

# **NEW GOP LEADERSHIP'S "OMERTA" OATH ON ALL STATE LEGISLATION**

**In one of the strangest political strategies ever, the new Colorado GOP leadership team (Brita Horn, Darel Lee Phelan and Russ Andrews) have publicly announced they and the Republican Party will not talk about or take a position on any legislation proposed in the Colorado State legislature.**

**Party Chairman Brita Horn stated in *Colorado Politics*:**

**"The past couple of Chairs used this platform for their, let me say advocacy.**

**That's not the job. The job is to be a machine, to be a factory, and build community,**

**And get more Republicans elected. And we can't do that if we start picking up**

**different agendas. So we will work in parallel with all the different coalitions."**

**Say what? Even the soft platitudes of former Chair Kristy Burton Brown are to be condemned according to the new Chair Brita Horn. The Republican Party henceforth will take no position on radical left-wing Democrat bills no matter how obscene on abortion, 2<sup>nd</sup> amendment rights, parents' rights or anything else. The Democrat members of the Colorado Legislature have brought forward bills so radical that they have resulted in lead stories in publications across the country.**

**Such bills include HB-25-1312 which would strip parents of their children who would become wards of the state if they did not support the idea expressed at a school that a child was really a sex other than the one the child was born with.**

**The Colorado Republican legislature made urgent "Calls to Action" for parents to come to the legislature to speak out against what they viewed as an unbelievably harmful bill. But crickets from the State Party. Some of the legislators who had overwhelmingly supported Horn over the grassroots choice of Lori Saine are now wondering what they have done.**

**One of those legislators, who wished to stay anonymous, opined: "If the Republican Party cannot stand up even to this obviously evil measure we don't have a party anymore." A grass roots representative noted: "We are supposed to all work for Republican candidates chosen by unaffiliates and it doesn't matter what they believe in according to the new leadership. What's the point of being a Republican anymore?"**

**Vice Chair Darel Lee Phelan took the new leadership position a step further declaring: “The officers of the Colorado Republican are not registered lobbyists under Colorado law and therefore cannot engage in direct lobbying activities.”**

**Of course, no one from either party has ever taken the position that sending out an e-mail opposing or supporting a piece of legislation is a form of “direct lobbying activities.” Moreover, even if it was it takes about five minutes to register in Colorado be a lobbyist.**

**But Phelan has those bases covered since in his opinion for the Party to take a position on any legislation would require a favorable opinion from the party legal counsel and then be explicitly authorized by the Chair and approved by the State Central Committee with two thirds vote to amend the Bylaws.**

**In the Mafia an oath of “omerta” or silence on Mafia activities was required of “made” men. Perhaps any person who wishes to be a party officer or even a member must take an oath to be silent on any legislation or any other political matter for fear of being deemed a member of a coalition by Horn or even worse a “registered lobbyist” by Vice Chair Phelan.**

**The new leadership team of the Republican apparently believes that “unity” means not having an opinion on anything at least not expressed out loud.**