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Comments on Congress How do we reduce partisanship?

By Lee Hamilton

There are times when Congress and much of the political class in Washington remind me of a child who can't resist sneaking a handful of cookies from the jar: They know that too much partisanship is getting them in trouble, but they can't help themselves.

Yet our country years for less polarization these days. How do we reduce partisanship?

The first step rests with American voters. A drumbeat of dislike for mean-spirited partisanship will get through to Congress. The rise of internet fundraising, so that less influence is wielded by groups with a cause, will also help. So would having congressional districts drawn by independent commissions. Members of Congress need to take the time to get to know one another. And they need to look deliberately for issues on which they can work together, like fixing our aging infrastructure.

In the end, though, our politicians need to understand what ordinary Americans already know: that the only way to solve our really tough problems is to work together as a nation.

Lee Hamilton is director of the Center on Congress at Indiana University. He was a member of the U.S. House of Representatives for 34 years.

Circuit Court Judge Donald Currie

New filings are from public records available in the Carroll County Clerk's office on the second floor of the courthouse, Delphi. Other information regarding judgments and marriage dissolutions is gathered from public records found in the clerk's office.

It was ordered that the Indiana BMV rescind the suspension of David L. Butler's driving privileges and grant him a restricted driver's license.

Mark D. Farrell, 52, was found guilty of operating a motor vehicle after forfeiture of license for life, Class C felony, and institutional criminal mischief. He was committed to the DOC for five years on the felony charge and one year on the misdemeanor. He will pay restitution to the victim. His driving privileges were suspended for life.

A default judgment entry and decree of foreclosure were granted in the following: HSBC Mortgage Service, Inc. vs. Nathan Steele Best and Kelly Sue Best; National City Real Estate Services, LLC vs. Adam R. Cunningham and Delphi Community Schools.

Plaintiff's cause was dismissed in the Bank of New York Trust Co. vs. Todd M. Shell.

The following were found to be in arrears in the payment of child support: Nina M. Valentine in the amount of \$13,236; Morgan Lucies, \$940; Robert Wilson, Jr., \$4,440; William Rodenbarger, \$95; Buck T. Brooks, \$2,651; Rondall White, Jr., \$24,978; Kenny Kittrell, \$12,250; Mark E. McLeland, \$8,647; Mark E. McLeland, \$6,562; Mary Elizabeth Wysong \$8,315; Donnie A. Brumbaugh, \$3,368; Donald W. Morgan, \$5,334; Michael L. Taber, \$2,719; Wade McCarty, \$6,520; Kimberly A. German, \$5,245 (incarcerated in Carroll County Jail, pay \$2,000 or serve 30 days); Bob F. Hayes, \$13,050 (incarcerated in Carroll County Jail, pay \$2,000 or serve 30 days); and John H. Reed III, \$1,844;

Bobby D. Phillips was appointed administrator of the estate of Edward Lee Phillips. The following complaints on note to foreclose mortgage were filed: Regions Bank dba Regions Mortgage vs. Matthew P. Saul, Tara J. Saul and unknown tenant; PHH

Mortgage Corp. vs. Calin M. Gray, Janet L. Gray and Macolynn D. Gray; Security Federal Savings Bank vs. Yasel Donderiz; Citimortgage, Inc. vs. Casey Watson aka Casey T. Watson, Tonya Haygood aka Tonya M. Haygood and Huntington National Bank.

Complaints were filed by: Capital One vs. Maria J. Mackovic; Capital One Bank vs. Aldona R. Peracki; G.E. Money Bank as successor in interest to Monogram Credit Card vs. Ralph Cook and Karon Cook; G.E. Money Bank vs. Daniel Dillman.

Citimortgage, Inc. filed complaint on note and to foreclose mortgage on real estate against Casey Watson aka Casey T. Watson, Tonya Haygood aka Tonya M. Haygood and Huntington National Bank.

The following causes were dismissed: GMAC Mart LLC vs. Jack E. Gerard, Carolyn Sue Gerard and Chase Bank USA; Chase Bank vs. Tara Wood; MBNA America vs. Raymond Todd Estate; HSBC Bank vs. Raymond Todd Estate; Mulberry Health and Retirement Community vs. Raymond Todd Estate; Chase Manhattan vs. Raymond Todd Estate; Chase Manhattan Bank USA vs. Harold E. Bills Estate; LVNV Funding, LLC. vs. John Spann; Douglas M. Willy and Stephanie M. Willy vs. Steven Isley; LaSalle Bank National Association vs. Troy Cook and Rogella D. Zarate.

The following marriages were dissolved: Sean Mulkay and Misty Mulkay; Christina Mullin and Wade Mullin; Christy A. Plunkett and Daniel F. Plunkett; Pamela Lane and Jack Lane.

Karana K. Johnson, 29, was found guilty of dealing in a schedule 4 controlled substance, a Class C felony, and dealing in marijuana, a Class A misdemeanor. She was sentenced to four years for count 1 and one year for count 2. All but 180 days was suspended.

She will served three and a half years on supervised probation.

The 6:39 a.m. South Shore train from Gary to Chicago was running early the other morning. At least that's what I thought to myself as I ran to catch the train. On this particular morning I was thinking it was me who was running early, and yet my modified sprint to the platform suggested otherwise.

When I found my seat, settled in and then settled down, it became apparent that I was actually on the earlier train and it was the train that was late and it was me who was early. No mind, I figured, as I opened my newspaper and let the scenery fly by. The gentle rocking of the train tempted me to grab 40 winks more. I will neither affirm, nor deny, that I actually dozed off. I will, however, concede that the ride seemed to go pretty fast.

As we grew closer to our destination, the conductor made one more sweep through the train car. At first I couldn't figure what it was he was passing out to my fellow passengers. There seemed plenty of takers as he handed out the square looking sheets from the pad in his hand.

"Starbucks coffee coupons," was my first guess.

Rather than coupons or train schedules or some such things, it turned out that the conductor was giving out excuse notes for the late train.



Rambling along

Presumably, some workers on the train would now have to account for their tardy arrival at work. Here was their official written excuse from the South Shore.

My first reaction was that it seemed terribly cute and quaint of the train line to provide the tardy excuse. I'm not a frequent train traveler and maybe this is common practice in the industry. I sure don't think our friends at the airlines provide any such excuses. And I'm pretty sure the toll booth collector on the Skyway isn't writing me an excuse note for the traffic jams and subsequent delayed arrivals his system regularly generates.

But as I mulled it over, the excuse note grew from cute and quaint to all kinds of greater possibilities. I was whisked back in time to memories of high school days and the power of the hall pass. That hall pass made so many things possible. A tardy excuse for adults, just imagine the possibilities, I thought.

Why, just the other day we

arrived late for Sunday morning worship service. We were visitors to this particular church and the usher in the outer hall held us at bay until eventually letting us venture in under the cover of a spirited hymn. A furrowed brow, pursed lips and a stern look were part of the usher's tools to let us know we were both late and annoying.

Now, picture that scene differently. This time, picture us arriving late with our official tardy excuse in hand. As I hand over the excuse to the usher, imagine the furrowed brow melting and the stern look transforming to one of caring understanding. In my mind I see the usher sharing a look of empathy towards us as she considers our tardy note. This time, she immediately flings the door open to let us into the sanctuary. The startled look of the choir, the interrupted surprise of the minister all melt into smiles of welcome as the usher waives the tardy excuse. Then, those early bird worshippers shift in the pew to make way for the welcomed late arrivals, the ones with the written excuse.

Imagine the possibilities...

Dear IRS Officer: Enclosed please find my estimated tax payment, admittedly a tad late. Attached to the payment please find my tardy excuse issued by...



Superior Court Judge Jeffrey Smith

Superior Court judgments are gathered from public records on file in the Carroll County Clerk's office on the second floor of the courthouse, Delphi.

New filings

The following were charged with illegal consumption: Aaron D. Minier, Camden; Brittany L. Tyner, Delphi; Michael Atwood, Delphi; Kyle L. Schwarzkopf, Camden; Kelsey R. Propes, Delphi; Alexander B. Conner, Delphi; Nathan C. Trapp, Flora; and Kristopher D. Anderson.

Joshua W. Lovell-Ramey was charged with driving while suspended and speeding.

Antonio Landeros was charged with OWI/endangering.

Josey Chittick was charged with illegal consumption and operating a vehicle with greater than .01 but less than .08 ACE.

Richard Campbell was charged with OWI/endangering and open alcoholic beverage container.

Michelle L. Darnell was charged with OWI/endangering and operating with an ACE of .15 or more.

Leticia Ceja was charged with operating a motor vehicle without ever receiving a license and child restraint system violation.

Sandra L. Thomas was charged with check deception.

Kim E. Beamer, Camden, was charged with furnishing alcohol to a minor.

Shawn A. O'Brien was charged with possession of marijuana and illegal consumption.

Darrell W. Shelley was charged with possession of marijuana.

James E. Gunther and Mitzi Gunther were charged with disorderly conduct.

Artaro P. Dominguez, Bringhurst, was charged with operating a motor vehicle without ever receiving a license.

Juan M. Martinez was charged with cruelty to an animal.

In an agreed judgment, Kyle R. Hostetter was ordered to pay \$608 to Erin M. Hetsko.

The following were meted a combination of jail time, suspensions, probation and other penalties for convictions related to alcohol or illegal substances: Carrie A. Hines, 23, of Delphi, public intoxication; Marcus S. McGowen, 36, of Delphi, operating a vehicle while intoxicated - endangering a person, disregarding stop sign and expired license; Karl A. Leydet, 26, of Bringhurst, operating a vehicle while intoxicated - endangering a person and possession of marijuana; Michael J. Vail, 18, of South Bend, illegal consumption of an alcoholic beverage; and Jackie P. Neidlinger, 18, of South Bend, illegal consumption of an alcoholic beverage.

Toi Nguyen, 43, of St. Joseph, Mo., pled guilty to intimidation. He was sentenced to one year in prison and ordered to pay extradition costs.

Kevin L. Handy, 34, of Flora, pled guilty to domestic battery. He was sentenced to three years in prison, two and a half years suspended, and two and a half years supervised probation.

Robert S. McLaughlin, 25, of Flora, pled guilty to resisting law enforcement. He was sentenced to two years in prison, all suspended, and two years supervised probation.

Gregory D. Kreps, 20, of Ft. Wayne, pled guilty to failure to return to the scene of accident resulting in damage to attended vehicle and possession of paraphernalia. He was sentenced to one year in jail, all suspended, and one year supervised probation.

Beneficial Indiana, Inc., filed a complaint for money against Tamera Shirels.

Citifinancial Services filed a complaint on note against Shown Draper and Andrew R. Draper.

Beneficial Indiana filed a complaint against Charlotte Vaughn aka Charlotte Vaughn aka Charlotte A. Vaughn aka Charlotte Sponaule.

Beneficial Indiana filed a complaint against Justin B. Boyles.

Deutsche Bank filed a

complaint on note and for foreclosure of mortgage James E. Huddleston and Juanita A. Huddleston.

Brandon A. Davis, 21, Forest, and Jose M. Hernandez-Cervantes, 25, Frankfort, were meted a combination of jail time, suspensions, probation and other penalties for convictions related to alcohol.

Levi T. Dyer, 23, Burlington, violated terms of probation and was sentenced to serve 180 days in jail with 90 days credit.

Leonardo Haro, 24, Lafayette, was found guilty of driving while suspended and was sentenced to 180 days, suspended, and one year probation.

Sarah D. Matthews, 22, Flora, was found guilty of four counts of check deception. On each count, she was sentenced to 120 days, suspended, and 180 days supervised probation to run concurrently.

Rashad J. Scaife, 21, Lafayette, was found guilty of visiting a common nuisance. He was sentenced to 90 in jail, suspended, and one year supervised probation.

Billie Ann Brown, 33, Delphi, was found guilty of criminal confinement and was sentenced to one year, suspended, and one year supervised probation.

Foreclosures were issued against the defendant in the following causes: First Horizon Home Loans, a Division of First Tennessee Bank National Association vs. Jerame W. West; Deutsche Bank National Trust Co. vs. Danny R. Wiles, et al.; First Horizon Home Loans vs. Erika M. Minnick; U.S. Bank National Association vs. David G. Edwards and Carroll County Tire.

Marriage Licenses

Kyle W. Everly, 22, Westfield, and Kaicey L. Stout, 22, Camden.

Jason T. Wright, 38, Flora, and Kimberly A. Gilbert, 37, Cutler.

Christopher M. Miller, 22, Flora, and Cherrie J. Davis, 22, Cutler.

Letters to the Editor

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Carroll Manor elderly again unimportant

Once again, against the known will of county taxpayers, residents and Carroll Manor elderly and staff the following action transpired at the July 7 Carroll County Commissioners meeting.

Economic Development Corp. director Daryl Smith (the taxpayers' employee) presented statements and plans that are again laying groundwork to transpose county taxpayers' land into the hands of IPC.

Once again your county employee chose to ignore the wellbeing of county citizens to achieve his agenda, or is it perhaps the agenda of an influential corporation?

Your county commissioners have consented to, at Mr. Smith's request, a privately funded survey of your county land by a party whose identity Mr. Smith would not disclose.

Mr. Smith also has not disclosed the monetary spreadsheets promised on March 17 to verify all the great sums of wealth that will be pouring into our county from the dairy endeavors.

It would seem to me and others whose thoughts have been conveyed to me, that aside from monetary issues, Carroll Manor residents have no greater threat than the guise of economic development, funded by your tax dollars.

I again request assistance from county residents to use your phones, letters, e-mails, etc and voice to county leaders that Carroll Manor and our elderly citizens are important in this community and that the deplorable actions of EDC (which you fund) are unacceptable in this community.

While going through this process of writing and thinking of the performance of EDC leadership, a word, entered my mind that I will share with Carroll County citizens and EDC director Smith. The word is RESIGNATION!

Galen Perry
Delphi

Because the public has a right to know...

In an effort to help our readers understand what government meetings are happening when and where, the Comet will now print upcoming meetings on a weekly basis.

Wednesday, July 9

√ County Council: 8 a.m.

√ Thursday, July 10

√ Camden Town Council: 6:30 p.m. executive meeting; 7 p.m., regular meeting

Monday, July 14

√ Delphi School Corporation Board: 7 p.m.

Public Notices appearing in this issue of the Comet:

- Sheriff Sale-McPherson .4B
- Sheriff Sale-Martinez4B
- Sheriff Sale-Wilson4B
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- Sheriff Sale-Denny4B
- Sheriff Sale-Ellars3B
- Sheriff Sale-McCarty3B
- NIPSCO3B
- Sheriff Sale-Simms3B
- Eel River Tribe3B

Questions concerning Indiana's Open Door and Public Access Laws may be directed to the state's public access office, at 1-800-228-6013.

Web poll

Tell us starting Wednesday at our web site, carrollcountycomet.com

Each week the Comet polls its readers on a different topic. Vote online at carrollcountycomet.com starting each Thursday, and then click the Comments link to send us an email voicing your opinion. The best responses will be printed the following week.

Should the commissioners sell the land around Carroll Manor?

Yes

No

Undecided