

these measures. NASA measures from satellites. We measure the exploding acidity of the seas. The exploding acidities of the sea are directly related to CO₂ absorption—unless people want to deny chemistry. You can put CO₂ seawater in a high school lab and you can make the pH change. That is what we are doing on a global scale, and we don't get to repeal laws of chemistry around here, no matter how powerful the special interests.

Last week, His Holiness Pope Francis called on us to work together to protect our common home. He warned us in his recent encyclical: "Those who will have to suffer the consequences of what we are trying to hide will not forget this failure of conscience and responsibility." But first we have to want to protect our common home. If what we want to protect is the fossil

fuel industry, at all costs, at any cost, we need a priority adjustment.

In our rotten, post-Citizens United, billionaire special interests politics, perhaps the Pope would have had more effect if he had a super Pac, but it shouldn't take a super Pac for us to heed the Pope's warning or to heed the science or to heed our national security leaders or to heed everyone else who has lined up to try to wake us up.

Pope Francis also said "to avert the most serious effects of the environmental deterioration caused by human activity," now is the time for courageous actions and strategies.

Today's New York Times has this headline: "Many Conservative Republicans Believe Climate Change Is a Real Threat." Once you get away from this building and the pernicious influence of the fossil-fuel industry and its

relentless money and threats, it is not a question of ideology, it is a question of special interest influence, and conservative Republicans increasingly understand that this is real. Eleven of them just broke rank in the House.

It is time to come together in good faith to tackle this real and persistent threat—the threat of climate change.

It is time for us to wake up.

I yield the floor.

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 9:30 A.M.
TOMORROW

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the Senate stands adjourned until 9:30 a.m. tomorrow morning.

Thereupon, the Senate, at 6:06 p.m., adjourned until Wednesday, September 30, 2015, at 9:30 a.m.