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HOUSE SLAM DUNKS DEMO TAX BILL

THE AMERICAN PEOPLE MAY HAVE MISSED IT IN THEIR MORNING NEWSPAPERS, GIVEN THE MICROSCOPIC COVERAGE IT RECEIVED, BUT THE DEMOCRATS' SELF-PROCLAIMED "MIDDLE CLASS TAX CUT" GOT SLAM-DUNKED YESTERDAY IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES. LET ME EMPHASIZE THAT POINT -- IT DIDN'T JUST LOSE. IT WAS FLAT-OUT EMBARRASSED, SLAM-DUNKED, REJECTED...AND BY AN HISTORIC VOTE, TOO.

THE DEMOCRATS -- WHO ENJOY A 102 VOTE MARGIN IN THE HOUSE -- COULD NOT EVEN MUSTER A SIMPLE MAJORITY FOR THEIR OWN ELECTION-YEAR ECONOMIC GIMMICK -- THE SO-CALLED MIDDLE CLASS TAX CUT, THE SO-CALLED FAIRNESS PACKAGE, THE SO-CALLED SOAK-THE-RICH PLAN.

WELL, YESTERDAY, 52 DEMOCRATS IN THE HOUSE APPARENTLY FIGURED OUT WHAT A LOT OF US HAVE BEEN SAYING SINCE DAY ONE OF THIS PHONY CLASS WARFARE OFFENSIVE -- THAT THE SO-CALLED MIDDLE CLASS TAX CUT WAS NOTHING BUT A MASSIVE TAX INCREASE; A BIG, BIG TAX HIKE ON WORKING AND EARNING AMERICA; ANOTHER DEMOCRAT-INSPIRED TAX BITE RIGHT OUT OF THE HIDE OF SMALL BUSINESS.

THE VOTE WAS 215 TO 211 AGAINST THE MUCH-BALLYHOODED MIDDLE CLASS TAX CUT BILL.

THE VOTE YESTERDAY WAS ALSO A BIG SETBACK FOR THE MEDIA WHICH HAS BEEN TREATING THE SO-CALLED MIDDLE CLASS TAX CUT AS SOMETHING THAT CAME DOWN FROM THE MOUNTAINTOP: THE TAX PLAN WAS A SOAK-THE-RICH PLAN, THE MEDIA COULDN'T STOP TELLING US, THE PRESIDENT WAS PROTECTING THE RICH, AND THE DEMOCRATS WERE THE GOOD GUYS OUT TO SAVE THE MIDDLE CLASS. IN THE HEADLINES, ON THE TV AND RADIO, AND IN CAPITOL HILL HALLWAYS THE MEDIA PARROTED THE DEMOCRATS ELECTION YEAR RHETORIC ABOUT THE RICH, AND THE MIDDLE CLASS, AND BOOMED THE GOOD NEWS ABOUT THE DEMOCRATS GOOD FIGHT TO K.O. THE WEALTHY. THAT'S ALL WE HEARD ABOUT FOR WEEKS AND WEEKS AND WEEKS -- THE WEALTHY, THE RICH, THE WEALTHY, THE RICH, THE WEALTHY, THE RICH.

OH, THERE WERE A FEW BRAVE REPORTERS WHO MANAGED TO SEE THROUGH ALL THE DEMOCRAT HYPE, AND MANAGED TO TELL FOLKS ABOUT THE BIG TAXES ON SMALL BUSINESS, AND THE UTTER FUTILITY OF A DOLLAR-A-DAY TAX CUT TO STIMULATE THE ECONOMY, OR CREATE ONE JOB.

BUT THESE BRAVE FEW WERE IN THE MINORITY.

SO GUESS WHAT? AFTER YESTERDAY'S HUMILIATING DEFEAT FOR THE SO-CALLED MIDDLE CLASS TAX RELIEF PACKAGE, YOU NEEDED A MAGNIFYING GLASS, OR A CLIPPING SERVICE TO FIND THE COVERAGE. AFTER WEEKS AND WEEKS AND WEEKS OF BANNER HEADLINES AND TALKING HEADS, WHAT DO WE SEE TODAY. STORIES BURIED ON PAGE A-20, A-7 AND MISSING IN ACTION ON THE EVENING NEWS SHOWS WITH THE EXCEPTION OF ABC.

SO LET ME REPEAT -- THE MIDDLE CLASS TAX CUT HAS BEEN EXPOSED. IT'S A LOSER. IT'S A BOMB...A FACT THE HOUSE UNDERScoreD YESTERDAY BY A 215-TO-211 VOTE.

THE TRUTH IS, BY WORKING WITH THE PRESIDENT INSTEAD OF AGAINST HIM, CONGRESS COULD HAVE DEVELOPED A RESPONSIBLE PLAN THAT WOULD HAVE STIMULATED THE ECONOMY, HELPED PRODUCE JOBS AND WOULD HAVE KEPT AMERICA MOVING AHEAD. UNFORTUNATELY, CONGRESS WASTED VALUABLE TIME ON POLITICS. AFTER ALL THE HYPE, 52 DEMOCRATS IN THE HOUSE APPARENTLY REALIZED THE POLITICAL GAME WAS OVER, AND THERE WAS NO MORE REASON TO VOTE FOR THEIR LEADERSHIP'S ELECTION YEAR PACKAGE ON THE MERITS.

SO HERE WE ARE, SIX DAYS PAST THE PRESIDENT'S DEADLINE TO PASS HIS CAREFULLY-TARGETED, SEVEN-POINT PACKAGE OF ECONOMIC STIMULANTS. THE DEMOCRAT MAJORITY SAID NO, AND THAT WAS IT. BUT LOOK AT YESTERDAY'S VOTE IN THE HOUSE AND YOU WILL SEE THE REALITY OF THE CLASS WARFARE OFFENSIVE, A WAR WHICH EVERYONE LOSES, ESPECIALLY THE AMERICAN PEOPLE. LET'S FACE IT, THEY HAVE EVERY RIGHT TO GIVE THIS CONGRESS ANOTHER BIG FAT ZERO.

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