

**LIBERTARIAN U.S. SENATE CANDIDATE
BUCKLEY COMMENTS ON COMMENTS OF SAXBY
CHAMBLISS IN TODAY'S AJC ARTICLE**

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The August 7, 2008 edition of *The Atlanta Journal-Constitution* provides the following quote in an article by Jim Tharpe: “Chambliss said he agreed with Bush on many issues, but parted ways with the president on immigration, Medicare policy and the farm bill.”

Mr. Chambliss has voted with the Bush Administration more than 90 percent of the time.

Allen Buckley, the Libertarian Party's candidate for U.S. Senate, said: “The Bush Administration is one of the worst, if not the worst, administrations in the history of our country. Mr. Chambliss failed to stand up and oppose the Administration when we needed him to do so. On one of the few things the Administration got right, farm subsidies, he opposed the Administration. Concerning immigration, everyone knows that Saxby was ready, willing and able to sign Ted Kennedy's amnesty bill. Regarding Medicare Part D, which Saxby voted for, Comptroller General Dave Walker called it ‘probably the most fiscally irresponsible piece of legislation since the 1960s’.”

Regarding the farm bill, according to a recent article in the *Athens Banner-Herald*, Senator McCain recently described it as a “\$300 billion, bloated, pork-barrel-laden bill” because of subsidies like ethanol. Mr. McCain also said we couldn't afford

the bill, and that he does not support agricultural subsidies “no matter where they are.”

An April 3, 2007 article by John Freydenlund of Citizens Against Government Waste titled “Farm Subsidies: Myth and Reality” provides: “Large farm operations, with ten times the wealth of the average American family and annual incomes averaging more than \$230,000-four times the income of the average American household-receive most of the subsidy payments.”

According to a June 19, 2007 article by Brian Reidl of The Heritage Foundation titled “How Farm Subsidies Harm Taxpayers, Consumers, and Farmers, Too,” subsidies cost the average household \$216 in annual taxes and \$104 in higher food prices.

In the past, Saxby Chambliss has justified subsidies based on alleged need. However, according to the USDA, record farm profits were recorded for 2007, and 2008 is expected to be even better than 2007.

According to FEC filings, since 1997, campaigns of Saxby Chambliss have received more than \$1 million from agricultural PACs, farmers and other agriculture organizations.

Buckley said: “In a recent debate, Jim Martin said he would have voted for the farm bill. I would not have voted for it. We need to phase-out farm subsidies altogether over a 3-year period.”

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