

Senator Jim DeMint (R-SC) Condemning Politics as Usual

Sen. DeMint on the status quo in Washington:

“I realized how entrenched the status quo has become in Washington, but people back home realize someone will carry the banner if they stand up and speak out.”

Source: <http://www.washingtontimes.com/news/2009/may/18/hot-button-40314630/>

“I’ve endorsed Marco Rubio because Americans are outraged at the direction our country is being taken. Everywhere we look, the government is expanding and people are looking for an alternative and it’s important that we don’t offer the status quo, Democrat-lite, in 2010.”

Source: http://www.rightwingnews.com/mt331/2009/06/a_teleconference_with_jim_demi_1.php

Sen. DeMint on government transparency:

“Term limits are not enough, of course. I hope my amendment will eventually be ratified, and then followed by other structural reforms to make our public institutions more transparent and accountable.”

Source: <http://jimdemint.podbean.com/> (October 22nd, 2009)

“I want to thank Senators Schumer and Bennett for helping us increase Senate transparency and accountability. Last week, a group of Senators on both sides of the aisle sent them a letter asking them to publish Senate votes in the XML format so the public can use computers to search, sort, and visualize voting records in new ways. I’m pleased we were able to quickly make this change, and I look forward to working with my colleagues to make more improvements in the future,” said Senator DeMint.

“This simple but important change will help give Americans real transparency on their Senator’s voting record,” said Senator DeMint.

Source: http://demint.senate.gov/public/index.cfm?p=PressReleases&ContentRecord_id=116192bd-05d7-b5b0-ca14-917ca428f8fa&ContentType_id=a2165b4b-3970-4d37-97e5-4832fcc68398&Group_id=9ee606ce-9200-47af-90a5-024143e9974c&MonthDisplay=5&YearDisplay=2009

Sen. DeMint on partisan obstruction:

“Throughout my campaign and each time I’ve been home this year, folks in South Carolina have told me they are furious that the President’s nominees are being denied a vote,” said DeMint. “Democrats have chosen to throw 200 years of Senate tradition out the window by refusing to give judicial nominees a vote, and Americans are simply tired of the partisan obstruction.”

“Every nominee, no matter if the President is Democrat or Republican, deserves an up-or-down vote,” said DeMint. “The Constitution mandates we advise and consent, not grandstand and obstruct.”

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Sen. DeMint on the Washington establishment:

“I’m endorsing Rand Paul because he’s a true conservative who will stand up to the Washington establishment,” said Senator DeMint. “He’s not a career politician and he’s got the guts to stand up to the massive spending, bailouts, and debt that are being forced on us in Washington.”

Source: http://voices.washingtonpost.com/right-now/2010/05/jim_demint_endorses_rand_paul.html