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2 SENATE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE
3 TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

4 March 25, 2025

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6 (WHEREUPON, On the above date, there
7 came up for consideration in the Senate Judiciary
8 Committee, Tennessee General Assembly, Senate Bill
9 30, sponsored by Senator Pody and others.
10 Discussion pertaining to this bill was as follows):
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12 SENATOR GARDENHIRE (Chairman): You're
13 now recognized on Item 19, Senate Bill 30. There's
14 no amendments on this bill.

15 You're recognized on Senate Bill 30.

16 SENATOR PODY: Mr. Chairman, thank you.

17 Then I apologize because I believe
18 there was supposed to be an amendment filed of
19 4788. If that's not correct, I would -- I'd ask to
20 roll the bill. I thought it was done. Must have
21 been my mistake.

22 SENATOR GARDENHIRE (Chairman): Let's
23 see. No amendment.

24 We don't have it so we'll let you roll
25 it until next week. Go ahead and get that

1 amendment filed, and if it wasn't, we'll take care
2 of it.

3 SENATOR PODY: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.
4 Thank you, Members.

5 [END OF SESSION.]
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2 SENATE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE
3 TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

4 April 2, 2025

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6 (WHEREUPON, On the above date, there
7 came up for consideration in the Senate Judiciary
8 Committee, Tennessee General Assembly, Senate Bill
9 30, sponsored by Senator Pody and others.
10 Discussion pertaining to this bill was as follows):

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12 SENATOR GARDENHIRE (Chairman): Senator
13 Pody, you're recognized on Senate Bill 30.

14 There is an amendment, Amendment
15 Number 3418.

16 Does the amendment make the bill?

17 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: It does,
18 Chairman.

19 SENATOR GARDENHIRE (Chairman): Okay.
20 Well, the chair will move the bill; seconded by
21 Senator Roberts.

22 The amendment, 3418, we're going to
23 describe the amendment then we'll put it on the
24 bill and take questions.

25 SENATOR PODY: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

1 Members, I want to go real slow with
2 this amendment, kind of go step by step. It's
3 going to do several things.

4 The first one's going to be talking
5 about littering. Section 2 creates a Class A
6 misdemeanor for littering or trespassing with the
7 intent to intimidate. So it's not something that
8 you're just dropping a piece of paper off or it
9 falls out of your pocket or you throw a Coke can,
10 this is if you're intimidating someone from
11 exercising their civil rights, or if you're in a
12 situation -- this is very similar to what Metro in
13 Davidson County has just passed.

14 Section 4, it's going to say "an
15 individual who's been charged lawfully -- who has
16 been lawfully detained or arrested and gives a
17 false name can be charged with a misdemeanor."

18 Now, if somebody -- if somebody's
19 stopped, they don't have to give a name. And we're
20 not saying that they have to even give a name, but
21 if you give a false name, then that's going to be
22 something that you'd be charged with a class --
23 misdemeanor for. So we're not saying that somebody
24 on -- the police can just say "who are you" and
25 you've got to give your name or something like

1 that, we're not going that far. But we are saying
2 if you're stopped and you're arrested, you can't
3 give a false name.

4 Section 5 creates a B misdemeanor for
5 intentionally approaching law enforcement who's
6 actively engaged in lawful duties. That's going to
7 be specifically saying a traffic stop, an active
8 investigation of a crime scene, an ongoing and
9 immediate threat to public safety. Now, we can do
10 this already and sometimes they put the yellow
11 police tape around, but if you're an officer by
12 yourself or whatever, you've got to at some point
13 just say "can you stand back?" I'm not trying to
14 stop from -- somebody from being there, witnessing,
15 videoing with their phone or anything else, but
16 sometimes just to deescalate the situation they're
17 going to say "can you stand back 25 feet?" if I'm
18 involved in arresting somebody or something like
19 this. It's not that they're walking down the
20 street and they just don't want to be in a crowd,
21 that's not what I'm trying to intend here. It's
22 only if they're actively doing something where they
23 need -- need to be focused on that.

24 Section 6 is a Class B misdemeanor for
25 transporting someone in a box truck. Here in

1 Davidson County we had some people that came in and
2 they were literally in the back of a box truck. A
3 box truck -- it had no seat belts, it was not
4 seats. It was designed to do something else. And
5 so in this case, we're saying that it's
6 specifically for transporting property, not people.

7 Section 7 says it's going to be a Class
8 B misdemeanor for attaching unauthorized signs to a
9 bridge or -- or overpass. So you can't go on 40 or
10 65 or 24 and hang a banner on -- on that.

11 And then finally, Class [sic] 8, it's
12 going to allow a law -- law enforcement officer to
13 arrest somebody for a misdemeanor committed outside
14 of his presence. But this means current law allows
15 a police officer to arrest when a felony -- a
16 felony is committed. This bill would extend that
17 ability to arrest for misdemeanors. For example,
18 when video evidence is provided to -- that a crime
19 is being committed that they can do that. If an
20 officer has reasonable suspicion, meaning the
21 officer must have specific observational facts that
22 led him to believe that they're involved in a
23 criminal activity. And this practice is upheld in
24 Supreme Court, United States verse [sic] Hebolt
25 (phonetic), 543.

1 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Motion.

2 SENATOR GARDENHIRE (Chairman): We have
3 a motion on the amendment.

4 We have a second by Senator Taylor.

5 You've described the amendment. Let's
6 put the amendment on the bill.

7 All in favor say "aye."

8 MEMBERS (Collectively): Aye.

9 SENATOR GARDENHIRE (Chairman): Opposed,
10 "nay."

11 MEMBERS (Collectively): Nay.

12 SENATOR GARDENHIRE (Chairman): Ayes
13 have it.

14 We've heard a description of the
15 amendment that makes the bill.

16 Any questions or comments from the
17 sponsor?

18 Senator Lamar? I'm sorry.

19 SENATOR LAMAR: Thank you, Mr. Chair.

20 And my questions to the sponsor just
21 about the bill itself. And I have great respect
22 for the sponsor of the bill.

23 But in Section 5 it appears that it
24 creates a criminal prohibition of observing or
25 recording law enforcement within a 25-foot

1 radius -- radius.

2 One, I would say, wouldn't this be a
3 violation of your First Amendment right? And
4 secondly, would it prevent an individual from being
5 able to videotape or photograph a law enforcement
6 officer who is involved in police misconduct?

7 For example, if you see an officer
8 beating someone and one officer say "stay back" and
9 then they have to be 25ft back, they wouldn't --
10 they couldn't get the video of the officer beating
11 somebody. So would this, in fact, prohibit someone
12 from being able to capture that video?

13 SENATOR PODY: That's a great question.

14 That is not the intent of what this is.
15 This is an intent that if the officer is focused on
16 specifically arresting somebody, they can still be
17 videotaped. They can still do everything that they
18 need to. But sometimes people are so close they
19 don't know if they're reaching for a phone or
20 reaching for a weapon or they don't know what the
21 crowd around them is doing and they've got to make
22 an arrest or they're doing a traffic stop, they've
23 got to stay focused on what they're doing. They
24 can still be witnessed. They can still be
25 videotaped.

1 I think that the law enforcement is not
2 opposed to anything like that. We still want them
3 to be held accountable. If there's somebody that
4 is misbehaving as a police officer, they need to be
5 prosecuted. We're just saying that they -- there's
6 a 25-foot radius if they're actively doing
7 something where they need to have -- be focused
8 right on that job.

9 SENATOR GARDENHIRE (Chairman): Thank
10 you.

11 Senator Roberts?

12 SENATOR LAMAR: Oh, I wanted to follow
13 up on that.

14 SENATOR GARDENHIRE (Chairman): Okay.

15 SENATOR LAMAR: I appreciate that's not
16 necessarily the intent, but I do want you to
17 understand that in Section 5 -- mandating that
18 someone has to stay 25 feet away, which is, it's
19 about here to the back of this room, if police
20 officers are standing covering their partner -- and
21 we know they're loyal to each other, and no
22 disrespect to police, I love the police, but there
23 are bad actors -- there -- for example, let's take
24 George Floyd, and the officer had his knee on his
25 neck. And he was telling the lady with the video

1 camera, oh, move back, move back. She was right
2 there recording the officer essentially killing
3 George Floyd with his knee in his neck. With this
4 law, if that was happening, that evidence wouldn't
5 have been available to charge that officer who end
6 up killing George Floyd.

7 So I understand that's not the intent.
8 I hear you. But I'm saying the flaw in this part
9 is is that it doesn't give citizens the ability to
10 exercise their First Amendment right and catch that
11 and it opens up the door for police misconduct and
12 not being able to -- and it shields them from
13 having -- citizens having the evidence of police
14 misconduct.

15 And so I just definitely want to point
16 that out as one of the unintended flaws of this
17 particular legislation.

18 Thank you, Mr. Chair.

19 SENATOR GARDENHIRE (Chairman): Okay.

20 Thank you.

21 Senator Roberts?

22 SENATOR ROBERTS: Thank you.

23 Senator Pody, I'm going to just make a
24 brief statement.

25 I mentioned this on a previous bill.

1 Article 2, Section 17 of the Constitution says that
2 "bills may originate in either house, but may be
3 amended, altered, or rejected by the other. No
4 bill shall become a law which embraces more than
5 one subject, that subject to be expressed in the
6 title. All acts which repeal, revive, or amend
7 former laws shall recite in their caption and
8 otherwise -- and otherwise the title or substance
9 of the law repealed, revived, or amended."

10 We've had a tendency to say that if
11 it's mentioned in the caption, that it is
12 acceptable, but we ignore that second sentence of
13 Section 17 which says it can only be one subject,
14 and that has really not been adjudicated and --
15 that I'm aware of -- and consequently, it's not
16 really on a radar screen. Here's my request of
17 you. Would you check with the Attorney General
18 before this comes to the floor to make sure that
19 we're not containing more than one subject because
20 this does have several sections that are kind of
21 just separate and not -- not connected. And if
22 they are, we need to break it up into more than one
23 bill.

24 I'm going to vote yes for it. I'm not
25 against the bill, not against anything you're

1 trying to do. But before we get to it on the
2 floor, if we could just have that -- just kind of
3 make an emergency request from the AG to take a
4 look at that in light of that second sentence of
5 Article 2, Section 7.

6 SENATOR GARDENHIRE (Chairman): Senator
7 Pody?

8 SENATOR PODY: I would be happy to do
9 it. I'll do that today.

10 SENATOR ROBERTS: Thank you.

11 SENATOR GARDENHIRE (Chairman): So you
12 want to move this down to the heel of the calendar?

13 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKERS (Collectively):
14 No.

15 SENATOR ROBERTS: No. We need to vote
16 on it?

17 SENATOR GARDENHIRE (Chairman): Huh?

18 SENATOR ROBERTS: We need to vote.

19 Okay. Any other comments or questions?

20 Senator Taylor?

21 Then I'll come back to you.

22 SENATOR TAYLOR: Thank you,

23 Mr. Chairman. Is there any way we can have

24 Department of Safety come to answer a question?

25 SENATOR GARDENHIRE (Chairman): Sure.

1 Department of Safety?

2 We'll go out of session.

3 [Out of session.]

4 SENATOR GARDENHIRE (Chairman): You're
5 recognized.

6 SENATOR TAYLOR: Mr. Chairman -- thank
7 you, Mr. Chairman.

8 I wanted to concentrate on Section 8 of
9 this bill, Ms. Stroecker, and where it allows law
10 enforcement officers to arrest someone for a
11 misdemeanor committed outside of an officer's
12 presence.

13 I would like to draw your attention,
14 first, to what I refer to as bridge bandits,
15 intersection imbeciles, and interstate
16 insurrectionists. As you know, we have a problem
17 with people blocking intersections in Memphis and
18 doing spinouts and all that and literally
19 terrorizing people. It's -- you know, by the time
20 the police get there, they're gone. The same is
21 true with the -- what I refer to as the bridge
22 bandits, the people who go and commandeer the
23 Mississippi River Bridge. They block it for
24 several hours, police make no arrests. But by the
25 time the state troopers get there it's gone, it's

1 broken up and the traffic's flowing again. The
2 thing that all these people have in common is they
3 all film it and they all put it on social media
4 and -- as if they're bragging about it.

5 So my question is that if this bill
6 were to pass and become law, would this allow state
7 troopers to be able to review that social media
8 content with these people blocking the bridge,
9 blocking the interstate and blocking intersections
10 of state routes and allow the state troopers to
11 make those arrests?

12 SENATOR GARDENHIRE (Chairman): You're
13 recognized.

14 DEPARTMENT OF SAFETY (Ms. Stroecker):
15 Elizabeth Stroecker, Legislative Director, Assistant
16 General Counsel for the Department of Safety.

17 Yes, those misdemeanor offenses, it
18 would expand that for them to be able to do that
19 outside of the officer's presence.

20 SENATOR GARDENHIRE (Chairman): Senator
21 Taylor.

22 SENATOR TAYLOR: Thank you,
23 Mr. Chairman.

24 And currently they're unable to make
25 those arrests because law -- the law won't allow

1 them to make an arrest unless it -- for a
2 misdemeanor unless they commit the misdemeanor in
3 their presence. Is that correct?

4 SENATOR GARDENHIRE (Chairman): You're
5 recognized.

6 DEPARTMENT OF SAFETY (Ms. Stroecker):
7 That is my understanding. However, I am not an
8 expert of what you can and cannot arrest people for.
9 So if the DAs are not shaking their head that I am
10 wrong --

11 SENATOR GARDENHIRE (Chairman): They're
12 shaking their heads up and down. That means --

13 DEPARTMENT OF SAFETY (Ms. Stroecker):
14 Yes.

15 SENATOR GARDENHIRE (Chairman): All
16 right. Go ahead.

17 SENATOR TAYLOR: Thank you,
18 Mr. Chairman.

19 And my question is, if -- if we were to
20 pass this bill, and I believe Department of Safety
21 supports this bill, if we were to pass this and it
22 become law, could I have a commitment that the
23 Department of Safety and the state highway patrol
24 is going to take this seriously and use this --
25 this law. If we give it to you, you're going to

1 use it to enforce the law and make arrests for
2 people who commandeer the Mississippi River Bridge,
3 who stop the interstate for the purposes of
4 terrorizing people by doing spinouts and to -- that
5 also block intersections of state routes?

6 Can I have a commitment the Department
7 of Safety would take that seriously and use this
8 tool that we're -- if we give it to you?

9 SENATOR GARDENHIRE (Chairman): Okay.
10 You're recognized.

11 DEPARTMENT OF SAFETY (Ms. Stroecker): I
12 never -- I always make sure I get recognized.

13 I do want to clarify, we are neutral on
14 the bill. We are not one way or the other on it.
15 But yes, Chairman, I think the colonel and the
16 commissioner, especially with our partnership with
17 the Memphis police, would love to utilize any tools
18 that we can.

19 SENATOR TAYLOR: Thank you,
20 Mr. Chairman.

21 SENATOR LAMAR: I have a question for --

22 SENATOR GARDENHIRE (Chairman): Okay.
23 Thank you.

24 Okay. Senator Lamar, we're still in
25 session -- out of session.

1 SENATOR LAMAR: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

2 And my question to Safety is is that I
3 pretty much want to pose the same question to you.
4 Essentially -- well, Senator Taylor pointed out
5 that this law would be used to essentially use
6 another tool to attack protesters. But on the flip
7 side, I was trying to point out the fact that this
8 law could potentially prevent citizens from being
9 able to record police misconduct by having to be
10 over 25 feet away. Is that true?

11 DEPARTMENT OF SAFETY (Ms. Stroecker): I
12 think that might be a better question for the bill's
13 sponsor and their intent. I don't want to speak to
14 whether or not it would be a potential problem if
15 someone were to do that. I wouldn't feel
16 comfortable commenting on that.

17 SENATOR LAMAR: Let me -- let me
18 rephrase a question like this, Mr. Chair.

19 SENATOR GARDENHIRE (Chairman): You're
20 recognized.

21 SENATOR LAMAR: If -- say misconduct is
22 actually happening and an officer, according to this
23 bill, tells someone to step away and according to
24 this they have to just say it once or this person
25 could get charged with a misdemeanor, do you feel

1 like it's an instance where if misconduct's
2 happening and the officers say step away, a citizen
3 would have to step away and could not record the
4 mis- -- misconduct?

5 SENATOR GARDENHIRE (Chairman): You're
6 recognized.

7 DEPARTMENT OF SAFETY (Ms. Stroecker):
8 Again, I don't think it would be appropriate for me
9 to answer that hypothetical. Nothing in the bill
10 prohibits recording anything, and so I just don't
11 think it would be appropriate for the department to
12 opine on that.

13 SENATOR LAMAR: Who would be the
14 appropriate person to answer this question? Legal?
15 Okay.

16 SENATOR GARDENHIRE (Chairman):
17 Ms. Stroecker, you're recognized. I mean,
18 Ms. Insogna.

19 LEGAL SERVICES (Ms. Insogna): Elizabeth
20 Insogna, Legal Services.

21 As I read the -- the statute in the
22 amendment, there wouldn't be a specific prohibition
23 against recording. It's just the 25 foot
24 requirement. So you could record from 25 feet
25 back. And -- and the directive can only be issued.

1 It's only an offense in those certain circumstances
2 which are a traffic stop, I think there's public
3 safety and there was one other one -- a lawful
4 traffic stop, an active investigation of the scene
5 of an alleged crime, or an ongoing and immediate
6 threat to public safety.

7 SENATOR LAMAR: To legal, what --

8 SENATOR GARDENHIRE (Chairman): Does
9 that answer your question?

10 SENATOR LAMAR: Yeah, I guess. What I'm
11 trying to get -- 25 feet is far, essentially.
12 That's about the size -- it's pretty big difference.
13 While you can still record -- but you can't get the
14 same footage of being able to be where you want to
15 be in current law, and now being required to be 25
16 feet away and that's what I'm trying to point out.
17 But I appreciate you answering my question, and I
18 appreciate you.

19 Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

20 SENATOR GARDENHIRE (Chairman): Thank
21 you.

22 Any other questions for legal?

23 I see none.

24 You're dismissed. Thank you.

25 [Back in session.]

1 SENATOR GARDENHIRE (Chairman): We're
2 back into session.

3 And any other questions?

4 Senator Pody, there's quite a bit of
5 questions. Do you want to roll this into the heel
6 and maybe try to work out something for next
7 Tuesday or do you want to go ahead and --

8 SENATOR PODY: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.
9 So, Mr. Chairman, I can say the AG has actually
10 looked at the bill, but I did not ask the AG
11 specifically about the captions covering that way.
12 But I will make that commitment back there. I know
13 there was something pointed out that one of the laws
14 that was similar to this has a federal -- it's in
15 court right now. But I think that our law was
16 worded and structured to overcome that.

17 Now, Mr. Chairman, I'm going to tell
18 you, I've -- you've already been so gracious and
19 rolled the bill for me. So this would have to be a
20 committee roll, and I'm at the will of the
21 committee.

22 SENATOR GARDENHIRE (Chairman): It'll be
23 a committee roll.

24 SENATOR PODY: That -- could we roll it
25 to the heel? That would be great.

1 SENATOR GARDENHIRE (Chairman): That'd
2 be great. See you -- see you Tuesday.

3 SENATOR PODY: Thank you. Thank you.

4 SENATOR GARDENHIRE (Chairman): Thank
5 you, folks.

6 [END OF SESSION.]

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SENATE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE
TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

April 8, 2025

(WHEREUPON, On the above date, there came up for consideration in the Senate Judiciary Committee, Tennessee General Assembly, Senate Bill 30, sponsored by Senator Pody and others. Discussion pertaining to this bill was as follows):

SENATOR GARDENHIRE (Chairman): Senator Pody, we put you off last week. We're going to take you now on your bill, Item Number 38, which is Senate Bill 30. Last week we put it off to get an answer to a question and I think our legal department solved the question that Senator Roberts had on -- on that.

So you're recognized on your bill.

SENATOR PODY: Yep. Thank you. And Chairman -- yes, Senator Roberts did ask a question about the caption, if it was large enough, and we did get clarification that it is.

There was one other question that came

1 up and it has to do with hanging banners on signs
2 and it was saying that if there was a high school
3 team or somebody that had proper authorization,
4 could they still hang signs on bridges and such.
5 And the answer to that: As long as they go through
6 the right channels, yes, they can.

7 SENATOR GARDENHIRE (Chairman): Any
8 questions or comments from our sponsor?

9 I see none.

10 Senator Taylor, you're recognized.

11 SENATOR TAYLOR: Thank you,
12 Mr. Chairman.

13 Would it be possible for me to ask a
14 question of Department of Safety?

15 SENATOR GARDENHIRE (Chairman): Would it
16 be possible to what?

17 SENATOR TAYLOR: To ask a question of
18 the Department of Safety.

19 SENATOR GARDENHIRE (Chairman): Sure.
20 Department of Safety, if you'll come forward. We'll
21 go out of session, and I think Elizabeth knows the
22 drill, and -- you're recognized.

23 [Out of session.]

24 DEPARTMENT OF SAFETY (Ms. Stroecker):
25 Elizabeth Stroker, Legislative Director, Assistant

1 General Counsel for the Department of safety.

2 SENATOR TAYLOR: Thank you,
3 Mr. Chairman.

4 May I?

5 SENATOR GARDENHIRE (Chairman): You're
6 recognized.

7 SENATOR TAYLOR: Thank you,
8 Mr. Chairman.

9 I know last meeting I asked a question
10 if this would allow THP to make an arrest based on
11 a video placed on social media of people, for
12 example, commandeering the Mississippi River
13 Bridge. And I wanted to ask -- I really want to
14 put a fine point on it, and that is that if for
15 whatever reason the Memphis police chose not to --
16 to charge, is this something that the THP could
17 choose to -- to charge?

18 SENATOR GARDENHIRE (Chairman): You're
19 recognized.

20 DEPARTMENT OF SAFETY (Ms. Stroecker):
21 Yes, sir. They would have that jurisdiction.

22 SENATOR TAYLOR: All right. Thank you,
23 Mr. Chairman.

24 SENATOR GARDENHIRE (Chairman): Any
25 other questions of our witness while she's on?

1 Thank you.

2 We'll go back into session.

3 [Back in session.]

4 SENATOR GARDENHIRE (Chairman): Any
5 other questions of the sponsor on his bill? I see
6 none to my left, see none to my right.

7 Senator Pody, would you like to close
8 or go for a vote?

9 SENATOR PODY: I just ask for a
10 favorable vote.

11 SENATOR GARDENHIRE (Chairman): Oh, I
12 don't think we have to have a motion again. We
13 already had a motion to get the bill started last
14 week. Do you want to vote?

15 SENATOR PODY: Yes, please. Yes.

16 SENATOR GARDENHIRE (Chairman): Madam
17 Secretary, take the roll.

18 MADAM SECRETARY: Senator Harshbarger?

19 SENATOR HARSHBARGER: Aye.

20 MADAM SECRETARY: Votes aye.

21 Senator Kyle?

22 SENATOR KYLE: No.

23 MADAM SECRETARY: Votes no.

24 Senator Lamar?

25 SENATOR LAMAR: No.

1 MADAM SECRETARY: Votes no.
2 Senator Roberts?
3 SENATOR ROBERTS: (No audible response.)
4 MADAM SECRETARY: Senator Rose?
5 SENATOR ROSE: Aye.
6 MADAM SECRETARY: Votes aye.
7 Senator Stevens?
8 SENATOR STEVENS: Aye.
9 MADAM SECRETARY: Votes aye.
10 Senator Taylor?
11 SENATOR TAYLOR: Aye.
12 MADAM SECRETARY: Votes aye.
13 Senator White?
14 SENATOR WHITE: Aye.
15 MADAM SECRETARY: Votes aye.
16 Chairman Gardenhire?
17 SENATOR GARDENHIRE (Chairman): Aye.
18 MADAM SECRETARY: Votes aye.
19 Chairman, you have 6 ayes and 2 noes.
20 SENATOR GARDENHIRE (Chairman): Thank
21 you. Senator Pody, your bill goes to calendar.
22 [END OF SESSION.]
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4 SENATE SESSION
5 23rd LEGISLATIVE DAY
6 TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

7 April 14, 2025

8 (WHEREUPON, On the above date, there
9 came up for consideration in the Senate Session -
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12 others. Discussion pertaining to this bill was as
13 follows):

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15 SENATOR STEVENS (Chairman): Next bill.
16 Mr. Clerk.

17 MR. CLERK: Mr. Speaker, the Senate is
18 on Item Number 30, Senate Bill 30 by Senator Pody.

19 SENATOR STEVENS (Chairman): Senator
20 Pody, you're --

21 SENATOR PODY: Thank you, Mr. --

22 SENATOR STEVENS (Chairman): -- you're
23 recognized on Item Number 3 [sic].

24 SENATOR PODY: Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

25 Mr. Speaker, I move Senate Bill 30 on

1 third and final consideration.

2 SENATOR STEVENS (Chairman): That's a
3 proper motion.

4 Senate -- Senate -- Senator Pody has
5 moved Senate Bill 30 on third and final
6 consideration.

7 Amendments, Mr. Clerk?

8 MR. CLERK: Amendment Number 1 by the
9 Senate Judiciary Committee.

10 SENATOR STEVENS (Chairman): Chairman
11 Gardenhire?

12 SENATOR GARDENHIRE: Thank you,
13 Mr. Speaker.

14 Amendment 1 creates a Class B
15 misdemeanor for placing unauthorized signs on
16 highways or related structures and a -- Class A
17 misdemeanors for civil rights intimidation through
18 littering or trespassing. It also creates a Class
19 C misdemeanor for failing to identify or give a
20 false name to law enforcement and a Class B
21 misdemeanor for approaching an officer within 25
22 feet after being ordered to stop. Another Class B
23 misdemeanor is created for transporting a person in
24 a cargo area of a box truck.

25 The amendment also expands law

1 enforcement arrest powers by allowing warrantless
2 arrests for misdemeanors based on probable cause
3 and grants officers civil and criminal immunity
4 when making such arrests instead of issuing a
5 citation.

6 With that, I move Amendment 1 for
7 adoption and yield to the sponsor for any
8 additional explanation.

9 SENATOR STEVENS (Chairman): Senator
10 Gardenhire moves Amendment Number 1. Properly
11 seconded.

12 Discussion on the amendment?

13 I see none.

14 We're ready to vote.

15 All in favor of the amendment say,
16 "aye."

17 MEMBERS (Collectively): Aye.

18 SENATOR STEVENS (Chairman): Those
19 opposed, "nay."

20 MEMBERS (Collectively): Nay.

21 SENATOR STEVENS (Chairman): You adopt.
22 Back on the bill as amended.

23 Senator Pody, you're recognized.

24 SENATOR PODY: Thank you.

25 The chairman did a good job in

1 explaining the amendment, but I want to walk
2 through this just a little bit. We're going to be
3 changing a few things.

4 Number one, it is that you cannot bring
5 a group of individuals into -- transport them in
6 the back of a box truck without seat belts, without
7 seats, without how they're supposed to be and just
8 unload them that they can do protests. Another
9 thing that it does, if a law enforcement officer
10 comes up to an individual and asks for
11 identification, they don't have to give that
12 identification; however, if they do give
13 identification, they give a name, it has to be
14 their name. They can't give a fictitious name. It
15 has to be their name that they give.

16 The next thing it does is it does say
17 that you're not going to be allowed to hang banners
18 over the interstates. You got to get proper
19 permission to do that. And then the other thing
20 it's going to do, it's going to do this,
21 Mr. Speaker. If law enforcement is actively doing
22 something like arresting somebody, they're not just
23 walking down the street, but they're actively doing
24 something in law enforcement, and they've got the
25 right to say "you can film me, you can yell at me,

1 you can do anything you want, but while I'm doing
2 this, you've got to stand back 25 feet."

3 And, Mr. Speaker, what we want to do is
4 we want to make sure that the public can -- can
5 film, can do whatever they want to do, but they're
6 not going to be on top of the officer while they're
7 making an arrest or something along that line.

8 With that, I'll answer any questions.

9 SENATOR STEVENS (Chairman): Senator
10 Taylor, you're recognized.

11 SENATOR TAYLOR: Thank you, Mr. Speaker.
12 Will the sponsor yield?

13 SENATOR STEVENS (Chairman): Sponsor
14 yields.

15 SENATOR TAYLOR: I believe also included
16 in this and I did not hear in your explanation is
17 that law enforcement would be able to make arrests
18 for misdemeanors based on video evidence; is -- do I
19 understand that correctly?

20 SENATOR STEVENS (Chairman): Senator
21 Pody?

22 SENATOR PODY: That -- that is correct.
23 Right now, they have to physically see it, but if
24 they're shown evidence like a video, they can --
25 they can act on that, yes.

1 SENATOR STEVENS (Chairman): Senator
2 Yarbrow?

3 SENATOR YARBROW: Thank you, Mr. Speaker.
4 If the sponsor will yield.

5 SENATOR STEVENS (Chairman): Sponsor
6 yields.

7 SENATOR YARBROW: Thank you, Mr. Speaker,
8 and I appreciate the -- the sponsor's effort in
9 shepherding this bill through. And I think this
10 legislation actually does a lot of good and
11 important things, but there are a few areas where I
12 do have some concerns. But I want to ask just a
13 couple clarifying questions about the rules
14 regarding filming of -- of law enforcement officers.

15 I just want to be clear. So if someone
16 is beyond 25 feet, like this -- this legislation
17 does not change anything. That person has --
18 continues to have the right to film in that -- in
19 that instance; is that correct?

20 SENATOR STEVENS (Chairman): Senator
21 Pody?

22 SENATOR PODY: That's correct.

23 SENATOR STEVENS (Chairman): Senator
24 Yarbrow.

25 SENATOR YARBROW: And just to continue

1 following up, there are a few narrow exceptions
2 where there is a 25-foot limit for traffic stops,
3 active investigations and on -- and ongoing and
4 immediate threat to public safety. But those are
5 conditioned for when the officer is lawfully engaged
6 in the execution of official duties and so does not
7 apply if the officer is not engaged in lawful
8 policing conduct; is that correct?

9 SENATOR STEVENS (Chairman): Senator
10 Pody?

11 SENATOR PODY: That is correct. And
12 it's -- even if they're arresting somebody, if the
13 law enforcement officer doesn't tell somebody, they
14 can still be right there within the 25 feet and they
15 can still film and they can still film from the 25
16 feet as well. So we're never telling the public
17 they can't stop filming. And the law enforcement
18 has to be legally doing their -- their work. They
19 can't be breaking the law themselves.

20 SENATOR STEVENS (Chairman): Senator --
21 Senator Yarbrow.

22 SENATOR YARBROW: Thank you, Mr. Speaker.
23 I appreciate those clarifications from the sponsor.

24 SENATOR STEVENS (Chairman): Leader
25 Akbari?

1 SENATOR AKBARI: Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

2 Will the sponsor yield?

3 SENATOR STEVENS (Chairman): Sponsor
4 yields.

5 SENATOR AKBARI: Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

6 So just a point of clarification from
7 my colleague from Davidson County. If the officer
8 is performing their duties but they are doing it in
9 a manner that is illegal -- and so I'm specifically
10 thinking about a George Floyd situation. So, you
11 know, what happened in that situation, the person
12 who was filming it was quite close to the
13 situation. Would this law preclude the person from
14 filming that situation if the police officer gives
15 them notice and asks them to move back?

16 SENATOR STEVENS (Chairman): Senator
17 Pody?

18 SENATOR PODY: In no way are we trying
19 to protect anybody that's breaking the law. So this
20 is only for officers that are lawfully performing
21 their duty.

22 SENATOR STEVENS (Chairman): Senator
23 Oliver?

24 SENATOR OLIVER: Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

25 Does the sponsor yield for some

1 questions?

2 SENATOR STEVENS (Chairman): Sponsor
3 yields.

4 SENATOR OLIVER: Thank you. I just had
5 a couple of clarifying questions.

6 So in Nashville, I believe this past
7 summer we had some incidences where there were some
8 neo-Nazi type groups that came to Nashville. They
9 came here in a U-haul truck and caused some
10 disruptions in our downtown area. Is this
11 legislation -- is the intent to respond to those
12 types of incidences?

13 SENATOR STEVENS (Chairman): Senator
14 Pody?

15 SENATOR PODY: We did have that happen
16 in Nashville, and under this piece of legislation
17 they would not be allowed to do that again.

18 SENATOR STEVENS (Chairman): Senator
19 Oliver?

20 SENATOR OLIVER: Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

21 And in my district we had a
22 neighborhood that was littered with KKK material in
23 homeowners' yards. Would that be considered an
24 offense under this legislation?

25 SENATOR STEVENS (Chairman): Senator

1 Pody?

2 SENATOR PODY: This legislation --
3 because littering is already illegal. But what
4 we're trying to do, if they have the intent with
5 their littering of saying that this is going to
6 intimidate somebody, that's when this piece of
7 legislation would kick in. They'd have to have the
8 intent of whatever they're littering to obstruct
9 somebody else's constitutional rights.

10 SENATOR STEVENS (Chairman): Further
11 questions?

12 We ready to vote?

13 Senator Pody?

14 SENATOR PODY: I renew my motion.

15 SENATOR STEVENS (Chairman): Senator
16 Pody renews this motion.

17 We're on Senate Bill 30 as amended.

18 All in favor of the bill will vote
19 "aye" when the bell rings.

20 Those opposed, vote "nay."

21 Has every member voted?

22 Does any member wish to change the
23 vote?

24 Mr. Clerk, take the vote.

25 MR. CLERK: Ayes, 30; 2 nays.

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SENATOR STEVENS (Chairman): Senate Bill
30, having received the constitutional majority, is
declared passed. Without objection, the motion to
reconsider goes to the table.

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4 HOUSE FLOOR SESSION
5 29th LEGISLATIVE DAY (A)
6 TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

7 April 21, 2025

8 (WHEREUPON, On the above date, there
9 came up for consideration in the Senate Judiciary
10 Committee, Tennessee General Assembly, Senate Bill
11 30, sponsored by Representative Lamberth and
12 others. Discussion pertaining to this bill was as
13 follows):

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15 REPRESENTATIVE SEXTON (Mr. Speaker):
16 House Bill 55 by Leader Lamberth and others relative
17 to criminal offenses.

18 MR. CLERK: Mr. Speaker, the Senate bill
19 is on the desk.

20 REPRESENTATIVE SEXTON (Mr. Speaker):
21 Leader Lamberth, you're recognized.

22 REPRESENTATIVE LAMBERTH: Thank you,
23 Mr. Speaker. Move to substitute and conform to
24 Senate Bill 30.

25 No, thanks.

1 REPRESENTATIVE SEXTON (Mr. Speaker):

2 Did he substitute and conform?

3 MR. CLERK: Yes.

4 REPRESENTATIVE SEXTON (Mr. Speaker):

5 Okay. Leader Lamberth moves to substitute and
6 conform to Senate Bill 30.

7 Properly seconded.

8 Without objection, so ordered.

9 Leader Lamberth?

10 REPRESENTATIVE LAMBERTH: Thank you,
11 Mr. Speaker.

12 Move passage of Senate Bill 30 on third
13 and final consideration.

14 REPRESENTATIVE SEXTON (Mr. Speaker):

15 Leader Lamberth moves passage of Senate Bill 30 on
16 third and final consideration.

17 Properly seconded.

18 Mr. Clerk, call out the first
19 amendment.

20 MR. CLERK: House Judiciary Committee
21 Amendment Number 1, Mr. Speaker, same as Senate
22 Amendment Number 1.

23 REPRESENTATIVE SEXTON (Mr. Speaker):

24 Chairman Farmer, you're recognized.

25 REPRESENTATIVE FARMER: Thank you,

1 Mr. Speaker.

2 Move to withdraw.

3 REPRESENTATIVE SEXTON (Mr. Speaker):

4 Without objection, Amendment Number 1 withdrawn.

5 Next amendment, Mr. Clerk.

6 MR. CLERK: House Amendment 2 by
7 Representative Behn.

8 Mr. Speaker, it was timely filed.

9 REPRESENTATIVE SEXTON (Mr. Speaker):

10 Representative Behn, you're recognized.

11 REPRESENTATIVE BEHN: Thank you
12 Mr. Speaker.

13 This amendment would remove the halo
14 provision of this bill, which would ensure that
15 press and citizens can use their constitutional
16 rights during an exchange with law enforcement. So
17 this bill would grant police unchecked power to
18 prevent the public, including press, from being
19 able to -- to be within 25 feet of police operating
20 during an instance.

21 And with that, Leader Lamberth, I have
22 a few questions for you with regard to this
23 amendment.

24 One, what does ensuring police
25 accountability have to do with antisemitism?

1 REPRESENTATIVE SEXTON (Mr. Speaker):
2 Representative, it's your amendment so he could ask
3 you, but it's your amendment, so asking him to
4 comment probably wouldn't be effective right now.
5 Representative Behn.

6 REPRESENTATIVE BEHN: Thank you. Okay,
7 well, I just want to highlight a few questions I
8 have for you to answer at some point with regard to
9 this amendment.

10 But one is that I don't think that
11 anything having to do with police accountability in
12 this bill has nothing to do with antisemitism,
13 period, end of statement.

14 Two, I also want to flag that there are
15 no provisions in this bill to protect media,
16 medical personnel, and legal observers in an
17 incident where they are watching police brutality.

18 And three, I also want to flag that on
19 numerous occasions, federal district courts have
20 ruled and upheld the constitutional rights of the
21 citizenry to ensure that they are able to film
22 public officials, including police.

23 So not only is this bill
24 unconstitutional, but yet you have not included
25 exemptions of which these are important

1 constituencies that would be needed in order to
2 ensure accountability and transparency.

3 I also want to flag that during the
4 George Floyd protest, the woman that was recording
5 that video was a woman named Darnella Frazier. And
6 if -- if this bill had been in effect, not only
7 would she have been criminalized for taking that
8 video of George Floyd, she could have been
9 retroactively thrown in jail.

10 So with that, I move to adopt this
11 motion that would remove the halo provision in this
12 bill. Thank you.

13 REPRESENTATIVE SEXTON (Mr. Speaker):
14 Representative Behn moves adoption of Amendment
15 Number -- Number 2.

16 Properly seconded.

17 Any discussion on the amendment?

18 Deputy Speaker Zachary, you're
19 recognized.

20 REPRESENTATIVE ZACHARY: Thank you,
21 Mr. Speaker.

22 Move to previous question.

23 REPRESENTATIVE SEXTON (Mr. Speaker):
24 Previous question is being called.

25 Any objection?

1 Seeing none, we're voting.
2 All those in favor of adopting
3 Amendment Number 2, vote "aye" when the bell rings.
4 Those opposed, vote "no."
5 Has every member voted?
6 Does any member wish to change their
7 vote?
8 Mr. Clerk, please take the vote.
9 MR. CLERK: Ayes, 24; 70 nays.
10 REPRESENTATIVE SEXTON (Mr. Speaker):
11 Amendment Number 2 fails.
12 Next amendment, Mr. Clerk.
13 MR. CLERK: Mr. Speaker, no further
14 amendments.
15 REPRESENTATIVE SEXTON (Mr. Speaker):
16 Leader Lamberth, you're recognized.
17 REPRESENTATIVE LAMBERTH: Thank you,
18 Mr. Speaker. I renew my motion.
19 REPRESENTATIVE SEXTON (Mr. Speaker):
20 Leader Lamberth renews his motion. No? All right.
21 Any further discussion?
22 Representative Pearson?
23 REPRESENTATIVE PEARSON: Thank you,
24 Speaker.
25 And, Sponsor, when we have people who

1 have been given the power as our law enforcement
2 officers have been given, which is ultimately the
3 power to use force that could take someone's life,
4 any of our lives, we should hold them to the
5 highest standard of possible review and
6 responsibility as we can. I have family who are
7 law enforcement officers. Almost everybody in
8 Memphis got somebody who they're related to who
9 serves in the Memphis Police Department.

10 To require accountability for police
11 officers is not to be anti-police. To require
12 people and allow people to have the ability to
13 record interactions with police officers is not
14 anti-police. It's that we give them the authority
15 and the power to use force enough to actually kill
16 people. And we're weakening the protections of the
17 people with legislation like this, but not only is
18 this targeting folk's ability to be able to record,
19 as was mentioned with the George Floyd murder,
20 there's language in here that prevents people from
21 even putting up banners on certain streets and
22 highways that might be demanding government
23 officials or others to do something.

24 This type of overreach into our civil
25 liberties, into the ideals and ideas of this

1 constitutional democratic republic experiment feel
2 maybe in this moment to some of my colleagues like
3 a necessary exertion of force to silence, dissent,
4 to keep people in check. It might feel that way,
5 but the reality is this overreaching onto our
6 rights as citizens, our rights as people who live
7 in this state are deeply troubling and concerning,
8 and we have a responsibility to defend and to
9 protect those rights against anyone who might be
10 abridging them in a way that is detrimental or
11 harmful in our communities.

12 While I would like to believe, as many
13 folks would, that officers of the law are always
14 doing a great job and doing things perfectly, that
15 isn't true. And it has often been regular people
16 who continue to shine a light on the unjust
17 practices that we see happen against citizens,
18 particularly poor people and people of color, black
19 folks in this country. . .

20 (WHEREUPON, there were technical
21 difficulties with the video and a portion of the
22 video is not available for transcription. The
23 requested transcript continues below.)

24 REPRESENTATIVE PEARSON: ...to be using
25 force against officers and I know my colleague will

1 say, well, it's within 25 feet, but who's measuring?
2 Many people will start to use this legislation, I am
3 concerned, as a bludgeon to our rights. This is why
4 the consistent overreaching that is practiced in
5 this legislation concerns me greatly for our
6 communities, especially communities that for a very
7 long time have dealt with and continue to deal with
8 unjust practices by the people who are in positions
9 of power who are supposed to be protecting and
10 serving or supposed to be protecting our rights, our
11 liberties, our communities, but that isn't always
12 what happens.

13 And you can't legislate from the point
14 of privilege. You legislate from the point of pain
15 for the people who are most marginalized and who
16 are struggling and who are facing the negative
17 consequences or the unintended consequences of
18 decisions.

19 And so while on its face this
20 legislation might look like the right thing to do
21 to take power away from folks, the reality is we
22 have to view what can go wrong. And the silencing
23 of voices, the stopping of certain recordings will
24 silence the communities that need our protection
25 and support more than ever before.

1 And so with that, I cannot support this
2 legislation, and I ask that my colleagues don't
3 support it as well.

4 REPRESENTATIVE SEXTON (Mr. Speaker):
5 Leader Lamberth?

6 REPRESENTATIVE LAMBERTH: Thank you for
7 your comments, and I feel like I've heard that
8 particular speech on a few different bills, but it
9 doesn't have anything to do with this bill. So I do
10 appreciate your comments; so thank you, sir.

11 REPRESENTATIVE SEXTON (Mr. Speaker):
12 Representative Jones of Davidson.

13 REPRESENTATIVE JONES (Davidson): Thank
14 you.

15 To the sponsor, I understand that this
16 bill is brought shamefully not just by you but by
17 our mayor here in Nashville, who have offered a
18 false solution to the rise of hate crimes and white
19 nationalist groups marching here in our city that
20 we've spoken out against, Representative Lamberth.

21 And so to Representative Lamberth, my
22 question to you -- you bring this bill that says
23 that this is the solution, this is the PEACE Act,
24 that is your response to stop hate in this state.

25 Do you, sir, Representative Lamberth,

1 take any responsibility through your rhetoric and
2 through your policies for welcoming these neo-Nazi
3 groups to Tennessee when on October 2022, you stood
4 with the Proud Boys outside this Capitol, a hate
5 group that we are targeting? Do you take any
6 responsibility, Representative William Lamberth,
7 for welcoming hate groups to Tennessee when you
8 attack migrants, when you dismantle racial justice
9 policies? Do you, sir, believe that when you give
10 this call and response and your cousins come here
11 in masks and terrorize our community, do you take
12 any responsibility for your actions?

13 REPRESENTATIVE SEXTON (Mr. Speaker):
14 Leader Lamberth?

15 REPRESENTATIVE LAMBERTH: Yeah,
16 literally nothing you said there was accurate. But
17 I do appreciate you saying that you live in a
18 reality far beyond ours and you just make stuff up.
19 And you did it again just then. So thank you for
20 your comments.

21 REPRESENTATIVE SEXTON (Mr. Speaker):
22 Representative Jones of Davidson.

23 REPRESENTATIVE JONES (Davidson): The
24 reality I live with are four young black boys who I
25 met and stood with and we raised money for them

1 after neo-Nazis terrorized them when they were
2 playing drums on Broadway. The reality I live with
3 is representing the most diverse district where my
4 constituents who are migrants are terrorized by your
5 rhetoric which mirrors the policies of these white
6 nationalist groups who you are saying that you
7 condemn.

8 And so, sir, I say to you, my friend,
9 William Lamberth -- actually, not my friend, let me
10 be honest to Representative Lamberth -- you don't
11 need a policy, a law. What you need is a mirror.
12 The reality is that there's a certain reason why
13 white nationalist groups feel welcome in Tennessee.
14 And a lot of it has to do with the agenda that
15 you've pushed as the leader of your party,
16 shamefully, to welcome these groups here. Laws
17 that have made it so that in Tennessee, one in five
18 black people cannot vote, laws that protect
19 Confederate monuments but don't protect migrant
20 children. Laws like you're failing to do, but
21 trying to advance a bill to create undocumented
22 students -- prevent them from entering our schools.

23 This is the agenda of these white
24 nationalist groups, these neo-Nazis. And so that's
25 the reality we see in Tennessee. And I hope that

1 the media here connects the dots because they have
2 not done their job either in connecting the
3 policies in this building to the marches happening
4 outside this building. They have not done their
5 jobs to the media here in connecting the white
6 nationalist terror that our constituents are
7 feeling to the rhetoric from this body.

8 And so all of you all should be
9 condemned for your actions right now. It is wrong
10 that the mayor of Nashville has brought this to
11 you, a bill that will restrict the rights of our
12 constituents. So shame on Mayor Freddie O'Connell,
13 shame on the Republican caucus, and this is an
14 attack on the expression and free expression of all
15 Tennesseans, which is why multiple civil rights
16 groups from the NAACP, to the American Muslim
17 Advisory Council, to immigrant advocacy groups have
18 opposed this bill, because they know that this bill
19 will not make them safer. And this is your attempt
20 to try and deflect, as you often do, Representative
21 Lamberth, from the real issue, which is the heart
22 of which you've created in this state, a heart that
23 has been poisoned by white supremacist violence and
24 bigotry.

25 And it's on you, my friend,

1 Mr. Lamberth, to take accountability for your
2 actions of welcoming those -- Blood and Tribe [sic]
3 welcoming those groups that we've seen out here.
4 We've seen them. And the truth be told, they're
5 not coming for you, they're not coming for most of
6 the people on your side of the aisle. They're
7 coming for people who look like me. They're coming
8 for people who look like my constituents. They're
9 coming for the transgender Tennesseans. They're
10 coming for the LGBTQ Tennesseans, the undocumented
11 Tennesseans. They're coming for the Muslim
12 Tennesseans. They're coming for people who are
13 directly impacted, none of whom feel like your bill
14 is a solution to this issue.

15 Would you respond to that reality that
16 our constituents are facing, Representative
17 Lamberth?

18 REPRESENTATIVE SEXTON (Mr. Speaker):
19 Leader Lamberth.

20 REPRESENTATIVE LAMBERTH: Love to.

21 So every time you say "white
22 nationalist," it's a racist comment. You're seeing
23 someone based on their ethnicity. It's absolutely
24 100 percent racist. When you say "nationalist,"
25 you speak against Americans that have died for this

1 country. Every time you say that -- you may not
2 realize this, but every single time you do that,
3 you define your fellow Americans and Tennesseans
4 through a racist lens. I stand against racism. I
5 wish you would join us in that. I stand against
6 Democratic Socialists, which is what Nazis are.
7 Hey, you may hang your head, but it's true. My
8 grandfather suited up, went to Germany and fought
9 against the Nazis. You've done nothing but more
10 than bring just words.

11 When you want to put a uniform on and
12 go fight against the Nazis and beat them, then
13 speak on this bill. But until then, the Democratic
14 Socialists that try to take over this world, there
15 are men and women in uniform of every single
16 ethnicity. And you may hate every white person,
17 but the rest of us will not stand for racism in
18 this state.

19 REPRESENTATIVE SEXTON (Mr. Speaker):
20 All right. Calm down. You-all are good. Thank
21 you.

22 Representative Jones, you're
23 recognized.

24 REPRESENTATIVE JONES (Davidson):
25 Calling out racism does not make you racist. White

1 nationalism is --

2 REPRESENTATIVE SEXTON (Mr. Speaker):

3 Here we go.

4 Speaker Pro Temp Marsh, you're
5 recognized.

6 REPRESENTATIVE MARSH: Thank you,
7 Mr. Speaker. Call -- call previous question.

8 MEMBERS (Collectively): Objection.

9 REPRESENTATIVE SEXTON (Mr. Speaker):
10 Previous question been called.

11 MEMBERS (Collectively): Objection.

12 REPRESENTATIVE SEXTON (Mr. Speaker):
13 There is objection. We're on the board.

14 All those in favor of previous
15 question, vote "aye" when the bell rings.

16 Those opposed vote "no."

17 Has everyone voted?

18 Does anyone wish to change their vote?

19 Mr. Clerk, please take the vote.

20 MR. CLERK: Ayes, 70; 20 nays.

21 REPRESENTATIVE SEXTON (Mr. Speaker):
22 Previous question prevails.

23 We're voting.

24 All those in favor of Senate Bill 30 as
25 amended, vote "aye" when the bell rings.

1 Those opposed, vote "no."
2 Has every member voted?
3 Does any member wish change their vote?
4 Mr. Clerk, please take the vote.
5 MR. CLERK: Ayes, 70; 20 nays; 4 present
6 not voted.
7 REPRESENTATIVE SEXTON (Mr. Speaker):
8 Senate Bill 30, having received constitutional
9 majority, I hereby declare it passed without
10 objection. Motion to reconsider is tabled.

11 [END OF SESSION.]

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