

MADISON – After weeks of leading the charge on obstructing a vote on a nominee to fill the current vacancy on the Supreme Court of the United States, today, Sen. Ron Johnson confirmed what we already knew: Wisconsin's senior Senator really does not want to do his job.

SHOT: Last week, Sen. Ron Johnson appeared on a Conservative Political Action Conference panel titled "The Lights Go Down In The City: The Journey to Energy Self-Sufficiency." Johnson doubled down on his refusal to do his job and revealed Republicans' motives for obstruction.

"And let me assure everybody, because I know there's some concerns, the Republican majority in the Senate will not allow the Supreme Court to flip. You can take that one to the bank, we will not allow that to happen." [CPAC Panel, 3.3.16]

CHASER: During an interview this morning, Sen. Ron Johnson made his most pointed comments yet on the issue when asked if things would be different if the president was a Republican.

"Generally, and this is the way it works out politically, if you're replacing — if a conservative president's replacing a conservative justice, there's a little more accommodation to it."

"But when you're talking about a conservative justice now being replaced by a liberal president who would literally flip the court — you know, let's face it, I don't think anybody's under any illusion — President Obama's nominee would flip the court from a 5-4 conservative to a 5-4 liberal controlled court," [Talking Points Memo, 3.10.16]

Sen. Johnson expressed what the entire Republican obstruction caucus is thinking, but are too afraid to say out loud. Johnson's concern with the court flipping is the pinnacle of politicizing the one branch of the federal government that should be above the fray of partisan politics.

Sen. Ron Johnson should quit playing partisan games and do his job.