

COLORADO INSIDE OUT

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HI EVERYBODY, WELCOME TO COLORADO INSIDE OUT, I'M YOUR HOST RAJ CHOCHAN. LET'S GET A QUICK TAKE ON THE ANNOUNCEMENT FROM DEFENSE SECRETARY LEON PANETTA REMOVING THE BAN ON WOMEN SERVING IN COMBAT. THE DECISION REVERSES A 1994 PENTAGON RULE THAT PROHIBITED WOMEN SERVING IN ARTILLERY, INFANTRY AND OTHER FRONT LINE FORCES. PATRICIA CALHOUN OF WESTWORD, WITH THOUSANDS OF WOMEN ALREADY HAVING SERVED IN IRAQ AND AFGHANISTAN, HOW OVERDUE IS THIS CHANGE?

TOPIC 1

ON MONDAY THE SECOND PRESIDENTIAL INAUGURATION OF BARACK OBAMA WAS HELD IN WASHINGTON DC. IN HIS SPEECH HE TALKED ABOUT NATIONAL SECURITY, IMPROVING THE ECONOMY, UPDATING THE TAX CODE AND PURSUING ADVANCEMENTS IN TECHNOLOGY. HE ALSO DEFENDED ENTITLEMENT PROGRAMS SUCH AS MEDICARE AND MEDICAID AND SPOKE OF THE IMPORTANCE OF IMMIGRATION AND EDUCATION REFORM. OBAMA ALSO MADE HISTORY BY BECOMING THE FIRST PRESIDENT TO USE THE WORD "GAY" IN AN INAUGURAL ADDRESS WHEN STATING HIS SUPPORT FOR EQUAL RIGHTS.

WHAT DO YOU THINK WAS THE MOST IMPORTANT HIGHLIGHT OF HIS SPEECH?

HOW MUCH OF THE RHETORIC WILL BECOME POLICY INITIATIVES?

TOPIC 2

NEW NATIONAL AND STATE GUN CONTROL PROPOSALS DREW VARIOUS REACTIONS FROM LOCAL AUTHORITIES THIS WEEK. THE SHERIFFS OF WELD, GARFIELD AND LARIMER COUNTIES ANNOUNCED THAT THEY WOULD NOT ENFORCE NEW GUN PROPOSALS FROM PRESIDENT OBAMA SINCE THEY BELIEVED THEY VIOLATED THE SECOND AMENDMENT. ON WEDNESDAY, EL PASO COUNTY COMMISSIONERS PASSED A RESOLUTION THAT SAID THEY WOULD NOT ENFORCE ANY FEDERAL OR STATE LAW THAT THEY FELT VIOLATED THE SECOND AMENDMENT. MEANWHILE, RONALD SLOAN, DIRECTOR OF THE COLORADO BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION TOLD OFFICIALS THAT THE STATE PROPOSAL TO ENACT UNIVERSAL BACKGROUND CHECKS WOULD EXHAUST THE SYSTEM AND DRAMATICALLY INCREASE WAIT DELAYS WITHOUT GREATER RESOURCES.

HAVE OTHER SHERIFFS SUCCESSFULLY NOT ENFORCED LAWS THEY FELT WERE UNCONSTITUTIONAL?

WILL UNIVERSAL BACKGROUND CHECKS NEED TO COME WITH A NEW MECHANISM TO PAY FOR THEM?

TOPIC 3

ON WEDNESDAY, A BILL ALLOWING GAY COUPLES TO FORM CIVIL UNIONS WAS PASSED BY THE STATE SENATE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE. THE BILL DOES NOT INCLUDE AN EXEMPTION THAT WOULD ALLOW BUSINESS OWNERS TO REFUSE SERVICE TO A SAME SEX COUPLE. THE CONTROVERSIAL EXEMPTION HAD BEEN INCLUDED IN PREVIOUS CIVIL UNION MEASURES. THIS YEAR'S BILL ALSO EXCLUDES A PREVIOUS PROVISION THAT WOULD EXEMPT ADOPTION AGENCIES FROM PLACING CHILDREN WITH SAME SEX COUPLES.

**DO YOU THINK REPUBLICANS WHO OPPOSE THE MEASURE WOULD HAVE PREFERRED LAST YEAR'S VERSION TO THIS YEAR'S?
WHAT DO YOU THINK OF THE UPDATED CIVIL UNIONS BILL?**

TOPIC 4

A STATE HOUSE MEASURE PROPOSED THIS WEEK WOULD PUT A 1 MILLION DOLLAR CAP ON ENTERPRISE ZONE TAX INCENTIVES THAT LOCAL BUSINESSES CAN CLAIM ANNUALLY. THE PROPOSAL CAME IN RESPONSE TO RECENT CRITICISM THAT MOST ENTERPRISE ZONE TAX BREAKS GO TO OIL AND GAS COMPANIES. SUPPORTERS OF THE BILL SAY THAT THE CURRENT SYSTEM DOES NOT DO ENOUGH TO REWARD COMPANIES WHO CREATE JOB GROWTH, WHILE OPPONENTS SAY THE TAX BREAKS ENCOURAGE INVESTMENTS WHICH IN TURN BOOSTS THE LOCAL ECONOMY.

DOES ANYONE KNOW WHAT WE'RE TALKING ABOUT?

OR

WILL THIS MAKE A NOTICEABLE CHANGE FOR COLORADO'S STATE BUDGET?

DISGRACE OF THE WEEK

SAY SOMETHING NICE ABOUT SOMEBODY

OUTRO: THAT'S ALL THE TIME WE HAVE TONIGHT, THANKS FOR TUNING IN. FOR EVERYONE HERE AT CHANNEL 12, I'M RAJ CHOCHAN, THANKS FOR WATCHING, GOODNIGHT.

POST GAME - WELCOME TO COLORADO INSIDE OUT POST GAME, A SPECIAL WEB EXCLUSIVE PRODUCTION HERE ON CHANNEL 12. TOPIC TBD.

THAT'S ALL THE TIME WE HAVE FOR COLORADO INSIDE OUT POST GAME THIS WEEK. LEAVE US A COMMENT AND TELL US WHAT YOU THINK. FOR EVERYONE HERE AT CPT12.ORG, I'M RAJ CHOCHAN, THANKS FOR WATCHING.