

I am appalled at how the Legislature has not stood up for citizens accessing the capitol for hearings, and you are quick to condemn the only person that tried a proactive plan to get attention of what is taking place in the capitol.

If you watch the entire video, despite a plan to give access, after 10 minutes of a little conflict with security, security leaves - leaving the same door open for entry that Rep. Nearman is accused of opening. It begs the question whether the door was ever locked. If the door was locked when Rep. Nearman walked through, why would security unlock the door and leave? There was never any danger to anyone in the building, if you watch all 10 minutes of the video, people enter peaceably after security leaves.

HR 3 is introduced accusing Rep. Nearman of violating Oregon Constitution, Article IV, Section 15. Punishment and expulsion of members. Either house may punish its members for disorderly behavior, and may with the concurrence of two thirds, expel a member; but not a second time for the same cause.

"Disorderly behavior" is defined in the English Dictionary as any act of molesting, interrupting, hindering, agitating, or arousing from a state of repose or otherwise depriving inhabitants of the peace and quiet to which they are entitled.

It seems Speaker Kotek and the House of Representative is using a fear factor to support the accusation of "depriving inhabitants of the peace and quiet" since nothing else fits, to which they weren't entitled seeing it's the public's building.

They can state as many "Whereas" up as they want but do any of them violate the constitution and definition of disorderly behavior? Those are the only ones that count.

The fear factor has gone to your heads. If you vote to remove Mike Nearman, you are voting against the legal definition in the constitution and against the people's right to have access to public hearings.