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END OF SESSION REPORT

Maryland laws on drugs are changing right in front of our eyes. The House of Delegates joined the Senate in voting to make possession of a small amount of marijuana a civil offense punishable with a fine. The bill was passed in the House by a 78-55 vote. The bill is similar to the decriminalization bill that was passed by the Senate last month. The bill will go to Governor Martin O'Malley for signature. O'Malley, like Busch, has an open mind while reviewing the bill. If O'Malley signs this bill then Maryland becomes the 18th state to stop treating possession of marijuana as a criminal offense. Colorado and Washington State legalized the regulated sale for all uses. In Maryland, 10 grams would be the legal amount.

The Minimum Wage increases from \$7.25 to \$10.10 per hour. The bill is HB 295 and is a 39% increase for employers and employees alike.

Bill HB 73 is about pit bull liability (which will impose additional legal responsibility on owners).

Spending increased by \$1.6 billion dollars (6%) over the last years budget HB 170. The state overspending has increased state debt.

As Maryland laws continue to change, I think our country & it's people now seem to be viewing our world in a different light. We have a chance during this election year to ask our politicians where they stand on the issues. We need to know where they stand now and if have changed positions over time. We also need to ask the people funding/helping them win the same questions. We must do our homework!

**PRIMARY IS JUNE 24TH!
DO NOT FORGET TO VOTE!**

