sacramento County to register as many Republicans as we possibly can in critical parts of our county and to recruit volunteers, specifically in critical parts of the county but certainly throughout the county. We are not making any drastic departure from past efforts; we are continuing the work that Donna Schalansky set in place.

Every month about 1,200 aliens become American New Citizens; we try to have a presence at each New Citizens event so we can congratulate and welcome each one as a new American and urge them to register as a Republican voter.

Festivals and Fairs; there are a number of local festivals and events in the county, including the Sacramento County Fair and the California State Fair. These events provides us the opportunity to

register new Republican voters. We can also set up our registration tables at shopping malls and/or stores (Home Depot, Best-Buy, Circuit City, etc.) and at our Home and Garden Shows.

But in order to staff the New Citizens ceremonies and the many Sacramento County Festivals and Fairs we need volunteers. Volunteers to staff the tables and to help register Republican voters.

And you are the KEY to any registration effort we have in Sacramento County.

If we are going to help our candidates win elections we need your help now to register more Republican voters.

If you can help out at any event in the county, please let me know by emailing me at carl@ccrgop.org or call me at 916-485-5741.

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