Democrats Dig in As TSC Presses to Defund Obamacare

The Seniors Coalition will continue to fight to repeal President Obama’s Health Control Law even though the United States Senate rejected a Republican-backed proposal to do just that. “Obamacare must go and TSC will support any effort that gets us closer to that goal,” says Coalition President and CEO Dr. Joseph Bridges.

Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid succeeded in blocking a House-passed measure that repealed Obamacare in its entirety on a party-line vote. However, Bridges points out those efforts to strip funding for implementing the law will continue. “TSC wholeheartedly endorses the drive to defund Obamacare as an interim step that ultimately leads to complete repeal,” he says. “We will put all the Coalition’s grassroots resources behind de-funding this monstrosity.”

According to Bridges, TSC aims to launch a series of grassroots campaigns to rally its members and supporters in support of efforts to cut off funding. “We need to keep the pressure on Congress and make sure the media keeps reporting on this issue, too,” he explains. “It is important for senior citizens to be seen by the public as still fighting Obamacare, even if we don’t win every single battle. Barack Obama wants us to just go away and let the Administration quietly imple-

Social Security, Medicare Hot Topic at Conservative Conference

An impressive line-up of experts addressed the annual Conservative Political Action Conference on the subject of the federal budget and entitlement programs. Their unanimous verdict? The federal government faces fiscal calamity unless it gets its financial house in order.

A panel discussion hosted by the National Taxpayers Union and attended by a TSC representative included former Congressional Budget Office Chairman and noted budget expert Douglas Holtz-Eakin, Republican Congressman Devin Nunes, who sits on the House Ways and Means Committee, and Wall Street Journal Editorial Board Member Steve Moore.

Holtz-Eakin stressed that time is running out on the federal budget and that reforming entitlement programs like Social Security and Medicare are critical. “We do not have the luxury of time,” he stressed and proposed that Medicare be changed into a defined benefit plan in which senior citizens manage their own Medicare accounts.

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Benefits Focus:
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Members of The Seniors Coalition qualify for special rental car rates with Hertz rental cars. Hertz operates in approximately 145 countries from 7,600 locations worldwide. By using your members only discount each time you place a reservation, you instantly qualify for member discounts in the U.S. and around the world. And if you're in the neighborhood of a Hertz Local Edition location, Hertz can offer “come and get you” service too.

For more about the benefits of being a TSC member visit, www.senior.org.

“Finding Grandad’s War” Shows That Younger Generation Can Still Care About Greatest Generation

Upon the recommendation of one of our supporters, TSC recently talked with Jeffery Badger, author of Finding Grandad’s War, which chronicles Badger’s quest to learn more about his grandfather and his service in World War II. Badger sought out and interviewed countless friends and acquaintances of his grandfather and learned all about his exploits as a member of an army engineering unit in Europe. “I interviewed a lot of people and many of them talked about their experiences for the very first time,” Badger explains. “I learned a lot about their generation.”

Badger says there is one important lesson that TSC’s members could learn from his book, “The younger generation really does care about history and what senior citizens did for their nation, we really do.”

Finding Grandad’s War is available in bookstores for $19.95, or online at amazon.com or by visiting www.FindingGranddadsWar.com.

Seniors’ Sense

Everyone in Washington is now talking about entitlements and how the federal government is in such dire straits.

As you probably know, “entitlement programs” include Social Security and Medicare, and they comprise a huge portion of the federal budget.

There is no doubt these programs need to be reformed and TSC has long advocated preventing Congress from raiding the Social Security Trust Fund, and for allowing senior citizens to have more control over how their Medicare dollars are spent. However, rest assured The Seniors Coalition will never support any attempt to impose means testing or cut back on benefits that America’s senior citizens have already paid for.

Federal spending is out of control. It is threatening to destroy the American economy. Government spending must be cut and cut drastically. However, the federal government must not break its word to America’s seniors. Social Security and Medicare must be reformed in such a way as to preserve these programs for America’s seniors while keeping them financially solvent. It’s a tall order. Many people in Washington don’t believe that these programs are in trouble. However, The Seniors Coalition will keep educating, lobbying and fighting for you and your interests.

Dr. Joseph L. Bridges
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The Seniors Coalition
Make Your Voice Heard – 2011 Legislative Priorities Survey Now Underway

The Seniors Coalition 2011 Legislative Survey on Senior Citizens Issues has been mailed to TSC supporters across America. This annual program is TSC’s most comprehensive effort to involve its national membership base in its lobbying efforts. The results of the survey are tabulated and presented to The Seniors Coalition Board of Directors. The Board, then, in consultation with TSC’s legislative affairs team, formulates the Coalition’s grassroots lobbying strategy. ▲

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Moore explained that Social Security is actually a very bad deal for the American people because of the very small rate of return recipients receive from the government on all the money they pay into the system over the course of their lives. It is especially unfair to younger taxpayers and that cutting benefits will “make a bad deal even worse.”

“Much of what these experts explained to the CPAC attendees is what TSC has been saying for years,” says Dr. Joseph Bridges, the Coalition’s President and CEO. “Social Security and Medicare are in trouble and they must be reformed in such a way as to protect current retirees, but also to allow people who pay into the system a way to earn decent income from their investment or receive the medical benefits they have paid for, while keeping the federal government from going bankrupt.”

Congressman Nunes capped off the panel discussion by briefing those in attendance on the state of budget negotiations between Republicans and President Obama. Nunes stressed that Washington, D.C., must change or the nation “risks catastrophe.” However, he didn’t seem overly optimistic about President Obama suddenly becoming open to cutting government spending and fixing Social Security and Medicare. “There is a rush to spend money like mad by the Administration,” he warned. ▲
It’s Not Too Late to Renew Your Membership

Spring may be here, but it is never too late to renew your 2011 Seniors Coalition membership. TSC needs every one of its members to renew their support as it battles to repeal Obamacare, kill the Death Tax, fight to save Medicare and secure a fair Social Security CoLa. The Seniors Coalition’s strength and influence is directly tied to the size of its membership rolls. Please renew your support for TSC today by completing and returning the form located immediately to the right on this page of the newsletter.

Pending Bills Before Congress of Concern to Senior Citizens

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| Death Tax Repeal  
(H.R. 177) | In Committee (Y) |
| Health Care Choices for Seniors Act  
(H.R. 107) | In Committee (Y) |
| Illegal Immigration Enforcement and Social Security Protection Act of 2011  
(H.R. 98) | In Committee (Y) |
| Social Security Beneficiary Tax Reduction Act  
(H.R. 149) | In Committee (Y) |

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