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Democrat Rep. Hank Johnson worries loading too many people onto Guam could capsize the island

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First, before you watch this short but remarkable video, a little background on Democratic Rep. **Hank Johnson**.

He's from Georgia's Fourth District. A Washington, D.C. native, he's the fellow who took office in 2007 after knocking off former five-term Democratic Rep. **Cynthia McKinney**.

A former county judge, the 55-year-old is an attorney, a standard liberal Democrat, receiving 100 ratings from the ADA and ACLU.

In this House Armed Services Committee hearing last Friday (no, it wasn't April Fool's Day), Johnson was questioning Admiral **Robert Willard**, head of the U.S. Pacific fleet, about the stationing of 5,000 additional U.S. Marines and their families on the western Pacific island of Guam, a 212-square-mile American territory that is 30 miles long and from four to 12 miles wide.

President **Obama** will visit there this summer.

Of course, since Johnson is one of 535 members of the United States Congress, everything he says is important. But pay particular attention to the congressman's comments starting at the 1:16 mark and the pregnant pause after his stated concern and hand gestures.

Followed by the admiral's admirably measured military response.

Also, remember you are paying Congressman Johnson's salary this year -- \$174,000.

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-- Andrew Malcolm

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Ummm, I think some prescription painkillers might be involved in this . . .

Posted by: Chris | April 01, 2010 at 04:28 AM

Wow. What a moron! I guess there were also plenty of morons who ELECTED him too.

Posted by: unnamed source | April 01, 2010 at 04:35 AM

I'm revising my previous comment, he's not only a moron, I think he's high.

Posted by: unnamed source | April 01, 2010 at 04:39 AM

Obama fired Gerald Walpin and questioned his mental capabilities, yet this brain dead elected official is OBVIOUSLY INCAPABLE of thinking clearly and performing his duties in congress.

No surprise here. Obama needs equally ignorant people surrounding him.

Posted by: unnamed source | April 01, 2010 at 04:56 AM

And the idiot goes on to reflexively mutter some complete non-sequitur about...."errr...errrr...global warming...errr...climate change..."

We are in the very best of hands, America.

Posted by: JDW | April 01, 2010 at 05:25 AM

Congressman Johnson makes Dan Quayle look like a Pulitzer nominee. He should invest a large part of his salary in geography, environmental science and public speaking lessons.

You have to hand it to Admiral Willard. You can tell he has years of experience suffering fools calmly. He'd be a terrific straight man in a comedy - oh wait! He WAS a terrific straight man in a comedy!

I can't finish this cuz a really big ship is coming into the inner harbor and according to Congressman Johnson, it will make a really big wave that will roll north to drown us all -

Posted by: Evalyn Tyson | April 01, 2010 at 05:35 AM

and this is an example of the leadership we're going to have running our health care???

Posted by: sgpi | April 01, 2010 at 06:09 AM

To quote John Mayer, "Why, why, Georgia, why?!"

Posted by: John Lemley | April 01, 2010 at 06:38 AM

WTF! Is this guy serious? Scarily, he is 100x's better than that idiot McKinney.

Posted by: Kevin | April 01, 2010 at 06:43 AM

I watched this and couldn't help but think that the Admiral Has far more discipline than I could have mustered under the circumstances. I know that I could not have resisted the urge to dope slap this fool back to reality! Oh, is that violent speech?

Posted by: jack eo | April 01, 2010 at 06:49 AM

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Maybe there are zero comments here because we are all just speechless!

Posted by: DanaDee | April 01, 2010 at 06:50 AM

Thats AWESOME can you believe Rainman was elected to congress. Makes you feel all secure about our leadership. He's probably the smartest of all the congressmen!!!!!!

Posted by: Scott | April 01, 2010 at 06:51 AM

This guy is an attorney and was a judge? He talked like he had a third grade education. Is he on medication? The island could tip over? Does Guam float? I did not know that. It must have been all anyone could do not to break out in hysterical laughter.

Posted by: adm454 | April 01, 2010 at 06:55 AM

If this had been a white Republican from Georgia, the media would be having a field day with this.

Posted by: John Smith | April 01, 2010 at 07:00 AM

This poor man needs to be led away by the hand to a comfortable chair where he can watch tv and quit taxing his brain. Unfreakingbelievable! How did the Admiral keep from laughing out loud? Or the people behind him? Or the entire chamber?

Posted by: Laura H | April 01, 2010 at 07:07 AM

Does this idiot think that Guam is just free-floating out there? How can an island capsizes? Sounds like a Gilligan's Island rerun. Makes me mad that this doofus takes \$174,000 of our tax money each year (probably much more by the time you figure his expense account and benefits).

Deplorable!

Posted by: ScottyV | April 01, 2010 at 07:08 AM

All i have to say is wow.....

Posted by: Courtney | April 01, 2010 at 07:32 AM

This is the funniest durn thing I've heard all week. Is this guy a walking fool or what?

Posted by: A.M. Mallett | April 01, 2010 at 07:49 AM

I'm from GA. Usually our politicians are insane white rednecks. I'm not from this guy's district, but I'd still like to apologize to everyone about this.

Well, I'd like to apologize for the white rednecks, too.

What a sorry state this is.

Posted by: Rlodewell | April 01, 2010 at 07:56 AM

We don't have to claim him as a Georgian since he's a D.C. native... but he is better than Cynthia McCrazy.

Posted by: Kudzu35 | April 01, 2010 at 07:58 AM

This is a perfect example of the intelligence of the folks who support and, in spite of massive public opposition, vote to impose government-run health care.

They assume, or they have been taught by their liberal educators to believe, islands float!

Vote all Democrats out in November 2010!

Posted by: Dean Siotos | April 01, 2010 at 08:01 AM

What a moron....!

Posted by: Robert | April 01, 2010 at 08:02 AM

This Congressman is an idiot! Is he kidding?

Posted by: Kat M | April 01, 2010 at 08:08 AM

What the heck?

Posted by: Darren | April 01, 2010 at 08:17 AM

Ummm.....

Guam will capsizes.....

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