



The Property Rights Action Caucus is proud to welcome our newest member Rep. Marsha Blackburn.

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The economics of Earth Day: Take a builder to lunch

By Carol Saviak (OrlandoSentinel.com - 4/18/08)



On April 22, hundreds of environmental organizations around the nation and even government entities will spend millions of dollars promoting Earth Day. Unfortunately, many of the speakers at these forums and in our public classrooms may neglect to mention the vital role private-property rights play in helping to fund this international day of eco-education.

The same system of private-property rights that many environmental groups are actively working to erode may actually be the environmental movement's best friend. If this seems counterintuitive, simply consider the economic underpinnings of the funding underwriting Earth Day events.

orlandosentinel.com/news/opinion/letters/orl-forumword1808apr18,0,1879020.story

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Property and Its Discontents

By Tom Bethell (The American Spectator-4/24/08)

Property is the central institution of Western civilization. Yet for at least a hundred years it had been ignored, neglected, or disparaged. At the time, it seemed to me, few academics, economists included, understand its importance. Yet without private property there can be no freedom and without secure and transferable property rights societies will forever remain impoverished. Private property also makes a key contribution to justice, classically defined as giving to each his due.

How could the intelligentsia have been so deceived for so long? It's a question that we may well be revisiting in the coming decades, in light of the growing power of the environmentalists. They too encroach upon property rights and restrict our liberties, but in pursuit of a new cause. Notice that the Green Revolution followed hard upon the heels of the demise of the Red. The Soviet Union collapsed in 1991 and the Green political agenda was proclaimed at the Rio Conference of 1992.

www.spectator.org/dsp_article.asp?art_id=13105

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World Intellectual Property Day 2008 – Celebrating Innovation April 26, 2008

The man or woman in the street might wonder just what makes intellectual property worth all this effort. What, they might ask, do the workings of copyrights, patents, industrial designs or trademarks have to do with the really big issues, like how to stop global warming; or with the things that add spice to life, like watching their favorite athletes perform in this year's Olympics? The answer is that, without intellectual property rights, many new technologies developed to tackle global problems would never see the light of day and the great sporting events, which entertain and unite us, would not be broadcast into homes across the globe.

www.wipo.int/ip-outreach/en/ipday/2008/dg_message_08.html

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JOIN THE PROPERTY RIGHTS ACTION CAUCUS!!!

I invite you all to join the new Property Rights Action Caucus for weekly information & for defending these rights. Our liberties are only as secure as our property rights.

We will examine: eminent domain, federal government property ownership, downloading of multimedia, the Endangered Species Act, patent reform, pharmaceutical issues, compulsory licensing, the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) & all issues of land and intellectual property.

Please contact Stephen Kraly at 202-225-4101 or stephen.kraly@mail.house.gov for membership and info.

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Benjamin Franklin Preamble to a Congressional Resolution, (Papers, 22:322)



“Whereas, whenever kings, instead of protecting the lives and property of their subjects, as is their bounden duty, do endeavor to perpetrate the destruction of either, they thereby cease to be kings, become tyrants, and dissolve all ties of allegiance between themselves and their people...”

For more information on the Property Rights Action Caucus, please visit <http://broun.house.gov/prac>. If you are interested in becoming a member of the Caucus please contact Stephen Kraly at 202.225.4101 or Stephen.Kraly@mail.house.gov.