

Property Rights *Action* Caucus

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U.S. Congressman Paul C. Broun, M.D., Chairman



2 54% of Americans Reject Oberstar-Feingold Proposal to Expand Clean Water Act, New Poll Finds

(3/6/08)



A majority of Americans oppose a proposal to expand the Clean Water Act, according to a new nationwide survey released today by the National Center for Public Policy Research. Voters were informed that Congress is considering a measure that would expand the areas covered under the Clean Water Act, including to areas that are only intermittently wet. They were then provided brief arguments both pro and con on the measure and then asked whether they favored or opposed the proposal.

54% of those expressing an opinion oppose the measure, while 46% favor it, according to the survey. Among political independents, the margin was greater -- 56% oppose the measure while 44% favor it. The National Center poll found a majority of Americans from all regions oppose the proposed expansion of the Clean Water Act, led by the Mountain States (62%), the Farm Belt (59%), and New England (58%).

The entire report can be found at:
www.nationalcenter.org/

3 Kelo, M.I.A. Where is the property-rights campaign debate?

By Ilya Somin (National Review Online – 4/2/08)

The Supreme Court's Kelo decision in 2005 generated a massive political backlash. Kelo v. City of New London endorsed the condemnation of private property for transfer to other private owners in order to promote "economic development." Polls showed that 80 to 90 percent of the public opposed such takings. Oddly, however, we've heard almost nothing of this broadly popular issue from the presidential campaigns.

Yet government officials continue to take property and transfer it to politically influential businesses. Last week, the Missouri supreme court ruled that local governments have the power to condemn property for transfer to private developers. Last month, federal courts applied Kelo to uphold the condemnation of dozens of homes and businesses in New York City in order to make way for a new NBA basketball arena and luxury housing projects.

The entire article can be found at:
<http://article.nationalreview.com/?q=NTg1MDhlOTBiMDFhN2QyNzI4OU00ZTBiMGJlZTl1ZTM=>

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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.

4 Event Notice:

Second-Thursday Property Rights Hill Working Group

Thursday, 4/10
11:00-12:00am
121 Cannon
House Office
Building

***If you have an agenda item for the working group, please contact Kelsey Zahourek at 202-290-7646 or kzahourek@propertyrightsalliance.org

Please note, you should have already received an invitation from the Second Thursday Property Rights Hill Working Group regarding this event.

5 Trivial Pursuit Now All Hasbro's

By Miriam Marcus
(fortune.com - 4/01/08)



Hasbro has added another wedge to its hexagonal hub, securing all rights to the Trivial Pursuit brand.

On Monday, Pawtucket, R.I.-based Hasbro announced it had purchased all intellectual property rights related to the quintessential adult board game from Horn Abbot, the company set up by the game's inventors, for \$80

million.

The entire article can be found at:
www.forbes.com/markets/2008/04/01/hasbro-trivial-pursuit-markets-equity-cx_mlm_0331markets38.html

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.