

IS P-BOB TRYING TO MAKE COTUS AND SCOTUS IRRELEVANT?

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(Please review the **GLOSSARY of GOVSPEAK** near the end of this report.)

There is a shameful lack of respect for the constitutional branches of government we are so used to! Other than P-BOB's Executive branch (which he is cleverly trying to magnify in importance), there's also the COTUS and the SCOTUS. All three traditionally are there to provide the constitutional checks and balances ON EACH OTHER so important to our form of government. The application of "checks and balances" is sometimes ingeniously messy and uncomfortable for those being "checked."

And he doesn't like it so ...

COTUS Gets It in the Chops – Big Time

P-BOB set them up for the "fall". When major legislation was to be pursued, he took the clever strategy of not presenting fairly specific legislation, as is the norm. He just told HORTUS and SOTUS to work out the details. He gave broad general parameters of his ideal but kept his hands out of it. While appearing gracious at first, P-BOB is no one's fool. He knew that by deferring to COTUS, he could escape much of the political fallout of failure or public dissatisfaction should the effort be unsuccessful. It really wasn't his, it was theirs. Therefore it's not P-BOB's problem if it doesn't work.

And what else? Consider all those CZARS. He appointed dozens of CZARS to head up projects, commissions, etc. Once again, clever, clever, clever! Most of these are important policy makers and implementers, and most certainly influential government officials. COTUS didn't have a say in many of the CZARS assuming office, so they have not "checked" their backgrounds, qualifications, and most certainly not their activities. P-BOB sidestepped COTUS by avoiding the important tradition of "advise and consent."

And what else? In front of their mothers and fathers, sisters and brothers, cousins and friends, and the American people during the STOTU address, P-BOB scolded all of COTUS for not legislating the formation of a panel to study the debt problem and press for tax increases and spending cuts. It does sound reasonable on the surface, but COTUS rejected P-BOB's idea on a bipartisan vote. This panel would have had the power to require COTUS to vote on their recommendations – either "up or down," – no amendments permitted. P-BOB reacted by boldly proclaiming his intention to establish the panel by executive order. Fortunately, a panel so created will not be able to compel COTUS to act on anything or without amendment. Think about it! He is trying to usurp the constitutional role of COTUS! That's serious business. And all because he didn't get his way. "It's P-BOB's way or the Highway"!

More? Consider P-BOB's meeting last week with the DA'REPS at their HORTUS meeting near D.C. I think that was a good thing, and these meetings should continue. But his patronizing scolds and rude interruptions show that he will reach across the "aisle" only if it doesn't get in the way of a predetermined result. He was there to convince, not to listen. Good Grief! At least it didn't look like they let him use his familiar TOTUS so they wouldn't have to witness HE-SINGIN'.

All the J-STRAPS and the STYMIED are right there with him on this. And I don't think SHORTUS, MAJHORTUS, MALSORTUS or DA'DEMS even know what hit them.

But he still doesn't like it so ...

SCOTUS Gets Blindsided in True Chicago Style

Also during P-BOB's STOTU address, he called out and dressed down SCOTUS for a recent 5-4 decision regarding a Freedom of Speech issue regarding election funding. No matter the position you take on this decision, one doesn't attempt to embarrass a group of sincere people such as SCOTUS, just because they disagree with you. It was humiliating, degrading, and intimidating – the purpose of which was to somehow affect future appointments or decisions, whatever. Members of SCOTUS are duty and honor bound to make no comment. In true Chicago style, they were kicked while they were down and when they couldn't, or wouldn't, fight back. I am sure his attempt was unsuccessful, but again, "it's P-BOB's way or the Highway"!

Not the First Time, Nor Will It Be the Last

W and SILLY, while attempting to hold their own (as they should have), both ultimately accepted (however reluctantly) the reality of the limits on their power. But now, it's really all about THE ONE! **Remember, the "H" stands for "Hubris."**

Our Founding Fathers purposefully made it difficult for any branch of government to achieve their goals. There is review, acceptance, qualified acceptance, outright denial and all sorts of hoops to jump through. **Ya' know what? P-BOB still isn't done because he's never gonna' like it! So look out – another "Haymaker" is on its way!**

I'm not sayin' ... I'm just sayin'!

GLOSSARY of GOVSPEAK (Language of our Government)

P-BOB – President **B**arack **O**bama
MESSIAH – Another name for P-BOB
POTUS – President **O**f **T**he United States
POTUS(-I) – Same as W
SILLY – Short for former POTUS "Slick Willy"
THE ONE – One more name for P-BOB
W – Former POTUS, George **W**. Bush

Da' Prez

Da' Rest

A'DEM – Democrat or **A DEM**ocrat
A'REP – Republican or **A REP**ublican
A'GOTUS – **A**ttorney **G**eneral **O**f **T**he **U**nited **S**tates (say: “a goat t’us)
BIPPY – That place that many in **STYMIED** sometimes put their brain containers
CHA-FED – **CH**Airman of the **FED**eral Reserve
COS-E – Chief **O**f **S**taff (Rahm) **E**manuel (pronounced “cozy”)
COTUS – **C**ongress **O**f **T**he **U**nited **S**tates
CZARS – Unelected, mostly not congressionally reviewed or approved, members of the “shadow” cabinet
DA'DEMS – Democrats
DA'REPS - Republicans
DA'VEEP – Vice President Joe Biden
DA'VEEP(-1) – Prior Vice President Dick Cheney
DA'VEEP(-2) – Al Gore
DO-P-OTUS – **D**aughters **O**f the **P**resident **O**f **T**he **U**nited **S**tates (say: “dopy Otis”)
FA-FLITTER – P-BOB ‘flits’/prances like **F**red **A**staire(**FA**)(separated at birth?)(say: fay-flitter)
FIDO-TUS – **F**irst **D**Og of **T**he **U**nited **S**tates – **FFOTUS**’s pet (say: “fido t’us”)
FFOTUS – **F**irst **F**amily **O**f **T**he **U**nited **S**tates (pronounced with an opening “flutter”)
FLOTUS – **F**irst **L**ady **O**f **T**he **U**nited **S**tates
GITMO – That place that P-BOB just don’t ‘git’
HE-SING’N – Describes P-BOB’s “head swiveling” while at the **TOTUS** (pronounced “he singin”)
HORTUS – **H**ouse **O**f **R**epresentatives of **T**he **U**nited **S**tates (pronounced “whore t’us”)
HUGS – Conveys P-BOB’s **HUG**e **S**mile
J-SECOTUS – **J**oint **S**ession of **C**ongress **O**f **T**he **U**nited **S**tates (say: jay secotus)
J-STRAPS – Another name for P-BOB’s “supporters” (you know how to pronounce it)
KSM – **K**halid **S**heikh **M**ohammed – the senior terrorist enjoying time at **GITMO** (say: “kiss ’im)
FL-M-Ob – **F**irst **L**ady **M**ichelle **O**Bama (pronounced just like it’s spelled)
MAJHORTUS – **HORTUS MA**ajority Leader, Maryland’s Steny Hoyer
MALSOTUS – The dynamic **SOTUS MA**ority Leader, Nevada’s Harry Reid (seniority got him the job)
MILHORTUS – **HORTUS MI**nority Leader, Ohio’s John Boehner
MILSOTUS – **SOTUS MI**nority Leader, Kentucky’s Mitch McConnell (also must have relied on seniority)
PATOTUS – P-BOB’s **P**osition **A**t the **T**eleprompter **O**f **T**he **U**nited **S**tates
PEP – **P**recipitous **E**nvironmental **P**rograms (pronounced “pep”)
PORK – Refers to any absurdly expensive aspect of P-BOB’s **O**verdone **R**ecovery **K**it (spend on everything)
P-PPPPP – P-BOB’s **P**enchant for **P**ushing **P**recipitous and **P**eculiar **P**rograms (say: “pee pep”)
PRESOTUS – **P**RESident of **SOTUS** – Same as DA’VEEP
SCOTUS – **S**upreme **C**ourt **O**f the **U**nited **S**tates
SECS – **SE**cretary of **S**tate (would that be Hillary?) (pronounced “sex”)
SHORTUS – The (Loud) **S**peaker of **HORTUS**, Nancy P
SOTUS – **S**enate **O**f **T**he **U**nited **S**tates
STOTU – **ST**ate **O**f **T**he **U**nion
STYMIED – **ST**able of the ‘**Y**ncredibly **MI**sinform**ED** (all of P-BOB’s “folks”)
TOTUS – **T**eleprompter **O**f **T**he **U**nited **S**tates
T-SEC – **T**reasury **SE**cretary what’s his name
T-SEC(+1) – Whoever replaces the T-SEC
T-SEC(-1) – The former T-SEC
WB – Popularly known as “**W**ater**B**oarding” – the technique P-BOB just don’t ‘git’
WH – P-BOB’s current residence (the **W**hite **H**ouse)

I extend thanks, as always, to the many writers, commentators, researchers, and others, from all political extremes, whose hard work helps me greatly. They gather details and present much information. About all I do is gather, organize, summarize, and attempt to fill in with comments – commonly referred to as my **frequent “RANTS”**.

More comments will follow on important topics and personal thoughts as our President battles through tough territory. I want to join other conservatives in recognizing and respecting our new President – and supporting him when we should. But when we oppose our President’s policies, we should act in accordance with values of decency – but that doesn’t preclude a healthy dose of sarcasm and satire, which are valuable tools for political commentary.