

**February 25th, 2019**

## **THE GREEN NEW DEAL: IS IT NEW? IS IT VITAL FOR OUR FUTURE?**

SLIDES/COMMENTS:

- Peter Sawtell: [Sawtell 2-25-19](#)
- Sheila Davis: [Sheila Davis 2019.02.25 A Green New Deal as a Vehicle....](#)
- Phil Nelson: [Phil NelsonGND-EICDAtalk](#)

On February 7th, Rep. **Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez** (D-N.Y.) and Sen. **Edward Markey** (D-Mass.) introduced resolutions in the House and Senate, calling for the “Federal Government to create a **Green New Deal** [GND].”

In brief, the GND proposes that the federal government take the lead in responding comprehensively to the growing threats of climate change, wage stagnation, income inequality, and the inaccessibility of basic needs (“such as clean air, clean water, healthy food and adequate health care, housing, transportation, and education”) for “a significant portion of the United States population.” A copy of the 14-page House Resolution can be found here: [2019.02.07 House Resolution calling for a Green New Deal](#)

Three panelists will share perspectives on the proposed GND before group discussion:  
—**Rev. Peter Sawtell**, founder and Executive Director, Eco-Justice Ministries;  
—**Dr. Sheila Davis**, MD, and Assistant Research Professor, University College, University of Denver;  
—**Phil Nelson**, Ph.D., Citizens’ Climate Lobby chair, Golden chapter

Eco-Justice founder and Executive Director **Peter Sawtell** recently posted this Eco-Justice Note, “The GND: Evolution, not Progress” (<http://www.eco-justice.org/E-190208.asp>). In addition to his own comments on GND, Peter writes: “For a valuable primer on what is going on in — and behind — the resolution, I point you to an article in Vox by **David Roberts** (a journalist that I greatly respect) which provides [a clear and comprehensive analysis](#).”

On February 25th, we’ll lead off with brief statements from Peter and 2-3 others before opening it up for group discussion. Please familiarize yourself with the GND Resolution beforehand!

Early commentaries on the proposed GND range from “thinking big” (*Eugene Robinson, Washington Post*) to “nothing new” (**Jarrett Stepman, Daily Signal**). (See [https://www.washingtonpost.com/opinions/a-green-new-deal-sounds-like-pie-in-the-sky-but-we-need-it/2019/02/07/8cc891c4-2b1b-11e9-b011-d8500644dc98\\_story.html?utm\\_term=.b3fe4c77695e](https://www.washingtonpost.com/opinions/a-green-new-deal-sounds-like-pie-in-the-sky-but-we-need-it/2019/02/07/8cc891c4-2b1b-11e9-b011-d8500644dc98_story.html?utm_term=.b3fe4c77695e) and <https://www.dailysignal.com/2019/02/07/theres-nothing-new-about-the-green-new-deal/>, respectively.)

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## **March 4th, 2019: Follow up to 2/25/19 EEE Forum: Green new Deal:**

From Doug Alde - through David Carlson:

Here is a Washington Post Editorial that addresses the Green New Deal. It essentially states the Citizens' Climate Lobby position for addressing climate change — although it is not sufficient condition to address climate change, a revenue-neutral policy like H.R.763 is necessary to reach the necessary reduction in greenhouse gas emissions.

Senator Gardner along with Senator Graham have announced the formation of a new bicameral caucus, The Roosevelt Conservation Caucus (named after Teddy Roosevelt), to focus on "Republican values of conservation and environmental protection." It will "address and counteract centralized big government solutions with market-based solutions to environmental issues."

They will be joined by Reps. Elise Stefanik (R-NY) and Brian Mast (R-FL), who will lead the House side of the caucus. Stefanik and Mast are both members of the Climate Solutions Caucus, which indicates to me that this is probably more than a 'greenwash' effort.

Links to two articles, from Time Magazine and the Washington Examiner, give further details. In particular, the Examiner article expresses this from a conservative point-of-view.

[The Green New Deal Helped Spur These Republicans to Start a 'Conservation Caucus'](#) - Time Magazine

[Republicans launch new caucus to counteract the Green New Deal](#) - Washington Examiner

Washington Post article here: Want a Green New Deal - here's a better one: [Want a Green New Deal Here's a better one.](#) - [The Washington Post - Print](#)

Republicans are slowly but surely moving on this! Onward and Upward — Doug