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Quick Quotes

Disaster Aid and Rise in Debt Limit Win House Approval

"What you have is two competing things — a compassionate heart that wants to deal with hurricane relief and a number of very principled people who realize we're bankrupting our country by continuing to raise a debt ceiling and not doing anything about spending."

Congressman Mark Meadows (R-N.C.) is the chairman of the 40-member House Freedom Caucus. The House passed the measure to increase the debt ceiling 316 to 90, with all the No votes cast by members of the GOP.

Debt Ceiling Increase Will Lead to More Indebtedness

"The debt ceiling is supposed to be at least a stop sign that gives us pause and gives us a chance to change the way we do our spending. And it's not a 'yield' sign. In fact, this measure is an 'increase-speed' sign and that's wrong."

Because the just-approved increase in the debt ceiling will have to be increased again in December, Representative Joe Barton (R-Texas) opposed it as an unconscionable step that will lead the nation to bankruptcy.

The D.C. Swamp Remains Undrained

"We're grateful that in Texas the floodwaters have receded. But here in the [D.C.] swamp, it looks like they continue to rise."

North Carolina Republican Mark Meadows, the leader of the Freedom Caucus, expressed his frustration about a missed opportunity to deal with the nation's debt.

Hillary's New Book Suggests a Reason for Her Defeat

"Sexism and misogyny played a role in the 2016 presidential election. Exhibit A is that the flagrantly sexist candidate won. You've got to hand it to Trump — he's hateful but it's hard to look away from him."

In her new book What Happened, Hillary Clinton tries to explain why she came in second in a winner-take-all race.

Are People Better Off When FEMA Arrives?

"When I served in Congress, I regularly voted against federal disaster aid for my district. After the votes, I would hear from angry constituents, many of whom would tell me that after dealing with FEMA, they agreed that Texas would be better off without federal 'help.'"

Pointing to FEMA's well-known deficiencies, former Congressman Ron Paul did what very few members of Congress would ever do: He said no to federal aid.

Congressman Decries GOP Senators for Inability to Succeed

"The Senate can't get 60 votes to declare what day it is."



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Asked why he hadn't sought to undo Obama's executive order restricting citizen usage in much of Utah's huge Bears Ears Monument, Representative Rob Bishop (R-Utah) provided a spirited answer.

Football Fan Makes Unusual Last Request

"When I die, please have eight Philadelphia Eagles as my pallbearers so the Eagles can let me down one last time."

Loyal Eagles fan Jeffrey Riegel died in mid-August, but not before he provided his final wish.

No Longer in the White House, He Remains a Strong Trump Ally

"They do not want Donald Trump's populist, economic nationalist agenda to be implemented. It's obvious as night follows day."

Planning to "take on" senior GOP leaders Paul Ryan and Mitch McConnell, former White House aide Stephen Bannon intends to use his post as chairman of Breitbart News to assist in the implementation of the Trump agenda.

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