

Mike outside his secure facility and heading our way, it does not mean a social call—it means bad news—and you had better believe this stoic sentinel has had to say no a lot more than yes. Just doing the job half as reliably and reassuringly as Mike is a herculean task by itself, but then factor in the fact that he is also one of the most personally well-liked and respected colleagues among the circle of folks with whom he has worked.

Mike D.'s reputation extends far outside the Senate. I have it on good authority that, when Secretary of Defense Esper—who served as national security adviser to a former majority leader—comes to Senate Security to brief us Members, he doesn't consider his visit complete until he has stopped in Mike D.'s office to check on his old colleague.

Yet, ironically, outside a select circle, most people in the Senate itself probably could not pick Mike D. out of a lineup. I guess, when everything you work on is strictly "need to know," you wind up on a need-to-know basis yourself. Even Mike's own teammates describe his approach as somewhat "stealth-like."

In short, even to his beloved Senate, Mike has remained somewhat mysterious. It is definitely a good sign for all of us that he has never become a household name, but some careful intelligence work on our own has turned up clues about Mike D.'s next assignment. His well-earned retirement will bring more hikes, more long runs, a lot more golf, and more time with the family he treasures. He may miss his colleagues and the importance of his job, but I don't think tears will be shed for the end of those heroically long commutes on I-95 which took place at all hours, day and night, whenever duty called.

I can't offer Mike any higher praise than to repeat what he actually already knows.

The Senate has been safe and secure for more than a generation because of you. Decades of Senators have gotten the information we need because of you. Some people spend their whole careers wondering if they have made a difference. You have not needed to ask that for almost 40 years, and you will never need to ask it again.

Mike, we are going to miss you, but old habits die hard, and we simply aren't willing to sever all ties.

So, this morning, the Senate will officially designate Mike as Senate Security's Director Emeritus. The Office's first-ever Director will become its first-ever Director Emeritus.

But don't worry, Mike. Your new job description will just be a little bit lighter. I hope the biggest mystery you have to tackle for a while will be whether to play 9 holes on Saturday or fit in 18. The Senate and your country thanks you for everything you have done.

DIRECTOR EMERITUS OF SENATE SECURITY OF THE UNITED STATES SENATE

Mr. MCCONNELL. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the consideration of S. Res. 582, submitted earlier today.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the resolution by title.

The senior assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 582) designating Michael P. DiSilvestro as Director Emeritus of Senate Security of the United States Senate.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the resolution.

Mr. MCCONNELL. I ask unanimous consent that the resolution be agreed to, the preamble be agreed to, and the motions to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table with no intervening action or debate.

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

The resolution (S. Res. 582) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

(The resolution, with its preamble, is printed in today's RECORD under "Submitted Resolutions.")

Mr. MCCONNELL. I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The senior assistant legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

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

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

RECOGNITION OF THE MINORITY LEADER

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Democratic leader is recognized.

CORONAVIRUS

Mr. SCHUMER. Madam President, the Senate Banking Committee this morning will hear testimony from Secretary Mnuchin and Federal Reserve Chairman Powell about the economic distress caused by the COVID-19 pandemic. This testimony from the Secretary and the Chairman of the Fed is one of the requirements that Senate Democrats secured in the CARES Act, and we have been pushing for it to happen for several weeks. The fact that it has taken so long is, once again, one more indication that our Republican Senate colleagues are not focused on the COVID crisis but on other diversionary issues, as witnessed by Leader MCCONNELL's speech, which I will have something to say about in a few minutes.

It could not be more urgent that they are testifying. The COVID-19 pandemic has thrown over 35 million people into sudden unemployment, the highest level since the Great Depression. Chairman Powell has said that further lay-

offs can continue for months. The anguish that so many people feel. Without further action, Powell said, we risk "prolonged recession and weak recovery," with unemployment reaching 20 percent or even 25 percent. In Chairman Powell's words, it may be that Congress has to do more, and the reason we have to do more is to avoid longer damage to the economy. Those are Chairman Powell's words, a non-political appointee by President Trump.

Mr. Powell's testimony this morning, hopefully, will jolt my Republican colleagues into action, finally. At the very least, his testimony should awaken them from their slumber and compel some understanding of the scope and urgency of the problem at hand. Maybe his speech will somehow galvanize our Republican colleagues into coming forward and talking about COVID, doing oversight of COVID, and coming up with the kinds of plans that we saw in COVID 4.0 in the House that are so well needed. Maybe they will talk about things like this. Are they for aiding State and local governments? Are they for so many of the things in the bill—more help for hospitals, more help for testing, more money for PPE, more help for those who have lost their jobs, or are they not? All we hear is silence from our Republican colleagues.

I sat on the House and Senate Banking Committees for decades. I may hold the record for attendance at hearings with Fed Chairs, so I can state that Chairs of the Federal Reserve, whether appointed by Democratic or Republican Presidents, do not frivolously suggest that more congressional action is taken—rarely, do they do that. They try to avoid it. That is another reason why Chairman Powell's comments are so important. If he feels the need to push this Congress, and particularly this Republican Senate, to act, problems must be deep and real, and most Americans know it, but our Republican Senate colleagues don't seem to.

We are looking at an economic situation "without modern precedent" in Powell's words. We can either take action to soften the blow to businesses, families, workers, and average folks or, through inaction, prolong the recession and hamstring our Nation's recovery. Up until now, it seems our Republican colleagues are, unfortunately, choosing the latter: no immediate need for urgent action. Amazing. This is the greatest crisis America has faced in decades and decades.

Now my colleagues like to point out the costs of the House Democratic bill to provide another round of emergency relief. Republican leadership has taken time to assail parts of the Democratic bill that account for 0.0003 percent of the bill. They are not expected to like every single piece, but they are expected by the American people to act, and, mark my words, the American people will force them to act.

There are so many costs to inaction, and none other than the Republican-