

THE GOVERNOR OF ALASKA APPROVES OF EXXON V. BAKER

This ought to be news to the Sarah Palin who, after SCOTUS cut the penalty on Exxon for ruining Alaska, made a statement condemning the decision (h/t Undiplomatic via Sully):

"I am extremely disappointed with today's decision by the U.S. Supreme Court," Palin said. "While the decision brings some degree of closure to Alaskans suffering from 19 years of litigation and delay, the court gutted the jury's decision on punitive damages."

Palin added, "It is tragic that so many Alaska fishermen and their families have had their lives put on hold waiting for this decision. My heart goes out to those affected, especially the families of the thousands of Alaskans who passed away while waiting for justice."

Palin said the decision today undercut one of the principal legs of deterrence for those engaged in maritime shipping in Alaska waters. She called on state and federal agencies to be vigilant and firm in regulating such activities.

But this Sarah Palin, the Sarah Palin running to be Vice President, and terrified of saying the wrong thing, apparently doesn't disapprove of the decision.

COURIC: What other Supreme Court decisions [than Roe v. Wade] do you disagree with?

PALIN: Well, let's see. There's —of course —in the great history of America rulings there have been rulings, that's

never going to be absolute consensus by every American. And there are—those issues, again, like Roe v Wade where I believe are best held on a state level and addressed there. So you know—going through the history of America, there would be others but—

COURIC: Can you think of any?

PALIN: Well, I could think of—of any again, that could be best dealt with on a more local level. Maybe I would take issue with. But you know, as mayor, and then as governor and even as a Vice President, if I'm so privileged to serve, wouldn't be in a position of changing those things but in supporting the law of the land as it reads today.

No Sarah, contrary to what Dick Cheney believes, you would not be in a position of changing a SCOTUS decision. But surely, even as a plain old "Joe Six Pack" living in Alaska, you must still oppose the Exxon v. Baker decision?

For some unfathomable reason, Sarah wasn't even able to muster the name of the case that has been obsessing Alaska for almost two decades.

This may not just hurt her chances to be VP. If I were the Governor of Alaska forgetting that ordinary Alaskans just got screwed out of fair payment for being treated cavalierly by the richest company in the world, I might start worrying about whether I'd still be Governor in a few months.

Update: For comparison, here's Biden's answer to the same question: