

## **One Minutes & Special Order Participation**

Rep. Blackburn (FISA), Rep. Sessions (FISA), Rep. Fallin (Energy), Rep. Poe (Immigration), Rep. Pitts (Afghanistan). On Tuesday night, the RSC launched the first in a series of Special Orders known as “Budget School.” Participating were: Rep. Blackburn; Rep. John Campbell; Rep. Scott Garrett; Rep. Jeb Hensarling.

## **Member Op/Eds**

**Rep. Tim Walberg** wrote about the need to pass critical FISA legislation in the Jackson Citizen Patriot, noting that, *“House leadership will not support current FISA legislation because the bill would prevent trial lawyers from suing American telecommunications companies who cooperate with American intelligence agencies’... When American companies assist American intelligence agencies with monitoring foreign terrorist threats, they should be thanked, not sued.*

**Rep. Trent Franks** wrote about FISA as well in a column that appeared on Townhall.com. *“The inaction of House leadership demonstrates a failure to act, a failure to lead and a failure to protect our country. America’s intelligence community needs clarity, certainty, and the critical tools necessary to perform their vital work in order to anticipate and disrupt potential plots against our nation,”* said Franks.

**Rep. Tom Feeney** also wrote about FISA in a guest column in the Florida Today. Feeney pointed out that, *“While this Democratic Congress has been ready and willing to regulate the type of toilet bowls and light bulbs used in our homes, it has dragged its feet on the important issues, most recently illustrated by the dogged failure to renew a bipartisan law to provide intelligence professionals with the tools they need to effectively monitor terrorists. Since midnight of Feb. 16, our nation continues to be less secure from threats of terrorism, thanks to the inaction of Speaker Nancy Pelosi and a handful of intransigent Democrats.”*

**Reps. Tom Price and Lynn Westmoreland** penned a joint op/ed on their decision to forego earmarks which ran in multiple outlets across Georgia including the Marietta Daily Journal, Columbus Ledger, and the Macon Telegraph. The Congressmen wrote: *“Washington is filled with too much finger-pointing and unwillingness to push for reform. Our decision to reject earmarks is not symbolic. We will continue to fight for Georgia’s interests through competitive grants and work with federal authorities to meet our communities’ needs. In the meantime, we are going to lead by example to bring transparency and fiscal discipline back to Washington.*

**Rep. Scott Garrett** wrote several articles this week. His byline appeared in the Washington Times (tax policy), Townhall.com (PEPFAR), and in the NJ League of Municipalities Newsletter (ending the AMT). In the Townhall.com article, Rep. Garrett wrote: *“The Democrats hope to pass this bill by masking it as an AIDS relief package for Africa. But I and other House Conservatives see right through their guise. This bill is nothing more than a deceptive ploy to use billions of taxpayer’s hard-earned money to purchase the death of the unborn.”*

**Rep. Mike Conaway** discussed House Democrats’ plan to raise taxes on energy companies in an op/ed that ran in the Politico. *“Unfortunately, not one of my Democratic colleagues has called upon the Congress to give American taxpayers back the federal government’s share of Exxon’s “immoral” profits. In fact, the Democrat Majority in the House is once again foolishly proposing to increase the taxes on the oil and gas industry,”* he wrote.

**Communicator of the Week**  
**Rep. Michele Bachman (R-MN)**  
**discusses immigration on**  
**THE O’REILLY FACTOR**

*“This is a crime problem. This is an issue of anarchy versus the rule of law. The question is, ‘when are we going to get serious about (immigration) and stop tinkering around the edges.”*

## **RSC TV Launched**

This week, RSC TV was launched on Youtube. Be sure to check it out at: <http://www.youtube.com/user/RSC110th>  
RSC members wishing to submit a floor speech or media appearance should email Brad Dayspring in the RSC office.

## **RSC Budget School on the Floor Next Week**

Next Week, *Budget School* will focus on different approaches to writing a budget – including performance and zero based budgeting. *Budget School* will also walk through the actual budget document, helping taxpayers understand how to locate funding streams. With the budget resolution on the floor next week, this is a unique opportunity to speak directly to constituents and families in your district about how the federal budget process affects them.

