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State of the Union

By Dr. Jim Haas

President Biden's recent State of the Union speech in Congress was surprising in a couple of ways. For one, Biden was energetic and animated in what some observers called his best speech so far as president. He was sharp and astonished everyone by negotiating ad lib with the Republican side of Congress, getting most of them, in view of a huge TV audience, to agree to protect Social Security and Medicare, programs they have long wanted to cut. It was likely the only time that a president has negotiated anything in the middle of such a speech, or even tried to.

Not surprisingly, Biden focused on the economy, citing steady growth in GDP, steady decline in unemployment—now the lowest in fifty years—and dropping inflation. Manufacturing is booming, wages are rising, and unions are growing. Prescription drugs will be less costly. The federal deficit has been reduced \$1.3 trillion in the past two years. Looking ahead, he described the economic benefits coming from the recent Bipartisan Infrastructure Act, the CHIPS and Science Act, and the Inflation Reduction Act, which includes the most significant sustainable energy provisions in history. And he repeated his promise that no federal taxes would increase on incomes less than \$400,000.

The evening wasn't all peaches and cream. Biden was interrupted several times by shouts of "liar" and worse from some Republican Representatives who are a tad short of the self-control and courtesy that we normally expect from

grownups. The heckling got worse when Biden proposed a popular assault-weapons ban (which we had until Republicans let it expire twenty years ago). By the end of his speech, Biden held all the cards.

In the official Republican response from Arkansas Governor Sarah Huckabee Sanders, she offered no GOP policy proposals but rather a series of criticisms of Biden citing taxes, "high gas prices, empty grocery shelves, and children taught to hate one another on account of their race" In fact, taxes are rising only on the wealthy and on corporations, presidents have little control over gas prices determined on the global oil market, shelves haven't been empty in a long time, and racial discrimination, if not hatred, is a feature of Sanders's party, not Biden's.

Appealing to right-wing extremists, Sanders fanned the flames of the culture wars with her theme that we should fear the "woke mob" that has "hijacked" Biden and the Democrats. What does "woke" mean? Merriam-Webster defines "woke" as "aware of and actively attentive to important societal facts and issues (especially issues of racial and social justice)." Sign me up for facts and justice, and when facts reveal injustices, from real estate redlining to voter suppression targeting racial groups and students to extreme capitalism that puts most of our wealth in the pockets of a small minority of the very rich, we should all actively work to make equality under law a reality, not just a slogan. We should all be woke.



The state of our union has improved significantly since the attempts to overthrow the Constitution before and on January 6, 2021, but serious problems remain: the world's most expensive healthcare that still leaves millions uninsured; uncompetitive teacher pay that discourages talented people from helping students shape our future; our failure to invest in free or low-cost higher education and vocational training as other rich countries do; too many guns in the hands of unlicensed owners; a plague of misinformation, especially on unregulated social media; millions of citizens in D.C. and Puerto Rico denied an equal voice in government; too many states that actively discourage voting; too many elected officials who deny scientific and electoral facts.

I could go on and probably so could you. The Biden Administration is working on most of these, but Uncle Sam has a lot of work to do. Page 2 The Record - February 23, 2023

Gov. Kelly, Rep. Davids, FHWA Admin. Break Ground on 69Express

OVERLAND PARK – Governor Laura Kelly was joined today by Federal Highway Administrator (FHWA) Shailen Bhatt, Representative Sharice Davids of the Kansas 3rd District, and other state and local representatives to break ground on 69Express, the state's first express toll lane project.

Traffic on U.S. 69 is expected to increase 450% by 2050. The Kansas Department of Transportation's 69Express project will proactively reduce congestion by widening U.S. 69 from just south of 151st Street to just north of 103rd Street in Overland Park. Interchanges that connect U.S. 69 to the local street network will be modified. The project also includes the completion of a new interchange at 167th Street.

"69Express will ensure that commuters can travel quickly and safely to their destinations and move freight efficiently throughout the state, further cementing Kansas as critical to interstate commerce," Governor Laura Kelly said. "This is a smart investment for our state,

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and I'm so glad we're finally moving dirt and getting this done."

This project is funded in part through the bipartisan infrastructure law (BIL) passed in 2022.

"We're proud to support the Kansas Department of Transportation and its partners in investing to make one of the state's busiest travel corridors safer for all users – whether they are moving freight or trying to get to work on time," FHWA Shailen Bhatt said. "This project will improve safe travel and accommodate the growth needs of strong local economies throughout the entire Kansas City region."

"Modernizing U.S. 69 has been a priority since my predecessor's predecessor was in Congress, so it's a true honor to stand beside Governor Kelly and our local leaders and break ground on this project," Representative Davids said. "I'm proud to have voted to bring federal funding to this project and will continue partnering with state and local officials to ensure this is a success for our community."

Pre-construction work is underway, with construction slated to begin in the spring of 2023. The express lanes are scheduled to open by the end of 2025.

The 69Express project will add two new lanes to U.S. 69 – one northbound and one southbound. The new lanes will be tolled using dynamic pricing, which manages congestion by maintaining a free flow of traffic in the express lanes and reducing traffic in the two nontolled lanes.

"KDOT and the Kansas Turnpike Authority are excited to get this first-of-its-kind project for Kansas underway," Acting Secretary of Transportation Reed said. "69Express will help manage congestion and keep traffic moving in all directions well into the future."

The event was held at the Blue Valley Hilltop Conference Center on 143rd Street and just east U.S. 69. Acting Transportation Secretary Calvin Reed; Overland Park Mayor Curt Skoog; former Transportation Secretary Julie Lorenz; Design-Build Team Representative

Tim Paulson, Emery Sapp & Sons Construction; and Overland Park Chamber of Commerce President and CEO Tracey Osborne Oltjen also spoke.

For more information on the 69Express project or to sign up to

receive text alerts on travel impacts, visit www.69express.org. Project updates are available regularly on the webpage's Featured News link or by following the project's Facebook and Twitterpages and subscribing to the Project newsletter.



YOU are invited

Anyone who believes in the mission of The League of United Latin American Citizens LULAC is eligible to join us. Being part of the conversation will bring us together with all of society.

The League of United Latin American Citizens (LULAC) is the largest and oldest Hispanic and Latino civil rights orga-

nization in the United States.[2] It was established on February 17, 1929, in Corpus Christi, Texas, largely by Hispanics returning from World War I who sought to end ethnic discrimination against Latinos in the United States. The goal of LULAC is to advance the economic condition, educational attainment, political influence, housing, health, and civil rights of Hispanic people in the United States. LULAC uses nationwide councils and group community organizations to achieve all these goals. LULAC has about 132,000 members in the United States.

Council 11085 has LULAC members in the counties of Douglas, Johnson and Wyandotte (Kansas) – Clay and Jackson (Missouri).

Join us at the monthly Zoom meetings – the second Saturday of each month at 2 p.m.

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By Sharon Hoover

hese sunny days make me want to get out in the yard and do some digging but the temperature is not cooperating. In the meantime, I plan to check the "Hardy Yards Expo" on March 11, 2023, at the Shawnee Civic Center (13817 Johnson Drive, Shawnee). K-State Research & Extension of Johnson County in partnership with

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I received the Rosedale Development Association newsletter this past week. They are now accepting applications for Youth (ages 5-12) Soccer which begins March 7. Contact Ajhanae Franklin. Summer Employment applications will go live March 1, 2023, and Rainbow Summer Program applications will go live March 6, 2023. Since

some may not have access to this newsletter, the phone number is 913-677-5097 or try info@rosedale. org or rosedale.org.

RDA is looking for volunteers as soccer coaches. Volunteers are also needed for "Trail Workday" at Fisher Park on March 25, 2023, from 9am-11am and "All Rosedale Cleanup" April 15, 2023 -Trash pickup, graffiti cleanup and removal of harmful vegetation. Submit your cleaning locations as soon as possible.

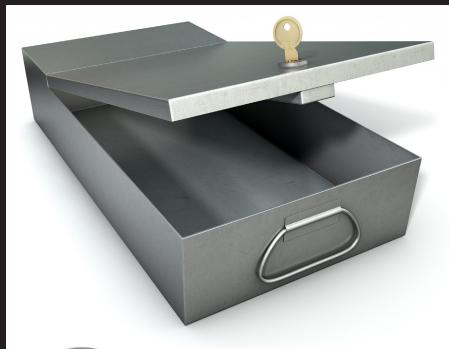
The 100 year Rededication Committee is meeting on February 22,2023 at 5pm to discuss the rededication of the Rosedale Arch which will turn 100 in 2024. Volunteers are needed, even if you cannot attend the meeting. Contact sarah.oltvedt@rosedale.org or call 816-3058395 if you can help.

Honoring KCK Pioneers - join Frances Robinson at the Main Li-

brary, March 2, 2023, at 6:30pm. She will discuss the legacy of her grandfather Judge Isaac Franklin Bradley, Sr. who was the first African American to graduate from the University of Kansas School of Law and was the first black elected Judge in Wyandotte County.

If you want to "Speak Like Aristotle or learn How to Talk to any Group", you should stop the Main Library on March 1 and March 8 from 5:30-7:30pm. Professor Traci Dillavou will prepare you to engage an audience, tell a story, and make an argument. For more information contact Dr. Aaron Margolis (913) 288-7034 or amargolis@kckcc.edu. Supported by Kansas Humanities, KCKCC, and KCK Public Library.

Until next time, stay safe and be kind to those around you. Continue to pray for the brave Ukrainians fighting for the right to remain free.



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SENATE NEWS



By Sen. Pat Pettey

This week marked the last week for bill introductions. With a few exceptions, as of Friday at 5 p.m., no more bills can be introduced for the 2023 session. The deadline for bills to pass out of their house of origin, also known as turnaround day, is February 24.

We had lots of guests in the Capitol this week. On the Senate floor, we honored several Kansans, including Olympic gymnast Terin Humphery and filmmaker Jurian Isabelle, who directed a documentary on the Buf-

falo Soldiers.

It is truly an honor to serve you. If you have any questions, feel free to contact me at 785-296-7375 or pat.pettey@senate.ks.gov. I am also happy to set up a ZOOM meeting to discuss any issue.

MEDICAID EXPANSION

I introduced the Governor's Medicaid expansion bill for yet another session, though the Senate GOP has stood staunchly against it for years. By expanding Medicaid, Kansas taxpayers will have access to health care services they are already paying for through federal taxes.

"I've said it before and I'll say it again: expanding Medicaid will not only provide health care to hundreds of thousands of hardworking Kansans, it will also boost our economy, strengthen rural communities, and bring hard-earned dollars back to our state" Governor Kelly said. "Expanding Medicaid has received the bipartisan support of 39 other states, including every one of our neighbors. We must get this done."

Kansas taxpayers have paid more than \$6 billion for affordable health care coverage through federal taxes but have yet to see a penny of that investment. This program will be paid for with 90% federal funding beginning January 1, 2024.

If Medicaid is expanded, Kansas could receive an additional \$370 million in federal dollars over the next two years, sufficient to cover the state's share of expansion costs for up to 8 years.

If this legislation is not passed in this year's budget, it will result in the loss of \$70 million in State General fund savings for the next fiscal year; I like this quote from the clergy: "Kansans and Kansas businesses are paying for more for health care because of the legislature's failure to expand KanCare, which is why I applaud Governor Kelly's common-sense plan to expand KanCare, David Jordan, President, and CEO, United Methodist Health Ministry Fund, said, "KanCare Expansion would bring down costs for all Kansans, protect our rural hospitals from closing, and make our state more economically competitive."

MOMS DEMAND ACTION VISIT THE CAPITOL ON MON-DAY 2/13/2023

Moms Demand Action do not advocate taking away gun rights but exist for the protection of children.

Facts Moms Demand Action would like for you to know:

- * Unauthorized access to guns presents a serious safety risk to children in Kansas. Firearms are the leading cause of death among children and teens in Kansas.
- * Despite the risks to safety, the majority of gun owners do not secure their firearms. An estimated 4.6 million American children live in households with at least one unlocked and loaded firearm.
 - * Secure storage of firearms is

a crucial step to ensuring safety of children by helping to prevent unauthorized access to guns.

* SB 137 would require that all gun owners store firearms securely. SB137 requires that a firearm must be securely stored when not under the owner's immediate access and control. This can be achieved by securing the firearm with a trigger lock mechanism or storing the firearm in a locked container. Laws that require proper storage seek to encourage responsible behavior, and hold people accountable, not unduly punish resident.

COMMITTEE UPDATE

Some committee work to keep an eye on:

SB66 - The Interstate Teaching Mobility Compact (ITMC), is a bill that will help address the teacher shortage problem in Kansas by giving teachers an easier path to licensure within compact states. Key points of the bill:

- * Preserves the Kansas Licensure System
- * Creates a Path to Licensure for Relocating Teachers
- * Improves Communication Between States
- * Requires Criminal Background Checks
- * Improves licensure Portability for Teachers
- * Improves Mobility for Military Spouses

This bill will speed up the application process for Teachers, reduce the time spent by agencies working on applications, as well as, help out the Kansa State Board of Education by giving them another tool to address education in Kansas. I introduced this bill in the Senate Education Committee. This bill passed out of committee Tuesday favorably.

KOBACH V. CLIMATE: Senate Utilities has hearings on Monday and Tuesday on Senate Bill 88, which would empower Attorney General Kris Kobach to "represent and protect the collective interests of utility customers" through a Utilities Regulation Division in his office. It would also provide for the

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statewide (read: partisan) election of commissioners of the Kansas Corporation Commission, which is the regulatory body that oversees motor carriers, oil and gas conservation, and supervision of plugging abandoned wells to protect fresh and usable water from pollution. At the beginning of this session, Kansas Republicans announced they wanted to give Kobach the power to investigate companies that he suspects are "conspiring" against the fossil fuel industry. I suspect this is how they plan to achieve that goal.

FLAT TAX: Remember when Sam Brownback promised a "shot of adrenaline" to the Kansas economy by slashing income tax rates for the rich? That shot turned out to be full of molasses and our state's economy tanked, schools suffered, and state programs were slashed. Senate Tax Committee has a hearing on Wednesday to put the Brownback Tax Experiment on turbodrive and institute a flat tax rate of 4.75%. It would cost more than double what the Brownback plan cost and would double the suffering of our state.

The Senate Committee on Federal and State Affairs looks to be leaning hard into restricting voting access and further politicizing our elections next week as it considers the following bills:

- * SB 209, requiring all advance voting ballots be returned by 7PM on Election Day;
- * SB 210, allowing nonpartisan candidates for office to include such candidate's political party affiliation on the ballot with the candidate's name:
- * SB 220, establishing uniform requirements for all advance voting ballot envelopes;
- * SB 221, requiring affidavits of write-in candidacy for certain locally elected offices and providing requirements for counting write-in votes on ballots;
- * SB 218, requiring county election officers to assign registered voters whose residence has no corresponding mailing address to the voting precinct where the residence

of such voter is located;

* SB 208, restricting the number of remote ballot boxes that may be used in each county and requiring certain monitoring conditions for such use.

Some of these bills are less troubling than others, but any one of these bills creates an opportunity for further disenfranchisement of Kansas voters during the committee and amendment process. I'll be keeping an eye on this work to make sure our voices and votes are protected.

PUTTING POLITICIANS IN KANSANS' PANTS AND PHY-SICIANS' OFFICE

The annual attack on women, transgender children, and the most vulnerable among us has begun in the Kansas Legislature. This week, the fireworks will happen in the Senate Health Committee, where they'll hear three bills that threaten the health and safety of a wide swath of Kansans. I am the ranking minority on this committee.

GOVERNOR KELLY ANNOUNCES \$5 MILLION IN STREET AND ROAD SAFETY GRANTS TO KANSAS COMMUNITIES

Governor Laura Kelly this week announced 12 Kansas communities will receive a combined total of \$5 million in federal funds through the new Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) Grant Program to produce local transportation safety plans to identify and address transportation safety concerns.

State funding provided by a new Kansas SS4A Match Pilot Program will contribute to the local match as required of grant recipients.

On behalf of Kansas communities applying for SS4A federal funds, the Kansas Department of Transportation sent 22 letters of support for this first round of SS4A applications. The 12 projects awarded within Kansas are for "action plan grants" to assist communities that do not currently have a roadway safety plan in place.

The largest grant award in Kansas went to Garden City for \$1,360,000. The Garden City application is for a safety plan for six cities and six

counties in western Kansas.

Other Kansas communities securing SS4A grants include the City of Dodge City, City of Lawrence, City of Leavenworth, City of Olathe, City of Salina, City of Valley Falls, Cowley County, Leavenworth County, and Wyandotte County. Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation and the Southeast Kansas Regional Planning Commission are among the SS4A grant recipients.

To encourage participation in this program, KDOT agreed to contribute anywhere from 10% to 20% of the total local match requirement. To receive the full 20%, an agency had to represent a rural area of the state and apply for a multijurisdictional planning effort to encourage regional collaboration. The Cost Share/Match in SS4A is 80% Federal and 20% Local Match.

Administered by the U.S. Department of Transportation, SS4A is a five-year, \$5 billion competitive grant program funded by the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law. The program supports the U.S. DOT's National Roadway Safety Strategy, a comprehensive approach to make roadways safer for everyone, including drivers, cyclists, pedestrians, and emergency and construction workers. SS4A plans stress responsible driving, safer roadway designs, appropriate speed-limit setting, and improved post-crash care, among other strategies.

FROM THE HOUSE DEMOCRATS

House Democrats unveiled two key pieces of cannabis legislation this week: Cannabis Amnesty (HB 2363) and Recreational Cannabis (HB 2367). They aim to allow the expungement of marijuana-related convictions and arrest records from Kansans' records, and legalize an adult-use, regulated cannabis market.

Additionally, House Democratic Leader Vic Miller put forward a three-pronged plan to reduce property taxes for homeowners. The proposal includes a constitutional amendment to reduce the assessment level of residential property from 11.5% to 9% (HCR 5009), replenishes and enhances a fund to

provide for property tax relief at the local level (HB 2366), and amends current legislation to expand the residential property exemption from the statewide school mill levy to \$65,000 (HB 2364).

In response to the Keystone pipeline leak, Reps. Rui Xu and other House Democrats put forward HB 2327. The bill would strip property tax exemptions from pipeline properties that experience a leak or spill, and implement provisions to allow the state recoupment of certain property taxes.

BLACK HISTORY MONTH

February is Black History Month, a time devoted to celebrating and recognizing the central role of African Americans in U.S. history.

- * Jane Bolin was a pioneer in law and the first Black woman to attend Yale Law School in 1931. After attending high school in Poughkeepsie, Bolin was prevented from enrolling at Vassar College as it did not accept black students at that time. At 16 years old, she enrolled at Wellesley College in Massachusetts where she was one of only two black freshmen. In 1939, she became the first Black female judge in the United States.
- * Marsha P. Johnson, a Black trans woman and activist, was at the forefront of fighting for LGBTQ rights in the 1960s and 70s (including partaking in the resistance at Stonewall). In addition to being the cofounder of STAR, an organization that housed homeless queer youth, Johnson also fought for equality through the Gay Liberation Front.
- *Benjamin O. Davis, Sr., was the first Black general in the U.S. Army. He served for 50 years, beginning as a temporary first lieutenant during the Spanish American War. Throughout his service, Davis was a professor of military science at Tuskegee and Wilberforce University, commander of the 369th Infantry of the New York National Guard, and Special Assistant to the Commanding General, among other positions. He received the Bronze Star Medal and the Distinguished Service Medal and is buried at Arlington National Cemetery.

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Choose Direct Deposit to Speed refunds

WASHINGTON — In the latest improvement for taxpayers, the Internal Revenue Service announced today that people electronically filing their Form 1040-X, Amended U.S Individual Income Tax Return, will for the first time be able to select direct deposit for any resulting refund.

Previously, taxpayers who filed Form 1040-X with the IRS had to wait for a paper check for any refund, a step that added time onto the amended return process. Now, anyone who electronically files the Form 1040-X can select direct deposit and enter their banking or financial institution information for quicker delivery of refunds. Taxpayers file a total of approximately 3 million amended returns each year.

"This is a big win for taxpayers and another achievement as we transform the IRS to improve taxpayer experiences," said IRS Acting Commissioner Doug O'Donnell. "This important update will cut refund time and reduce inconvenience for people who file amended returns. We always encourage direct deposit whenever possible. Getting tax refunds into taxpayers' hands quickly without worry of a lost or stolen paper check just makes sense."

The IRS began accepting the Form 1040-X electronically in 2020 but until now did not offer direct deposit as an option for a refund. Following IRS system updates, those filing amended returns can now enjoy the same speed and security of direct deposit as those filing an original Form 1040 tax return. Taxpayers filing an original tax return using tax preparation software can file an electronic Form 1040-X if the software manufacturer offers that service.

This is the latest step the IRS is taking to improve service this tax filing season. As part of funding for the Inflation Reduction Act, the IRS has hired more than 5,000 new telephone assistors and is adding staff to IRS Taxpayer Assistance Centers (TACs). The IRS also plans special service hours at dozens of TACS across the country on four Saturdays between February and May.

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INVITATION FOR BIDS:

The Board of Education, Unified School District No. 500, Kansas City, KS will accept sealed bids for: IFB 23-007 Dish Washing Machine for Washington High School

Sealed bids should be addressed to: Purchasing Department, Board of Education, 2010 N. 59th Street, Room 370, Kansas City, KS 66104 - IFB No. 23-007 Dishwasher for Washington HS

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Bids will be opened: 03/03/2023 @ 10AM in the Purchasing Office.

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The Turner Unified School District Board of Education is accepting applications for Commissioner #4 on the Turner Recreation Commission. The term of office is July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2027. Recreation Commission members serve in a voluntary capacity.

Application forms may be obtained at the Turner Administrative Service Center, 800 South 55th Street, Kansas City, KS 66106, or online at www.turnerusd202.org. Deadline for applications is Friday, March 24, 2023.

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Guest Editorial

Quotes To Ponder

The direction we now take will decide the course of this nation for decades to come. We're not bystanders in history; we're not powerless before the forces that confront us. But, I've never been more optimistic about our future, about the future of America. Just remember who we are. We're the United States of America and there is nothing, Nothing beyond our capacity if we do it together! The State of the Union is Strong.

President Joe Biden

February 7, 2023

This State of the Union speech will go down in the history books as being one of the most effective and unifying speeches made by any president. It was an example of pure statesmanship. President Biden laid out the truth as bait for the Republicans and they took it, hook, line, and sinker!

Earlier in the speech the President had this to say:

Some Republicans want Social Security and Medicare to sunset. I'm not saying that it's the majority of Republicans. [The jeers and shouts of "No" begin]. Anybody who doubts it, contact my office and I'll give you a copy of the proposal. [The shouts continue and grow even stronger, all stemming from the Republican side of the hall]. I'm glad you see it, I enjoy conversion! Look folks, the idea is we are not going to be moved into being threatened into default on the Debt if we do not respond! As we all apparently agree, Social Security and Medicare are off the books; there's nothing to discuss, alright! [The President gives a "thumbs up" signal, and Both sides of Congress stand up and applaud]. We have unanimity! So, tonight and we apparently are, let's stand up for Seniors. [Speaker McCarthy then stands and starts to clap amid more shouting and a long-standing ovation from the entire Congress.] We will not cut Social Security; we will not cut Medicare.

Two Republican Senators each proposed cuts be made to Social Security and Medicare. Senator Mike Lee of Utah also wanted to make these cuts. Senator Mike Lee spoke before a group of donors during his last election campaign and said, "I'm here right now to tell you one thing that you have probably never heard from a politician, it will be my objective to phase out Social Security now, I could pull it out by its roots and get rid of it!"

Yet, during the State of the Union he could be seen, shaking his head No, mouth agape and feigning total shock and disbelief. President Biden said he would not name, names but, the cameraman went straight to the three men who sat and by their expressions, gave themselves away.

The Republican party has threatened to make these cuts for decades. They tried to put expressions of innocence of doing any such thing. Senator Scott, the head of the Senate Campaign Committee wrote, "All federal Legislation sunsets every five years. If the law is worth keeping, Congress can pass it again."

As a reminder, the Republicans have a long history of not passing legislation. Fourteen years of non-stop complaining about Obamacare and still no "New and Improved Health Care Plan" has ever even been brought to a Committee let alone being passed. It was a great night for the US President and for all Senior adults who depend on these essential programs.

It wasn't as great for the Republicans who were made to give away their single bargaining chip in approving the US Budget.



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FINAL 50TH REUNION – 2023
'SENIOR GRADUATES APPRECIATION DAY"



INVITEES: CLASSES 1946 – 1973

Classes of 1970, 1971, 1972, 1973 will be Honored for reaching their 50th Reunion year

DATE: SATURDAY, JUNE 24, 2023

TIME: 11:00 A.M. – 4:00 P.M.

MEAL SERVED at 12:30

LOCATION: EMBASSY SUITES, OLATHE

10401 S. RIDGEVIEW ROAD

OLATHE, KS 66061

MENU: Buffet - Beef Tri Tip & Smoked Chicken Breast, two sides, roll, dessert & beverages (water & iced tea) (Absolutely No Food or Beverages are to be brought into the Reunion Event)

Cash Bar Available

COST: TICKET PRICE: \$50 PER PERSON

DRESS: CASUAL (JEANS AND SHORTS ACCEPTABLE)

REGISTRATION: MAY BE COMPLETED ONLINE OR BY RETURNING

THE REGISTRATION FORM BY APRIL 1, 2023

Due to the large attendance expected early registrations are encouraged by April 1, 2023. Reservations will be accepted no later than June 1, 2023. NO DAY OF RESERVATIONS ARE POSSIBLE FOR THIS EVENT.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO ATTEND?

ONLY AHS GRADUATES THROUGH 1973 ARE ELIGIBLE

PLEASE CONTACT US FOR A RESERVATION FORM

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