

Dear Friend,

The January 6 Coup Crew that was, by the admission of Malinda Pego, "used by a bunch of thugs" is crowing over the facts that Ronna Romney McDaniel, a notorious donor class apologist, has teamed up with a bunch of hard core RINO's to bolster the fraudulent claims of Peter Hoekstra and Peter's appointed henchman Mike Bishop.

Note that we deal with an evil foe, but not a stupid one. They have obviously pulled the wool over Trump's head as he would never knowingly support swamp creatures like Hoekstra and Bishop. How can I say this? **Consider some of the bad, bad, bad endorsements and picks that his staff shoved down his throat.** 

Mike Pence
William Barr
Michael Cohen
Jenna Ellis
Cassidy Hutchinson
Matt DePerno

So many, many more....

On Saturday, we featured Peter's deplorable record as a member of congress as evidence that his RINO pedigree has been withheld from the President. Today, let's examine the total bum Mike Bishop was during his tenure in Washington. Amazingly, as bad as Peter Hoekstra's record was (60% adherence to the U.S. Constitution), Mr. Bishop was even worse!



Here are some key evidences that Mike Bishop, Peter Hoekstra's new right hand man, is in fact a total swamp creature. Let's take a look at the "fruit" and judge it according to the Oath of Office to the Constitution.

## Pork Barrel Spending – Unconstitutional Authorization of \$855.1 Billion

H.R. 6157 authorized \$855.1 billion in discretionary funding for fiscal 2019, including \$674.4 billion for the Defense Department (including \$67.9 billion in overseas contingency operations, i.e., Iraq, Afghanistan, etc.), \$90.3 billion for the Health and Human Services Department, \$71.4 billion for the Education Department, \$12.1 billion for the Labor Department, and continuing appropriations for all of the remaining federal government departments not explicitly funded by this bill until December 7, 2018. This is unconstitutional because social-welfare spending falls outside the enumerated powers of the federal government, and lumping multiple appropriations bills into one mega bill reduces lawmakers' accountability to their constituents. Moreover, even though defense spending is constitutional, the "defense" budget is bloated with funding for overseas military operations that have not contributed to the defense of our own country.

# **Even More Pork Barrel Spending – Unconstitutional Authorization of \$1.16**Trillion

The Consolidated Appropriations Act or omnibus bill (H.R. 244) would provide \$1.16 trillion in discretionary appropriations through September 30, 2017 for the following federal departments and agencies: \$20.9 billion for Agriculture, \$56.6 billion for

Commerce-Justice-Science, \$593 billion for Defense, \$37.8 billion for Energy-Water, \$21.5 billion for Financial Services, \$42.4 billion for Homeland Security, \$32.2 billion for Interior-Environment, \$161 billion for Labor-HHS-Education, \$4.4 billion for Legislative, \$53.1 billion for State-Foreign Operations, and \$57.7 billion for Transportation-HUD. The measure would also authorize classified amounts of funding for various U.S. intelligence agencies.

# Yet more Pork Barrel Spending – Unconstitutional Authorization of \$1.07 Trillion

(H.R. 2028) perpetuates Congress' growing habit of avoiding hard decisions about the level of federal spending by kicking the can down the road into the middle of the new fiscal year, with a continuing resolution that would provide funding for federal government operations at the fiscal year 2016 level through April 28, 2017 at an annualized "discretionary" rate of \$1.07 trillion.

The House passed the final version of H.R. 2028 on December 8, 2016 by a vote of 326 to 96 (Roll Call 620). We have called this Unconstitutional because with this Continuing Appropriations bill, Congress is failing to address its fiscally and constitutionally irresponsible budgeting and appropriating process that is currently yielding annual federal deficits measured in the hundreds of billions of dollars that contribute directly to the dramatic growth of our \$20 trillion national debt.

## **Voting to Allow Warrantless Searches of American Citizens Communications**

During consideration of the Defense Appropriations bill (H.R. 5293), Bishop OPPOSED Representative Thomas Massie (R-Ky.) introduced an amendment to bar the use of funds in the bill from being used to conduct warrantless searches of Americans' digital communications that have crossed the U.S. border. Massie noted in a letter to his colleagues that "the Director of National Intelligence has confirmed that the government searches vast amounts of data — including the content of emails and telephone calls — without individualized suspicion or probable cause," and that "the director of the FBI has also confirmed that it uses this information to build criminal cases" against Americans. Massie added that the National Intelligence and FBI directors "are not above the Fourth Amendment, and this practice should end." Massie's amendment would also prohibit funds from being used to pressure companies to build "backdoors" into their products for surveillance.

# Voting for Funds to Trian FBI on How to Set Up American Citizens (e.g. Jan 6, Fake Whitmer Kidnapping Plot)

Bishop SUPPORTED (H.R. 5471) that authorized the Homeland Security Department to train state and local law enforcement in methods for countering violent domestic extremism and terrorism. This training would take place at fusion centers that have been established across the nation by the Homeland Security Department and the U.S. Department of Justice for promoting information sharing between agencies such as the CIA, FBI, U.S. Department of Justice, U.S. military, and state- and local-level governments. It also would require the department to incorporate testimonials of former extremists and their friends and families into its efforts to combat terrorist recruitment and communications.

#### Supporting Green Energy Liberalism - \$3.5 Billion

During consideration of the Energy-Water appropriations bill (H.R. 5055), Representative Ken Buck (R-Colo.) introduced an amendment that would eliminate funding for Energy Department energy efficiency and renewable energy activities, nuclear energy activities, and fossil energy research and development. The \$3.5 billion in savings that would result from such cuts would be transferred to a spending reduction account. Bishop led the charge to see this amendment defeated.

#### Foreign Aid Give Away to Dictators and Tyrants that Hate America - \$1 Billion

H.R. 1567 authorized the president to coordinate development and implementation of a global food security strategy, and additionally authorized approximately \$1 billion for fiscal 2017 to implement portions of the strategy that relate to the State Department and the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID). The House passed H.R. 1567 on April 12, 2016 by a vote of 370 to 33 (Roll Call 139). This is unconstitutional because feeding the world is not a proper responsibility of the U.S. government. Nowhere in the U.S. Constitution is there any authorization for the federal government to feed the American people, let alone citizens of other countries. Furthermore, offering "aid" to impoverished countries is often a means to prop up dictators who will bend to the will of the wealthy country in exchange for money. Such corrupt rulers have little regard for the welfare of their people, so the "aid" rarely finds its way to the people who need it most.

# No Dollar Left Unspent Education Bill

Bishop supported the Every Student Succeeds Act (first introduced as the Every Child Achieves Act), reauthorizing the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESAA) for four years, through fiscal 2020. The bill would replace the No Child Left Behind Act and continue the requirement for regular standardized testing in core subject areas such as math, reading, and science, with scores for the standardized tests to be separated by categories such as race and income to determine if any "subgroup" is lagging academically. The bill would also require states to develop plans to help low performing public schools. The House passed S. 1177 on December 2, 2015 by a vote of 359 to 64 (Roll Call 665). This bill is unconstitutional because the federal government has no constitutional authority to be involved with education; nowhere in the U.S. Constitution is education listed as one of the government's enumerated powers. K-12 education, if publicly funded, should be run primarily by parents coordinating with local school districts rather than by a centralized bureaucracy out of Washington, D.C.

# **Selling out American Manufacturing to Globalists**

Bishop supported the TPA, introduced as an amendment to an otherwise relatively innocuous bill about public safety employment withdrawals, would renew the onagain-off-again "fast track authority" that Congress has often awarded to the president over the past several decades. The essential features of TPA are: (1) Congress unconstitutionally delegates its constitutional authority "to regulate commerce with foreign nations" to the executive branch; and (2) Congress dramatically increases the probability of its approval of foreign trade agreements negotiated by the executive branch by restricting itself to voting up or down by simple majority on the agreements, with no ability to amend the agreements and with no possibility of filibusters in the Senate. So-called free-trade agreements that

are negotiated under "fast track authority," such as the already-existing North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) and the proposed Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP) and Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership (TTIP), have in common a structure and purpose to create supranational political entities that would supersede the national independence of the United States. Genuine free trade would mean the absence of government involvement, but these agreements entail more than just trade and put the United States on a trajectory to regional governance similar to Europe's trajectory from the Common Market to the EU.

## **Turning Over American Government Functions to the WTO**

Bishop supported turning over critical U.S. Government functions to the WTO on the issue of Country of Origin Labeling. The proposed Country of Origin Labeling Amendments Act of 2015 (H.R. 2393) would amend the Agricultural Marketing Act of 1946 to repeal the requirements of Country of Origin Labeling (COOL) for beef, chicken, and pork sold in the United States. This vote came after the World Trade Organization's recent ruling against an appeal from the United States to keep its COOL. Representative Thomas Massie (R-Ky.) opposed passage of the bill to repeal COOL. From the House floor, Massie elaborated: "What is the World Trade Organization, and who are they to tell Congress what laws we have to pass? These judges weren't appointed by the President. They weren't confirmed by the Senate. These are not judges from our Constitution. These are extra-constitutional judges, yet they are telling us here in Congress you have got to do this or there will be repercussions."

# Foreign Aid to the Ukraine

Bishop Supported House Resolution 162, which calls on the president "to provide Ukraine with military assistance to defend its sovereignty and territorial integrity," allows President Obama to provide Ukraine with defensive weapons to defend against aggression from Russia.

The House adopted H. Res. 162 on March 23, 2015 by a vote of 348 to 48 (Roll Call 131). Foreign aid is unconstitutional. Additionally, this bill would further interject the United States into a foreign conflict. Allowing the U.S. president to provide lethal arms to Ukraine to fight Russia is tantamount to waging a proxy war on Russia without the constitutionally required congressional declaration of war. The House, by giving such power to the president, is relinquishing one of its constitutional responsibilities.

# **Unconstitutional Spending on Railways - \$7.2 Billion**

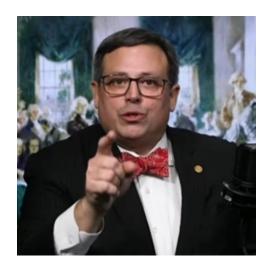
How in the world can Mike Bishop find constitutional authority for this stinker? Bishop supported the Passenger Rail Reform and Investment Act of 2015 (H.R. 749) which authorized \$7.2 billion for Amtrak funding over the next four years, through 2019. Representative Tom McClintock (R-Calif.), who opposed the reauthorization of federal funds to Amtrak, noted: "We will shell out \$45 every time a passenger steps aboard an Amtrak train. That is \$45 per passenger per trip and directly billed to taxpayers, up from \$32 from six years ago. Despite endless promises, things aren't getting better."

#### **Developing the Police State**

Bishop supported the National Cybersecurity Protection Advancement Act (NCPA) of 2015 (H.R. 1731), which amended the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to expand the role of the Department of Homeland Security's National Cybersecurity and Communication Integration Center, designating it the principal federal entity to receive and disseminate information about cyberspace threats from and to private companies and other federal agencies. Expressing opposition to both H.R. 1731 and H.R. 1560, another related cybersecurity intelligence bill, fellow Michigan Congressman Justin Amash (R-Mich.) said, "As drafted, these bills violate the Fourth Amendment, override privacy laws, and give the government unwarranted access to the personal information of potentially millions of Americans."

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Yours in Service,



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