



Northern Liberty Alliance

The recent March in Washington was certainly a sight to behold as hundreds of thousands of American citizens from all 50 states stood together as one voice...one voice "of the people, by the people, for the people". The message is clear...government spending is out of control and is placing a huge yoke on taxpayers, particularly our children and grand-children.

The momentum of this rally and all the Tea Parties must continue. It must continue to resonate at the White House, on Capitol Hill and statehouses throughout America. We ARE making a difference.

This edition of the NLA newsletter includes a couple Quick Links to news accounts that illustrate the insanity of our elected government officials and bureaucrats who follow their direction.

We also have the latest column from Joe the Mariner, who today is perplexed by how government can justify its "wasteful" spending. And as long as we're on the topic of Joe the Mariner, he is surely not the only creative writer who has a story to tell. If you like to write and have a message to deliver, we encourage you to send us a column for publication. We welcome more writers to this newsletter.

And be sure to check out the new [Northern Liberty Alliance website](#). Watch it evolve as we continue to add numerous resources for you to arm yourself against statists.

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See this and more photos by clicking the Quick Link "Invisible No More"

Quick Links

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[Duluth Tea Party \(former site\)](#)

[The Meaning of the Constitution](#)

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Give Me Liberty...

Joe the Mariner
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Managing Waste

Former U.S. Senator William Proxmire was the champion of exposing wasteful spending in government, publishing his popular Golden Fleece Awards. There were no sacred cows. Proxmire included any entity that he believed squandered taxpayer dollars. [1] The Wisconsin democrat later wrote about government waste in his bestselling book *The Fleecing of America*.



Television and newspapers reported on Proxmire's folksy, but accurate selections. Yet elected lawmakers and compliant bureaucrats kept spending and hardly anyone batted an eye. Proxmire handed out his awards each month for more than a dozen years with little or no long term impact on wasteful spending.

Fast forward to 2009...the executive and legislative branches of our government have authorized trillions of dollars in spending and as I stated in an earlier column, they don't appear to be slowing down. Unless you are watching Fox News, listening to talk radio, subscribing to this newsletter or reading newspapers or magazines that are actually doing journalism, you're not going to hear about it either.

Congress and the White House get a pass from the Fourth Estate, which instead criticize "mobs" of citizens who are waking up to the fact the media are no longer relevant and the federal government is sending them up the river without a paddle OR a boat.

Have you noticed those orange road signs depicting the source for the funds being spent to improve a roadway nearby? Nearly all of them say in part "Project funded by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act". Signs are either for providing directions or marketing a product or service, not to promote an ill-advised agenda.

And yet lawmaking practitioners in Washington have a different mindset. "Why on earth would you want to hide from the American people the fact that the recovery package we passed is putting people to work?" asked Sen. Barbara Boxer, California Democrat, who took the lead in defending the expenditure. She said stimulus spending is beginning to improve the economy and charged that Republicans and Democrats who voted to strip out the funds are angry about that success." [2]

The stimulus "is putting people to work." Oh really? Try telling that to 6.9 million people who have lost their jobs since the recession began in December 2007. And to the 9.1 million people working part time in August 2009 who would prefer to work full time. [3]

Oklahoma Senator Tom Coburn writes "...recent statistics have shown, the jobs that may have been created or saved from the stimulus are not offsetting the millions of jobs that our economy is still hemorrhaging." [4]

And just how permanent are those jobs that are being created? Once the roads are paved and bridges built, then what? And what will Senator Boxer's retort be when the longest recession in recent memory continues for another year or two?

Millions are being spent to notify you that lawmakers are spending trillions. All they had to do was post a news release listing each project on Facebook, Twitter and a few other social networks and most citizens in America would eventually find out. And if I were a bettin' man, I would say most Americans would agree with Senator Coburn that no sign, large or small, is going to convince them that the stimulus is a success.

Links:

[1] See: The New York Times, December 16, 2005
<http://www.nytimes.com/2005/12/16/national/16proxmire.html>

[2] See: The Washington Times, September 17, 2009
<http://www.washingtontimes.com/news/2009/sep/17/senate-dems-approve-road-signs-that-tout-stimulus/>

[3] See: Statement of Keith Hall, Commissioner, Federal Bureau of Labor Statistics, September 4, 2009
<http://www.bls.gov/news.release/pdf/jec.pdf>

[4] See: Oklahoma Senator Tom Coburn's 100 Stimulus Projects: A Second Opinion, June 2009
http://coburn.senate.gov/public/index.cfm?FuseAction=Files.View&FileStore_id=59af3ebd-7bf9-4933-8279-8091b533464f

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Northern Liberty Alliance Founding Principles

To promote and preserve economic liberty and the Constitution of the United States.

We must return to the idea of limited government based on enumerated powers.

Government intrusions at the local, state, and federal level have grown at an escalating pace. We need to reverse this trend for the welfare of all.

Liberty, including economic freedom, is the foundation upon which our nation was built and the fountain of all prosperity.

Governments are instituted to protect liberty (rights) not to provide programs.

With liberty must come individual responsibility. People should reap the consequences, both positive and negative, of their actions.

The Northern Liberty Alliance (NLA) is a group of citizens working to promote and preserve the liberties guaranteed by the Bill of Rights. We share a strong belief in

the free market system, economic liberty, limited government and the principles espoused in the United States Constitution.

Principles that guide us

- Liberty, including Economic Liberty
- The Free Market System
- Limited Government
- Rights
- Responsibility
- Honor
- Justice
- Constitutionalism

Our goal is to educate citizens about these principles, to promote liberty in a positive way, to develop leaders that embody our values, and to advocate for our values whenever they are challenged in the political arena.

Please join us in our efforts!