

STEVE SCALISE CALLS OUT DONALD TRUMP



Donald Trump and Steve Scalise on better days . . .

Some things age well, like fine wine, George Clooney, Halle Berry, and Robin Wright.

Some things do not.

Back on January 6, 2021, when certain GOP senators and representatives objected to the certification of the Arizona results and the two houses went into separate sessions, Steve Scalise was the first member recognized to speak in the House. Here is part of what he said, taken from the Congressional Record, after some preliminary remarks about the Founders. Note, please, the three parts I put in bold:

. . . We have to follow the constitutional process. Now, there might be reasons why some people don't like the process laid out by a legislative body. Madam Speaker, I served on one of those legislative bodies when I was in the State legislature for 12 years. I served on the House and Governmental Affairs Committee, where we wrote the laws for our State's elections. And I can tell you, when we had to make changes, those were extensively negotiated. We would have people on both sides come.

Republicans and Democrats, Madam Speaker, would get together to work through those changes, any minute change to how a precinct would function, to how a change would be made in the time of an election, signature requirements, all the many things that involve a clerk carrying out the duties in each parish, in our case.

You would see people come and give testimony, Madam Speaker. Both sides could come. Clerks of court were there in the hearing rooms.

It was an open process, by the way, **not behind closed doors in a smoke-filled room where somebody might want to bully a secretary of state to get a different version that might benefit them or their party or their candidate.** That is not what our Founding Fathers said is the process. **Maybe it is how some people wanted to carry it out.** But they laid out that process.

So when we would have to make those changes, they were in public view; they were heavily debated; and then, ultimately, those laws were changed in advance of the election so everybody knew what the rules were.

People on both sides knew how to play by the rules before the game started, not getting somewhere in the process and saying, well, you don't think it is going to benefit you, so you try to go around the Constitution. That is not how our system works. It has gotten out of hand. So President Trump has called this out, and President Trump has stood up to it. So many of us have stood up to it.

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It is time we get back to what our Founding Fathers said is the process for selecting electors: that is the

legislatures in public view, **not behind closed doors, not smoke-filled rooms, not bullying somebody that might give you a better ruling.** Let's get back to rule of law and follow the Constitution, Madam Speaker.

[end of remarks]

[C-Span video of Scalise's remarks here.]

Scalise is worried that "somebody might want to bully a secretary of state"? Horrors!

Scalise is concerned that "some people" want a different process that allows for bullying a secretary of state? Say it ain't so!

Scalise is bothered by the notion that somebody might put pressure on an elections official so that they "might give you a better ruling"? Inconceivable!

. . . *pause* . . .

. . . *deep breath* . . .

. . . *looking around nervously* . . .

. . . *checking the skies to see if lightning is about to strike* . . .

Waiting for Donald Trump to come down **hard** on Scalise in three . . . two . . . one . . .