JAMES COMER SUBPOENAS DICK PICKS WHILE ROME BURNS

As long expected, yesterday Jamie Comer subpoenaed Hunter Biden, his uncle James, and his former business partner Rob Walker; the Kentucky Congressman also sent voluntary interview requests to four more family members and Tony Bobulinksi.

By sending a voluntary interview request rather than a subpoena to Bobulinski, the Hunter accusar will be able to dodge questions about why, as Cassidy Hutchinson described, he wore a ski mask to a covert meeting with Mark Meadows in November 2020 and what the President's Chief of Staff handed him at that meeting.

Comer even sent a request to Hunter's current spouse, Melissa Cohen, rationalizing doing so – after having shut down an investigation into why the Saudis gave Jared Kushner \$2 billion to invest – this way:

> Evidence also shows that President Biden was at least aware of some of his family's business ventures and sought to influence potential business deals that financially benefited his family. Indeed, a Biden business associate, Devon Archer, testified how the Biden "brand" was used in retaining business, and that Joe Biden met with some of the foreign nationals who paid his family. 5 The Committees have identified you as possessing information relevant to their investigation and seek your testimony regarding these and other related topics. This request is made pursuant to that inquiry.

In particular, the Committees have identified over \$20 million in payments to Biden family members and their associates, the majority of which is attributable to Biden family members. 6 The Committees believe you have received proceeds derived from a foreign source in which the Biden family has held a substantial financial interest. This source is concerning to the Committees because of its significant ties to a foreign government. The Committees seek to understand the extent of the Biden family's involvement in transferring money to each other, and therefore seek clarity regarding your role in the movement of money originating from certain foreign sources.

As part of their investigation, the Committees also seek to craft legislative solutions aimed at deficiencies they have identified in the current legal framework regarding ethics laws and the disclosure of financial interests related to the immediate family members of Vice Presidents and Presidents-deficiencies that may place American national security and interests at risk. Specifically, the Committees are concerned that foreign nationals appear to have sought access and influence by engaging in lucrative business relationships with high-profile political figures' immediate family members.

The Committees are investigating the national security implications of a Vice President's or President's (and candidates for such offices) immediate family members receiving millions of dollars from foreign nationals, foreign companies, or foreign governments without any oversight. Current financial disclosure laws and regulations do not require non-dependent family members of senior elected officials to provide any information to the public. The Committees are seeking meaningful reforms to government ethics and disclosure laws that will provide necessary transparency into a Vice President's or President's immediate family members' income, assets, and financial relationships.

Cohen didn't even *meet* Hunter until May 2019, over two years after Biden left the Obama White House. Meanwhile, the degree to which Trump and *his* family have committed fraud using *their* family brand is literally on trial in New York as we speak.

To say nothing of Comer himself. The Daily Beast describes that not only has Comer serially swapped land with his brother, but has done so while directly overseeing the industry.

> According to Kentucky property records, Comer and his own brother have engaged in land swaps related to their family farming business. In one deal—also involving \$200,000, as well as a shell company—the more powerful and influential Comer channeled extra money to his brother, seemingly from nothing. Other recent land swaps were quickly followed with new applications for special tax breaks, state records show. All of this, perplexingly, related to the dealings of a family company that appears to have never existed on paper.

In other words, not only has Comer not found anything against the Bidens. He is using his charade against the Bidens to hide his own corruption and that of the Trump's.

And meanwhile, as Comer continues to waste taxpayer dollars subpoenaing dick pics, Republicans still can't fund government.



★ WILL THE GOVT SHUT DOWN NEXT WEEK?

Take a few minutes to examine the dynamics right now on the Hill and you'll see the perfect ingredients for a shutdown.

NEWS: @SenSchumer filing cloture today for vehicle for CR. Mid-December deadline likely. Meanwhile @SpeakerJohnson has moved nothing. GOP leadership preparing for TUES consideration of a CR that Johnson has yet to announce. He needs to post Sat.

If there is any "laddered CR," House Dems are uniformly against it. Senate Dems are too. As are Senate Rs, who think it's a goofy idea.

JOHNSON'S honeymoon appears to be coming to an end. They pulled THUD this week. FSGG is having some problems. LHHS can't get out of committee, will have trouble on floor. Same goes for CJS.

ISRAEL aid is nowhere. Ukraine/Taiwan aid on ice.

Republicans continue to fail to do their most basic job. And they continue to fail even as they harass Joe Biden's family for supporting other family members.