

Community Comment for 3-13-13

This is Phil Arnot for Community Comment on KINS Radio.

I know that we are all tired of hearing the word Sequester and what it may mean. I looked up the word and it means: "to set apart or separate from other things"

But to our government and this administration, it means drastic cuts to our Budget. The failure of President Obama to reach an agreement with Congress on Budget Cuts is a total lack of leadership. The scare tactics have been so morbid that I hate to listen to or read the news. This administration talks about a cut in spending of some \$85 billion dollars.

Now, let's go back 2 or 3 years when President Obama appointed the Bowles-Simpson Commission to come up with cost saving measures. Well, they did and according to Senator Coburn, Republican Senator from Oklahoma, that both the Commission and our own government Accounting Office has established that by eliminating duplicative programs over 1,300 of them, we would save over \$364 Billion every year.

Senator Coburn says it is irresponsible to pay 2 or more people to do the same job. While the potential of laying off essential workers such as Air Traffic Controllers, Inspectors for the Food and Drug Department and Border Patrol Officers is beyond belief.

But what has our President done? Nothing, but be a Politician. He needs to be a leader, not a fear monger. As I have said before, our Military Preparedness will be hurt the most, but not because of Sequester, but because of cuts made by this administration.

Let's take the State of Wyoming. It has a Republican Government. Both U.S. Senators, its one House Member and its Governor. It keeps running a surplus budget and has cash in the Bank. Compare that to our state with a Democratic Governor and Legislature and we are billions in debt.

of course we all know how bad it is in Washington, DC. Some call that

I leave you with a point to ponder. Don't you think we could save more than enough money in our Budget by nearly eliminating duplication of programs and jobs.

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