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Tallahassee Swamp Runs Out the Clock...

With the end of the Florida Legislative Session right around the corner, the RINOs in Tallahassee have run out the clock on pro-2A bills for another year, but at least they did not advanced any anti-gun bills either. Florida's version of Constitutional carry was effectively killed when Senate President Wilton Simpson gave marching orders to spineless Senate Republicans to ensure no companion bill to HB 103 was created. This gave the House Criminal Justice & Public Safety Subcommittee an excuse to shelve HB 103 because the Senate did not have a companion bill. Even so, If HB 103 made it through all the committees and was passed by the House, the Senate would have been forced to vote it up or down.

Similarly, HB 6095/SB 1528 – Restrictions on Firearms During Emergencies died in the Pandemics & Public Emergencies Committee, while in the Senate it was referred to committees without any action. These bills would have repealed Section 870.44, Florida Statutes, which usurps your constitutionally protected right to keep and bear arms during a declared "state of emergency." Throughout the duration of such an emergency in an affected jurisdiction, the Statute automatically prohibits: (1) The sale of, or offer to sell, with or without consideration, any ammunition or gun or other firearm of any size or description. (2) The intentional display, after the emergency is declared, by or in any store or shop of any ammunition or gun or other firearm of any size or description. (3) The intentional possession in a public place of a firearm by any person, except a duly authorized law enforcement official or person in military service acting in the official performance of her or his duty. Such times are exactly **NOT** the times to limit a Floridian's right to obtain firearms and ammunition. During such periods of lawlessness, law enforcement will be, by definition, unable to maintain law and order, and will likely be delayed in their ability to respond to crimes against citizens, their families, friends, or property.

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Fortunately, HB 527/SB 872 – Unfinished Firearms, bills to prevent Floridians from building so called “ghost guns” from “80% receivers” died in the House Criminal Justice & Public Safety Subcommittee and in the Senate where it was referred to committees without any action. However, the specter of ATF’s overreach on this issue through its [Definition of “Frame or Receiver” and Identification of Firearms](#) proposed rule still looms, and it is scheduled for final rule implementation in [June 2022](#).

Russia vs. Ukraine, Round 2...

The US, EU, and NATO involvement in Eastern Europe, which has been going on since the 1990’s, is the cause of the current Russian war with Ukraine. John J. Mearsheimer, Distinguished Service Professor of Political Science at the University of Chicago, detailed the run-up to Russia’s takeover of Crimea in 2014 in his article in the [September/October 2014 issue of Foreign Affairs](#). The article is well worth the read; it provides insight into the real reasons for Putin taking Crimea, and predicted today’s situation, if the West continued to deny the existential threat Putin so strongly believed Ukraine’s entry into NATO represented to Russia’s homeland.

As Mearsheimer said at the time, “In essence, the two sides have been operating with different playbooks: Putin and his compatriots have been thinking and acting according to realist dictates, whereas their Western counterparts have been adhering to liberal ideas about international politics. The result is that the United States and its allies unknowingly provoked a major crisis over Ukraine.” Clearly, the West did not see the error of its ways, so we have arrived at the predicted outcome.

Look at it this way, what do you think the U.S. would do if Russia/China were to establish military bases in Cuba or Mexico? Actually, the way things have been going lately, it might be more likely they’d set up shop in Communist Canada. Of course, we have already been down that road during the Cuban Missile Crisis... a crisis caused by the failed Bay of Pigs invasion and placement of ballistic missiles in Italy and Turkey by the US. At any rate, I don’t think we would tolerate it, and if the threat remained, we would take military action.

The US, EU, and NATO have made their beds, and now they must sleep in them. They must now render aid to Ukraine or lose face over their failed political maneuvers. Perhaps, this is what they have been aiming for all along. Regardless, it is shame that so many people will need to die over liberal political ideologies that fail to understand the perceived and real threat it poses to the other side. We have “poked the bear,” and hopefully, U.S. blood will not be spilled, but there will be unpleasant ramifications to our citizens and the rest of the world as we live under the threat of nuclear war like we haven’t seen in decades.

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