



IN THEIR OWN WORDS

"We should have a turn-in program... We should criminally prosecute any who choose to defy it by keeping their weapons."

Congressman Eric Swalwell (D) CA, co-chair of the House Democratic Steering and Policy Committee in an op-ed in USA Today writing about some of his gun confiscation ideas

"I just saw a statistic that said there were 307 mass shootings in the last 311 days in our country."

Florida Georgia Line vocalist Tyler Hubbard in a video in support of TOMS (shoes) founder Blake Mycoskie's anti-gun campaign. This statistic was quickly debunked, but it is an example of telling a "big lie" to validate your agenda

"This explains why 80 percent of gun owners shoot themselves or members of their own families."

Tom Arnold, actor, and rabid anti-gun right advocate, and liar

"We have to stop this politically correct thing, saying disarming everyone will make Brazil a better place."

Brazil President Jair Bolsonaro commenting on his country's murder rate of 175 per day

"We must treat the Second Amendment the same as the rest of the Bill of Rights."

Judge Stephanos Bibas, U.S. Court of Appeals for the 3rd Circuit, in a dissenting opinion where the court upheld New Jersey's 10-round limit on magazine capacity

S. 7 WOULD ALLOW GUN CONFISCATION ORDERS

Currently, Senate Judiciary Chairman Lindsey Graham (R-SC) has said that he's working with anti-gun zealot Sen. Richard Blumenthal (D-CT) to craft a Gun Confiscation proposal.

Under the Blumenthal-Graham proposal, states would presumably be bribed to enact statutes which allow police or an angry "ex" to convene "secret courts" to strip gun owners

of their Second, Fourth, Fifth, and Fourteenth Amendment rights.

The first thing the gun owner would learn about it is when the police knocked on his door in the middle of the night, ready to ransack his house and, if he resisted, to arrest him or shoot him to death. But even by the fascist standards of New Jersey and California, the federal legislation imposing Gun Confiscation Orders is extreme!

S. 7 is currently the only "red flag" confiscation bill to be introduced in Congress. And it is extreme. To begin with, who can convene a "secret court" where neither the targeted gun owner nor his attorney is allowed to appear?

Under S. 7, ANYONE "related by blood, marriage, or adoption, or dating partner". And all of them would be able to convene a "secret court" under S. 7.

The secret court "hearing" is so perfunctory it can be conducted by telephone. And, although the bill contradicts itself, it's far from clear that written testimony must be under oath.

Predictably, virtually every Gun Confiscation Bill, that has been introduced or passed throughout the nation, implies that the police can ransack your house when they arrive to serve the order in the middle of the night.

In S. 7, the court is mandated to give a "clear statement of instruction" as to what they can or can't do. The search and seizure is supposed to occur "upon issuance of the order." And police are specifically allowed to use "any lawful authority" to search your house and seize your guns.

Finally, in every Gun Confiscation Bill that we've seen, your "due process" consists of your "right" to spend \$10-20,000 to hire a lawyer and expert witnesses and convince a judge he made a mistake.

And, oh yes, if it were successful, your name has already been sent to NICS; so, good luck on convincing your state to correct the records.

In a gun control movement which is increasingly willing to shred the whole Bill of Rights if it will eliminate gun ownership, Gun Confiscation Orders are the "crown jewel" of repression.

(continued on page 5)

So, please urge Sen. Lamar Alexander (R) and Sen. Marsha Blackburn (R) to OPPOSE S. 7, a bill that would encourage gun confiscation orders around the country. Gun Owners of America email to members Jan 25, 2019

MORE GUN CONTROL LEGISLATION

Democrats in the U.S. Congress have re-introduced legislation that would ban Americans from importing, selling, manufacturing, transferring, or possessing all magazines capable of holding more than 10 rounds of ammunition.

The “Keep Americans Safe Act” would allow those who already own standard capacity magazines to keep them, and it would not apply to tubular, .22-caliber magazines.

But it would ban the transfer of outlawed magazines and, over time, eliminate most standard-capacity mags for mid-and-full-sized semi-automatic handguns as well as the most popular mags for semi-automatic rifles.

The bill’s lead sponsors, Rep. Ted Deutch of Florida and Sen. Bob Menendez of New Jersey, held a press conference on 14 February announcing the legislation. The anti-gun lobby and their supporters in the media were, as usual, firing strange and misleading comments vis a vis fully semi-automatic.

“Guns become doubly and triply deadly in these massacres because of these high-capacity magazines,” said Sen. Richard Blumenthal, another of the bill’s sponsors. “And so if we take one simple step in approving this prohibition, we can literally save lives. There is no more simple, straightforward way to save lives from gun violence than to ban these high-capacity magazines.”

“The fact is that these high-capacity magazines allow someone to fire off more than 10 rounds in a row,” Rep. Ted Deutch added, helpfully. “You don’t need that if you’re a hunter, you don’t need that for any purpose. You don’t need that for sporting purposes.”

The legislation has yet to receive support from a single Republican lawmaker in the House or Senate. The National Rifle Association also voiced their opposition to the bill.

While the legislation is unlikely to be considered in the Senate, it has secured endorsements from at least five Democratic presidential candidates, including Amy Klobuchar of Minnesota, Cory Booker of New Jersey, Elizabeth Warren of Massachusetts, Kamala Harris of California and Kirsten Gillibrand of New York. <https://www.gunsamerica.com/digest/nationwide-magazine-ban/>

U.S. Sens. Richard Blumenthal (D-CT) and Chris Murphy (D-CT), announced at a press conference that they are co-sponsoring new federal legislation that would mandate how firearms should be stored by owners.

Under the proposed law, gun owners are required to comply with federal standards for securing their firearms. If they fail to comply, they would face a \$500 penalty or

forfeiture of their firearms. If an injury or death is involved, the gun owner could be charged with a class D felony which could result in a federal prison sentence of up to 10 years and a fine of up to \$250,000.

“That’s the purpose of this federal law,” stated Blumenthal, “to hold accountable any firearms owner who fails to safely store or secure their firearms, to prevent access from minors or from others who are dangerous, convicted of crimes, and make our communities safer.” <https://www.gunsamerica.com/digest/connecticut-senators-federal-gun-storage-legislation>

Senator Dianne Feinstein (D-CA) is leading another push to introduce a sweeping “assault weapons” ban that targets the most popular rifles in circulation today. The Assault Weapons Ban of 2019 greatly expands on the 1994 ban and has no sunset provision.

“Last year we saw tens of thousands of students nationwide take to the streets to demand action to stop mass shootings and stem the epidemic of gun violence that plagues our communities,” said Feinstein in her announcement. “Our youngest generation has grown up with active-shooter drills, hiding under their desks—and now they’re saying enough is enough.”

“Americans across the nation are asking Congress to reinstate the federal ban on military-style assault weapons and high-capacity magazines,” she continued. “If we’re going to put a stop to mass shootings and protect our children, we need to get these weapons of war off our streets.”

These types of firearms are almost never used to commit crimes. The FBI reports that in 2017 more people were killed with hammers and bats than all rifles put together and that more than three times more people were killed with knives. In 2017 a total of just 403 people were killed with rifles across the entire country. Supporters of the bill stress that the ban is key to prevent mass shootings.

“Military-style assault rifles are the weapons of choice for mass murderers,” said Senator Chris Murphy (D-Conn.). “There’s just no reason why these guns, which were designed to kill as many people as quickly as possible, are sold to the public.”

“This past year, we’ve seen Americans rise up and demand Congress change our gun laws. Banning assault weapons would save lives, and I’m proud to join Senator Feinstein in introducing this bill.”

And while the rifles affected by the legislation are wildly popular in all shooting sports and self-defense, Senator Richard Blumenthal (D-Conn.) insists that they are only used for murder.

“Assault weapons and high-capacity magazines are deadly and dangerous weapons of war that belong on battlefields—

(continued on page 6)

not our streets,” said Blumenthal. “They have no purpose for self-defense or hunting, and no business being in our schools, churches and malls.” <https://www.gunsamerica.com/digest/feinstein-assault-weapons-ban-2019/>

H.R.8, Bipartisan Background Checks Act of 2019.

“The purpose of this Act is to utilize the current background checks process in the United States to ensure individuals prohibited from gun possession are not able to obtain firearms.”

“It shall be unlawful for any person who is not a licensed importer, licensed manufacturer, or licensed dealer to transfer a firearm to any other person who is not so licensed, unless a licensed importer, licensed manufacturer, or licensed dealer has first taken possession of the firearm for the purpose of complying with subsection (s).”

This is the golden goose for the anti-gun rights crowd – universal background checks. This law would require that if you want to sell one of your guns to a friend you would have to go a licensed dealer and they would have to run a background check on the person who wants to buy your weapon. While there is language in the law that says no records will be kept, I firmly don’t believe it. Lastly, this bill would do NOTHING to keep criminals from getting guns.

MARJORY STONEMAN DOUGLAS HIGH SCHOOL PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION

This commission was tasked to look into ways to stop school shooting after the massacre at the high school last February. After faulting the high school leadership, the school board, the school safety officer, and the local sheriff, the commission recommended arming teachers as one way to protect students.

“In the ideal world, we shouldn’t need anyone on campus with a gun, but that’s not the world we live in today...One’s not

enough. Two’s not enough. We need multiple people in order to protect the children. This was said by commission member Polk County, FL Sheriff Grady Judd.

Pinellas County, FL Sheriff Bob Gualtieri, chairman of the commission, said “Why shouldn’t we give people an opportunity to take someone out before they engage in greater carnage and greater killing. We have to give people a fighting chance, we have to give them an opportunity to protect themselves.”

TN HB 409

Rep. Bruce Griffey, R-Paris, introduced a measure on 31 January that would give criminal and civil immunity to people who justifiably use or threaten to use force. The legislation would bring Tennessee, which already has a “stand your ground” law, more in line with other states, such as Florida. More than two dozen states have some form of the law.

Griffey’s legislation would not apply to anyone who would use force against law enforcement officials.

In December 2016, John Harris, executive director of the Tennessee Firearms Association, said the laws were in need of change.

“In Tennessee, the idea of “self defense” is a technical defense that must be raised to a criminal charge of illegal use of force. That means, if you are forced to use a firearm to defend your family, you can still be arrested, criminally prosecuted and forced to pay tens of thousands of dollars in attorney’s fees just to prove that it was justifiable self-defense shooting.”

Griffey’s bill would effectively eliminate that. A similar bill was proposed and failed in 2017. Knox News Sentinel, Sunday February, 3, 2019, page 13A

Richard Stouder – oakridger48@msn.com



THE RIGHT TO KEEP AND BEAR ARMS

The Right to Keep and Bear Arms (RKBA) column is now available each month on the ORSAONLINE web site at (www.orsaonline.org/rkba.asp). From time to time, the RKBA column will be included in the printed version which is mailed to members’ homes when space permits.

Please remember that each edition of the Rangefinder is also available online at ORSAONLINE (www.orsaonline.org/newsletters.asp) and is normally available before the edition arrives by mail.