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FROM YOUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, REV. BILL BANUCHI

The tax man cometh...and cometh...and cometh! Tolls are being raised; licenses and permits are going up. Any way the government can take more of your money it will surely take a stab at it. The present administration seems to be unequal to the task before it, but don't be fooled. For all their antics, there is one common denominator guiding their moves: **the increase of power!** Americans who have been uneducated or *mis*-educated about our history are being led into a time never known to Americans. President Woodrow Wilson taught us, and it bears repeating now,

"The history of liberty is a history of the limitations of government, not the increase of it. When we resist therefore the concentration of power, we are resisting the powers of death, because concentration of power is what always precedes the death of human liberties."

The death of human liberties! Even today, the new Secretary of the Treasury is asking for the power to nationalize non-banking financial institutions. The only constant in the Obama administration has been the

continuing reach into more and more of American life. Will American liberty become a failed experiment? The answer is in our hands, and in the choices we make. Will we preserve liberty under God, or will we succumb to the socialist agenda of the Obama administration and the Marxist elites of the left?

"Where the righteous rule the people rejoice; where the wicked rule the people groan." —Proverbs 29:2

It is my constant prayer that we will resist the concentration of power, and the Church must lead the way. Throughout history, it has always been the Church that has resisted tyranny, or the Church that has allowed it. We will continue to do all we can, praying and working for those values we hold dear. Your continued support is absolutely vital to this mission. Please pray about making a sacrificial gift this month, and pray that God will raise up others who would be willing to finance this mission. If there's any way I can help you in your field of harvest please let me know. It will take all of us praying and working together to pass on to the next generation that liberty that was passed on to us. *Pray, without ceasing!*

BANKRUPTING THE U.S.A

The Congressional Budget Office issued its analysis of President Obama's budget, and it blew away the White House's estimates concerning the full impact of the president's budget on the national debt. "Red Ink Red Alert" was the headline to a weekend editorial in the Washington Post. "Obama Sticker Shock" is how the Wall Street Journal described the CBO report today. If you thought spending was out of control during the last eight years, consider this from the Associated Press, "President Barack Obama's budget would produce \$9.3 trillion in deficits over the next decade, more than four times the deficits of

Republican George W. Bush's presidency."

Senator Judd Gregg, the ranking Republican on the Senate Budget Committee, responded to the CBO report, saying, "The practical implications of [Obama's budget] is bankruptcy for the United States. There's no other way around it. If we maintain the proposals which are in this budget...this country will go bankrupt." So far the administration has been cavalier in its reaction, dismissing the CBO report and indicating that it has no plans whatsoever to cutback on spending. That leaves only one option: massive tax hikes on everyone – that's nothing to laugh about!

LEGISLATIVE DAY: A TREMENDOUS SUCCESS!

We had a crowd of 1,350; speakers David Gibbs III, Maggie Gallagher, Lila Rose, Duane Motley, Jason McGuire and others; and an over \$14,000 offering! Linda Koenig and her crew did a fantastic job teaching

the 300 teens who attended Teen Track. The students learned the mechanics of the legislative system, and made a visit to the Assembly floor. Almost one half of the attendees spent the afternoon visiting legislators and quietly demonstrating in the hallways. God gave New Yorkers for Constitutional Freedoms (NYCF) favor with Legislators and staffs. If you attended, you know that it was a fantastic day! If you did not attend, you missed a blessing. **Make your plans to attend next year – Tuesday, March 16, 2010. The Coalition Against Gambling in New York – NYCF** is part of this coalition that met on Wednesday, March 18, 2009. They lobbied with Duane and held a press conference. The attorney handling the lawsuit against Turning Stone and the Buffalo Casino briefed the group. –*New Yorkers For Constitution Freedoms*

TIME FOR A TEA PARTY

The tea party movement has been spreading, but most anti-tax/deficit/grotesque spending rallies have been relatively small. That may be changing, though. Thousands of people filled Fountain Square at the Cincinnati Tea Party, a grassroots-effort designed to show disapproval for bailouts and the massive federal

stimulus plan. People wore Revolution-era costumes and raised anti-bailout signs with messages like "Give us Liberty, not debt" and "No more bailouts." ...The rally at Fountain Square was one of dozens staged across the country.****

CHANGING WORDS

The aggressive push to redefine marriage has now moved to the literary arena, and the newest ally in the gay marriage movement is *Merriam-Webster's Dictionary*. As a national magazine explained: "One of the nation's most prominent dictionary companies has resolved the argument over whether the term 'marriage' should apply to same-sex duos or be reserved for the institution that has held families together for millennia by simply writing a new definition." The new definition now states that

marriage includes "the state of being united to a person of the same sex in a relationship like that of a traditional marriage." In 1945, George Orwell wrote *Animal Farm*, and one of the characters in the book was the pig, Squealer, who arbitrarily redefined words so that they would mean what he wanted. As Orwell explained about Squealer, "he could turn black into white" as part of his attempt to get the other animals to accept his message; the same tactic is apparently being used in this modern dictionary.

TEDISCO AND MURPHY RUNNING FOR GILLIBRAND'S SEAT

Republican Jim Tedisco, of Glenville, and Democrat Scott Murphy, of Glens Falls, are the two major-party candidates competing to fill the vacant seat in the state's sprawling 20th congressional district, which covers part or all of six area counties. U.S. Sen. Kirsten Gillibrand (D-N.Y.) had held the seat before she was

appointed to fill Hillary Clinton's Senate seat. Libertarian candidate Eric Sundwall is also running in the election, to be held March 31. Tedisco, who is the state Assembly Minority Leader, has raised \$835,312 in campaign contributions. He also loaned \$200,000 to his campaign. It's turning into a costly campaign for everyone.

VERMONT VOTES FOR SAME-SEX MARRIAGE

(CNN) -- The Vermont Senate voted Monday, March 23, to legalize same-sex marriage, setting the stage for a high-profile legislative showdown and breaking a new political barrier in the state that made history in 2000 by becoming the first to approve civil unions for gay and lesbian couples. If the bill becomes law, Vermont will be the first state to legalize same-sex marriage without being forced to do so by the courts. The bill, which passed by a 26-4 margin, moves to the Vermont House, where it is expected to be approved. Republican Gov. Jim Douglas, however, doesn't support the bill. "Gov. Douglas agrees with President Obama that marriage is between a man and a woman. He supports Vermont's current civil union law, which provides equal rights, benefits and responsibilities to Vermonters in civil unions," Douglas' spokeswoman said. It is unclear whether both chambers of the Vermont Legislature would vote to override a potential gubernatorial veto.