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From: Steven <steven@flturnblue.com>
Sent: Thursday, April 18, 2019 12:19 AM
To: Steven
Subject: My Apologies (again) for MailChimp! A portion of NOW's section was missing.

My Apologies.

Sorry to send 2 emails.

This is a correction that cannot wait.
A section of the article about NOW was missing.
It has been found.

[Click here to read about women at the intersection of social movements.](#)

If you know anyone who would like to support this fact-based news with advertising,
I could get rid of MailChimp!

(If there are problems with this one, please to go my website:

<https://flturnblue.com/ValuesBlog.htm>.)

Thanks,
Steven



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~ Bonita Springs, Florida. Wednesday, April 17, 2019. ~
The next scheduled presidential election is Tuesday, November 3, 2020.
Only 566 days!

Dues Reminder

Members, if you have not yet paid your dues, please do so. Jim will be happy to collect them.

Democratic Lee County Voters who are not yet members, join us. Come to a meeting on the second Wednesday of any month. We'll be happy to see you at the place where Democrats meet Democrats.

New Members Welcome

This is especially important now because the Club is seeking recertification. The more members we have the easier it will be for the Lee County Democratic Party and the Florida Democratic Party to recertify the Club.

On a More Personal Note

Last week's meeting was very helpful to me.

I was inspired by Allen Stewart's presentation last month to learn more about Red Tide and Green-Blue Algae. So, I presented a first draft of my own powerpoint.

The feedback was very helpful.

Thanks,
Steven

PS: Still looking forward to - and working on - posting the information from Allen Stewart, www.pasop.org, on www.FLTurnBlue.com sometime soon. Look for next week's email!

Lee DEC

The Lee County Democratic Party is celebrating Easter this year.

And, they are inviting you!

Please bring CANDY!

They will be in the parade and tabling.

See their wonderful banners!!!

I'm thinking they probably want a LOT of individually wrapped small candies.

For more info call them at 239-939-2866 or send them an email:

leecountydems@gmail.com.





Keep VAWA strong

VAWA is the Violence Against Women Act.

With Speaker Nancy Pelosi's leadership the House passed re-authorization of VAWA with expanded coverage so intimate partners convicted of domestic violence, stalking or abuse will not have easy access to firearms.

Now it is in the Senate. The NRA and Mitch McConnell are trying to restrict coverage to only live-in or married partners. The NRA and Mitch McConnell want to unbridle stalkers and other predators willing to use firearms to instill fear, cause injury and add to the domestic violence death count..

Toni Van Pelt, National President of NOW, explains that "Donald Trump and Mitch McConnell are masters of the politics of distraction. (They think no one is paying attention.) The last thing they want is a national debate over the government's failure to adequately protect survivors of domestic and sexual violence. We need this reauthorization to improve the way vulnerable communities are protected, including American Indian women and children and families living in federal housing." *

NOW needs your help to step up grassroots lobbying, media activity and coalition building to win Senate reauthorization of VAWA—with all the improvements passed by the House.

Without leaving your computer, you can [sign their petition](#).

For more information, go to <https://now.org/?s=vawa> or contact the Ft. Myers/Napels Chapter of NOW.



The Interstices

As too often happens, women find themselves at the interstices of major social movements (or lack thereof), as Zach VanHouten recently reminded subscribers to [PFAW's](#) email list.

"Few populations have been marginalized in the United States like Native Americans. And even still today, when it comes to voting rights, Native American voters who reside on reservations have often been systematically disenfranchised from the election process.

"Non-traditional addresses for many reservation residents create registration problems. Additionally, even when registered, high unemployment, extremely distant polling locations (sometimes hundreds of miles), newly minted voter ID laws, and limited resources create severe disadvantages to Native American voting.

"These burdens work in tandem with historical, social, and political conditions to produce a discriminatory result for Native Americans -- and we should support efforts to ensure they are granted access to the polls."

Women stand at the intersection of (to use terms defined by statute, administrative agencies and the courts) sex and race/color, national origin, age, religion, disability (etc.) in addition to gender issues such as sexual harassment, pregnancy and income disparity (including the lack of, and need for, tax-preferred transportable paid-leave accounts which can be accessed when sick, taking care of family members, in need of respite, etc. and, like social security, spreads the "burden" over many employers).

For example, women who are also part of a Native American community face the artificial barriers put in the way of both groups, plus. Women who are part of a Seminole Native American community come up against challenges that are systemically in the way of women, Native Americans and Blacks, plus. Of course, this does not mean such burdens cannot be overcome. They can be and many have been.

Perhaps, 2020 will see the glass ceiling to the presidency fall to the floor and be forgotten by history - perhaps by a woman who overcame the scheduling challenges of being a mom, succeeded in law school, became a professor at Harvard, took on the still-male dominated Congress over issues of George Bush's Great Recession and the banking system, and chooses to proudly defend her close affinity for traditionally oppressed peoples, including Native Americans.

As a society, we have come a long way. Culture is catching up with the law. Being a woman is no longer the distinguishing factor it was when Hillary won the popular vote in 2016.

More than a quarter of the Democrats vying for the nomination in New Hampshire are [women who could break through the glass ceiling](#) and then continue to work twice as hard, at a higher level, to finish the marathon to the White House. Perhaps, at least in part, this is because law school, medical school, business school, etc.

have already started to deal with sexual segregation that the rest of the way to the presidency is more integrated.

	<p>Really?</p> <p>He does not know Nancy, like we know Nancy Pelosi.</p> <p>Or, he does not think it meaningful to protect people from former lovers who become predators-with-guns.</p> <p>Either way ... please sign the petition.</p>
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Kim is ready for him.



Next meeting: **Thursday, April 25, 6 - 7:30 PM**

Unitarian Universalist Church Fort Myers

One of Kim's favorite speakers --- Roger Williams

"Free Speech, The Mueller Report and James Madison visits the Sunshine State."

MSD: Still Strong

The survivors of Parkland's Marjory Stoneman Douglas executioner know how dangerous a disgruntled former acquaintance-with-guns can be. Probably, they would not want Mitch McConnell to water down a bill to protect people from people-they-know-with-guns..

They know how meaningful this legislation can be.
More of the Parkland students will be able to vote in 2020.
And, they probably know voters in Kentucky!

Of course, don't take my word for it.

Listen to them.

They have taken their message to Times Square and have their own video-tweet.
(at <https://twitter.com/AMarch4OurLives/status/1118180120701931520>)



March For Our Lives ✓
@AMarch4OurLives

Following

We are sending a message loud and clear in Times Square. We lose more and more potential every day that we don't treat gun violence with the urgency it deserves.

Text "SAVE LIVES" to 954-954 to stay up to date with all things MFOL.



10:51 AM - 16 Apr 2019

And, they would like to hear from us.

Join March For Our Lives at <https://marchforourlives.com/chapters/?zip=34134>

Steyer Says

Tom Steyer is spending a lot of his own money to exercise his right to Free Speech.

I saw him Sunday, in shirtsleeves, leaning against a desk, in a TV commercial, during a Sunday Morning talk show.

[I think it was on a currently-terrific CNN program called "Reliable Sources" that aired

after Fareed Zakaria interviewed Hillary Clinton. More about "Reliable Sources" below.]

What is Tom Steyer saying?

Steyer, in his commercial, says he is concerned about the treatment Trump's branch of government has given the Mueller Report. The example Steyer gives is the fact that Trump's Attorney General fit the 400-page report, that took two years to write, into a 4-page summary, overnight. How could anyone, even with the resources of the Justice Department, do that without losing some of the nuance of the original report?

To find out more, see the commercial and choose whether to take action, at <https://www.demandthereport.com>.

What is Tom Steyer proposing on a more permanent basis?

Tom Steyer is furthering our founding principal that we are all created equal with unalienable rights, AMONG which are Life, Liberty and the Pursuit of Happiness.

When Tom Jefferson wrote the Declaration of Independence, he was not so grandiose to think he had all the answers, forever. He and the other founders accepted change as a part of life. They put into our Nation's DNA the idea that liberty could expand beyond their vision and protect rights they had not thought of.

For example, FDR, in his 1944 message to Congress about the state of the union, proposed [an Economic Bill of Rights](#):

“We have come to a clear realization of the fact that true individual freedom cannot exist without economic security and independence. ‘Necessitous men are not free men.’ People who are hungry and out of a job are the stuff of which dictatorships are made.

“In our day these economic truths have become accepted as self-evident. We have accepted, so to speak, a second Bill of Rights under which a new basis of security and prosperity can be established for all regardless of station, race, or creed.

“Among these are:

- “The right to a useful and remunerative job in the industries or shops or farms or mines of the Nation;
- “The right to earn enough to provide adequate food and clothing and recreation;
- “The right of every farmer to raise and sell his products at a return which will give him and his family a decent living;
- “The right of every businessman, large and small, to trade in an atmosphere of freedom from unfair competition and domination by monopolies at home or abroad;
- “The right of every family to a decent home;
- “The right to adequate medical care and the opportunity to achieve and enjoy good health;
- “The right to adequate protection from the economic fears of old age, sickness, accident, and unemployment;
- “The right to a good education.

“All of these rights spell security.”

Among the additional rights Tom Steyer proposes are:

1. The Right to an Equal Vote
2. The Right to Clean Air and Clean Water
3. The Right to Learn (Free Quality Public Education)
4. The Right to a Living Wage
5. The Right to Health

(video and more detail at tomsteyer.com)

CNN "Reliable Sources"

Sunday morning, CNN ran an interview of Hillary Clinton by Fareed Zakaria. After that, viewers were treated to a currently-terrific program called "Reliable Sources."

Reliable Sources has some history. Bernard Kalb was the founding host in 1992. Since then, the show has looked into the role of media covering major news stories, among which have been the Persian Gulf War, the Valeria Plame Affair, the Iraq War, and the revelation that Mark Felt was Watergate's Deep Throat.

The current host is a former NY Times reporter: Brian Stelter.

Sunday, Stelter widened the media perspective on the President's contretemps over Somali-American Congressional Representative Ilhan Omar.

In a calm reassuring manner, Stelter provided greater understanding of context by following the controversy from the Congressional representative's little-covered speech that focused on not-blaming a whole group of people for what some people did - to the Tweets of a president - to the aggressive coverage of Fox News and The New York Post, both controlled by Rupert Murdoch.

Murdoch's view is that the voters of Minneapolis, Minnesota, elected the first Muslim woman to Congress and she down-played - and maybe even tried to cover-up - the role of Muslims in 9/11.

The Inciteful Video Tweet

As you are probably aware, Trump tweeted part of a speech by Rep. Omar saying "some people did something." His video was carefully edited and must have taken a great deal of time, thought and money. (Was it taxpayer money?). Trump interspersed the short clip taken from Rep. Omar's 20-minute speech with coverage of 9/11 by National Geographic, NBC, ABC, and CBS. (There is no indication that he - or anyone in his organization - obtained permission from the copyright holders.)

Following-up on Trump's tweet, Murdoch reminded us - graphically, on the cover of The New York Post - about what some people did that day.

The [Washington Post](#) informed us of the rest of Rep. Omar's paragraph:

"some people did something and that **all of us were starting to lose access to our civil liberties**. So you can't just say that today someone is looking at me strange and that I am trying to make myself look pleasant. You have to say that this person is looking at me strange, I am not comfortable with it, and I am going to talk to them and ask them why. Because that is the right you have."

Imagine! Someone talking with someone else about what they are doing and how that makes them feel. Seems like part of the very American movement that caught fire in the Sixties with awareness-raising bra-burnings and continues today with claims of "Me Too!" Substantiated or not, these claims have raised awareness that it is ok to exercise the essence of free speech and question those who apparently have some authority.

President Trump's carefully prepared video ends with the words "We Remember."

We Remember.

Sunday evening, after a day of talk shows, the President issued an apology implying that he did not intend to incite hatred and endanger Rep. Omar's life. Trump took down his tweet. The tweet has vanished. Yet, Trump's carefully edited video can still be found on YouTube:

We remember.

We remember 9/11.

Those of us who were alive will never forget.

Personally, I remember seeing the second plane leave a trail of fire across the World Trade Center.

We remember NY's Mayor [turning down a Saudi prince's \\$10 Million](#) saying "one of the reasons ... this happened is because people were engaged in moral equivalency in not understanding the difference between liberal democracies like the United States, like Israel, and terrorist states and those who condone terrorism."

We remember NY's Mayor going to a wedding and saying we have to get on with our lives. And, we remember David Letterman helping us do that.

We remember the stench that filled the NY air for a year. And, we remember the wonderful volunteers who came to help us. And, we remember the workers who went down into the hole and came up with illnesses that will be with them for the rest

of their lives. And, we remember the consideration New Yorkers showed one-another as we spent that year in zombie-like grief.

We remember those courageous passengers who paid for a plane ticket and sacrificed their lives as they crashed the plane into a field near Shanksville, Pennsylvania, rather than let bin Laden's terrorists use their plane-bomb to kill more people in Washington, DC.

We remember the shock when another plane-bomb crashed and exploded in the Pentagon, killing the flight crew, passengers, terrorists, and DOD employees who had reported to work that day.

We remember the courage and gumption of a relatively low-level civil servant who took decisive action and shut down the air traffic control system.

We Remember.

We remember Republican president George W. Bush caught off-guard - reading to children in a Florida school - when planes were turned into bombs that killed almost 3,000 people in NY, Washington and Pennsylvania. And, we remember George W. Bush starting his presidential wars without first obtaining a Declaration of War from the U. S. Congress.

The President is a Commander-in-Chief with limited powers whose orders are lawful only when issued pursuant to law. Waiting for Congress to declare war, before starting a war, is a requirement of the U. S. Constitution - and it makes sense.

Wars that have been declared before the Commander-in-Chief orders an attack have greater support from the American People, finish faster, are less costly and kill fewer of us. (See Blumrosen and Blumrosen, "Restoring the Congressional Duty to

Declare War," Rutgers Law Review, 2011, www.warpower.us)

The wars George W. Bush started were extremely deadly and costly to us:

- Operation Enduring Freedom, Afghanistan, 2001-2018, **killed 2,351** US Military employees. We remember [the names of our fallen](#).
- Operation Iraqi Freedom, 2003-2010, **killed 4,412** US Military employees. We remember [the names of our fallen](#).
- Operation New Dawn, as Operation Iraqi Freedom was renamed when it was winding down, **killed 66** more US Military employees. We remember [the names of our fallen](#).

As Quartz summarized in its [headline](#), WE REMEMBER "The Names of the 6,828 Americans who have died in Afghanistan and Iraq."

If we knew who they were, we would also remember the 174,000 - 220,000 civilians who were killed in Afghanistan, Pakistan, and Iraq. And, the names of the 78,000 - 88,000 military personnel who fought against us.

And, we should remember the names of more than 52,000 DOD employees who went to war and returned to us, wounded in action. This number is from [the Department of Defense](#), which is also a good source for fact-checking the numbers provided by Quartz, above.

To summarize, the wars started by Republican president George W. Bush killed more than twice the number of us who perished on 9/11 and about 100 times more "enemy" civilians and military people.

According to the Congressional Research Service, in a 2014 report authored by Amy Belasco, "[The Cost of Iraq, Afghanistan, and Other Global War on Terror Operations Since 9/11](#)" was about

"\$1.6 trillion for military operations, base support, weapons maintenance, training of Afghan and Iraq security forces, reconstruction, foreign aid, embassy costs, and veterans' health care for the war operations initiated since the 9/11 attacks."

Goading us into asymmetrical retaliation was something some people did on 9/11.

No one is coming away from that experience with 40-acres and a mule, truth and reconciliation, or much of any other way to transition to life after war.

Maybe Ilhan Omar was trying to help us, as an elected leader of our nation, develop a new vocabulary to reach new ways of thinking about these turn-of-the-millennium issues.

Bin Laden and his terrorists may all have been Muslims, but they were not all the Muslims of the world.

Of those who turned hijacked airplanes into bombs that day, fifteen were citizens of Saudi Arabia, two were from the United Arab Emirates, one was from Egypt, and one was from Lebanon.

They were trained and paid by foreign powers (including [Saudi Arabia](#)) and "non-state actors" (aka: organized crime).

None were from Somalia.

None were American citizens.

None were sent to Washington as the elected representative of American citizens.

In 1981, Ilhan Abdullahi Omar was born in Mogadishu. Her first years were spent in Baidoa, Somalia. When her family fled the war, she spent four years in a refugee camp in Kenya, near the Somali border. Her family emigrated to the United States in 1992. When she was 17, Ilhan became a US citizen. In 2011, she graduated from North Dakota State University with bachelor's degrees in political science and international studies. Now, she is a Policy Fellow at the University of Minnesota's Humphrey School of Public Affairs.

We Will Remember.

Every day between now and Election Day, November 3, 2020, we will remember the Trump-tweets that incited religious hatred and endangered the lives of elected officials chosen by the voters to represent them in Washington.

HAB Status: Red Tide and Blue-Green Harmful Algae Blooms

Florida Fish and Wildlife reports that there was nothing about Red Tide to report last week.
[Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission](#)

Florida Department of Environmental Protection reported testing 3 samples in the past 30 days that were positive for Blue-Green Harmful Alga from Davis Boat Ramp in **Lee** County on 3/26, Fellsmere Water Mgmt Area 1 in **Indian River** County on 3/25, and the Alva Boat Ramp in **Lee** County on 4/2. A fourth sample was taken from Moorings Bay in **Collier** County on 4/11 - results are no longer pending - there is a notice that the sample was not analyzed. I've sent DEP an email to find out what that means.

[Algal Bloom Site Visits.](#)

Dump Trump

The number of Democrats in NH actively vying to Dump Trump are 18 declared and 11 possible, according to [CitizenCount.org](#):

Declared

1. SEN. CORY BOOKER (D-NEW JERSEY)
2. SOUTH BEND, INDIANA MAYOR PETE BUTTIGIEG (D)
3. FORMER HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT SECRETARY JULIÁN CASTRO (D)
4. REP. JOHN DELANEY (D-MARYLAND)
5. REP. TULSI GABBARD (D-HAWAII)
6. SEN. KIRSTEN GILLIBRAND (D-NEW YORK)
7. SEN. KAMALA HARRIS (D-CALIFORNIA)
8. COLORADO GOV. JOHN HICKENLOOPER (D)
9. WASHINGTON GOV. JAY INSLEE (D)
10. SEN. AMY KLOBUCHAR (D-MINNESOTA)
11. REP. BETO O'ROURKE (D-TEXAS)
12. REP. TIM RYAN (D-OHIO)
13. SEN. BERNIE SANDERS (D-VERMONT)
14. REP. ERIC SWALWELL (D-CALIFORNIA)
15. SEN. ELIZABETH WARREN (D-MASSACHUSETTS)
16. BILL WELD (R)
17. MARIANNE WILLIAMSON (D)
18. ANDREW YANG (D)

Seriously Possible Yet Still Undeclared

1. SEN. MICHAEL BENNETT (D-COLORADO)
2. MONTANA GOV. STEVE BULLOCK (D)
3. NEW YORK CITY MAYOR BILL DE BLASIO (D)
4. FORMER VIRGINIA GOV. TERRY MCAULIFFE (D)
5. FORMER VICE PRESIDENT JOE BIDEN (D)
6. GOV. JOHN KASICH (R-OHIO)
7. FORMER SECRETARY OF STATE JOHN KERRY (D)
8. HOWARD SCHULTZ (D)
9. MARK CUBAN (I)
10. DWAYNE "THE ROCK" JOHNSON (I)
11. OPRAH WINFREY (D)

Pitch Mitch

**We can't win this race,
if we don't have someone willing to run this race.**

The number of Democrats trying to Pitch Mitch are zero according to Ballotpedia; 2 (Steven Cox and Andrew Maynard) according to USElections.com; 3 according to CrowdPac, which - by 4/9/2019 - had received \$5,230 from 114 donors for Amy McGrath, though she has not yet claimed it); or 7 according to Politics1.com:

1. [Steven Cox \(D\)](#) - According to Facebook, he is a Drugstore Manager at Walgreens. Former insurance agent. Studied criminal justice at Colorado Technical University. Went to Muhlenberg North High School. Has 31 followers.
2. [Greg Fischer \(D\)](#) - Louisville Mayor & Businessman, whose website does not have a webhost.
3. [Jim Gray \(D\)](#) - Ex-Lexington Mayor, Businessman, '16 Nominee & '18 US Rep Candidate
4. [Matt Jones \(D\)](#) - Sports Radio Show Host and founder of KentuckySportsRadio.com
5. Andrew Maynard (D)
6. [Amy McGrath \(D\)](#) - Retired USMC Lt Col, Iraq/Afghan War Veteran & '18 US Rep Nominee, whose beautiful website as '18 US Rep Nominee is still working (check out the stunning video stories, like the one about her [12-year-old wish to be a fight pilot](#), she wrote her congressman who felt women needed to be protected from their dreams and her Senator, Mitch McConnell, who never wrote back. After that, she wrote every member of Congress. As it turned out, when she got into the navel academy - they changed the law! First woman to fly an F-18 in combat! And, she had a published economic plan and opened an office in [all 20 counties](#) of her district. Even so, maybe she should go to law school as she is wrong about the power of a soldier [to contradict the Commander-in-Chief](#) when the president issues illegal orders. See, Blumrosen and Blumrosen, "Restoring the Congressional Duty to Declare War," (Rutgers Law Review, 2011, www.warpower.us)

By the way, according to [FEC Filings](#), the Senate Majority Leader (for now) Mitch McConnell has received \$5,857,283.82, spent \$2,510,068.14. and had \$3,595,456.04 cash on hand on 12/31/2018. Steven Cox contributed \$5,100 to his committee (Steven Cox for Senate), had total contributions of \$5,339 and operating expenses of \$5,134, with cash on hand of \$84, as of 6/30/2018, his last FEC filing. One other person, a Republican, Karl Das, has filed with the FEC, and has reported no dollars incoming or outgoing..

It has been **99 days** since Rick Scott was sworn in as Florida's Junior Senator and the most junior member of the U. S. Senate.

(According to the Washington Post, [Scott chose to be late](#)).

Tomorrow Rick Scott will have used up his first 100 days in the U. S. Senate:
What has he accomplished?

The Army Corps of Engineers has not fixed the Lake "O" Dyke.
Many workers still have to survive below the poverty line.
Income, for most, is still tied to work rather than worth.
Health Care is not available for all. Bankruptcy is not health insurance.
Discrimination abounds based on race, ethnicity, sex, disability, age, religion, etc.
Too much hate. Not enough civil discourse and civic education.

What is the Junior Senator waiting for?
The Junior Senator has not quickly fixed the water quality problem, as promised.
And, has not fixed these other problems, which can't be too difficult for him.
Why is the junior senator so slow? *

Footnote(s)

* **Junior Senator Rick Scott**, while governor and head of the party in control of Florida, was quick to point out to voters his perception that his Senatorial predecessor was ineffective.

Scott promised The People of Florida, who he now represents in Washington, DC, that he would quickly remove all barriers to fixing the Red Tide/Green Blue Harmful Algae Bloom problems. He has not.

Mammals, like us, are dying.

The Senatorial incumbent Scott was running against was a Democrat with sufficient seniority to have chaired a powerful committee, Bill Nelson.

Bill Nelson was first elected to public office in 1972, representing much of Brevard County and portions of Orange County and Seminole County in the Florida House of Representatives. In 1978, Bill Nelson was elected to the U.S. House of Representatives. 1995 – 2001, Bill Nelson was Treasurer, Insurance Commissioner, and Fire Marshal of Florida (an elective statewide constitutional officer) serving the People of Florida with Governors Lawton Chiles, Buddy MacKay, and Jeb Bush. In January 3, 2001, Bill Nelson succeeded Connie Mack III in the U. S. Senate. 12 years later, Bill Nelson became Chair of a Committee (The United States Senate Special Committee on Aging). In 2015, Bill Nelson became the Ranking Member of the Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

Had then-governor Rick Scott not won, promising voters he - as a junior senator - would fix the water quality problems he could not fix as governor, then when the

Democrats eventually gain a majority of the Senate, Bill Nelson would likely have become Chair of the Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, as had Democrats Warren G. Magnuson (1977–1978, Washington), Howard W. Cannon (1978–1980, Nevada), Ernest F. Hollings (2001–2003, South Carolina), Daniel K. Inouye (2007–2009, Hawaii), and Jay Rockefeller (2009–2015, West Virginia).

According to [Wikipedia](#) (not an authoritative source but a good place to start) the Commerce Committee "is empowered with legislative oversight of the Coast Guard and Merchant Marine, interstate commerce, communications, the Internet, highways, aviation, rail, shipping, transportation security, oceans, fisheries, climate change, natural disasters, science, sports, tourism, consumer protection, economic development, technology, competitiveness, product safety, insurance, and standards and measurement. The committee also has jurisdiction over coastal zone management, inland waterways (except construction), the Panama Canal and other interoceanic canals, and commerce aspects of Continental Shelf lands."

Maybe Junior Senator Rick Scott and the voters of Florida are learning a lesson Trey Radel learned when he tried to represent Lee and Collier Counties (CD-19) in the U. S. Congress, went to Dupont Circle, chose a drug pusher who was an FBI agent, and was promptly arrested. The Federal Government may seem monolithic, but - by design - some branches act more quickly than the one that deliberates and debates public policy and oversees its implementation.

Perhaps, future Florida Republicans will not so arrogantly mislead voters by misrepresenting the intricacies and subtleties of the job they ask the voters to entrust to them. Among the problems they create for themselves is that, post-election, when they fail to live up to their promises, voters will be left with an image of Republican hypocrisy or sloth. They make themselves seem ignorant of the requirements of the job for which they are applying.

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