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## **NEWS AND ANALYSIS – “Openly Sane” GOP US Senate “candidate-journalist” resumes campaign; files for MN GOP primary; supports Biden; offers first-person report on May 30th MN GOP State Convention, asking: “Are we headed for a second American Civil War?”**

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**Minneapolis, June 5, 2020** – Amid chaotic nationwide civil unrest following the killing of George Floyd by a Minneapolis police officer, “Openly Sane” GOP US Senate candidate and self-described “candidate-journalist” Bob “Again” Carney Jr. (“bobagain”) filed for the Minnesota Republican US Senate primary, and reaffirmed his support for Joe Biden for president. As a Delegate to last Saturday’s Minnesota GOP State Convention (May 30<sup>th</sup>), which was held online for the first time, and featured the endorsement of former 2<sup>nd</sup> District Congressman Jason Lewis for the US Senate, bobagain also filed a first-person report; **an attachment** to this NEWS RELEASE, asking: “Are we headed for a second American Civil War?”

Historically, Republican and DFL party state conventions were major multi-day event news events – often broadcast to the entire state from start to finish. Not this year. As news, the “event” was eclipsed by the COVID-19 crisis, the Memorial Day killing of George Floyd by Derek Chauvin, a Minneapolis police officer, and nationwide protests that followed, quickly blurring into nightly looting and arson. The “convention” was also more or less fully eclipsed by the de facto takeover of the Minnesota State Republican Party by a giant, balled-up agglomeration of the Trump Administration, the Trump Campaign, and the Trump Organization. It’s easy enough to understand why, amid the recent tumultuous, all-media-consuming events, such a one-day on-line convention, offering no reasonable expectation of anything but a pre-determined outcome would be seen as a ‘hard news’ event of minor importance. However,

some attempt is needed that goes beyond a 500-word news service article fired off within an hour of adjournment. To that purpose, bobagain offers his report on the recently concluded convention and its broader context, warning of the danger we face today of a “second American Civil War”. Screen scrape notes from the convention are also attached.

In addition to Lewis and bobagain, three others filed as candidates in the Republican US Senate primary. None of them identified a campaign web site in their filings. Believing that Lewis must be challenged by a Republican committed to preventing Trump’s re-election, and therefore supporting Joe Biden for president, bobagain has resumed his campaign.

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