

GOP on the hot seat

I loved the Herald editorial on the GOP's meltdown in the U.S. House ("A meaningless 'majority'," Oct. 9). But a "boatload of craziness" doesn't explain the depth of what has happened.

For years and years, the Republican leadership in Congress has failed to object to senators and representatives who have contradicted climate scientists with their warnings about climate change. This has included accepting false testimony from non-experts, ignoring the military's climate concerns and scaring the public about the costs of cutting pollution.

But now Citibank has put out a report concluding that it would be cheaper to tackle climate change than to ignore it. Yes, that's right. Actually cheaper. And that's not taking into account the money that would be saved by lessening the negative consequences of climate change. Doesn't that mean Congress should act?

The GOP used to listen to American business and used to take pro-market positions. Corporate America is coming around to the idea of enacting a revenue-neutral carbon tax. That's the pro-market position.

The Republican Party needs to return to its former self and work with Democrats on much-needed climate legislation

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