

ONE-MINUTE LEADER BOARD

DELIVERING A GOP MESSAGE IN SIXTY SECONDS OR LESS

Per your requests, we have re-started the **One-Minute Leader Board for the second session of the 109th Congress.**

GOLD MINUTEMEN

	Virginia Foxx, NC	(10)
	Ted Poe, TX	(10)
	Joe Wilson, SC	(9)
	Marsha Blackburn, TN	(9)
	Phil Gingrey, GA	(6)
	Ginny Brown-Waite	(6)
	Joe Pitts, PA	(6)
	Ric Keller, FL	(6)

SILVER MINUTEMEN

	Mike Pence, IN	(5)
	Tom Price, GA	(5)
	Ileana Ros-Lehtinen, FL	(3)
	Mark Foley, FL	(3)
	Cliff Stearns, FL	(3)

BRONZE MINUTEMEN

2 Each: Cliff Stearns FL; Sue Kelly, NY; Shelley Moore Capito, WV; Tom Osborne, NE; Virgil Goode, VA; Tim Murphy, PA; J. Gresham Barrett, SC

Messenger Of The Week – Marsha Blackburn

“We have created almost 5 million new jobs and had 3 years of strong, solid economic growth. When you compare our economy to Europe, to most nations, we are in an amazing era. Our tax policies reduced the burden of taxation on Americans, and they have responded as they always do, by creating new jobs.”



The Weekly Theme Teamer

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THEME TEAM DISCUSSION

Thursday, 9 AM, H-236

Issue Spotlight:

The Medicare Prescription Drug Plan Is Working For America's Seniors



National Security: From Senator Russ Feingold's censure resolution to their opposition to the Patriot Act, the Democrats continue to show time and again their true colors when it comes to national security. **Republicans are strongly committed to supporting the President as he continues to fight the War on Terror.**

Issue Spotlight: Medicare Prescription Drug Program



“Despite the naysayers, there are 22,084,710 reasons why the new Medicare prescription drug program is working for America. As of Feb. 11, that is the exact number of seniors that had already signed up for the new voluntary benefit.

In fact, despite the Democratic-coordinated campaign of confusion, seniors who have signed up now are spreading the good news that the program is very real and providing a very real benefit. Whether Democrats like it or not, they can't stop the good news about this program from spreading.

According to data released by the Health and Human Services Department in February, **more than 51 percent of Medicare-eligible seniors already have signed up for the program. And independent analysts predict that nearly 75 percent of Medicare-eligible seniors will sign up in the program's first year alone.**

There are terms used in marketing to describe this exponential growth phenomenon: **“buzz” and “word of mouth.”**

There's a reason why Republican Members of Congress have been promoting this program and working hard in our districts to help our constituents cut through the confusion of this program. It's probably the same reason why the AARP endorsed this program when it passed in 2003 and why the bill was bipartisan.

An e-mail a constituent wrote to my office sums it up nicely. She wrote, “Although I am computer literate and had done some research to help my mother, I felt tremendously relieved after attending the workshop, and I know my mother did, too. That peace of mind was worth more than I can say.” *[Jack Kingston, Op-Ed, Roll Call, 03/10/06]*

Republicans Respond To Senator Russ Feingold's Censure Resolution:

Virginia Foxx

“A resolution has been introduced in the Senate to censure the President for ordering the National Security Agency to intercept communications of suspected al Qaeda members or related terrorist groups.

Apparently, this offends some Democrats so much that they seek to scold the President in the midst of the War on Terror. To them, I ask: how would you monitor terrorist operatives who move to this country, blend in and wait to strike? Do you think they hang a shingle on their front door reading “terrorist in waiting?”

Mr. Speaker, we are not questioning the Democrats' patriotism as they so often charge; we are however questioning their poor judgment. They are unwise in opposing what is clearly a vital tool against terrorist organizations and in allowing a censure resolution on the Senate floor which could damage the President as he fights this War on Terror.” *[Rep. Virginia Foxx, 03/14/2006]*

Marsha Blackburn

“Ten days ago Democratic Senators were calling President Bush weak on national security. Now they're seeking to censure him for being too aggressive in going after terrorists. Congressional Democrats have no serious plan for national security.

Instead of supporting the Patriot Act, instead of supporting the intelligence community's work to monitor phone calls that could yield information that will save American lives -- Senate Democrats are going to push a motion to censure the President.

If they're pushing this censure in order to distract from the fact that they don't have a security plan -- it's not working.” *[Rep. Marsha Blackburn, 03.14.2006]*