

I was one of the people there on Dec 21, 2020. As the group of people stood shut out of their own legislative process. I have testified, peaceful assembled, lobbied and been to the Capitol numerous times.

This felt different, as we stood there on that cold morning, I saw a distrust and outrage build. Was Rep. Nearman out stoking the fires of civil disobedience? He was not.

The diverse group carried no "white supremacy" flags, as some legislators have stated. At which I take great offense. I will go as far as calling them a liar. The group was a mixed race, age, gender and political views. I was there I know.

At 8 AM about 200 people gathered around two 32 inch monitors with no sound. We stood there shut out. The crowd became angry and agitated. Rep. Nearman was not there. One woman tried to go through a window. The State Police were on the other side. People knocked on the West portico door. We looked in and realized we had been shut out of our own ruling process.

At approximately 8:25, I realized the futility of the situation. I wanted to take one more look at the marble statue's in front of the entrance of the Capitol. Being a fourth generation Oregonian and seeing how they been defaced during the George Floyd riots, I guess I wanted to see if they were cleaning them up. My people came to Oregon in the 1860's in wagons just like the reliefs.

As I hobbled up the sidewalk I saw Rep. Nearman, I have always considered him a Conservative voice for Oregon. Seems we don't have many of those left. He was walking away. Did he instruct me to create chaos and division, no.

What happened next was a tragedy. You hear one side, how the poor legislators felt afraid. Someone had caught the door as Rep. Nearman exited the building. Did Nearman hold the door open? I do not think so. What I can tell you is the violence I saw was from the Oregon State Police. I have pictures, filed a formal complaint and even called 911 that morning. My formal complaint was squashed, I never have had a briefing on the out come.

Ironic because my family was and is law enforcement and military. I saw elderly people, men and women who were trapped between the OSP and younger people who were pushing us forward in that 12x12 foot space. I saw people getting tear gassed, I heard a whooshing sound from the direction of the police line.

Was Rep. Nearman in that melee, no. I have never seen some of the people before. Some I have at Tea Party rallies. I still remember Speaker Dave Hunt calling us, "teabaggers". (a sexually derogatory term). Did you expell him?

I picked up one of the "Hall Passes" that had been handed out. It stated a section of the Oregon Constitution, which I believe was trampled by the powers controlling Oregon Government.

I left the Capitol grounds at approximately 9:10, they were calling an unlawful assembly as I reached my car. I have the ticket to prove it. Did Rep. Nearman cause me to get a ticket, no.

In summary this in my opinion is a witchhunt, a lynching of sorts, and unlawful. Rep. Nearman is elected by his constituents to represent them. We have elections so people can do just that. If I lived in Rep. Nearmans district I would be outraged a bunch of feckless, partisan politicians and yes fellow Republicans who look to curry favor with a power crazed Governor.

I support Rep. Nearman, I support the Constitution of Oregon and the United States of America. I believe in the rule of law. I believe justice is to be applied equally, without malice. I see a lot of malice here against Rep. Nearman. I believe this is an overreach. We have an election next year. Let the voters decide. I fear this is just another step of the leftest at the Capitol to remove our participation in the government.

This is a deflection to scapegoat Rep. Nearman. History will be the judge ultimately. I believe it will bear out Rep. Nearman as a patriot.

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