

beyond reasonable proves to us that our bureaucracies are bloated and our representatives have failed miserably in controlling the agencies they have created. Our right to free speech and assembly has been abridged.

LIBERTY TOWNSHIP TEA PARTY.

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RICHMOND TEA PARTY,
Virginia.

On behalf of the Richmond Tea Party I'd like to express both my outrage over the treatment by the IRS regarding our application for a 501C 4 tax status as well as my concern that when the investigation is over there will be just a slight slap on the wrist along with worthless promises that the IRS will do better in the future. This investigation should not be used solely as political posturing. As you know, we fear big government, from either side of the aisle, and this serves as proof that our fears are well founded. We will be watching to see if Congress will take this abuse of power by the management of the IRS seriously and take substantial corrective action or whether this will just be a political circus show.

Abuse of power is tyranny and we believe the IRS abused its power and we are seeking redress from our elected officials.

Respectfully,
BRUCE A. JAGGARD,
Chairman of the Board,
Richmond Tea Party.

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ROCHESTER TEA PARTY PATRIOTS,
Minnesota.

The Rochester Tea Party Patriots wanted you to know that a simple application request for 501c3 took over 3 years. We started the application process on August 11, 2009, which was lost by the IRS. We resent our application and another year passed. After numerous phone calls being ignored by Mr. Ball, in Cincinnati; our CPA filled a Request for Taxpayer Advocate Service Assistance on August 10th 2011. Within a day after receiving our registered letter he returned our phone call. He advised there was nothing he could do for us, all Tea Party type organizations were being held and handled as a group. We were denied our 501c3 status and but were granted 501c4 status on September 6, 2012.

In the last year of our application process we received many requests from IRS agents requesting exceptionally inappropriate questions;

“Please submit statements regarding educational, work and philanthropic backgrounds of the organization’s officers . . .”

“Names and addresses of our members”

“Other than serving as officers for the organization, please provide the names and the addresses of each individual’s employer/business, the nature of their employment/business, and the number of hours devoted to their employment/business”

How these intrusive questions related to our 501c3 application has yet to be explained.

During this extended application period, our organization incurred additional expenses. We were not able to take advantage of the 501c3 discounts for our email and website accounts and ineligible to apply for a number grants.

In closing, regardless of any organizations perceived political affiliation, no one should be targeted or intimidated by its own government or agents. We ask Congress to hold the persons and organizations accountable for their actions; it was the Tea Party this time who will be next . . . You?

ROCHESTER TEA PARTY PATRIOTS.

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GREATER PHOENIX
TEA PARTY PATRIOTS,
Arizona.

The Greater Phoenix Tea Party was founded as an Arizona non-member/non-profit corporation in late 2009 to educate our fellow citizens about their birthright, and restore America's founding principles to our society and government. At the end of our first full year we filed a 501c4 application with the IRS. In January of 2011, the U.S. Treasury cashed our application check. Months went by with no word from the IRS so we tracked down and queried the agent in charge of our file who provided us with no compelling reasons the delay. In February of 2012, we got one of the infamous IRS letters requesting inapposite information. When several other Tea Party groups across the country got their letters simultaneously, we knew something was up.

In May of this year, the IRS declared that they had indeed been targeting Tea Party and conservative groups leading up to the 2012 election cycle. Ms. Lerner declared when this scandal came to light, that upon discovering the targeting of conservative groups, she ordered a halt to the practice immediately; yet here we are along with several other groups having not been approved or denied.

This harassing of ideological adversaries has vindicated the very founding of the Tea Party movement and has given all of our warnings to the American people credence regarding the dangers of big government. Because of their un-constitutional treatment we have filed suit against the IRS.

Today we are here to urge Congress to act and expose the layers of this very real scandal. We implore you to be relentless in your investigation and administration of justice; being ever mindful of your oaths to uphold the Constitution and the principles of limited government it safeguards. Do this, and all Americans will benefit from your actions, and we will stand beside you and help develop the tools necessary to fight domestic enemies and tyranny. As long as the Federal government continues to expand beyond its delegated bounds and threatens individual liberty, America's standing will continue to

shrink and we will accelerate towards an unnecessary national sunset.

Thank you,
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE GREATER
PHOENIX TEA PARTY PATRIOTS.

CONGRESSIONAL RECOGNITION
FOR MR. ART ALMQUIST: WINNER OF A 2013 TEACHER OF THE
YEAR AWARD FROM PEOPLE
MAGAZINE

—
HON. RON BARBER

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 18, 2013

Mr. BARBER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Mr. Art Almquist, theater teacher at Tucson High Magnet School, for being awarded one of People Magazine's 2013 Teachers of the Year awards, and the first of its Readers' Choice awards.

As stated in People Magazine, “For the past 17 years, Almquist has been Tucson Magnet’s drama teacher. He has built a cutting-edge theater program rarely seen on the high school level. For Almquist, known for staging productions on topics such as AIDS, environmental activism and immigration, theater offers a way to teach his students a variety of skills that go beyond acting. ‘He’s influenced thousands of students to find the challenge, the love, and the joy of whatever career they pursue,’ says former student Julian Martinez.”

I couldn't be prouder to have Mr. Almquist inspiring the students of Southern Arizona. It was the students who made this award possible, voting online thousands of times and encouraging others to join them to ensure Mr. Almquist would receive this honor.

Teaching may be the most important skill a person can share. As parents, coaches, educators, neighbors, friends and community leaders, we all are responsible for helping children learn. And if we teach correctly, we give the lifelong gift of continual learning. There is no “finish line” to education. Regardless of the formal process of elementary and higher levels of school, a great teacher endows the love of improvement that continues throughout our lives.

I am proud to recognize Art Almquist of Tucson High Magnet School and all the people who work each day to help strengthen the education system in Southern Arizona. It is our duty to thank our teachers for their significant contributions to our community and ensuring a bright future for our children.

SENATE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Title IV of Senate Resolution 4, agreed to by the Senate of February 4, 1977, calls for establishment of a system for a computerized schedule of all meetings and hearings of Senate committees, subcommittees, joint committees, and committees of conference. This title requires all such committees to notify the Office of the Senate Daily Digest—designated by the Rules Committee—of the time, place and purpose of the meetings, when scheduled and any cancellations or changes in the meetings as they occur.

As an additional procedure along with the computerization of this information, the Office of the Senate Daily Digest will prepare this information for printing in the Extensions of Remarks section of the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD on Monday and Wednesday of each week.

Meetings scheduled for Tuesday, November 19, 2013 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's record.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED

NOVEMBER 20

9:30 a.m.

Conferees

Meeting of conferees on H.R. 3080, to provide for improvements to the rivers and harbors of the United States, to provide for the conservation and development of water and related resources.

SH-216

10 a.m.

Committee on Finance

To hold hearings to examine the nominations of Sarah Bloom Raskin, of Maryland, to be Deputy Secretary of the Treasury, and Rhonda K. Schmidtlein, of Missouri, to be a Member of the United States International Trade Commission.

SD-215

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

Subcommittee on Primary Health and Aging

To hold hearings to examine health relating to social and economic status.

SD-430

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

Business meeting to consider the nomination of Jeh Charles Johnson, of New Jersey, to be Secretary of Homeland Security.

SD-342

Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship

To hold hearings to examine Affordable Care Act implementation, focusing on how to achieve a successful rollout of the small business exchanges.

SR-428

2 p.m.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

Subcommittee on the Efficiency and Effectiveness of Federal Programs and the Federal Workforce

To hold hearings to examine the national security workforce.

SD-342

2:30 p.m.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

To hold hearings to examine soldiers as consumers, focusing on business prac-

ties relating to the military community.

SR-253

Committee on Foreign Relations

Subcommittee on East Asian and Pacific Affairs

To hold hearings to examine rebalance to Asia IV, focusing on economic engagement in the Asia-Pacific region.

SD-419

Committee on Indian Affairs

To hold an oversight hearing to examine Carcieri, focusing on bringing certainty to trust land acquisitions.

SD-628

Committee on the Judiciary

To hold hearings to examine the nomination of David Jeremiah Barron, of Massachusetts, to be United States Circuit Judge for the First Circuit.

SD-226

3:30 p.m.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

Subcommittee on Public Lands, Forests, and Mining

To hold hearings to examine S. 182, to provide for the unencumbering of title to non-Federal land owned by the city of Anchorage, Alaska, for purposes of economic development by conveyance of the Federal reversion interest to the City, S. 483, to designate the Berryessa Snow Mountain National Conservation Area in the State of California, S. 771, to provide to the Secretary of the Interior a mechanism to cancel contracts for the sale of materials CA-20139 and CA-22901, S. 776, to establish the Columbine-Hondo Wilderness in the State of New Mexico, to provide for the conveyance of certain parcels of National Forest System land in the State, S. 841, to designate certain Federal land in the San Juan National Forest in the State of Colorado as wilderness, S. 1305, to provide for the conveyance of the Forest Service Lake Hill Administrative Site in Summit County, Colorado, S. 1341, to modify the Forest Service Recreation Residence Program as the program applies to units of the National Forest System derived from the public domain by implementing a simple, equitable, and predictable procedure for determining cabin user fees, S. 1414, to provide for the conveyance of certain Federal land in the State of Oregon to the Confederated Tribes of Coos, Lower Umpqua, and Siuslaw Indians, S. 1415, to provide for the conveyance of certain Federal land in the State of Oregon to the Cow Creek Band of Umpqua Tribe of Indians, S. 1479, to address the forest health, public safety, and wildlife habitat threat presented by the risk of wildfire, including catastrophic wildfire, on National Forest System land and public land managed

by the Bureau of Land Management by requiring the Secretary of Agriculture and the Secretary of the Interior to expedite forest management projects relating to hazardous fuels reduction, forest health, and economic development, and S. 339, to facilitate the efficient extraction of mineral resources in southeast Arizona by authorizing and directing an exchange of Federal and non-Federal land.

SD-366

NOVEMBER 21

9:30 a.m.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

Business meeting to consider S. 258, to amend the Federal Land Policy and

Management Act of 1976 to improve the management of grazing leases and permits, S. 364, to establish the Rocky Mountain Front Conservation Management Area, to designate certain Federal land as wilderness, and to improve the management of noxious weeds in the Lewis and Clark National Forest, S. 715, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to use designated funding to pay for construction of authorized rural water projects, S. 782, to amend Public Law 101-377 to revise the boundaries of the Gettysburg National Military Park to include the Gettysburg Train Station, S. 974, to provide for certain land conveyances in the State of Nevada, S. 995, to authorize the National Desert Storm Memorial Association to establish the National Desert Storm and Desert Shield Memorial as a commemorative work in the District of Columbia, S. 1044, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to install in the area of the World War II Memorial in the District of Columbia a suitable plaque or an inscription with the words that President Franklin D. Roosevelt prayed with the United States on D-Day, June 6, 1944, S. 1252, to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to designate segments of the Missisquoi River and the Trout River in the State of Vermont, as components of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System, H.R. 507, to provide for the conveyance of certain land inholdings owned by the United States to the Pascua Yaqui Tribe of Arizona, H.R. 697, to provide for the conveyance of certain Federal land in Clark County, Nevada, for the environmental remediation and reclamation of the Three Kids Mine Project Site, H.R. 862, to authorize the conveyance of two small parcels of land within the boundaries of the Coconino National Forest containing private improvements that were developed based upon the reliance of the landowners in an erroneous survey conducted in May 1960, H.R. 876, to authorize the continued use of certain water diversions located on National Forest System land in the Frank Church-River of No Return Wilderness and the Selway-Bitterroot Wilderness in the State of Idaho, and H.R. 1033, to authorize the acquisition and protection of nationally significant battlefields and associated sites of the Revolutionary War and the War of 1812 under the American Battlefield Protection Program.

SD-366

Committee on Foreign Relations

To hold hearings to examine the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities.

SD-G50

10 a.m.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs

Business meeting to consider the nomination of Janet L. Yellen, of California, to be Chairman of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System; to be immediately followed by a hearing to examine housing finance reform, focusing on powers and structure of a strong regulator.

SD-538

Committee on the Judiciary

Business meeting to consider S. 619, to amend title 18, United States Code, to prevent unjust and irrational criminal punishments, S. 1410, to focus limited Federal resources on the most serious offenders, S. 1675, to reduce recidivism and increase public safety, S. 975, to