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I've been fascinated by your coverage of live proceedings of the House of Reprehensibles (SIC) and the Senate Hearings on Judge Souter.

I'm appalled and annoyed by each Representative's rhetoric which is based on emotional appeal of the poor and disadvantaged in all of their Congressional Districts. They don't mention where to get the money.

They all claim they need money -always in big whole numbers. Never do they quote a figure like needing \$203.3654 in funding. Or 176.593 dollars. They round off to the next round upper figure.

I know that every successful person in business who asking for money - asks for 10 to 20 percent more than he expects to get. This is called the "bid" and "asked" system. It has been long standing practice at auctions - sell to the highest bidder.

The Congress forces the Executive to spend ALL the FUNDS ALLOCATED - never turn back to the Treasury funds not needed. WHY O WHY????

Talk about welfare. In 1939 I graduated from high school. Couldn't get a steady job. I was broke. I enlisted in the Army in 1940 as a pvt. @ \$21 a month. (Today a pvt gets \$700 a month). I took my discharge 6 mos. after the end of ww2. I HAD NO JOB TO RETURN TO.

I had to start all over. I existed on my savings from my tour of duty in the boondocks of China where I couldn't buy anything because ~~there~~ ^{there} WAS NOTHING TO BUY.

At home folks were working overtime making money hand over fist on war work. Did my kinfolk or neighbors worry about me? HECK NO!!!. They complained to me about shortages!

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I recall sleeping on an open barracks ~~port~~ ^{porch} in winter in Washington just after I joined the Army BECAUSE THEY DIDN'T HAVE TENTS OR ROOM IN THE BARRACKS. I've slept for months in a sleeping bag in China like a street person does these days.

While suffering the boredom in China, I spent many hours

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feeling the criminals in U.S. prisons were better off than I was since they had warm cells, radios and good food and medical care in prison. Also they could receive visitors and THEIR LAWYERS! I had no volunteer lawyer to help me.

I just realized my education concerning my Constitutional Rights was nil because I was never compelled to study in detail the Constitution in school. I had to study Shakespeare who was long dead and archaic. Also French and Latin and Algebra which I couldn't use on the vast majority of usual jobs.

I note that a Lawyer gets paid whether he wins or loses a case. Same with a Medical doctor who loses a patient who is beyond his skill to keep from dying.

In my field as an electronic technician, I'd get fired if I fail to resolve a trouble.

Members of Congress are immune from most of their errors or if they lose an election they get a fat job in private industry.

Thus I say all kids and persons should join political groups and spend all their lives trying to con free money out of other political and business and RELIGIOUS GROUPS. Or go for SHOW BUSINESS!

I'm spending most of my time watching your coverage and thinking FOR FREE while our elected officials get high pay and benefits for thinking and speaking and writing. Same for our educators.

WHO IS TEACHING THE TRADES? Who is learning to produce food, clothing and shelter or energy?

I follow the leadership of the Congress by merely shouting in outrage, "Somebody volunteer* to do something for these poor people!!!" (But not me because I don't know how!)

*volunteer

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