

Toeing the party line

Chip Bok's editorial cartoon Sunday mocked congressional Democrats for voting against the bill to increase the minimum wage. Of course, that's the right-wing party line, and Bok parroted it obediently.

The Republicans in charge of our national government have had no interest in even discussing a raise in the minimum wage until now. Why the sudden change?

Repealing the estate tax was their real goal. That way, they could lavish millions of dollars in tax breaks to the wealthiest 1 percent in this country. In order to slip this unpopular tax break through, they attached to it a measure to increase the minimum wage. Throw a buck or two an hour to the working poor in this country, and give the Paris Hiltons more millions.

There's also an election coming up. Republicans knew that if the bill passed, their millionaire cronies would get richer. If it failed, they would get to point their fingers at Democrats (who would like to raise the wages of the working poor) and say they voted against the increase.

Good thing they've got their tool Chip Bok to help them get their propaganda across.

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