

A year prior, Ambassador to Laos Leonard Unger said: "Search and rescue is a crucial factor in maintaining the morale of pilots, and there is no prospect at this juncture of establishing effective search-and-rescue procedures without the use of both civilian (Air America) and U.S. military personnel."

The stories go on, but I will add one more.

CIA Assistant General Counsel James Harris wrote to the Civil Service Commission: "In the case of Air America, it would have been virtually impossible to preserve the cover story had all the corporate employees been advised that they were really employees of the United States Government."

It is time for the U.S. Government to set the record straight about Air America. Their service is commended by all who served with them, especially by those servicemembers whose lives were saved by Air America. We owe them more than a debt of gratitude. I urge my colleagues to consider the story of these brave pilots and work toward providing the recognition they deserve as Federal employees, including granting veteran status and the associated benefits.

I yield the floor.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Illinois.

(The remarks of Mr. DURBIN pertaining to the introduction of S.J. Res. 75 are printed in today's RECORD under "Statements on Introduced Bills and Joint Resolutions.")

Mr. DURBIN. I yield the floor.

I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The bill clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. INHOFE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

PROTESTS

Mr. INHOFE. Mr. President, I want to start by doing something that has become a little controversial. It shouldn't be, and the fact that it is reflects a sad time in our Nation's history. Here it is:

To our Nation's police, sheriffs, and all other law enforcement officers out there—State and Federal—thank you. I appreciate you and am grateful for your service.

Why has that become controversial? Because all of a sudden, criticizing and demonizing our Nation's law enforcement has become the popular liberal thing to do.

Over the last few days, you have probably seen the liberal mainstream media making wild claims and accusations that President Trump has deployed so-called secret police to Portland. These allegations got even more attention over the last few weeks because some of my Democratic col-

leagues came down to the floor and made the wildest accusations about how the Federal officers were the worst in the world.

Some of the words they used were: "bold," "sadistic," "Gestapos," "storm troopers," "paramilitary"—words designed to stir the emotions of everyone watching. They were talking about the law enforcement community. They were talking about sheriffs and police. Rather than letting these wild allegations go unchecked, let's remember how we got here.

For over 60 days, violent demonstrators have laid siege on Portland. That is not an exaggeration. They have specifically and deliberately attacked a Federal courthouse, attempting to destroy it. Let's be clear: These are not peaceful protesters. Everyone agrees in the First Amendment and the support for peaceful demonstrations. We all agree on that. That is not what we are talking about here. That is not what happened when the anarchist groups co-opted the peaceful protests with the fires, the lasers, the bricks, the Molotov cocktails, the sledgehammers, and more.

See the chart. This chart we have here, the one on the right says:

Day 53. Federal facilities and law enforcement officials targeted and attacked overnight. One officer injured and 5 arrested.

The one on the left says:

Day 56. Last night six DHS law enforcement officers were injured in Portland. To be clear, criminals assaulted FEDERAL officers on FEDERAL property . . . and the city of Portland did nothing.

The response from local leaders? They have caved to the mob and will not allow local law enforcement to protect Federal property. In fact, they have demanded Federal law enforcement leave and surrender to the mob. Can you imagine? This is in America that this happened.

So that leaves us two options: One, completely give in to the mob and let them burn down the taxpayer-funded courthouse—and we all know that they will not stop there—or, two, send additional Federal resources to Portland.

We are a nation of law and order. Additional Federal resources is the only correct answer here. The Department of Homeland Security doesn't have a choice. They are legally required to protect these facilities.

Contrary to what has been reported in the media, these Federal officers are acting in accordance with the law. They have the legal authority and responsibility to protect Federal property, as well as detain, question, and arrest anyone in accordance with that. Specifically, that is found in 40 U.S. Code 1315. So they aren't some sort of secret police; they are legal law enforcement doing what local law enforcement wasn't being allowed to do locally there, so they took up their responsibilities and performed.

Last week, Governor Brown finally conceded. I guess he just got to the point where he was willing to be fearful

for the people and their injuries and the terrorist activity that was going on. But he conceded and allowed the Portland Police Bureau to clear out the downtown parks that were a base for the agitators and let the State police officers defend Federal properties.

That is the responsible thing to do, and it shows the President's commitment to working with State and local law enforcement when additional resources are needed.

It could be easy to think that this is an outlier, but, sadly, the national "defund the police" movement—it is a movement in this country now. Everyone is talking about it, defund law enforcement. The movement is having a real impact throughout America.

The result? Shootings have increased in New York by 277 percent this year; in Chicago, by 50 percent this year, and in May, they saw the most violent weekend in modern history; and in Minneapolis, the murder rate is expected to surpass an alltime high.

In fact, as President Trump mentioned recently, the 20-most dangerous cities in America are run by Democrats. I have to mention this because the Washington Post tried to fact check the President's statement. And do you know what? It is a good thing that they did. The result? The Post showed that, per capita, 19 of the 20 cities with the most violent crime per 10,000 residents were controlled by Democrats, and the one that wasn't controlled by Democrats was an Independent, but that Independent is a Democrat.

I guess they hoped we would only read the headline and not see the data that shows the impact of the lack of leadership. In case you can't tell watching at home, the blue lines on the chart that will go up here—what we have here is the claim "that the most dangerous cities in America all run by Democrats. They aren't." But then they found out that they are. Here they are. The blue lines are run by the Democrats; the red lines, Independents. So that is a problem.

Honorable, good law enforcement officers are enduring severe budget cuts from spineless politicians who want to concede to the far left "defund the police" movement. They are being over-stretched and overburdened.

That doesn't even get into the injuries law enforcement has endured during these violent protests recently. In Portland alone, three officers are facing possible permanent blindness after having high-intensity lasers shown in their eyes. Other officers have faced injuries from being hit with bricks and fireworks. They have endured verbal assaults, been spit on, and called the most offensive names. At least 30 officers have been victims of a doxing, where anarchists share where their families live online so they can have access to them. In fact, since July 4, over 245 Federal law enforcement officers have been injured in Portland.

Fortunately, President Trump is taking action, standing up for our police

and also for law enforcement in our communities. Last week, he launched Operation Legend, a Federal law enforcement initiative that will work with State and local officials to address the spike in violent crimes that we are seeing in too many cities. This is the right approach to restore law and order.

The last thing I will leave you with on the floor is, 2 weeks ago, in the midst of sensationalizing statements, the junior Senator from Oregon challenged me, basically, implying that if what was happening in Portland was happening in Oklahoma, I would feel differently. Well, that isn't—the difference isn't how I would feel. The difference is between Oklahoma City and Oregon, I guess. In Oklahoma, we respect our police and the sheriffs and the State troopers.

This is a good one here. This is in the Springlake Division. This is in Oklahoma. I walk past this every time we come and go from the station. What a wonderful community we see serving here in Oklahoma City. You can read statements of people saying how much they appreciate our law enforcement officers. This is the door that was there, and it is covered with hearts on the door. That tells the story.

The sacrifice they make daily is real. They put their lives on the line to protect and serve our communities, but they also work long hours in difficult conditions. Here is a reminder of that sacrifice.

I will put up two officers here. There are two officers whom I am going to show you. Last month, two Tulsa police officers were conducting a routine traffic stop, pulling over a car with expired tags. As any veteran officer will tell you, there is no such thing as a routine anything in law enforcement. This is no exception. Officer Zarkeshan, a rookie, and Sergeant Craig Johnson had no way of knowing that the man they had just pulled over was armed. The man on the left is Craig Johnson. Both officers were shot multiple times. Sergeant Johnson, who has two young sons, died. Officer Zarkeshan, after enduring multiple surgeries, is blessed. He is now stable and making good progress.

"Protect and serve" isn't just a phrase for the hundreds of thousands of law enforcement officers around the country; it is a calling, a sacrifice for them. Too often, officers have to sacrifice their lives for their communities. That is why, when liberal politicians are tripping over themselves, trying as hard as they can to demonize all police officers, I want to make it clear that some of us are standing up against defunding police and in favor of defending police.

I will always stand with President Trump in defense of our good, honorable law enforcement officers. They will sacrifice anything for those of us here, and to not stand up and defend them is to dishonor them.

In Oregon, politicians are clamoring to defend the terrorists who are trying

to destroy law and order. On the other side, our President is trying to defend it. God bless America's law enforcement officers and our President.

The police and our law enforcement aren't the only things the new cancel culture has come for more recently. While not a literal mob trying to burn down buildings, the online liberal mob is still seeking to destroy our American icons by canceling them, subjecting them to public backlash fueled by the progressive ideology.

Just before July Fourth—our national holiday—they came for the National Anthem. The Yahoo music editor-in-chief wrote that the "Star-Spangled Banner" seems to be striking a wrong note." The Los Angeles Times wrote an op-ed titled, "It's time to cancel the 'Star-Spangled Banner.'" This is America we are talking about.

Why do they do that? Because in the fourth stanza of the song—and I didn't even know until a month ago that it had more than one stanza. They knew it was more than just one stanza. But in the fourth stanza, there is a couplet that reads:

No refuge could save the hireling and slave
From the terror of flight in the gloom of the grave.

Now, because of that, they want to cancel the Star-Spangled Banner. Marc Ferris, who literally wrote the book on the Star-Spangled Banner, stated that Key was likely using the term loosely, contrasting the free, patriot Americans against the British soldiers subjected to the yoke of the monarchy.

But Yahoo's article even says if there is "a tradition that hurts any part of society," it is time to just throw it away. That throwing it away has extended to statues of our Founders, like George Washington and Thomas Jefferson. It also includes Mahatma Gandhi and Ulysses S. Grant.

It even includes historical items from popular culture like "Gone with the Wind"—yes, "Gone with the Wind." They wanted to do away with "Gone with the Wind." The organization that has a program where, online, they can dial up any movie that they want to do, one of them is "Gone with the Wind," and they want to do it because of—they say—the culture. That happens to be the one that Hattie McDaniel was the first Black American to win an Oscar for.

This is, again, what is going on right now. Like so many American families, I watch with shock and dismay as to how many are setting aside critical thinking in favor of an emotional mob that moves closer and closer to a total Cultural Revolution takeover.

Should we have expected anything less from the Democratic Party as they continue to run toward socialism and proudly embrace communist beliefs?

Remember, we have seen this before. Chairman Mao knew that, to fully seize control and build a socialist country, he needed to destroy our "four olds": old ideas, old culture, old customs, and old habits. The Communists in China

needed the Orwellian control of "History has stopped" in 1966, and the Communists here in America need it today.

How else can they erase our ideas, culture, and customs in order to impose their radical policies on all of us?

How much longer do we need to wait for their cries of "Abolish rent" to become "Jail the bourgeois landlord"? We already see professors accused of wrong thinking for having the audacity to teach or advocate for anything unapproved by the progressive mob. How long until they are denounced as class traitors?

Does our Nation have flaws? Of course. But what is unique and is perhaps the most beautiful part of our Nation is that we have the ability to see those flaws, to change them, and to grow. And we do it under the promise of liberty and justice for all.

We did that after the Civil War. We saw it again after World War II. We saw that growth in the civil rights movement.

The reality of this leftwing "cancel culture" mob is that there is no goal of debate. The goal is to shame, humiliate, and ridicule into conformity through a vicious attack reminiscent of the Chinese Communist Party struggle session. Liberty is under siege.

Just remember what happened in the opinion pages of the New York Times for merely publishing an opinion that was held by the majority of Americans but rejected by the progressive mob. Senator COTTON put forward a well-researched op-ed—requested by the Times—that advocated the President, only as a last resort, should use the Insurrection Act to put down the terrorist activity we saw in too many cities over the past few months.

Again, a national poll held that 58 percent of registered voters agreed with Senator COTTON, but some reporters at the New York Times and the progressive mob didn't. They raised such a protest that the head of the editorial page issued an apology, claiming that it wasn't to the standards of the Times, that it was too extreme. And that wasn't enough for the mob. He was fired.

Before the "cancel culture" mob goes further still to embrace their Presidential candidate—who has gone through enough twists and turns to make sure that he, too, conforms to the progressive demands—we should all remember our Nation was founded on liberty, and it will only endure with true liberty. That means being willing to live together in the midst of all kinds of diversity, especially diversity of thought.

So, as we began, we can't forget what this is all about: The terrorists ran, unchecked, in Portland for 60 days. No one raced to stop them. Federal officials had to step in because the State and local governments wouldn't allow their law enforcement to police the riots.

Scenes like we saw in Portland will not happen in Oklahoma, but they

could happen in other cities where lawlessness is pervasive. Thankfully, we have a President who stands up for law and order and for our law enforcers.

Where would we be without our brave police and sheriffs? I hope we never find that out.

With that, Mr. President, I yield the floor.

I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. LANKFORD). The clerk will call the roll.

The senior assistant legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, I move to proceed to executive session to consider Calendar No. 645.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The question is on agreeing to the motion.

The motion was agreed to.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the nomination.

The senior assistant legislative clerk read the nomination of John Peter Cronan, of New York, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of New York.

CLOTURE MOTION

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, I send a cloture motion to the desk.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The cloture motion having been presented under rule XXII, the Chair directs the clerk to read the motion.

The senior assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

CLOTURE MOTION

We, the undersigned Senators, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, do hereby move to bring to a close debate on the nomination of John Peter Cronan, of New York, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of New York.

Mitch McConnell, Richard C. Shelby, Lamar Alexander, Pat Roberts, Mike Crapo, Marsha Blackburn, David Perdue, Kevin Cramer, John Cornyn, Shelley Moore Capito, John Thune, Cindy Hyde-Smith, Cory Gardner, Roy Blunt, Martha McSally, John Barrasso, John Boozman.

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the mandatory quorum call be waived.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

MORNING BUSINESS

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to legislative session for a period of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak therein for up to 10 minutes each.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

TRIBUTE TO EUGENE F. COYLE

Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, today I wish to recognize and pay tribute to Mr. Eugene F. Coyle, a patriot who served in the U.S. Army during the Korean war.

At the age of 23, Sergeant Eugene F. Coyle enlisted in the U.S. Army, just 3 months after the war started in Korea. As a rifleman and machinegunner assigned to the 24th Infantry Division, 21st Regiment, 2nd Battalion, F Company, Eugene was quickly put into the fight, experiencing a number of combat engagements with the enemy.

One such engagement occurred in April 1951 near the Hwachon Reservoir, South Korea, where Eugene exhibited composure under fire. As squad leader, Eugene led an advance against the enemy until his position was hit by mortar fire. Despite sustaining injuries from the shelling, he continued to provide covering fire for his unit.

During another combat engagement in early July 1951, in the vicinity of Sabanggo-ri, North Korea, an enemy mortar round threw Eugene from his fighting position. Eugene, though injured by shrapnel, would not leave the fight. He regained his footing and ran to aid a severely injured soldier, getting him to cover. Eugene was later sent to the hospital ship USS *Repose* for his own injuries.

Eugene, deserving of commendation for his courage under fire, as well as for his wounds resulting from close engagement with enemy forces, would unfortunately wait decades before the Nation properly recognized him for his service and sacrifice, even as he carried a piece of shrapnel embedded within his body for over 60 years.

On November 15, 2017, Eugene F. Coyle was awarded the Purple Heart in addition to the United Nations Service Medal, the National Defense Service Medal, the Korean War Service Medal, and the Combat Infantry Badge. Like many veterans of his generation have experienced, poor or lost records have made it difficult to meet stringent administrative requirements for certain military awards. This challenge does not diminish their courage, nor our gratitude, for their actions in defense of freedom.

The gallantry of Eugene F. Coyle reminds us what we owe heroes like him for the sacrifices, often unrecognized and unrequited, that they have made. I am honored to pay tribute to Eugene F. Coyle and thank him for his exemplary service to our county.

TRIBUTE TO TIMOTHY MCCARTHY

Mr. DURBIN. Mr. President, Timothy McCarthy has had an amazing career in law enforcement where he was at the right place when needed. Whether it was protecting Presidents or his hometown of Orland Park, Tim has been

where people needed him most. After 48 years, he will be retiring, and today, I lend my voice to the many who honor him.

Tim dared to try out for the University of Illinois' football team as a walk-on in 1967, even though he had not played the sport at Leo High School in Chicago. However, he was so impressive that he was given a full scholarship the next year, playing strong safety for the Fighting Illini. Injuries cut his football career short, but he found himself on another career path, the Secret Service.

With a father who served in the Chicago Police Department as a sergeant, law enforcement was a natural draw for him. He started out as an investigator in the Chicago field office for the Secret Service in 1972. Tim moved to the Presidential protection division for President Jimmy Carter.

On March 30, 1981, Tim was protecting President Ronald Reagan in Washington. A coin toss with a fellow agent put him into duty that fateful day. He remembers wearing a brandnew blue-gray suit when John Hinckley, Jr., stepped out from a crowd with a handgun and attempted to kill the President.

In 1.7 seconds, John Hinckley, Jr., fired six bullets. The first bullet hit Press Secretary James Brady. The second hit Washington, DC, police officer Tom Delahanty. The third was set to hit President Reagan, but Tim, with that extraordinary courage, stepped in front of the President and took the bullet in the chest. Another bullet ricocheted, hitting the President under the arm. Hinckley might have killed President Reagan, but that day, we were lucky to have Tim McCarthy doing his duty to protect the Gipper.

Tim spent 2 weeks in the hospital and was back on the job that June. He would never be able to do the 5 to 7-mile runs he used to do, but he continued in the Secret Service. Tim received the National Collegiate Athletic Association Award of Valor in 1982 for his heroic deed. He remained in touch with President Reagan and his wife, Nancy, for the rest of their lives. Tim also served in the Presidential protection division for President George H.W. Bush before returning to Chicago to run the Secret Service office there.

In 1994, Tim accepted the position of the Orland Park police chief in Illinois. Often, police chiefs serve 3 to 5 years, but Tim stayed on for 26 years. He led the development of new policing strategies, including bike patrol officers, cookouts with police, and community meetings with beat officers. Under his leadership, the police department launched village-wide initiatives, addressing mental illness through a crisis intervention team that focuses on responses to mental health-related incidents.

Tim was a hands-on leader, whether it was back up for a search warrant or reporting a crime scene at early hours of the morning or packing sandbags