

BULLY PULPIT

SAVE Act

There's been a lot of back-and-forth discussion – mainly along party lines – on the SAVE Act, explained by Congress.gov/bill as, “This Act may be cited as the “Safeguard American Voter Eligibility Act” or the “SAVE Act.”

With that, Americans have been through the ringer on voter and vote integrity since 2016. Many people saw the movie “2000 Mules” where allegedly paid people dropped millions of ballots into post office boxes skewing election results toward Joe Biden. People voice opinions on both sides of the controversy; so, with that, why not support a bill that will clean up America's voting rolls to only those who are supposed to vote – those with legal citizenship documentation.

With that, a brief search of the bill brought out what forms of I.D. would work for a person to be able to cast a vote in an election. Nothing the majority of citizens didn't do so they could fly on an airplane with their REAL I.D.s.

What is necessary to vote required in the bill, Congress.gov/bill explains it here:

SEC. 2. Ensuring only citizens are registered to vote in elections for Federal office.

“(1) A form of identification issued consistent with the requirements of the REAL ID Act of 2005 that indicates the applicant is a citizen of the United States.

“(2) A valid United States passport.

“(3) The applicant's official United States military identification card, together with a United States military record of service showing that the applicant's place of birth was in the United States.

“(4) A valid government-issued photo identification card issued by a Federal, State or Tribal government showing that the applicant's place of birth was in the United States.

“(a) A certified birth certificate issued by a State, a unit of local government in a State, or a Tribal government which—

“(b) Requiring applicants to present documentary proof of United States citizenship.—Under any method of voter registration in a State, the State shall not accept and process an application to register to vote in an election for Federal office unless the applicant presents documentary proof of United States citizenship with the application.”

Watching the borders explode with millions of illegal immigrants walking over, many wearing Joe Biden t-shirts, gives you an idea why Dems don't want verification of citizenship in order to be allowed to vote in elections.

The thought that some demographics can't vote because they can't get the paperwork is the majority hogwash. I'm a person that went through two name changes through marriage, got a REAL I.D. and has a valid marriage, divorce, birth, etc. document proving such.

It requires a person to get up off the couch and jump through a few hoops; but if I wanted to do some of the things that I want to do, namely have a valid form of identification, I jumped through the hoops.

Did it take time? Yes.

Looking at the necessity to clean up our voter rolls, I don't understand why Senator Jerry Moran is hemming and hawing on the SAVE Act; don't forget, he voted against President Trump's wall on the southern border, as well.

From Rightjournalism.com, “White House Chief of Staff Mark Meadows released the official SAVE Act Senate scorecard..., Meadows made it crystal clear:

“Here are the Republican senators who have already publicly signaled support for passing the SAVE Act through a standing filibuster:

“**Roger Marshall (KS)**

“But then Meadows turned up the heat on the MISSING IN ACTION crew — the RINOs who have not yet publicly supported the standing filibuster strategy:

“**Jerry Moran (KS)**

“Meadows' message to these holdouts is clear: the American people are watching, and they're not going to forget who stood with Trump and who stood with the swamp. The SAVE America Act is the most important bill the U.S. Senate could ever pass — it requires proof of citizenship to vote in federal elections, closes the loopholes that allow non-citizens to interfere in our democracy, and is supported by overwhelming majorities of Americans (including 85 percent who agree only U.S. citizens should vote).”

It's time for Kansas to elect a strong Republican, most of us have had enough of the RINO that is meandering into home plate for retirement. Do the job, or get the heck out.

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CORRECTION:

In an article entitled Fear and Urgency at heart of Centerville couple scam in last weeks' edition (3/11/2026) Randy Shannon of Farmers' State Bank was incorrectly named as Randy Sherman. The News apologizes for the error.



Y'nsect Repellent

You vill eat ze bugs! Sorry, Klaus. Not interested.

When the World Economic Forum (WEF) began trending a few years back, the world's normal folk became somewhat alarmed at what we were hearing. (Notice how I include myself among “the normal”?) Witnessing a German player at the game of non-governmental organizations pitch “the Great Reset,” as WEF's founder Klaus Schwab dubbed it, and boast about how he had snuck his acolytes into

major governments across the world (especially in Justin Trudeau's administration) was alarming enough. Seeing him dress up in Bond-villain garb and talk like a Hollywood caricature of a Nazi leader? Chilling.

But perhaps worst of all: *ze bugs*.

Yes, he was trying to get us to eat insects. Great source of protein, he said; the food of the future, he said.

Looking the part, he inspired . . . revulsion, just as did the bugs he wanted

us to consume. We were all ready to drop him into a remake of *Soylent Green* when his star faded; it had become clear that Americans, at least, were not copacetic with the creepy-crawly eatery plan.

And, as if to prove that Schwab's Great Reset of our diet will not be driven by cartoonish elitists, Y'nsect — Europe's largest insect farm — has officially gone bankrupt.

The hundreds of millions in public and private funding, including nearly €200 million in taxpayer

money from French and EU sources, could not stave off collapse. The mealworm producer, hailed as a sustainable protein pioneer for animal feed and pet food, entered judicial liquidation in December amid soaring costs, dismal revenue (just €656K in 2023 vs. €80M losses), and market rejection.

Industrial-scale bug farming looks like a no-go. *Despite* subsidies.

A win for civilization. And this is Common Sense. I'm Paul Jacob.

Republicans have a plan for making healthcare affordable in 2026

BY SALLY C. PIPES

Affordability is on the lips of lawmakers these days -- and with good reason. Nearly half of Americans say they're struggling to pay for basic necessities like rent, groceries and health care.

The good news is that Congress is weighing several reforms that could help make health care in particular more affordable.

Many of the drivers of today's sky-high health-care costs are a direct result of Obamacare. The 2010 law made it all but impossible -- and in some cases illegal -- for insurers to offer low-cost plans. Predictably, individual-market premiums have tripled since the law's exchanges went online more than a decade ago.

Democrats tried to SEE **HEALTHCARE, A6**

Vicious Iranian regime getting what it deserves

BY CHRISTINE FLOWERS

Years ago, when I first started to handle asylum cases, I had a consultation with a man from Iran who managed to get tourist visas for himself, his wife and his two young daughters.

This was 20 years after the Shah had been deposed and the Ayatollah Khomeini and his thugs had kidnapped Americans at our consulate in Tehran, and 16 years after Iran financed the bombing of the U.S. Marines barracks in Beirut, killing almost 300 of our young men.

The man was a member of the Bah'ai faith, which was one of the many groups being persecuted under the Islamic Republic. It was considered an “apostate” faith, traitorous to Islam since it was an offshoot of the religion.

My client and his family suffered horror after horror, including having to watch his father's own body rot in their front yard because the regime denied burials to members of the

religion. Today, the man, his wife, and his daughters are living happily in the U.S. as citizens.

This was my limited contact with the Islamic Republic of Iran, a regime so brutal even its Arab neighbors saw it as an enemy.

Iran has waged actual wars against its despised enemy, Iraq, and proxy wars through the terror groups that it funded: Hezbollah, Hamas and Al Qaeda.

There is no question that Iran is at the center of what we once called the “Axis of Evil.”

And it has been a threat to the United States for decades. To hear some people on what is now called the “woke right” criticizing our intervention this past week as “Israel's War” is both an example of ignorance and bigotry.

The ignorance comes from the fact that at least as many Americans have been victims of this regime as Israelis. The bigotry is SEE **IRANIAN REGIME, A6**

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