

THE WORM TURNS: NEITHER DEVIN NUNES NOR RON DESANTIS (THUS FAR) SUPPORT JIM JORDAN'S IMPEACHMENT BID

As I laid out a few weeks ago, I provided information to the FBI on issues related to the Mueller investigation, so I'm going to include disclosure statements on Mueller investigation posts from here on out. I will include the disclosure whether or not the stuff I shared with the FBI pertains to the subject of the post.

I was in DC when Mark Meadows and Jim Jordan rolled out articles of impeachment against Rod Rosenstein. As a number of people have noted, the articles themselves are batshit crazy, calling over-redaction subsequently corrected a high crime and misdemeanor.

The Department of Justice, under the supervision of Mr. Rosenstein, unnecessarily redacted the price of FBI Deputy Director Andrew McCabe's \$70,000 conference table because it was potentially embarrassing information.

The Department of Justice, under the supervision of Mr. Rosenstien, redacted FBI Agent Peter Strzok's personal relationship with FISC Judge Rudolph Contreras.

The Department of Justice, under the supervision of Mr. Rosenstein, redacted the names of high-ranking Obama administration officials, such as former White House Chief of Staff Denis McDonough.

The Department of Justice, under the supervision of Mr. Rosenstein, redacted the names of high-ranking FBI officials, such as former Deputy Director Andrew McCabe.

The Department of Justice acknowledged the unnecessary redactions and agreed that some information should not have been redacted in an April 16, 2018 letter to Representatives Meadows and Jordan.

Wherefore, Rod Rosenstein, by such conduct, warrants impeachment and trial, and removal from office.

And some of the articles would require a time machine to prove, such as holding Rosenstein responsible for a FISA application submitted when he was merely the US Attorney for MD with no role in the investigation.

Under Mr. Rosenstein's supervision, Christopher Steele's political opposition research was neither vetted before it was used in October 2016 nor fully revealed to the FISC, given Director Comey's June 2017 testimony the dossier was "salacious and unverified."

But something else is even more interesting to me.

The original press release included the names of 6 congressmen, in addition to Mark Meadows and Jim Jordan, who co-sponsored the articles HR 1028:

1. Mark Meadows
2. Jim Jordan
3. Andy Biggs
4. Scott Perry
5. Paul "Dentists Read Body Language" Gosar
6. Jody Hice
7. Matt Gaetz
8. Scott DesJarlais

And while the other three congressmen who joined as co-sponsors seemed a lot more sheepish about signing on, the following me also joined:

1. John Duncan
2. Louie Gohmert
3. Bill Posey

By mid-morning yesterday, in the face of opposition from Paul Ryan and citing some deal with Bob Goodlatte, Meadows and Jordan admitted defeat. Shortly thereafter, Jordan announced a bid to be Speaker, with support from Meadows.

Apparently this morning, the following men signed on:

1. Tom Massie
2. Ted Yoho
3. Ralph Norman
4. Duncan Hunter

We're two days into this effort, and thus far,

two names are conspicuously absent: Devin Nunes (who has admittedly refrained from officially participating in some of the batshittery to – apparently – limit his legal exposure) and Ron DeSantis, who has spent the last seven months leading efforts to discredit Mueller’s investigation.

While I was in DC, a Republican admitted to me that this was just about ginning up votes and predicted that the House is done meeting until November – meaning Rosenstein should be safe from Congressional tampering until then.

If so, DeSantis’ non-participation in this stunt is telling. He’s running for governor with the vocal support of President Trump.



Indeed, DeSantis currently has a healthy lead against Adam Putnam in the GOP primary, with the primary date a month away, August 28, largely due to Trump’s support.

DeSantis is also one of the people who most obviously benefitted from Russian interference in 2016.

That Ron DeSantis has not (yet) signed onto this stunt suggests he’s not sure that, in a month (or perhaps in three, in the general), having done so will benefit his electoral chances to be governor.

So apparently Jim Jordan (facing sexual assault cover-up charges) and Duncan Hunter (facing even more serious legal troubles) think it’s a smart idea to go all-in on supporting Trump. But Ron DeSantis does not.