

Fake meat – Implementation of a regulatory framework. Inspection and labeling of lab-produced and plant-based fake meat.

Animal disease traceability – Limit impacts to the U. S. beef herd. Design a practical program to ensure producers’ concerns.

Endangered species act reform – Two percent of species listed as endangered have been recovered.

Sustainability – Setting standards.

Electronic logging devices and hours of service rules – Federal law limits on-duty time to 14 hours. Maximum drive time is 11 consecutive hours. Drivers must rest for 10 hours. To haul live animals across the country, more driving time is needed.

State issues include wolf re-introduction, sustainable water funding, advocacy for ag producers as the state’s population grows to 8.5 million by 2050, animal welfare, advocacy for the beef check-off, and monitoring bills regarding effects on the industry.

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Colorado Independent Cattle Growers reported that the Federal trade Commission’s 2020 action regarding “Made in the USA” labeling was partially successful.

At issue was the Secretary of Agriculture’s policy that a foreign beef product could arrive, be subject to minor processing, including removal from one size box and re-packaging in a different sized container, and be labeled “Product of USA.”

Canada and Mexico fought “country of origin labeling.”

The World Trade Organization ruled against the United States.

Congress retreated to avoid paying retaliatory tariffs.

Language changed to “all or virtually all” of contents might be of USA origin.

Existing regulation regarding “Made in the USA” labeling included:

Final assembly or processing of the product occurs in the United States.

All significant processing that goes into the product occurs in the United States.

All or virtually all ingredients or components of the product are made and sourced in the United States.

“Made in the USA” labeling can appear only in two instances – in mail-order catalogues and in advertising.

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The disclaimer reads: “To avoid confusion or perceived conflict with other country-of-origin labeling laws and regulations, the NPRM specifies that it does not supersede, alter, or affect any other federal or state statute or regulation relating to country-of-origin labels, except to the extent that a state country-of-origin statute, regulation, order, or interpretation is inconsistent with the NPRM.”

Read the Food Safety News for an expanded discussion of the status of the law.

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Nebraska Sen. Deb Fischer in September attempted to resolve issues by introducing the Cattle

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But if I found one better than some we have now, I could always sell one of ours.”

“Yea, right” she said a little sarcastically. “That’s what you’ve said every time that you bought a new horse. Only you never sell one. In fact, all our horses stay here forever.”

“Now don’t exaggerate” I corrected

Bucko.

I was really getting in deep now because she’d reverted to name calling. I spent the next ten minutes trying to get myself out of this one.

“OK, sweetheart, you’re right. I don’t need another horse. I am very lucky to have the ones I’ve got. It’s

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## A DIFFERENT PERSPECTIVE

### The American Struggle Against Evil

There can be no doubt The United States of America is a miracle. Depending on your view of the Universe, whether lovingly created from Genesis’ blank slate or erupting from the Big Bang, this country represents the pinnacle of human political and social evolution. It earned this status when the final signatures on the United States Constitution were inked by the last of 13 colonies in the New World, New Hampshire, on June 21, 1788.

Almost since that day our nation, our grand experiment, our shining city on the hill, has been struggling. We have fought our demons maybe, but certainly not ours exclusively. We have been fighting man-kind’s demons. Demons from antiquity. This nation of people from all around the world, a collection of races, religions, languages, cultures, and belief systems. It was the first nation to recognize political speech as a personal right, to recognize religious belief as a inviolable private decision, to recognize the right to personally benefit from or our own labor and a right to property, and to recognize a personal right of self-defense. Further, in acknowledging this our Constitution identifies that it does not create these rights but instead concedes that they are “endowed by their creator”. These are not granted by some committee, parliament, congress, or temporary governmental law of man. These are held within the very nature and fabric of men and women.

There have been those from the very beginning who have tried to unmake this miracle. Of particular interest today The United States of America was the first nation to unequivocally abolish slavery. When it became obvious that slavery was immoral and the institution would soon die a political death (by laws and amendments to the Constitution) demons among US chose to go to war to protect their ownership of their fellow men. In a dramatic turn in slavery’s sordid history our nation fought a civil war to abolish it. One and a half million American’s became casualties in that endeavor killed, captured, and wounded. The angels prevailed. In doing so the gauntlet of freedom was laid down for all of mankind. Slavery was soon abolished in the western world and became less prevalent in the rest of the world.

Sadly, in post-civil war America one group of demons, politically known as “Democrats”, began a systematic program of attacking the rights of Americans of African lineage. This Democrat party created, so called “black codes” or “Jim Crow Laws”, across the former southern states. These codes sought to restrain the economic and social growth of former slaves and persons of black descent. They sought to prevent black citizens from voting, owning property, defending themselves, and having access to education for their families. That wasn’t enough for the demons. The demons actually formed a terrorist organization. The infamous Ku-Klux-Klan which became the embodiment of an illegal underworld. An underworld fully supported by the Democrat Party. So ingrained in the Democrat Party was the notion of white supremacy and black suppression that Democrat President Woodrow Wilson famously screened the racist motion picture “Birth of a Nation” in the White House. This silent picture celebrated Nathan Bedford Forrest the Klan’s founder’s rise to infamy. In 1924 hundreds of robe clad “Klansman” marched in solidarity to the Democrat Party during that party’s political convention held that year in New York’s Madison Square Garden. How interesting that the Democrat’s most formative political statement required that their faces be hidden from view.

Standing on the side of the Angels have been The Republican Party. The Republican Party’s first President, Abraham Lincoln, lead the nation through the civil war. The Republican Party lead the way to pass the 13<sup>th</sup> amendment, which freed slaves, 14<sup>th</sup> amendment, which gave former slaves citizenship, and the 15<sup>th</sup> amendment which gave former slaves the right to vote. Republicans went on to pass the civil rights act of 1960, which outlawed poll taxes as well as the Civil Rights Act of 1964. This Act prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color, religion, sex or national origin. It also forbade discrimination on the basis of sex, race in hiring, promoting, and firing. The Act prohibited discrimination in public accommodations and federally funded programs. It also strengthened the enforcement of voting rights and the desegregation of schools. All of this faced fierce resistance from the Democrat Party.

Today, again, we have opposing forces. One party seeks to subvert the Constitution, attack free speech, prevent economic freedom, create broad racial strife, prohibit our right of self-defense, and encroach upon property rights. Once again, they have sent violent terrorists into the streets, ironically with their faces covered. All on the basis of race. It is not a coincidence that standing against US as always is the Democrat Party and standing on the side of the Angels is the Republican Party (GOP). This struggle against man’s Demons is not new and it won’t be easy but it is our legacy and we shall not turn from it.

God Bless America and God Bless the Republican Party.  
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