

about the incident, Trump said, referring to the protester, "Maybe he should have been roughed up." That is stunning. A Republican candidate for President of the United States urged violence to silence his critics.

Last week, four masked men with apparent White supremacist ties opened fire on Black Lives Matter protestors in Minneapolis.

I am amazed that the junior Senator from Texas had the audacity to say earlier this week that "the overwhelming majority of violent criminals are Democrats." And the article he quoted has been said to have been quoted improperly. That is really quite stunning, that someone with the academic background of the junior Senator from Texas cannot read a simple report. "The overwhelming majority of violent criminals are Democrats." Think about that. Fanning the flames of intolerance is un-American. We are better than this.

I am disappointed that Republicans who should know better are not speaking out against this vile rhetoric. According to the New York Times, "Some of the highest-ranking Republicans in Congress and some of the party's wealthiest and most generous donors have balked at trying to take down Mr. Trump because they fear a public feud with the insult-spewing media figure." That is a sad reflection on one of America's major political parties.

The Republican Party once claimed to stand for American leadership in the world, but as millions of Syrians have fled their country, seeking refuge from death and destruction, Republicans have instead used the humanitarian crisis as an opportunity to spread fear and animosity. Republican Presidential candidate Ben Carson described the Syrian refugees as "rabid dogs." Mike Huckabee referred to the Syrian refugees as a bag of poisonous peanuts. Even more disturbing is the junior Senator from Texas, who went so far as to suggest a religious test for accepting refugees fleeing violence and oppression. He only wants to accept Christians.

The Republican Party used to claim to stand for religious freedom, but they are now just pretending. Ben Carson doesn't think Muslims should be allowed to become President. The junior Senator from Florida, also a Republican Presidential candidate, speaks of a "clash of civilizations." Those are buzz words meaning a crusade against Islam. He is saying that ISIS extremists are representative of an entire religion.

It doesn't stop there. Republicans have targeted immigrants also—not just people who are seeking refuge, not just refugees, but also immigrants. The Republican Party wants to paint all immigrants as murderers and rapists. Congressman STEVE KING says all immigrants are drug traffickers. Republicans only talk about deporting families. Senator RUBIO, the Republican establishment favorite, walked away

from his single positive legislative accomplishment—comprehensive immigration reform—to please the party's extreme anti-immigrant base. He has gone from supporting citizenship for undocumented immigrants to wanting to deport DREAMers. And even Jeb Bush speaks of "anchor babies."

With the way our democracy is structured, there will always be disagreement about the best way elected officials can serve our Nation, but as we debate and disagree, we must do so responsibly.

President Bill Clinton once said that those of us with influence must be mindful of our words because they fall "on the serious and delirious alike." The venom Republicans continue to spew has consequences. History will judge those who stand idle as fear and animosity become the platform of an American political party.

The simple fact is that Republicans are running on a platform of hate, and every Republican who fails to speak out against the hateful, dangerous rhetoric being spewed by their party is complicit.

For the moral character of our Nation, we must demand that the Republicans return to the values on which our country was founded.

Mr. President, Senator MCCONNELL and I have finished our remarks. Would the Chair announce the business of the day.

RESERVATION OF LEADER TIME

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the leadership time is reserved.

RESTORING AMERICANS' HEALTHCARE FREEDOM RECONCILIATION ACT OF 2015

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the Senate will resume consideration of H.R. 3762, which the clerk will report.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (H.R. 3762) to provide for reconciliation pursuant to section 2002 of the concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 2016.

Pending:

McConnell amendment No. 2874, in the nature of a substitute.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Wyoming.

Mr. ENZI. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the time spent in quorum calls requested during Senate consideration of H.R. 3762 be equally divided and come off of the reconciliation bill.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there objection?

Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. ENZI. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that for the duration of the Senate's consideration of H.R. 3762, the majority and Democratic managers of the reconciliation bill, while seated or standing at the managers' desks, be

permitted to deliver floor remarks, retrieve, review, and edit documents, and send email and other data communications from text displayed on wireless personal digital assistant devices and tablet devices. I further ask unanimous consent that the use of calculators be permitted on the floor during consideration of the budget resolution.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there objection?

Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. ENZI. For the information of Senators, this UC does not alter the existing traditions that prohibit the use of such devices in the Chamber by Senators in general, officers, and staff. It also does not allow the use of videos or pictures, the transmitting of sound, even through earpieces, for any purposes, the use of telephones or other devices for voice communications, any laptop computers, any detachable keyboards, the use of desktop computers or any other larger devices.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there objection?

Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. ENZI. Mr. President, earlier this year, Congress approved its first balanced 10-year budget since 2001. In addition to helping make our government more efficient, effective, and accountable, this balanced budget resolution contained reconciliation instructions to provide for the repeal of Obamacare and pave the way for real health care reforms to strengthen the doctor-patient relationship; expand choices; lower health care costs; and improve access to quality, affordable, innovative health care.

These instructions focused on the key congressional committees with jurisdiction over Obamacare—the Senate Finance Committee; Senate Health, Education, Labor and Pensions Committee; House Energy and Commerce Committee; House Education and the Workforce Committee; and the House Ways and Means Committee.

Our friends in the House passed their repeal bill in October and November, which repealed key parts of Obamacare, including the individual and employer mandates, the Cadillac tax, and the medical device tax, which is pending here today.

As most everyone knows, while the House and Senate are known collectively as Congress, they both have very different rules. This is why it is important to ensure that the House-passed repeal bill is in line with Senate rules and procedures.

The reconciliation process is governed by a combination of statutory rules, budget resolution provisions, precedents—and the interpretations of all these applicable standards ensure that any legislation which says it qualifies for reconciliation does actually do so.

The repeal bill passed by the House, H.R. 3762, contained material that qualified the bill in the House as meeting the conditions for reconciliation. The provisions were marked up and reported out of the three House reconciled committees, combined together