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NEWS RELEASE – MN GOP US Senate and “press virus” candidate-journalist Bob “Again” Carney Jr. answers LWV/MPR voter guide questions (Lewis & Smith haven’t); will report on Legislative Special Session “event” in upcoming video

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Minneapolis, July 3, 2020 – “Openly Sane” GOP US Senate candidate and self-described “candidate-journalist” Bob “Again” Carney Jr. (“bobagain”) submitted answers to voter guide questions from the League of Women Voters (“LWV”) and Minnesota Public Radio (“MPR”), but was surprised to see both incumbent DFL Sen. Tina Smith and the GOP’s convention-endorsed Jason Lewis have not (see the graphic.)

“Maybe this is to be expected, but it’s disappointing to see that both Jason and Tina, with their huge campaign budgets, couldn’t be bothered to find someone to draft up some answers to the LWV/MPR questions before the start of early voting,” bobagain said. The text of bobagain’s answers follow this News Release.

A screenshot of a web browser displaying the "Minnesota U.S. Senate" page on vote411.org. The page has a dark blue header with "View My Races" and "Progress: 1 of 3". Below the header, it says "Next Race: Minnesota U.S. House District 5". The main content area is titled "Minnesota U.S. Senate" and contains a paragraph of text about the U.S. Senate. Below the text is a grid of candidate cards. Each card has a small portrait icon and the candidate's name and party affiliation. The candidates shown are John L. Berman (Rep), Steve Carlson (DFL), Bob 'Again' Carney Jr. (Rep), Cynthia Gill (Rep), Ahmad R. Hassan (DFL), Jason Lewis (Rep), Paula Overby (DFL), James Raibenstein (Rep), Christopher Lovell Seymour, Sr. (DFL), and Tina Smith (DFL). The cards for Jason Lewis and Tina Smith have red text overlays that say "Where's Jason?!" and "Where's Tina?!" respectively. At the bottom of the screenshot, there is a Windows taskbar with various application icons.

A screen scrape mash-up of the vote411.org web site, with candidate answers to questions from the League of Women Voters and MPR. As of 7/3/20 both incumbent Sen. Tina Smith and GOP convention-endorsed Jason Lewis have not responded.

Special Session locks out *We the People* – bobagain gets in with “press virus” credential

The first 2020 Special Session (June 12-20) featured an elite “gated community” of Legislators and “corporate media.” However, *We the People* were locked out of the Capitol building. After finding out the first day that the Capitol building was fenced in and locked down, viral journalist bobagain activated the powerful, cell-piercing spear end of his “candidate-journalist” moniker, filled out a form, offered up his driver’s license, paid ten bucks, and obtained a press credential that allowed him to pierce the perimeter and access the Capitol building. The following Thursday and Friday bobagain returned with his “press virus” credential and a video camera. He is reporting on this for MinnGhost.com, a new website. An extensive video report, as journalism and separate from bobagain’s Senate campaign, will be released shortly. It includes a “porta-potty tour” – bobagain found a total of only one porta-potty open to *We the People* that was anywhere near the Capitol building. “One of the best ways to gauge the attitude of authorities about the potential for public gatherings, protests, and the exercise of the First Amendment right of *We the People* ‘peaceably to assemble’ is the availability of porta-potties. When the Occupy Minneapolis event was launched October 7th, 2011, there was a row of porta-potties near the Hennepin County Government Center. The Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board is providing porta-potties to homeless encampments in many Minneapolis parks. Of course, the fence surrounding the Capitol building was the first thing I noticed. But my ‘porta-potty tour’ of the Capitol area made clear to me the obvious fear of Minnesota authorities that some kind of a new Occupy encampment might start up on the Capitol grounds, possibly along the lines of the Capitol Area Autonomous Zone that was being reported on in Seattle when it emerged early in the week of the Special Session,” bobagain said.

MinnGhost?

The name “MinnGhost.com” – the entity that bobagain received a Press credential for - was inspired by what appears to be a “cancel culture” approach taken by MinnPost.com, which (as of July 3, 2020) has not yet included bobagain among Minnesota US Senate candidates listed in its “Who’s running for Congress?” feature. Every other Minnesota US Senate candidate on the ballot for either the primary or the November general election is listed in the MinnGhost feature. Candidates on the primary ballot are listed on the Secretary of State’s website. “I’ve made many efforts to reach someone at MinnPost about this, including speaking with Lee Lynch, a MinnPost founder, Board member and Chair Emeritus. Although I saw Peter Callaghan at the Capitol a couple of times, I chose not to attempt to speak with him

about it but later left a voice mail and sent an e-mail. Maybe they're all just worried I might infect them with something. COVID-19 is one possibility, but I may be embodying, or channeling, something else. Anyway, I did another round of phone calls and e-mails last week, and left another message with Lee Lynch today, giving him a final update and telling him I wouldn't call again," bobagain said. A recent medical visit suggests that credentialed medical professionals thought bobagain was alive as of June 30th. "But contact tracing suggests rumors of my existence are not being spread; they could be greatly exaggerated. At any rate, MinnGhost.com will be covering this and other stuff," bobagain contuded.

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BOBAGAIN'S ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS FOR THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS AND MINNESOTA
PUBLIC RADIO VOTER GUIDE – PUBLISHED ON VOTE411.ORG

QUESTION ONE: What makes you the best candidate to represent your party and win the general election?

ANSWER: Unless we act now, our country is heading for a Civil War. The level of division – seeing the other side as dangerous and evil, rather than seeing our common, flawed humanity – must be resisted and stopped. In 2016 I was the top GOP Legislative vote-getter in Minneapolis, outpolling Trump by 3,100 votes in my State Senate District. HOWEVER, to paraphrase former Gov. Pawlenty, I've also been saying all along that Trump is unhinged, unqualified and unfit to be president. I both support both Joe Biden for president and continued divided government with at least one house of the Legislature controlled by Republicans. As an "openly sane Republican" in an election year where a kind of cult psychology has become widespread, I humbly submit that I'm YOUR best choice on the primary ballot, because I can and will work with everyone, and I will lead Minnesota to guide our nation away from a Civil War. The primary is open to everyone – at this desperate moment please vote for me.

QUESTION TWO: What policies or actions should the federal government take, if any, in the next six months to address how COVID-19 has impacted the economy, the unemployment rate, and people's ability to pay their everyday living expenses?

ANSWER: The emphasis is on six months – not on the deficit. In March, the CARES Act put over \$2 trillion into the economy – using straight-up Keynesian economics to maintain aggregate economic demand. This worked – if we had done something of comparable size in 2009 the Great Recession

would have been far less damaging. We need to continue this approach – with a program to bail out state and city governments, and multiple rounds of direct stimulus checks: \$1,000 per adult and \$500 per child. The money must be targeted to people who will spend it. We also need to continue federal unemployment supplements – but with a targeted approach to ensure reduced earnings plus unemployment roughly equals, but does not exceed, what people were earning. These actions will provide the needed stability to allow an orderly economic recovery as we get COVID-19 under control. Fortunately, we’re proving in Minnesota that we CAN get COVID-19 under control.

QUESTION THREE: Consider the issues of the U.S. military forces and the budget deficit. If these two issues intersected, with whom would you consult and how would you evaluate any competing interests?

ANSWER: I’m reading John Bolton’s book, so he’s on my list; Mitt Romney and Condoleezza Rice are other top choices. As for economics and the deficit, current war game results indicate that right now, today, we would lose in a military conflict with China. Projecting power with aircraft carriers and troops is over for America. Going forward we must plan to move away from hugely expensive new weapons systems that don’t reflect the new agile and robotic realities of our future national defense. Please understand that I don’t anticipate spending much time on this issue – primarily because I have more to offer in other areas. I would seek to understand robotics, drones, and non-nuclear missiles and projectiles, including hypersonics. I’m strongly opposed to militarizing space. We must view sustainable multinational global economic development opportunities as an integral part of national defense. As to competing economic interests, the Military-Industrial-Complex must always lose.

QUESTION FOUR: Consider Minnesota’s industrial and agricultural economies and the issues of climate change and environmental protection. If these two issues intersected, with whom would you consult and how would you evaluate any competing interests?

ANSWER: In 2006, Dr. Roger Angel, a MacArthur Foundation genius grant winner and University of Arizona professor, proposed a global warming solution: put clouds of trillions of light-refracting disks at Lagrange Point One, between the Earth and the Sun. I’ve filed a patent improving on this approach, putting pairs of giant tethered mirrors there (I’ll make the patent application public.) The first mirror targets the second mirror, which targets solar panels on Earth, producing electricity that can pay for the whole system. Because the second mirror blocks sunlight, this system can also give us global cooling. This is a for-profit solution to global warming (see, I really am a Republican!) Because my plan combines a climate change solution with cheap green electricity, both our industrial and agricultural sectors will benefit. BTW, the mirror systems can also be used to manage local weather, preventing droughts and flooding, and increasing agricultural production.