

7 DEMOCRATS SEEK SHOT AT MCCONNELL

1. How will you address the difficult issue of illegal immigration?

2. How long should the U.S. maintain significant numbers of troops in Iraq?

3. What should Congress do about the escalating cost of gasoline?

4. What should Congress do to make health care more accessible and affordable?

5. How would you influence the funding and timeline for disposal of aging chemical weapons at the Bluegrass Army Depot in Richmond?

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Illegal immigration is costly to American taxpayers. I would support legislation to provide law enforcement agencies with the means to prosecute employers that hire illegal immigrants and to streamline the process for immigrants to come legally to America.

We should be there for the shortest amount of time that is logistically possible. The Iraqis are selling their oil by which they can fund Iraqi security forces. I would have voted in 2003 against funding this war.

Congress needs to stop the economic policies of Bush and McConnell that have devalued our dollar. The weaker the dollar, the higher the cost of gasoline. Instead of legislating a gas holiday, Congress must distance itself from oil interests.

We must improve our health insurance environment. Congress should enact legislation that makes health insurance policies portable, tailors health insurance policies to meet individual health care needs and holds insurance companies accountable for denying medical care.

As a Democratic senator, I will see to it that this project remains a top priority with the new Democratic administration. I will fight to see that Kentucky companies get the remaining contracts, hire Kentucky workers and pay prevailing wage.

Greg Fischer

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America is a land of immigrants, and we must have fair, consistent policies for those who wish to legally pursue citizenship. At the same time, we must secure our borders against those who wish to enter illegally.

There is no military solution to Iraq, and the United States cannot maintain an endless campaign in Iraq. Our troops have done everything we've asked them to do. Now we must immediately begin to withdraw troops.

Long-term, we must raise automobile fuel efficiency standards, provide incentives for energy conservation and launch a crash program to develop new, renewable, non-polluting sources of energy, such as solar, wind, bio-fuel, hydrogen, geothermal and others.

Congress must reform our health care delivery system to insure that every citizen has access to affordable, high-quality health care. Reforms should be aimed at reducing the administrative cost of health care and increasing the focus on preventative care.

Expediting the disposal of chemical weapons at the Bluegrass Army Depot would be one of my first priorities. I will impress upon the president, my colleagues in Congress and the Department of Defense just how important this issue is.

William Bruce Lunsford

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I support comprehensive immigration reform that secures our borders and cracks down on employers who hire illegal immigrants. Undocumented workers in good standing must pay fines, learn English and get at the back of the line to become citizens.

We must put pressure on the Iraqis to police themselves so we can redeploy our combat troops as soon as it can be done adequately and safely. The Iraqis must understand that maintaining law and order is their responsibility.

We must implement both short- and long-term strategies to reduce energy prices. I support a gas tax holiday paid for by oil companies. We must also push companies toward using less oil through incentives and develop alternative energy technology.

Congress needs to enact universal health care coverage so all Americans can afford medical care. We must work to expand access to quality health care in rural Kentucky and give Medicare the ability to negotiate for lower prescription drug prices.

Mitch McConnell has been promising to dispose of the weapons for years and has yet to deliver. I will proactively work to secure the funds to complete the disposal of these chemical weapons ahead of the current 2017 deadline.

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We need to close the borders. It's a matter of national security. We have looked away for years to get cheap labor. Illegal immigrants already are here; we may have to find a pathway for leadership.

We're to the point of where we may need to put more money in the training of Iraqi soldiers and police. Once they are fully trained, we can withdraw our troops. We can't afford to pull out at once.

Short-term, we need to drill in Alaska and the Gulf of Mexico to put more oil on the market. Long-term, we need to get our scientists and universities involved so we are not dependent on OPEC.

I'd like to see more education to promote good health. We have to bring everyone involved together and find ways to make it more affordable. We have the best health care in the world, and it's not accessible to anyone.

They need to be destroyed in a safe manner. The No. 1 priority is to keep the safety of the citizens in mind.

Kenneth Stepp

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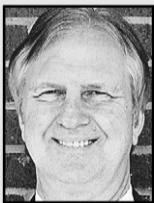
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Immigration must have strict law enforcement. People with special knowledge should have special immigration quotas. Any "path to citizenship" should require 100 hours of community service.

We should withdraw all U.S. troops from Iraq quickly. Iraq has cost over 4,000 American lives, tens of thousands of Iraqi lives, left Iraq divided, and has cost the U.S. over \$500 billion.

We should encourage more refineries and more drilling. We should quit cooperating with OPEC and keep oil receipts secret.

We should expand existing programs such as Medicaid, Medicare, VA, children's medical services, K-CHIP and S-CHIP.

I would try to speed up the disposal of aging chemical weapons at the Bluegrass Army Depot with more funding and a shorter timeline.

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I believe treating everyone fairly. We shouldn't run anyone down.

I'd bring them home in 30 days.

We should build cars with natural gas. We have plenty of natural gas.

I'd work with insurance companies to make treatments and drugs available for everyone at cheaper prices.

I'd get rid of them as soon I could.

David Wylie

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I don't have any problem that they come to America as long as illegal immigrants bring their green cards. If they want to work in America then I think they should pay taxes just like our American citizens.

I will vote to bring home the vast majority of U.S. troops now. All our troops should be out in less than a year.

I oppose a gas-tax suspension. I prefer the gas tax 365 days a year until we get our economy back on track. Congress needs to set up a subcommittee to develop issues on how to fix the cost of gasoline.

We need to improve our health care coverage for every American by lowering costs. Congress should set up a subcommittee to develop ways to do this.

We need to set up a subcommittee on this to set a time frame to do this.