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THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK: Here is a prescient talk by Aldous Huxley on social control and psychological manipulation entitled "The Ultimate Revolution." While the warnings of Orwell and Huxley may have sounded almost surreal in their day they now seem almost banal in the light of actual current events. Readers might appreciate an opportunity to listen to this audio:

Source: http://www.cuttingthroughthematrix.com/articles/Aldous_Huxley--The_Ultimate_Revolution--Berkeley_Part1.mp3

President Obama's reference to climate change in State of the Union draws laughter: Last night President Barack Obama gave a lengthy State of the Union address to a joint session of Congress. While hitting on important issues such as the economy and jobs, his mere mention of climate change science drew laughter and guffaws from the gathered dignitaries and legislators. Watch it: See the video of the laughter in the chamber at the mention of scientific evidence of climate change

"I know that there are those who disagree with the overwhelming scientific evidence on climate change," the president said. At that point the chamber erupted in laughter with House Speaker Nancy Pelosi and Vice President Joe Biden who were seated behind Obama joining in. In watching the video, one cannot help but notice that the president actually seemed to smirk as he said the sentence, realizing the doubts about the manmade climate change theory that continue to surface. 2009 was dubbed "The year climate change and global warming activists would like to forget" following on a rocky year for the science culminating in the Climategate email scandal.

The president again stated his desire for "a comprehensive energy and climate bill with incentives that will finally make clean energy the profitable kind of energy in America." While the House of Representatives has passed climate legislation with a cap and trade tax, the corresponding measure in the Senate remains stalled...

Video: <http://dprogram.net/2010/01/28/video-president-obama%e2%80%99s-reference-to-climate-change-in-state-of-the-union-draws-laughter/>

A must read: Britain's Suicide Note: alor.org/ontargetbritain-britains-suicide-note/

IS IT 'CARBON REDUCTION' BETRAYAL BY LIBERALS? by Betty Luks: Take a good look at how the 'climate change' issue is developing. Lots of media space and verbiage on the for-and-against arguments. I saw this clearly at a recent meeting in Adelaide – and it was among folk who should have known better. They were so busy arguing whether or not Lord Monckton's science was

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correct, they had missed the real issue. A good example of how the real issue is being 'clouded over' was given in *The Australian's* online poll (2/2/2010). The questions were:

- Is the science behind man-made climate change irrefutable, or does it need more work?
- Irrefutable
- Needs work... Vote now...

How does one analyse the results of a poll on 'climate change' when voted on by people who have no expertise in the matter? Is scientific data the result of opinions or careful research? And since when did CO₂ become 'the enemy of the people'?

So, what's the real agenda behind the 'climate change' push? Have you asked yourself how the legislation will affect your rights in the long-term? It was through similar legislation to fulfil 'our' obligations under the United Nations' Kyoto Protocol that Peter Spencer and the rest of the Australian farmers were deprived of their property rights. What do you think will be the outcome if either version of the same type of legislation, now put forward by both main parties, is passed?

Start by combing Tony Abbott's proposed legislation with a fine toothcomb. And while you are about it, go back over Labor's legislation, now reintroduced.

The Americans have come to realise what will be the results for them if similar legislation is passed in the U.S.

American Issues Project, 30 October 2009, discusses the **Waxman-Markey cap-and-trade bill called the "Building Energy Performance Labeling Program" – "If You Don't Hate the Cap and Trade Bill, Let Me Show You Section 304"**: "I bet you thought that if you bought a house, you actually own it and can, with reasonable exceptions, do with it what you want. You probably think that if you want to live in a log cabin, with wood stoves that belch smoke into the air for heat, and an old washer and dryer that don't have those little EnergyStar stickers on them you can because it's your life and your property. You paid for it with money you earned with the sweat of your brow and what the heck is America anyhow if a body can't live in the home they want furnished with the appliances they want?"

Ah, silly you. You didn't reckon on the Democratic Party's desire to control every miniscule aspect of your life.

Does your home now belong to the state? Let me introduce you to a little section of the Waxman-Markey cap-and-trade bill called the "Building Energy Performance Labeling Program". It's section 304 of the bill and it says, basically, that your house belongs to the state. See, the Federal Government really wants a country full of energy-efficient homes, so much so that the bill mandates that new homes be 30 percent more energy efficient than the current building code on the very day the law is signed. That efficiency goes up to 50 percent by 2014 and only goes higher from there, all the way to 2030. That, by the way, is not merely a target but a requirement of the law. New homes must reach those efficiency targets no matter what.

But what does that have to do with current homeowners like you? Well, I'm glad you asked. You're certainly not off the hook, no way, no how. Here's what the Democrats have planned for you. The program requires that states label their buildings so that we can all know how efficient every building (that includes residential and non-residential buildings) is and it requires that the information be made public. To that end, the bill suggests a number of circumstances under which the states could inspect a building, including:

- (A) preparation, and public disclosure of the label through filing with tax and title records at the time of--
- (i) a building audit conducted with support from Federal or State funds;

- (ii) a building energy-efficiency retrofit conducted in response to such an audit;
- (iii) a final inspection of major renovations or additions made to a building in accordance with a building permit issued by a local government entity;
- (iv) a sale that is recorded for title and tax purposes consistent with paragraph (8);
- (v) a new lien recorded on the property for more than a set percentage of the assessed value of the property, if that lien reflects public financial assistance for energy-related improvements to that building;
- or
- (vi) a change in ownership or operation of the building for purposes of utility billing; or
- (B) other appropriate means.

State empowered to inspect your home: Pay close attention to (iii), (iv), and (vi) because those hit you right where you live. What that's saying is the state will be empowered to inspect your home if you want to

- 1) renovate your house in any way that requires a building permit,
- 2) sell your house, or
- 3) change the name of the person responsible for any utility bill.

By now, if you haven't swallowed your tongue and are in need of medical attention, you're probably wondering if there's a penalty for not being in compliance with the new efficiency ratings. The answer is no, and yes. Here's where the bill gets really sneaky. So far as I can tell, there is no direct penalty if your house does not meet the bill's target. However, it does require that the number of buildings inspected by the state meet certain percentage targets and if they do not, the state loses out on a significant portion of the money it could get from Washington. In other words, the bill demands certain things from the states, but ties funding for those demands to compliance with the demands. Did I say the bill gets sneaky? I was wrong. The bill strong-arms the states like a couple mob heavies leaning on a witness in a Rico trial. In turn, the states are going to put the screws to you, so it gets the billions of dollars Washington is dangling in front of them. So while the Federal government won't directly punish you, it will provide the states with lots and lots of rectangular, green reasons to do so.

And it gets worse. The Federal government has graciously offered to help homeowners with the retrofits the states will force them to do through a program called the Retrofit for Energy and Environmental Purposes (REEP). REEP sets aside a pool of money in each state for property owners who have to turn their polar bear-killing buildings into lean, mean, green machines. But, and I'm sure you've guessed this already, there's a catch.

Before I get to that, here's the magic formula (and don't read ahead and spoil the surprise!):

(i) AWARDS – For residential buildings –

(I) support for a free or low-cost detailed building energy audit that prescribes, as part of a energy-reducing measures sufficient to achieve at least a 20 percent reduction in energy use, by providing an incentive equal to the documented cost of such audit, but not more than \$200, in addition to any earned by achieving a 20 percent or greater efficiency improvement;

(II) a total of \$1,000 for a combination of measures, prescribed in an audit conducted under subclause (I), designed to reduce energy consumption by more than 10 percent, and \$2,000 for a combination of measures prescribed in such an audit, designed to reduce energy consumption by more than 20 percent;

(III) \$3,000 for demonstrated savings of 20 percent, pursuant to a performance-based building retrofit program; and

(IV) \$1,000 for each additional 5 percentage points of energy savings achieved beyond savings for which funding is provided under subclause (II) or (III).

If you want to hit that 50 percent savings mark that all new homes have to hit, then you can get as much as \$12,200, including inspection, as you scoop all those awards. That's a pretty good chunk of

change that should cover most, if not all of the costs of a retrofit on any moderately-sized older house, right? Easy, peasy, lemon squeezy.

Except for that catch and boy is it a doozy.

(ii) **MAXIMUM PERCENTAGE**- Awards under clause (i) shall not exceed 50 percent of retrofit costs for each building. For buildings with multiple residential units, awards under clause (i) shall not be greater than 50 percent of the total cost of retrofitting the building, prorated among individual residential units on the basis of relative costs of the retrofit.

Did you get that? You'll be on the hook for half of the cost of the retrofit, no matter what. To get the full effect of that part of the bill, I suggest you visit this web page and click the big yellow button right after you finish reading it.

CANADIAN JOURNALIST MARK STEYN SUMS IT UP RATHER NICELY: I confess I'm finding it harder and harder to see why you (American) fellows bothered holding a revolution. Under this bill, it will be illegal for me to sell my property to a willing buyer without first bringing it into line with some twerp bureaucrat's arbitrary and ever shifting "environmental" regulations originally designed for California, and which have helped turn the Golden State into the foldin' state, but which are nevertheless now to be applied from Maine to Alaska. And no matter what you spend a couple of years down the road the standards will be "revised" and you'll be out of compliance all over again.

And the very worst thing about all this is that it is only one little bit of what the Democrats in Washington want to do to you.

Are you getting a little bit upset yet? If not, here are 49 more things they want to do to you in the name of climate change. I'm sure you can find something in there that might give you a reason to contact your Senator today."

Fellow Australian, isn't it time you contacted your federal Representative and state Senators asking for more detail about the Australian legislation? We will do our part but you must fight like you never fought before to toss out such socialist power grabs

Further essential reading:

"Globalisation: Demise of the Australian Nation" by Graham Strachan, B.Sc., LLB. How well he sums up the present situation for the 'ordinary Australian'. "All in all, the people who built civilisation and still believe in it enough want it restored. They are the class enemy, of the Capitalists, the Socialists, and the Money-lenders. They are the ones whose values have to be undermined, overturned and eradicated so the world can be 'free', so the Globalist ideology goes..." Price: \$18.00 plus postage.

One of the first 'modern' books to expose the roots of the 'environmentalist scam' to public scrutiny was **"A Conspiracy Called Conservation" by Doug Jensen** published in 1984. At the time of publication this book was dismissed as too 'alarmist and exaggerated', but 26 years later proves the author was 'right on the money' and understood what were the final aims of the revolutionary environmentalists. **In the Introduction Mr. Jensen wrote:** "Today, in Australia, led by "progressive" New South Wales, we are witnessing leftist politicians and extreme activists in the various "conservation" bodies and bureaucracy demanding that government policy be determined by decisions of polities "planning bodies", "advisory councils", "advisory committees", "concerned citizens committees" local soviet – those "unsung heroes" of the NP&WL Service (National Parks & Wildlife Service) – who in the 80's are demanding "all power" to their 1980's version of Lenin's Soviets..." Copies of this valuable book are still available for \$8.00 plus postage.

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