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LIBERTY NOTES*By Kevin L. Jamison*

It is a Good Day for Liberty.

I hope you have had a Happy, New Year. We will check.

Before we do anything else, stop and check the expiration date of your license to carry. There is a penalty for late renewal. If you continue to carry it will be under the “permitless” or “Constitutional carry law.” This law is not as good as the license to carry law.

While you have your wallet out. Check your driver’s license. Unless it says “Real ID” it is not sufficient for federal identification. I will need “Real ID” to fly to certain conventions. The NRA Convention will be 3-5 September, 2021 in the George R. Brown Convention Center in Houston Texas. It was moved from the Spring of 2021 on the theory that the Corona-19 panic will be over them. I sincerely hope so. I am very tired of these masks.

Jimenez Arms was driven bankrupt by a lawsuit in Kansas City. The company has made a very nice inexpensive 9mm. A retired Fire Captain in Kansas City faked paperwork to show that he was an agent for an FFL and ordered a number of these guns. He sold to anyone and some were used in crimes. The family of a murder victim sued the Fire Captain (in prison) Jimenez Arms and the FFL he faked paperwork on. The Brady Center provided lawyers who wrote a typically lurid lawsuit. The settlement required that Jimenez Arms surrender its inventory to the Brady Center. I am not certain they will be back in business, even under another name.

Kim Gardner has been one of the nation’s most politicized prosecutors since she was elected as Circuit Attorney for the city of St. Louis. The Soros-supported prosecutor dropped all charges against recent rioters and looters. But in June, when the McCloskey’s stood in front of their home holding firearms as BLM marchers trespassed in their neighborhood, Gardner sprang into action. Gardner issued a statement stating that she was “alarmed at the events that occurred over the weekend, where peaceful protesters were met by guns and a violent assault.” She added that her office is “currently working with the public and police to investigate these events. “Make no mistake: we will not tolerate the use of force against those exercising their First Amendment rights, and will use the full power of Missouri law to hold people accountable.” But there was more to it than that. Gardner used the McCloskey investigation and prosecution to raise campaign funds. In fact, Gardner sent out a fundraising solicitation even before she charged the couple. The email drew a direct line from the incident, which had not yet resulted in criminal charges, to Ms. Gardner’s political antagonists and from there to a call for donations to further her re-election efforts. It implied that the defendant was among those ‘perpetuating a system of systemic racism and police brutality. This move prompted Mark McCloskey’s attorney to move for the prosecutor’s disqualification from the case. Circuit Judge Thomas Clark II on Thursday dismissed Circuit Attorney Kim Gardner and her entire staff, saying campaign fundraising emails Gardner sent to constituents that alluded to Mark and Patricia McCloskey’s case “raise the appearance of impropriety and jeopardize the defendant’s right to a fair trial,” The Associated Press reported. The decision does not apply to McCloskey’s wife, Patricia, who is scheduled to appear before a different judge on Jan. 15, 2021.

I see a claim that Britain has increased restrictions on *antique* firearms. I have not confirmed this claim.



The ATF has posted a proposed rule regarding handgun braces. The proposed rule purports to define the difference between a brace which fits on the forearm and the stock to a short-barreled rifle. The factors identified by the ATF for its possible use in classification include type, caliber, weight and length, how the gun is marketed, length of pull, sights and scopes, peripheral accessories mounted, and rear surface area of the brace, among others. While the factors listed are arbitrary and open-ended, the truly onerous part of the proposal is that **no definitions of the factors are provided**. The phrase "how the gun is marketed" is open to no end of mis-interpretation of advertising. The persons suing Remington escaped dismissal under the Protection of Lawful Commerce in Arms Act by claiming that Remington violated advertising laws. They claimed the advertising claimed that the gun was powerful and, in short, worked like a gun. They claim that the psychopath was attracted by this advertising. Actually, the psychopath killed his mother and stole her legally owned rifle.

An authority advises that we should all buy a gun made before 1899. His contention is that such antique guns are exempt from regulation under federal law. Checking the statute I find that it deals mostly with muzzle-loading guns. The first sentence, however, exempts guns made before 1899. One must read the statute closely however and in my experience judges do not read statutes closely. Also, certain states regulate antique firearms as restrictively as they do modern firearms. It doesn't have to make sense, it's just the law.

A reliable source reports an instance where a group of legislators were in a crowded office in the Capital. One of the legislators took his gun out and placed it on a table. Another legislator jumped up and ran to the outer office trembling in fear at the presence of a gun. This is the sort of person we have to deal with.

The Missouri legislature survived the election with a pro gun-rights majority. Governor Parsons is on our side. He has been pressured by city mayors to support restrictions on our rights. He said no. It would be appropriate to send him letters thanking him for his past support. Don't mention future threats or pending legislation. Just thank him for past support and he will get the message. He gets demand letters all the time; a thank-you will stand out.

The Kansas City Star ran a lengthy front-page editorial against the pending police union contract. It opposed a provision which allows an officer 48 hours rest after a shooting before making a report. They strongly imply that this obstructs justice and contributes to unlawful police shootings. Memory experts say that extreme stress, like a gunfight, degrades memory. Adrenaline is pounding through the brain for three days and no one would suggest making a statement under the influence of a chemical. Adrenaline is a very powerful chemical. Blood retreats from the frontal lobes of the brain to the primitive part of the brain. Better recall is had after at least 48 hours. It escapes the paper that all Americans have a right to remain silent. This includes the police.

I've read "The Mascot." A true story. A writer finds his father on his doorstep to tell him that he was born a Russian Jew before WW II. One day the nazis came to his village and his mother told him they would be killed the next day. Only 5 or 6 years old he did not want to be killed so escaped to the forest and climbed a tree. From the tree he saw his family killed. He lived in the forest for months. He may have blocked out the memory. A Russian realized he was a Jew and turned him over to a Latvian SS unit to be shot. Instead the troops adopted him as a mascot. One soldier told him to never take his pants down in front of another person. Otherwise he would be exposed as circumcised and therefore Jewish and therefore killed. This was awkward but he managed it. The book consists of the writer's research to confirm his father's fragments of memory. He does a remarkable job even finding a nazi propaganda film featuring his father. After the events described in the book DNA proved that his father was Jewish.

In the words of two great movie time travelers, "Be excellent to each other!"

We shall overcome.

"The present Constitution is the standard to which we are to cling. Under its banners, bona fide must we combat our political foes — rejecting all changes but through the channel itself provides for amendments."

—Alexander Hamilton

"A wise and frugal government ... shall restrain men from injuring one another, shall leave them otherwise free to regulate their own pursuits of industry and improvement, and shall not take from the mouth of labor the bread it has earned. This is the sum of good government."

—Thomas Jefferson

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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

NEW YEAR, OLD BATTLES

K. L. Jamison

We greet the New Year with a legislature that is largely on our side. There are a slew of anti-gun rights bills filed. These offensive restrictions have little chance of a committee hearing and no chance of passage. The Governor has been asked to support gun restrictions and he said "no." We can feel secure on the state level, but not so safe that we can ignore the legislature. Once we start ignoring them, they will ignore us.

The big city mayors are another problem. They insist their populations are different than the rest of Missouri, more crime prone, more violent; and guns make them so. So long as we have the pre-emption law we should be safe. The pre-emption law says that local laws cannot be more restrictive than state laws. The mayors will lobby to abolish the pre-emption law. However, they may confine themselves to gun "buyback" programs. State law prohibits using tax-payer money, personnel or property for these purposes. They may get private contributions and that is fine. Getting private money for "buybacks" takes anti-gun money out of circulation that might be used for worse purposes. The procedure gives them an all-day sucker to distract them from worse projects. In the end they have a false feeling of accomplishment and some of our people have disposed of broken guns and received ammunition money.

The federal level is something else. Despite heroic efforts it seems that Joe Biden will be the next president. If election results are taken at face value he won by a narrow margin of the popular vote. A recent poll shows that 17% of his supporters would not have voted for him if they knew what he really advocated. This is astonishing. It is not as if his policies were a secret. This is something we shall have to remember for next time; in two years and four years. Joe Biden cannot claim a mandate, but he thinks he can. His supporters think he can. There have been proposals that he issue executive orders to accomplish his goals. There is a limit to what can be done by executive order. However, recent presidents have not seemed to recognize this fact.

The US Supreme Court seems to have a gun rights majority. This gives us hope in case of anti-gun rights executive action. President Trump has appointed record numbers of district and appellate judges so a case may not need to go that far or cost that much. However, for safety's sake and as a practical matter each of us should start amassing funds to contribute to legal efforts. There is a member who throws a quarter in a coffee can for every anti-rights comment he hears. It adds up.

The US Congress hangs by a thread to be determined by the Georgia run-off Senate races in early January, 2021. The House has a slight Democratic majority. There will be a fight in Congress regardless of the results.

As of this writing the ATF has withdrawn its proposed rule to define pistols with arm braces as short-barreled rifles. However, they have also seized customer lists for such pistols and for 80% receivers. It is possible that these customers will be contacted by the ATF. If questioned remember; your ancestors died to preserve the right to remain silent. It is unpatriotic not to use it. When confronted by law enforcement there is nothing the citizen can say that will talk them out of their course of action. Any conversation will only be used against you.

We have enormous challenges before us. Fortunately they are familiar challenges.

I thank-you for the honor of being your president.

Is the Second Amendment going global?

While the U.S. is going crazy, other countries are becoming saner. Everybody associates gun ownership with the U.S. After all, our country is unique with respect to its Second Amendment. No other country in the world offers such protections for private firearms ownership like the U.S.

However, this has been under attack lately thanks to a multi-decade assault on the Second Amendment by both cultural and political actors. With a presumptive Democrat president, gun rights will likely be in the Left's crosshairs. Crucial Senate runoffs in Georgia will determine if Democrats get a trifecta in Congress. Regardless of the result, the Left will continue its usual attacks. That's how they operate.

On a more positive note, other countries are beginning to consider the concept of private firearms ownership. Countries from South America all the way to Europe are changing the conversation on gun policy. I talk about how this represents a new paradigm shift in international politics in my latest post for the Mises Institute.

José Niño

P.S. Americans take their right to self-defense for granted. Most other countries around the world have no concept of the Second Amendment. Some countries luck out in having functional police forces and cultures that generally keep criminal activities in check. Other countries are not so lucky. Their citizens are sitting ducks and are usually at the mercy of criminals and despotic governments. A lot of Americans don't get this.

It's not because they're stupid. We must blame the media and education system for poisoning the minds of millions. But there is a detox.... People like myself see through this nonsense and make it a point to provide resources that help people cleanse their minds of the anti-freedom poison they've been intoxicated with.

I like to help others by sharing my thoughts about politics and ultimately providing them with knowledge they won't find elsewhere.

All it takes is a curious mind and the discipline to sit down and consume thought-provoking content.

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Want information about the Second Amendment that the Looney Left and the Repugnant Right won't tell you about? Shimmy on down to the site below for the definitive guide to destroying the dumbest arguments against the right to bear arms: <https://gumroad.com/products/jDnWQ>

Bloomberg's Everytown Encourages Biden to Pursue Unlawful Executive Gun Controls

According to the December 10 report from the New York Times, Michael Bloomberg's anti-gun organization Everytown for Gun Safety is pushing Joe Biden to enact a raft of gun control by executive fiat. As much as Everytown and their would-be autocrat benefactor might wish, the U.S. Presidency is not a dictatorship. The executive actions Everytown contemplates implicate the Second Amendment rights of law-abiding gun owners and are not moored in a credible reading of federal statute.

The article noted that the group has targeted three areas for executive action. Everytown is urging Biden to further restrict the private transfer of firearms between non-dealers, force Federal Firearms Licensees (gun dealers or FFLs) to notify the FBI whenever they complete a firearms transfer following the FBI's failure to complete a background check within three days, and further regulate unfinished firearm frames and receivers – sometimes referred to as 80 percent frames or receivers.

Federal law (18 U.S.C. § 922(a)) provides,

(a) *It shall be unlawful--*

(1) *for any person--*

(A) except a licensed importer, licensed manufacturer, or licensed dealer, to engage in the business of importing, manufacturing, or dealing in firearms, or in the course of such business to ship, transport, or receive any firearm in interstate or foreign commerce; or

Therefore, a person may not "engage in the business" of dealing firearms without a Federal Firearms License. FFLs, of course, are required to consult the FBI's National Instant Criminal Background Check System before transferring a firearm to a non-dealer.

The term "engaged in the business," as it pertains to firearms dealers, is defined by statute (18 U.S.C. § 921(a)(21)) as,

a person who devotes time, attention, and labor to dealing in firearms as a regular course of trade or business with the principal objective of livelihood and profit through the repetitive purchase and resale of firearms, but such term shall not include a person who makes occasional sales, exchanges, or purchases of firearms for the enhancement of a personal collection or for a hobby, or who sells all or part of his personal collection of firearms;

Notice that the language does not contain a specific number of firearm sales or transfers that triggers the definition of "engaged in the business." The language in the definition was carefully crafted to exempt individuals selling and trading firearms in and out of their private collections, no matter the frequency or volume. Rather, it is when a person sells firearms "as a regular course of trade or business with the principal objective of livelihood and profit" that a person must obtain Federal Firearms License.

Under this language, an individual who sells 20 firearms in a year with "the principal objective of livelihood and profit" would be required to become an FFL. However, an individual who sells 50 firearms in a year with the principle objective of enhancing their collection would not be required to become an FFL. The definition creates a distinction between commercial and private conduct, rather than various volumes of transactions.

Enacting this statutory definition of "engaged in the business" was a key component of the Firearms Owners' Protection Act of 1986. Prior to FOPA, BATFE had targeted private individuals at gun shows who sold a few firearms out of their private collections on multiple occasions.

Despite the clear language and legislative history of 18 U.S.C. § 921(a)(21), Everytown is reportedly pushing Biden to place an arbitrary five firearm per year cap on private sales. Everytown's proposal is particularly egregious given the recent history surrounding this issue.

President Barack Obama's administration acknowledged that they had gone as far as executive action would permit on firearms. In late 2015, White House Deputy Press Secretary Eric Shultz told reporters that Obama "has asked his team to scrub existing legal authorities to see if there's any additional action we can take administratively."

The Obama administration looked into further restricting the private transfer of firearms by executive fiat. Understanding that they did not have the authority to place a cap on the number of private transfers a person may engage in, the administration issued a 15-page guidance document that explained the relevant federal statutes and regulations concerning firearms dealing and summarizing its view of the controlling case law. Given the nature of the issue, one would expect there to be a plethora of Obama-era documents available through the Freedom of Information Act on this topic that would make a policy U-turn politically unpalatable and provide compelling evidence for any potential litigation.

In fact, the statutory language and legislative history is so clear that Biden would not have the authority to enact Everytown's proposal that Bloomberg anti-gun mouthpiece The Trace has admitted as much. In June 2018, the Bloomberg organ whined, "Under the Gun Control Act, the ATF had wide latitude to pursue illegal dealing charges against unlicensed sellers. FOPA protected private dealers by narrowing the definition of just who qualified as being 'engaged in the business' of selling guns.

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At present, federal law (18 U.S.C. § 922(t)) provides that an FFL may transfer a firearm to a prospective buyer after “3 business days (meaning a day on which State offices are open) have elapsed since the licensee contacted the [National Instant Criminal Background Check System], and the system has not notified the licensee that the receipt of a firearm by such other person would violate federal law.” This provision ensures that the FBI is not empowered to indefinitely delay a gun sale, either for an inability to conduct a background check or out of malevolence. As NRA-ILA has explained, this three-day safety-valve provision is vital and its elimination would turn the right to keep and bear arms into a privilege.

The Bloomberg proposal to force FFLs to notify the FBI whenever they complete a firearms transfer following the FBI’s failure to complete a background check within three days is an obvious attempt to intimidate FFLs into not transferring a firearm to individuals burdened by FBI’s inability to perform what is supposed to be an “instant” background check. This would curtail the ability of many individuals who routinely experience a lengthy NICS to access firearms at all.

There is no statutory language authorizing this requirement. Further, the proposal is unnecessary given current federal law enforcement practice. In the rare instance where a firearm is transferred to an individual following the three-day period and the FBI subsequently determines that the individual is prohibited from possessing firearms, ATF will then retrieve the firearm.

Concerning unfinished frames and receivers, the current federal statute and regulations are clear. Federal law defines a “firearm” to include “any weapon (including a starter gun) which will or is designed to or may readily be converted to expel a projectile by the action of an explosive” and “the frame or receiver of any such weapon.” In the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), “firearm frame or receiver” is further defined as “That part of a firearm which provides housing for the hammer, bolt or breechblock, and firing mechanism, and which is usually threaded at its forward portion to receive the barrel.”

In order to treat unfinished frames and receivers as firearms, ATF would be required to broaden the definition of “firearm frame or receiver” in the CFR. Such a change is inadvisable and should at the very least require a formal rule-making under the Administrative Procedure Act.

By targeting the materials Americans use to make their own firearms, Everytown and Biden would be striking at the core of the Second Amendment right in a manner that has no basis in the text, history, and tradition of the right. Since long before the founding, Americans have enjoyed the right to make their own firearms for personal use without government interference.

NRA-ILA will continue to monitor any attempts to enact unlawful gun control through executive action and stands ready to challenge such measures should they arise.

Are Bump Stocks Still Alive? Feds Drop Charges Because They Couldn’t Prove Devices are Machine Guns

A bump stock case in Houston is making waves in the pro-gun community after federal prosecutors dropped bump stock-related charges against a man because “the government couldn’t prove beyond a reasonable doubt the bump stock was a machine gun,” according to the Houston Chronicle.

Ajay Dhingra, 44, was convicted for lying when he purchased a handgun, rifle and ammunition, and illegally possessing a weapon as a person who had been committed for mental illness. But federal prosecutors dropped charges for bump stock possession after Dhingra’s defense found a former ATF agent willing to testify that bump stocks are not machine guns.

That agent, Rick Vasquez, was ready to testify that, unlike machine guns, bump stocks require the shooter to make contact with the trigger each time a round is fired.

His testimony convinced the prosecution that they would be unable to prove that a bump stock is a machine gun, despite the ATF ruling in 2018 that the two are synonymous. “If something doesn’t meet the definition of a machine gun, it’s not a machine gun,” said defense attorney Tom Berg. “And no amount of wishing or passing rules can change it.”

Bump stocks were not incredibly popular AR-15 accessories relative to products like scopes, standard stocks, and aftermarket triggers. But they became a symbol for unaccountable federal power after the ATF unilaterally reversed its previous ruling and categorized bump stocks as machine guns.

When bump stocks were first introduced in 2010, the ATF told bump stock company SlideFire that their product would not be regulated as a machine gun.

“The stock has no automatically functioning mechanical parts or springs and performs no automatic mechanical function when installed,” they wrote.

“In order to use the installed device, the shooter must apply constant forward pressure with the non-shooting hand and constant rearward pressure with the shooting hand,” the agency continued. “Accordingly we find that the ‘bump-stock’ is a firearm part and is not regulated as a firearm under the Gun Control Act or the National Firearms Act.”

Then, in 2018, following the Las Vegas massacre in which the shooter had bump stocks in his possession, the ATF

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reversed its decision and effectively banned the possession of bump stocks by re-categorizing them as machine guns.

The lawsuits from pro-gun organizations came fast and furious. Unfortunately, most were unsuccessful, and the ATF rule stood. One of the last remaining cases is before the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit, which is set to hear a challenge to the ATF's ruling before the full 12-judge panel.

It's unclear whether this case out of Houston will help the bump stock cause. But it certainly can't hurt.

Biden Wants to Tax and Register Your Guns

If Joe Biden gets his way, he and his sidekick Kamala Harris will enact one of the most draconian gun control agendas Americans have ever witnessed. Of course, standing in the way of Biden and the Democrats acting on their radical anti-Second Amendment plan is a Republican-controlled Senate — so long as the runoff elections in Georgia go the Republicans' way.

Targeting one of the nation's most popular firearms, the AR-15, Biden would first restrict the manufacture and sale of such "assault weapons," as well as standard-capacity magazines holding more than 10 rounds, while also forcing the millions of Americans who own them to choose between participating in a federal firearms "buyback" program or paying hundreds of dollars in taxes to register their guns with the federal government. Yes, that would be the imposition of a retro \$200 tax on firearms Americans already own.

Tell us again the lie about how Democrats care about the American people. This policy proposal once again exposes the authoritarian instincts of the party of the donkey. The data on the criminal use of firearms simply doesn't back up the gun control lobby's focus on grossly mislabeled "assault weapons." Handguns are far more prevalent in use as a weapon for murder and criminal attacks. In fact, hands and feet kill more people each year than rifles of any type. Furthermore, the spiking violent crime in many American cities today has everything to do with the Left's attack on law enforcement, not the record number of Americans purchasing firearms.

But this isn't about crime, is it? No, it's about tyrannical control.

Indeed, it's the looming threat to the Second Amendment that is the largest motivator for Americans purchasing firearms. As National Shooting Sports Foundation spokesman Mark Oliva observes, "America's attitude on gun control is shifting more toward the idea that we need to protect our rights and away from the idea we need government control of our destiny." And Biden's proposal is only serving to reinforce that attitude.

NRA Takes Concealed Carry Case to the Supreme Court

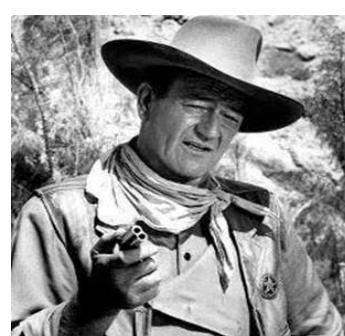
The National Rifle Association's Institute for Legislative Action (NRA-ILA) has partnered with the New York State Rifle and Pistol Association (NYSRPA) today to ask the Supreme Court to hear a challenge to New York's restrictive process for issuing concealed carry licenses.

"As long as New York continues denying law-abiding gun owners their Second Amendment rights, the NRA will continue fighting to protect and expand those rights," said Jason Ouimet, executive director of NRA-ILA.

The case, NYSRPA v. Corlett, challenges New York's requirement for applicants to demonstrate "proper cause" to carry a firearm. While New York routinely employs this arbitrary standard to deny carry permits, the NRA argues that this right should be available to "all the people" instead of a "subset of the people that can distinguish themselves from their fellow Americans" by showing proper cause.

The NRA is the leader in America's right-to-carry movement having pioneered the effort on legislative and legal fronts since the 1980s. Today, due to its efforts, more than 40 states have what the NRA describes as "shall-issue" laws where states are required to give residents who apply and satisfy prerequisites their requested permits. The NRA is also the national leader in the "constitutional carry" movement where law-abiding residents in 16 states do not require a permit to carry a firearm. This is the second lawsuit the NRA and NYSRPA have brought to the High Court in as many years. The move is just the latest in NRA's decades-long fight to protect and expand Americans' right to carry.

"Eventually, these anti-freedom activists will understand that our Second Amendment right to keep and bear arms is fundamental, and it doesn't vanish when we leave our homes. Until then, we will continue these battles wherever they arise," concluded Ouimet.



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GUN OWNERS DEFEAT FEDERAL GUN CONFISCATION

Red Flag GCOs Removed from Defense Bill

While Nancy Pelosi was busy forcing Congress to vote on “Tiger King” legislation, banning the ownership of big cats, and legalizing marijuana nationwide, Gun Owners of America was busy successfully dealing the final blow to gun control.

Back in July, GOA alerted Congress when we discovered so-called “Red Flag” Gun Confiscation Orders (GCOs) buried deep in H.R. 6395, the 2021 National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA).

But you didn’t hear this on the news. Back then, the world was busy debating whether we should rename US military bases.

The gun confiscation language lay buried on page 343 of 1427 of the NDAA. Today, GOA is pleased to announce that this passage has been removed from the bill and that, at least for the time being, there will be no federal “Red Flag” GCOs for those subject to the Uniform Code of Military Justice (UCMJ). But this gun control could easily have snuck through Congress.

Since discovering the gun control, GOA’s team of lobbyists in Washington D.C. tracked the bill and worked hand in hand with Republican leadership, members of Congress, and the White House to ensure that this nasty gun control was removed.

Our work came to fruition late last week, when H.R. 6395’s Conference Report, discussing the results of the House-Senate negotiations, was published.

In that conference report on page 3872 of 4517 was our result. The House bill contained a provision (sec. 542) that would amend chapter 80 of title 10, United States Code, to authorize military magistrates and military judges to issue military court protective orders [against] a person subject to the Uniform Code of Military Justice.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.

The House recedes.

We had successfully blocked GCOs from the final bill and force House Speaker Nancy Pelosi to “recede” on her anti-gun policy goal.

Goodbye anti-gun §542! In its place, §542 of the final bill now contains unrelated language regarding the Qualifications of Judges and Standard of Review for Courts of Criminal Appeals. But, the fate of the 2021 NDAA is still up in the air.

Trump has threatened to veto the bill over Title 47 U.S.C. §230 reform and the renaming of military bases. However, this new Conference Report legislation is backed by a bipartisan and veto-proof majority. We will keep you informed as this bill moves through the final legislative process.

Still, Gun Owners should celebrate the removal of gun control from this bill, as this represents only the first of many legislative battles to defeat gun control gun owners may face for the next four years.

Biden’s Gun Plan Could Bankrupt The Firearms Industry

President-elect Joe Biden’s gun control plan, which in part seeks to remove liability protections on firearm manufacturers and dealers, could bankrupt major players in the weapons industry, two advocates said. The former vice president’s “Plan To End Our Gun Violence Epidemic” seeks to repeal the Protection of Lawful Commerce In Arms Act, which affords firearms dealers and manufacturers legal protection against lawsuits that may result from the misuse of weapons or ammunition sold to the public. Such a measure would effectively leave dealers and sellers vulnerable to wrongful death and injury lawsuits that target the weapon, rather than the perpetrator, senior vice president of the Gun Owners of America Erich Pratt told the *Daily Caller* News Foundation.

“[Biden’s plan] means that gun manufacturers could ultimately be put out of business through frivolous lawsuits, Pratt said in a phone interview. “It’s totally irresponsible, imagine holding Ford or GM responsible for the damage caused by hit-and-run drivers. We wouldn’t tolerate that and yet that’s exactly the type of legal theory they’re trying to put on gun manufacturers.”

Kevin Jamison, a Missouri self-defense lawyer and firearms trainer, said “The guys pushing these lawsuits, they don’t care if they win. They care if they can force these companies to hemorrhage money. They are in the business of putting gun companies out of business.”

Remington Arms Company, which has been producing firearms since 1816, went bankrupt in late September after the corporation was sued by the families of the victims involved in the deadly 2012 Sandy Hook school shooting, according to Fox Business. The gunman used a Bushmaster, a sub-company of Remington, AR-15 during the shooting, Fox reported...

Pratt said the country will be seeing “more” of these lawsuits and he added that Remington’s bankruptcy “was the desired intent” of the legal procedure. Jamison called the theories behind the gun litigation “absurd” and said the lawsuits have been allowed to continue even under the Commerce In Arms Act because of misguided courts.

“They’ve gotten away with it because the courts have indulged these absurd theories of law,” the gun lawyer said. “It’s a disaster. It has been very bad the last few years, yes, but it’s going to be the death of mom and pop and gun shops — individually-owned gun shops — and some of these companies.”

Pratt sees the potential for America’s gun industry as a whole to crumble under the weight of litigation that could result from Biden’s plan.

“The idea of the left would be ‘oh sure you can have a Second Amendment right, too bad you just can’t find any guns that are being produced and manufactured,’” he said.

HERE IS HOW GUN GRABBERS ARE TRYING TO GET INSIDE YOUR HEAD

The most effective form of gun control never bans a single gun. It just controls the way you think—or the way your neighbors think—until enough people voluntarily give up gun ownership so that tyranny can win. Gun controllers use the sinister strategy of mind control to reach their goal: an unarmed populace unable to defend against a tyrannical government.

In Texas, gun owners become outraged when they hear of bills being filed to ban commonly-owned firearms, ban normal gun magazines, and effectively shut down your ability to freely transfer your firearms and create a permanent firearms registry.

Right now, those bills are simply virtue-signaling from gun-grabbing legislators who are clamoring to be the best puppet for gun control organizations from the likes of Michael Bloomberg and Gabby Giffords. In a future session, if gun owners do not remain vigilant to elect legislators who will protect our rights, those types of bills could stand a chance. This session, however, with the current make-up of the Texas Legislature, it is unlikely a major gun ban will make it through.

But those California-style bills are already distracting gun owners from the gun control bills that *do* stand a chance, if we don't work hard to kill them. And they are inoculating you – or perhaps your neighbors, family, and friends – in an attempt to make Texas more receptive to gun control.

Modern gun control bills are all about mind control. Here's how it works.

First, the gun controllers re-name. They call commonly used firearms “assault weapons,” and refer to standard-capacity magazines as “high-capacity.” These new terms make it sound like our normal guns and magazines are uncommonly dangerous. According to them, an “assault weapon” can include any revolver, most semi-automatic pistols, and most firearms that adjust to fit you.

The gun controllers also re-define terms. For example, when I say “gun safety,” I mean, “Treat every gun as if it’s loaded, always point the muzzle in a safe direction, keep your finger off the trigger until you’re ready to fire, and be aware of your target and what is beyond it.” When they use the term “gun safety,” they mean something vastly different: “You should always keep your guns locked up, so that not even you have access to them, because this will help keep you from doing something terrible with them.”

This re-definition of “gun safety” carries with it a strong message that guns are dangerous, useless, and have no positive value.

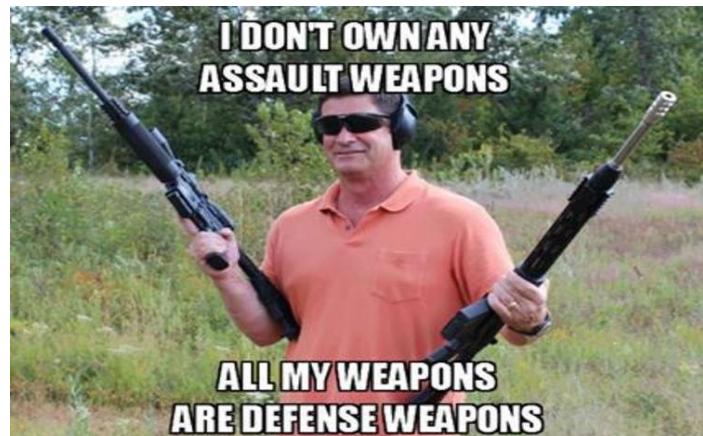
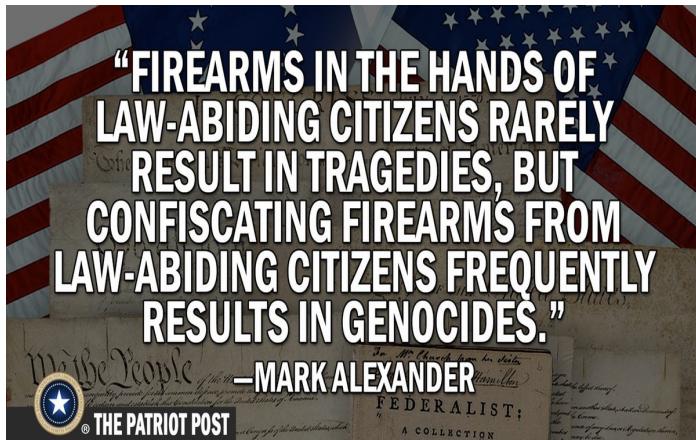
But we know the opposite is true: Americans use guns hundreds or thousands of times every single day to defend themselves and protect their lives. Guns serve a very valuable purpose. If government hinders Texans from having access to guns – either by mandating that guns be stored in a safe, or by using your tax dollars toward a public awareness campaign about their version of “gun safety” – our communities will be less safe.

Along with re-naming and re-defining, the gun controllers also incentivize, shame, and apply peer pressure to dupe people into voluntarily signing up for gun control – just as Tom Sawyer manipulated his friends into wanting to do his chores for him.

Examples of these tactics abound. Police departments conduct gun “buy-backs,” in which they offer to pay small sums of money for guns that people voluntarily surrender. Social media organizations stigmatize gun owners, flagging pictures and videos of guns for extra scrutiny and telling pro-gun posters that these posts “violate community standards” – or permanently banning them. Government agencies seem all too happy to do their part; the Governor’s EMS and Trauma Advisory Council has been considering for months how to empower doctors to talk to patients about “gun storage,” using talking points and skewed data straight from the gun controllers.

As legislators continue to pre-file bills for the Texas session, we will continue to see all manner of gun control bills filed.

Instead of being distracted by the “shock-and-awe” bills that call for full-on gun bans and outrageous California policies, gun owners need to also scour the bills that are presented in a more palatable light using terms of “gun safety,” “responsible gun ownership,” and “ending ‘gun violence.’” Those bills, which manipulate the way that we think about guns and gun ownership, pose the largest immediate threat to our safety and our liberty.





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