

ADL uses its information "to suppress free speech and discussion and to influence public thought and sentiment of an unsuspecting citizenry."

Lo and behold what do we now have? Legislation that will suppress freedom of speech and discussion.

In 1983 the Department of Justice (DOJ) paid the ADL \$20,000 in taxpayers' money to produce a report on so-called "hate groups". The DOJ refused to publish the report because it was so sensationalized that the DOJ could not consider it credible. The ADL went ahead with its own copyright and published the report anyway, feeding it to the press. The DOJ forced the ADL to relinquish the copyright. Now the ADL is once again feeding the press lies, rumor and gossip which the press accepts as gospel.

The press then takes this mis-information, rumor and gossip, sensationalizes it to spin a tale until it grows and grows so out of proportion that the press starts scrambling to create a better story than the other guy. Law enforcement, military and government officials then pick up on it believing in a literal "feeding-frenzy" of the press. This has become a story that had lost control and those who do not investigate it for themselves are totally irresponsible, especially law makers.

As we are now witnessing, Americans are questioning the press. This is evidenced by the phenomenal growth of the patriot/militia movement.

As this patriotic awareness expands, millions of Americans will expect a new view from a more responsive government. A new re-birth of responsibility from a government that has strayed from its "job-description" as mandated by the Constitution. A government created by the people and for the people. Not the limited few.

May God be with all America as he watches over the shoulders of you who write her laws. A nation can survive its fools and even the ambitious. But it cannot survive treason from within.

America has nothing to fear from patriots maintaining "vigilance." She should, however, fear those that would "outlaw" vigilance.

WACO AND RUBY RIDGE INQUIRIES

Mr. SPECTER. Mr. President, I had been looking for some time to talk on my own inquiries into the events at Waco and Ruby Ridge, but since the leader has scheduled the terrorism bill to come up and has limited the opening statements in morning business to 5 minutes, it is my intention to try to be the lead speaker tomorrow. That will fit into some of my opening comments on terrorism. I will present the findings of my preliminary inquiry at that time.

I thank the Chair and yield the floor.

CONCLUSION OF MORNING BUSINESS

Mr. HATCH. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that morning business be closed.

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

COMPREHENSIVE TERRORISM PREVENTION ACT

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report S. 735 by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows: A bill (S. 735) to prevent and punish acts of terrorism, and for other purposes.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there objection to the immediate consideration of the bill?

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

AMENDMENT NO. 1199

Mr. HATCH. Mr. President, I send an amendment in the nature of a substitute to the desk and ask for its immediate consideration.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

The Senator from Utah [Mr. HATCH], for Mr. DOLE, for himself, Mr. HATCH, Mr. NICKLES, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. GRAMM, and Mr. BROWN, proposes an amendment numbered 1199.

Mr. HATCH. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that reading of the amendment be dispensed with.

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

(The amendment is printed in today's RECORD under "Amendments Submitted.")

Mr. HATCH. Mr. President, today the Senate begins consideration of the Dole-Hatch Comprehensive Terrorism Prevention Act of 1995. This amendment has within it one of the most important pieces of criminal law in this country's history, and that is the Dole-Specter-Hatch habeas corpus reform bill. That is only one part of it, but that is the one part that will make a difference with regard to the Oklahoma City bombing.

This legislation represents a landmark bipartisan effort to address the issue of grave national importance; that is, the prevention and punishment of acts of domestic and international terrorism.

This legislation adds important tools to the Government's fight against terrorism and does so in a temperate manner that is protective of civil liberties. In short, I believe that this bill is the most comprehensive antiterrorism bill ever considered in the Senate.

This legislation increases the penalties for acts of foreign and domestic terrorism, including the use of weapons of mass destruction, attacks on officials and employees of the United States, and conspiracy to commit terrorist acts.

It gives the President enhanced tools to use his foreign policy powers to combat terrorism overseas, and it gives those of our citizens harmed by terrorist acts of outlaw states the right to sue their attackers in our own courts of law.

Our bill provides a constitutional mechanism to the Government to deport aliens suspected of engaging in terrorist activity without divulging our national security secrets.

It also includes a provision that constitutionally limits the ability of foreign terrorist organizations to raise funds within the United States.

Our bill also provides measured enhancements to the authority of Federal

law enforcement to investigate terrorist threats and acts. In addition to giving law enforcement the legal tools they need to do the job, our bill also authorizes increased resources for law enforcement to carry out its mission. The bill provides for \$1.8 billion over 5 years for an enhanced antiterrorism effort at both the Federal and the State level.

The bill also implements the convention on the marking of plastic explosives. It requires that the makers of plastic explosives make the explosives detectable.

Finally, the bill appropriately reforms habeas corpus, as I mentioned before.

The Specter-Hatch habeas corpus bill will correct some of the deficiencies in criminal law that exist today. It will stop the frivolous appeals that have been driving people nuts throughout this country and subjecting victims and families of victims to unnecessary pain for year after year after year.

Habeas corpus allows those convicted of brutal crimes, including terrorism, to delay the just imposition of punishment for years. And this will correct that while still preserving and protecting the constitutional rights of those who are accused.

Several points, however, should be addressed. I have long opposed the unchecked expansion of Federal authority and will continue to do so. Still, the Federal Government does have a legitimate role to play in our national life and in law enforcement. In particular, the Federal Government has an obligation to protect all of our citizens from serious criminal threats emanating from abroad or those that involve the national interest. Over 140 years ago, Abraham Lincoln had this to say about the role of Government.

The legitimate object of Government is—

... to do for the people what needs to be done, but which they cannot, by individual effort, do at all, or do so well, for themselves. If some men will kill, it is a common object with peaceful and just men to prevent it.

Similarly, it is the responsibility of the Federal Government to assist the States in meeting those threats that none alone can adequately meet. The terrorist threat, whether posed by foreign entities or domestic interests, meets this test.

We must, nevertheless, remember that our response to terrorism carries with it the grave risk of impinging on the rights of free speech, assembly, petition for the redress of grievances, and the right to keep and bear arms. We cannot allow this to happen. It would be cruel irony if, in response to the acts of evil and misguided men hostile to our Government, we stifled true debate on the proper role of Government.

Nor shall we exchange our precious Constitution which has protected us for over 200 years for false promises of "increased security." For as Ben Franklin said: