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Bob Bennett: We Can't Afford Him With a Democrat in the White House

Bob Bennett says he is a conservative. But the last time Bob Bennett was in the majority in the Senate and a Democrat lived in the White House, he routinely threw conservatives under the bus to make far left compromises.

In addition to supporting TARP after taking hundreds of thousands of dollars from TARP recipients, Bennet has scores and scores of bad votes throughout his tenure in Congress.

The Club for Growth notes that Senator Bob Bennett sponsors and supports the so-called "Healthy Americans Act," a trillion-dollar government takeover of healthcare that rivals ObamaCare for being a massive big government proposal. It would increase job-killing taxes, impose an individual mandate, increase health care costs, and would give Washington the authority to regulate every health care plan in the country.

The legislation, S. 391, is considered by pro-life groups and even the Heritage Foundation to be as bad or worse than the Democrats' proposal.

Bennett voted against an amendment that would defund the "Bridge to Nowhere" pork project. Over the course of his career, he has supported countless earmarks like \$200,000 for a museum in Omaha, Nebraska, and \$3.7 million for the AFL-CIO. He also voted against a one-year earmark moratorium.

When given the chance to vote on an amendment that would have prohibited social security surplus funds from being spent on other government programs, Senator Bob Bennett opposed this no brainer.

Bennett routinely takes in nearly twice as many contributions from out of state than from within Utah. In the 2006 cycle, 63% of his contributions came from outside Utah. In the 2008 cycle, 62% came from out of state. So far in the 2010 cycle, 68% of his donations came from outside Utah. Overall, the Washington DC metro area is his second highest source of contributions, second only to the Salt Lake City area.

On August 3, 2009, Bob Bennett voted against an amendment that prohibited \$17.5 million from being spent for the High Energy Cost Grant Program, which was targeted even by the Obama Administration as wasteful and redundant. Sen. Hatch voted the same way.

On March 13, 2008, Bennett voted against reducing FY 2009 funding by \$750 million on programs rated "ineffective" by the OMB. The savings would be used to pay down the debt.

On October 23, 2007, Bob Bennett voted to kill an amendment that would have eliminated \$3.7 million in uncompetitive earmarks to the AFL-CIO, and replaced them with competitive grants.

Then there are all the other issues over Bennett's career:

GUNS

- ▶ September 5, 1996 voted to create a Federal offense to possess a gun within 1,000 yards of a school.
- ▶ May 13, 1999 voted to ban the importation of clips that hold more than 10 rounds.
- ▶ May 18, 1999 voted for mandatory triggerlocks.
- ▶ May 20, 1999, subjected pawn shops and repair shops to the same registration and background check requirements as dealers.
- ▶ May 20, 1999, voted for the anti-gun crime bill.
- ▶ February 26, 2004, voted for mandatory triggerlocks.
- ▶ September 9, 2009, voted for radical anti-gun “Regulatory Czar” Cass Sunstein.
- ▶ February 11, 1998, voted for anti-gun activist Margaret Morrow to the Federal Bench.
- ▶ May 13, 1999, voted to punish parents who allow a minor to handle a semi-automatic firearm.

COURTS

- ▶ August 3, 1993 voted for Ruth Bader Ginsburg for the Supreme Court
- ▶ July 29, 1994 voted for Stephen Breyer for the Supreme Court
- ▶ October 2, 1998 voted for Sonia Sotomayor to be Circuit Judge.

GAY AGENDA

- ▶ Authored health care legislation that provides mandatory coverage for same sex domestic partnerships.
- ▶ August 3, 1993, voted for Thomas Payzant, Assistant Secretary for Elementary of Education. Payzant drove the Boy Scouts out of the San Diego schools due to their views on homosexuality.
- ▶ June 15, 2004 voted to add “sexual orientation” as a special class in the Federal Hate Crimes law.
- ▶ September 18, 1997 Voted against prohibiting the National Endowment for the Arts from funding obscene or anti-religious works with taxpayer dollars.
- ▶ May 24, 1993 voted for gay rights activist Roberta Achtenberg to be Assistant Secretary for Equal Opportunity at HUD. Achtenberg led several efforts to punish or the Boy Scouts for its policy on homosexuality.

LIFE

- ▶ Authored health care legislation that includes abortion coverage.
- ▶ September 10, 2009 Voted for Cass Sunstein to be a Regulatory czar. Sunstein says “abortion should not be seen as murder of the fetus but instead as a refusal to continue to permit one’s body to be used to provide assistance to it.”
- ▶ September 13, 2000 voted against urging China to end its forced abortion policy.
- ▶ February 2, 2000 voted to provide special penalties in bankruptcy against pro-life protesters.
- ▶ February 18, 1993 Voted for taxpayer funded research using tissue from fetuses from elective abortions.
- ▶ February 11, 1998 Voted against a ban on human cloning
- ▶ July 18, 2006 Voted to allow taxpayer funding for stem cell research on human embryos.
- ▶ February 10, 1998 Voted for David Satcher for Surgeon General. Satcher supported partial birth abortion.