Seniors Have New Friends and Old Enemies in 112th Congress

America’s senior citizens will have some new allies to do battle with some of their old enemies as the 112th Congress convenes this month. However, according to a new TSC analysis, seniors will have to fight just as hard as ever to keep the professional politicians in check.

“In the House of Representatives, new Speaker John Boehner and Majority Leader Eric Cantor will generally be predisposed to support The Seniors Coalition’s legislative agenda,” explains TSC President and CEO Dr. Joseph Bridges. “However, we are going to have to be careful and keep the pressure on House Republicans to rein in wasteful spending and not give in on things like repealing Obamacare or eliminating the Death Tax.”

In the Senate, it is a different story. Senator Harry Reid will remain Majority Leader and is vowing to fight tooth and nail to advance President Obama’s big government agenda. “Reid is coming back to Washington and he has said publicly that one of his top priorities is to protect President Obama’s Health Control Law,” Bridges warns. “That puts him directly at odds with us once again. He and his fellow Democrats see no reason to change course or to even attempt to reach out to America’s senior citizens who despise their agenda.”

There are some bright spots for senior citizens in the Senate, however. A number of new Republican Senators are determined to rein in the Obama administration. “In my home state of Ohio, we now have Republican Rob Portman going to Washington. I think we’ll be able to work with him,” Bridges says. He also adds that new Wisconsin Senator Rob Johnson ran a courageous campaign pointing out the problems facing Social Security benefits for millions of seniors who are going to be considered ‘too rich’ and raise the retirement age. This fundamentally changes what Social Security is. No longer will it be a retirement program where you get back in benefits money that you put in. Instead, it will become a welfare program designed to transfer billions of dollars in wealth to favored political constituencies.”

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“As we predicted, the Obama Administration is proposing to trash the Social Security system and turn it into a giant welfare program,” says TSC President and CEO Dr. Joseph Bridges. “They want to slash the proposal to slash Social Security is part of a report leaked to the public.”

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858,183 Americans Sign Social Security Petition

The Seniors Coalition’s membership services department recently announced that the Coalition has collected 853,183 signed petitions as part of its long-running campaign to prevent the federal government from giving Social Security benefits to illegal aliens.

The campaign is TSC’s response to efforts to implement the Social Security Totalization Agreement signed by the Bush Administration. That agreement would extend benefits to Mexican illegal aliens. Supporters of the controversial measure claim that it is critical to maintaining good relations with the Mexican government. The Seniors Coalition’s Board of Directors disagrees and TSC has been fighting the proposal for years.

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Below is the letter sent to incoming House Speaker John Boehner by TSC President and CEO Dr. Joseph Bridges:

The Honorable John Boehner • U.S. House of Representatives
1011 Longworth House Office Building • Washington, DC  20515

Dear Representative Boehner:

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On the subject of Social Security, our members are gravely concerned about the possibility of the U.S. Government paying benefits to illegal aliens from Mexico as part of the U.S.-Mexico Totalization Agreement. The Seniors Coalition is opposed to any such scheme.

Please find enclosed a listing of the names and home states of 32,496 Americans who most recently have signed our petition opposing the payment of any Social Security benefits to illegal aliens. To date, 858,183 Americans have signed this petition.

We trust that you will do everything in your power to prevent funds in the Social Security Trust Fund from being misspent in this manner.

Once again, congratulations and I look forward to working with you.

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I know many of you reading this are probably very excited about a new, less Obama-friendly Congress taking office this month. I know I am. However, the next two years are going to be very, very difficult for America’s seniors.

You see, President Obama and his allies still control the entire executive branch of the government and they are planning to use their power to implement the new Health Control Law over any objections from Congress. Stopping them will be very difficult.

Then there is the U.S. Senate. Sadly, pro-big government anti-senior citizen politicians still control that chamber. Led by Harry Reid, these liberal Democrats and some liberal Republicans will fight very hard to continue the free spending ways of the last two years. They won’t pass any of our agenda items without a fight. They will oppose the repeal of Obamacare. They will oppose repealing the Death Tax. They will oppose protecting Social Security from further raids.

Simply put, despite the election results, you and I must continue to fight and fight hard.

If you haven’t done so already, please renew your membership in The Seniors Coalition. And if you have already renewed, please consider making another gift to financially support our grassroots campaign efforts.

Dr. Joseph L. Bridges
President & CEO
The Seniors Coalition
TSC Helps Defeat California Proposition 24

The Seniors Coalition helped defeat a ballot proposition in California that would have increased taxes on 120,000 golden state businesses. Proposition 24, which was heavily supported by the left-wing California Teachers Association labor union as well as numerous other big-government special interest groups, was defeated 58% to 41% by a coalition of citizens organizations that TSC joined last spring.

“At our annual meeting last March, the TSC Board of Directors decided that we had to throw our weight behind the effort to defeat this monstrous tax hike,” explains TSC President and CEO Dr. Joseph Bridges. “Fortunately we were successful.”

TSC allied with local California Chambers of Commerce and taxpayers groups. TSC helped write and then sign the official “rebuttal” to the supporters of Prop. 24 that was mailed to every California voter as part of the state’s official voter guide.

“Stopping the government from destroying our economy is definitely in the interest of senior citizens,” Bridges declares.

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Friends: New U.S. Senator Ron Johnson from Wisconsin (left) waged a frank and honest campaign about the government’s abuse of Social Security.

U.S. Senator Jim DeMint (right) will no doubt again be leading the charge against the Death Tax and raids on the Social Security Trust Fund.

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media by President Obama’s Deficit Reduction Commission as this edition of The Senior Class was going to press. It outlines a number of ways the government can save money. In addition to calling for massive cuts to Social Security, it also recommends cutting back Medicare while, apparently, leaving President Obama’s massive new Health Control Law in effect.

The commission report also recommends cutting defense spending significantly, eliminating congressional earmarks and temporarily freezing federal employee wages.

“Some of the ideas in this report are good. I especially like earmark reform. However, it doesn’t call for cutting bureaucrats’ salaries and it doesn’t cut back nearly enough on all the ridiculous make-work programs the government is running,” Bridges complains. “This really isn’t an attempt to cut the budget deficit. It is yet another Obama scheme to remake our nation into a left-wing, big government paradise by offering up a few minor spending cuts to placate the American people.”

For instance, Bridges notes that the salaries of federal employees won’t be cut, only frozen temporarily. “There are thousands of bureaucrats out there living the good life while our economy is stalled,” he says. “They should be the very first to sacrifice.” Bridges says TSC is prepared to fight this plan with every resource at its disposal.
Death Tax Repeal Petitions Pour In from Across America

Signed petitions supporting the complete repeal of the hated Death Tax are pouring into TSC’s offices in response to a recent letter from the Coalition. “Death Tax repeal is one of the most important and one of the most pressing issues we face,” Bridges explains. “They don’t like the idea that the government can profit from their deaths. They want this tax gone and now is the time to renew your support.”

Repealing the Death Tax is one of TSC’s primary goals this year. Bridges says that the TSC Board of Directors believes that it is possible to push through a complete repeal with a massive outpouring of support from America’s senior citizens. “We think the votes are there if we really ratchet up the pressure,” explains Bridges. “The Death Tax is wildly unpopular. It generates very little money in the grand scheme of things and even President Obama, I believe, will sign a bill repealing it under the right circumstances.”

An internal TSC analysis indicates that the House of Representatives could pass a complete repeal measure. In the Senate, anti-Death Tax supporters need approximately ten more votes. Then President Obama will have to decide whether or not he wants to even further alienate America’s senior citizens by vetoing the repeal bill. “I don’t think Barak Obama wants to pick that fight,” Bridges theorizes. “I think he’s going to expend most of his energy and political capital defending Obamacare and will be willing to let a Death Tax repeal bill become law.”

Bridges urges all TSC members to keep lobbying their U.S. Representatives and Senators on this issue.

Now is the time to renew your TSC membership! The Seniors Coalition relies on the voluntary dues paid by its members to help it fight the government on your behalf. The TSC 2011 renewal drive is currently underway and the Coalition needs all its members to renew their support.

The politicians in Washington closely monitor the size of all the different lobbying groups. And they especially keep tabs on The Seniors Coalition. They want to know whether TSC is growing or shrinking and whether or not they need to listen to what TSC says.

The more members The Seniors Coalition has, the more powerful, feared and respected The Seniors Coalition is!

If you have not done so already, please send in your 2011 dues as soon as you receive your renewal packet in the mail.

Renew Your Membership Now

Help The Seniors Coalition Protect You and Your Rights!

The Seniors Coalition depends exclusively on voluntary membership dues and contributions from the general public to represent America’s senior citizens in Washington. If you would like to help our efforts please sign and return this coupon with any contribution you can afford.

☐ YES! I would like to help The Seniors Coalition keep fighting to protect senior citizens. Enclosed is my contribution of: $10 ☐ $15 ☐ $25 ☐ $50 ☐ $100 ☐ Other $ [ ]

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