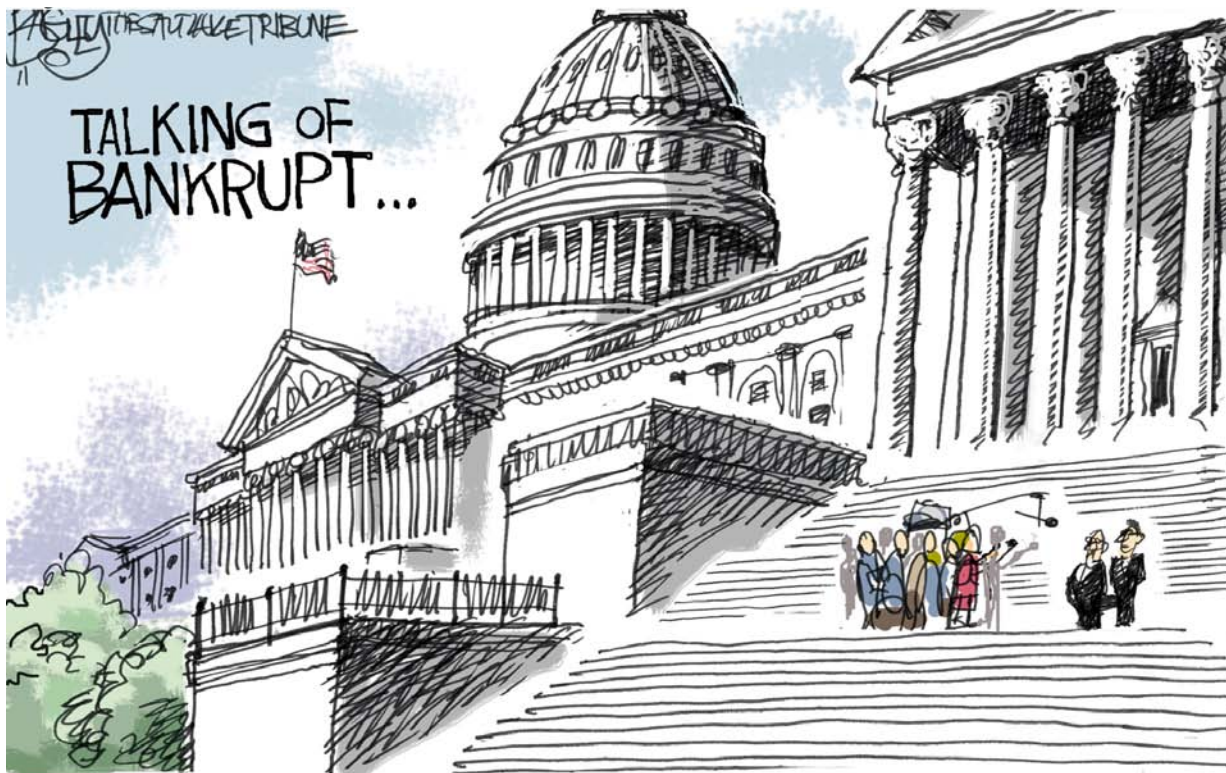


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Pat Bagley, Salt Lake Tribune, Utah, Courtesy Caglecartoons.com

"AT THE END OF THE DAY THERE'S LIGHT AT THE END OF THE TUNNEL THAT KICKING THE CAN DOWN THE ROAD IS ON THE TABLE ..."

Talking points

Pat Bagley's caption highlights a few of the empty clichés being tossed about during the debt ceiling debate in Washington the last few weeks. And as the talks drag on, the clichés seem to multiply like rabbits.

In a paragraph or two explain one or two of the clichés listed and how they fit the topic.

Cut, Cap, Cliché!

"Raising the debt ceiling is just kicking the can further down the road."

We need to "eat our peas."

"The mere fact the deal is under discussion already has Democrats up in arms."

"I've been left at the alter now a couple of times."

"I don't know. It may be pretty hard to put Humpty Dumpty back together again,"

Between the lines

"Cliché: A phrase or opinion that is over-used and betrays a lack of original thought."

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