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# **Quick Quotes**

# Former Congressman Suggests Speaker Ryan Should Step Aside

"Whatever other role he might be suited for, Mr. Ryan needs a serious adjustment if he is to continue as Speaker of the House. He is the man in charge of seeing that the constitutional model of the United States is safeguarded. If he cannot uphold that commitment, he should turn the job over to someone who can."

An Oklahoma congressman from 1977 to 1993, Mickey Edwards claims Paul Ryan is serving the White House when he should be serving the House of Representatives.

# **British Court Fines Dad Who Took His Daughter Out of School**

"You are not the final arbiter of what's right for your child. The Nanny State is."

He asked permission to have his six-year-old daughter miss school while he took her to Disney World. But the request made by Jon Platt was refused because school attendance in Britain is compulsory. He was fined the equivalent of \$180 dollars in a case that went all the way to the British Supreme Court.

## No Repeal in Sight for ObamaCare

"We're going to be living with ObamaCare for the foreseeable future."

After Speaker Ryan terminated consideration of the substitute healthcare measure known as ObamaCare-lite, former Congressman Ron Paul expects that Congress will not try again to repeal President Obama's most famous and most damaging piece of legislation.

# **Energy Company Executive Disputes Claim of Climate Scientists**

"Don't be fooled. Not everyone believes in global warming."

A member of the board of directors of the independent power-producing company NRG, Barry T. Smitherman labels the claims of many climate scientists a "hoax."

# ISIS Joyous After American Forces Attacked Syrian Civilians

"Daesh [another name for ISIS or ISIL] is happy about the American attacks against civilians. What happened proved its slogans that the Americans want to kill Muslims everywhere and not only the Islamic State's gunmen."

A resident of the Syrian city of Raqqa, Abdul Rahman gave his on-the-spot opinion about the recent U.S. military strike against northwestern Syria.

# **Applications for Visas to Enter United States Reach Flood**



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# **Stage**

"We're loaded, and we have more trucks coming."

According to courier Andrew Langyo, who rode in one of the vehicles, truckloads of applicants for H-1B visas continued to arrive at the U.S. government's office at the California-Mexico border. All carried applications for the H-1B visas sought by technology companies for foreign workers. The visas allow an immigrant to stay in the United States for up to three years. The application period exists for only a short duration; hence the crush as the deadline approached.

# Neocons Delighted After U.S. Retaliation Against Syria

"Unlike the previous administration, President Trump confronted a pivotal moment in Syria and took action."

In their joint statement, Senators John McCain (R-Ariz.) and Lindsey Graham (R-S.C.) showed once again how much they favor war as a way of asserting U.S. power. Using the military is a favorite tactic of neoconservatives. They were joined in applauding the bombing of Syria by Senator Marco Rubio (R-Fla.).

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