

Cyndy voted YES! She voted YES!

Cynthia Lummis has earned the nickname in Congress of Nadia Nyet.

With the possible exception of that diminutive bantam rooster Ron Paul, *your* Representative has probably cast a higher percentage of negative votes than anyone else in the House.

Nothing, no Bill, is important enough to Wyoming residents for Nadia Nyet to vote in favor. Be it an Extension of Unemployment Benefits (she knows those losing jobs in Wyoming will move back to their home states and will not be here in 2010 to vote for or against her) to those for whom state benefits end; additional funding for Homeland Security (she evidently believes that Wyoming is safe from terrorist attack); Department of Defense appropriations (see preceding); Student Aid (Wyoming don't need no stinkin' student aid); Food Safety (if it's beef, just eat it); Pay As You Go Act (what do you think Nadia Nyet is, a conservative Republican?); Restore Our American Mustangs Act (if they're an animal you can't eat, I don't care); Family Smoking Prevention and Tobacco Control Act (who knows where the next major campaign contribution may come from?), etc., etc.

For the most part, Nadia Nyet has voted against everything - whether a majority of the other Republicans in the House vote for or against the Bill, she votes against it.

It is far easier to oppose something than to study it and actually know what a Bill contains and how it might be good for Wyoming or its residents. One of her handlers may have told her she should not support anything the President or Democrats support - that she won't get re-elected if she uses her own mind. Just say "No!". It worked so well for Nancy Reagan, they told her.

Nadia Nyet has become a poster child for ineffective, needless and wasteful government. It does none of us any good to be represented by someone who loses 97% of the time. Not that she should vote for something just to be on the winning side - that is also too prevalent in D.C. - but when she votes contrary to even a majority of her Republican peers, she can't be right all the time. She is seldom right.

Finally, she found a Bill to support. All but 11 members of the House either voted in favor of it or didn't vote at all (is Barbara Cubin still there?) on this measure.

You might think Nadia Nyet saddled a winner. That she cast a vote important to Wyoming - something to do with coal, wind, railroads or transportation. Well, you'd think wrong then. She voted in favor of a Bill that "authorizes \$10 billion for the Coast Guard for fiscal year 2010."

For THE COAST GUARD? Wyoming has an Air Force Base. DOD appropriations.

Coast Guard Authorization Act of 2010 - Vote Passed (385-11, 36 Not Voting)

The House approved this bill that authorizes \$10 billion for the Coast Guard for fiscal year 2010. **Rep. Cynthia Lummis voted YES**

She's baaaaaack!

After casting a bizarre vote supporting Coast Guard funding, serving from a landlocked state and all, and after voting "no" on almost every other Bill put in front of her, Cyndy's back to opposing more important measures. The latest one put her in "elite" company.

Only 31 other members of the House of Representatives voted against supporting small business. Her husband is a small businessman. *Yes, Ron Paul voted "no."*

Small Business Financing and Investment Act of 2009 - Vote Passed (389-32, 11 Not Voting)

This House bill would reauthorize several Small Business Administration loan programs. **Rep. Cynthia Lummis voted NO**

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"Might I have more lashes, sire?"

How's this for punishment?

We read frequently about the barbaric sentence of caning - sometimes to women who dare just be near something that is prohibited by one religion or another. More and more now, with international glare and withholding of trade and money used to leverage leniency, these punishments are seldom meted out.

Here in our own country, we have a different view as to what constitutes punishment. We are perfectly willing to let one person walk out of the courtroom after his trial for killing his brother by repeatedly hitting him with a shaft holding an axle gear then sleeping or talking on a cell phone for several hours before calling 911 while another person is sent to prison for, at worst, inadvertently stabbing an abusive and attacking husband in self-defense and then immediately seeking medical assistance for him.

A little unequal justice in the Equality State.

In Washington State, ten highway patrol troopers were found to have bought phony "degrees" so they could be paid more

money. They were suspended **WITH PAY** in October 2008. Since then, two have retired - presumably with full benefits.

By acquiring these "degrees" (similar to the one bought by former police chief Bob Fecht) the troopers were entitled to a 2% premium in pay for a 2-year degree and a 4% bump in pay for a 4-year degree with another 2% on top of that for a master's degree like Fecht bought with public money. "Degrees" cost as little as \$500.00 and starting trooper annual pay is \$46,700. Most troopers who bought the paper had 12-20 years service.

If a trooper with 18 years earned \$60,000 bought a master's degree, the additional annual pay would be \$3,600. For \$500.

Criminal charges were contemplated. None were filed. All troopers were recently reinstated with a ten day suspension and repayment of all ill-gotten gains.

Might I have more lashes, sire? What punishment for deliberately trying to cheat Washington taxpayers out of thousands a year. Where's the cane when we need it? A year's paid vacation and a "we're sorry."

The better question

After the recent heavy snowfall, KGWN Channel 5 posed a question to those who visit their website.

In typical liberal fashion, though, the question was worded to favor those who do not choose to somehow get to work, not in favor of those who get there.

Interestingly, many, including the Channel 5 crew themselves, did get to their jobs. And, obviously, so did many, if not most, State workers.

It was comical when the City and County first announced that they would open late. The prophet that I am, I predicted to my wife that they would not open at all, that announcing they would open later in the morning just set the table for closing for the day and was intended to take heat off them from other workers who had to get to their jobs or they would not be paid. If the City's spending is now \$50 million and 70% of the spending is cost of labor, a day's wages and salaries comes to about \$135,000. There are 260 possible weekdays, workdays a year, at most.

City and County employees should be allowed to take a personal leave day for snow days and personal leave days should count against vacation days. Or they can choose to forfeit pay for that day. Ninety percent or more would then make it.

KGWN Poll Question:

Thursday, State of Wyoming offices were open while City of Cheyenne and Laramie County offices closed due to the snow storm. CBS NewsChannel 5 received numerous calls from upset State Employees about having to work. Our poll question today is "Do you think State Employees should have been given Thursday off due to the snow storm?"

As of 3:30 pm, Saturday, October 31, 2009, poll results were:

Work - 1463 votes, 67.73%
Given Day Off - 697 votes, 32.27%