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Days after a Capitol insurrection that left 5 people dead, and as we learn of domestic terrorism threats ahead of inauguration, I still can't wrap my head around House Republicans having a full-blown tantrum about having to walk through a metal detector.

What is going on here?

At best, these GOP lawmakers are embarrassingly entitled.

At worst, they're sneaking guns onto the House floor and don't want to get caught -- and terrifying their colleagues in the meantime.

These are actual quotes from House Republicans reacting to have to walk through a metal detector to get onto the House floor.

"Horse shit!"

"You are creating a problem you do not understand the ramifications of!"

"You can't stop me, I'm on my way to a vote!"

The Capitol Police officers by the metal detector -- some of whom just saved these lawmakers' lives last week -- had to stand there and get yelled at, and be told the situation is "unconstitutional."

There is nothing in the Constitution about walking through a metal detector.

Never mind that you're not allowed to bring a gun onto the House floor, which it sure sounds like Rep. Madison Cawthorn did.

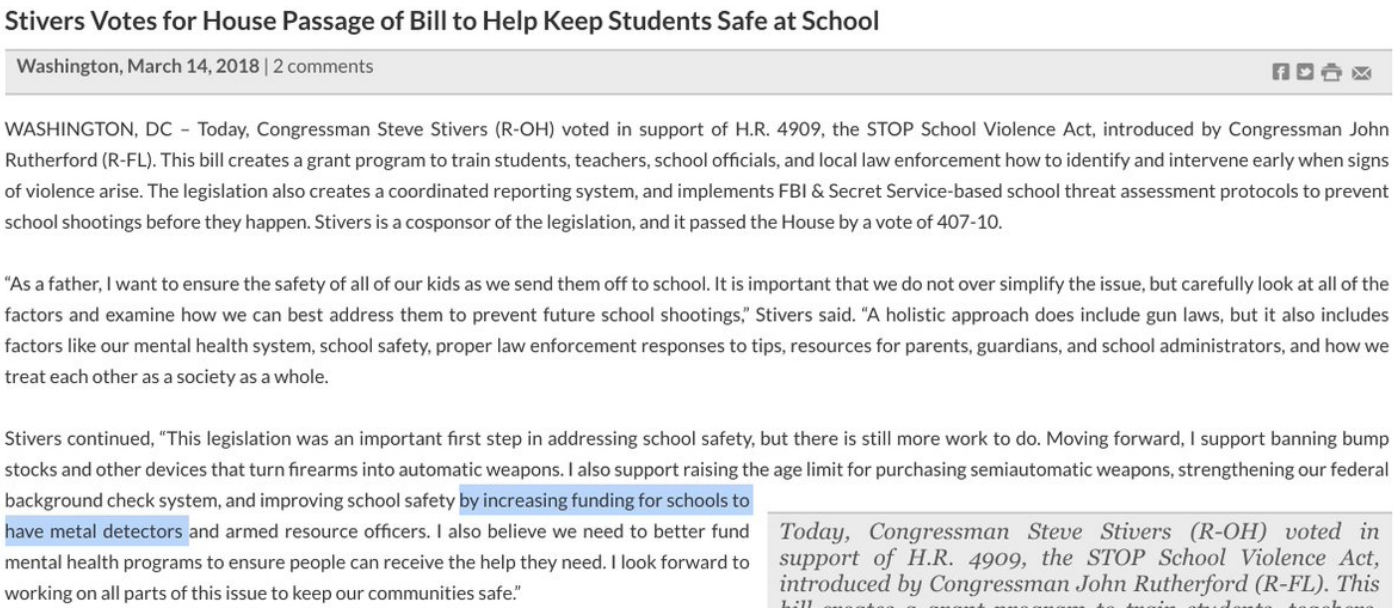
Some lawmakers are afraid of EACH OTHER. Some are raising concerns about Trump allied-lawmakers being conspirators with the violent insurrectionists.

.@AOC, for one, has said she was scared for her life during the lockdown, in part b/c of white supremacist lawmakers potentially revealing her location to the insurrectionists.

Rep. Cedric Richmond said as much yesterday, noting there “may be co-conspirators” in the House.

Of course, some of these GOP lawmakers are big ol' metal detector hypocrites.

Here's Rep. Steve Stivers in 2018, saying how great it is that Congress is giving schools more money to put in metal detectors. Because safety first!



Stivers Votes for House Passage of Bill to Help Keep Students Safe at School

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WASHINGTON, DC – Today, Congressman Steve Stivers (R-OH) voted in support of H.R. 4909, the STOP School Violence Act, introduced by Congressman John Rutherford (R-FL). This bill creates a grant program to train students, teachers, school officials, and local law enforcement how to identify and intervene early when signs of violence arise. The legislation also creates a coordinated reporting system, and implements FBI & Secret Service-based school threat assessment protocols to prevent school shootings before they happen. Stivers is a cosponsor of the legislation, and it passed the House by a vote of 407-10.

“As a father, I want to ensure the safety of all of our kids as we send them off to school. It is important that we do not over simplify the issue, but carefully look at all of the factors and examine how we can best address them to prevent future school shootings,” Stivers said. “A holistic approach does include gun laws, but it also includes factors like our mental health system, school safety, proper law enforcement responses to tips, resources for parents, guardians, and school administrators, and how we treat each other as a society as a whole.

Stivers continued, “This legislation was an important first step in addressing school safety, but there is still more work to do. Moving forward, I support banning bump stocks and other devices that turn firearms into automatic weapons. I also support raising the age limit for purchasing semiautomatic weapons, strengthening our federal background check system, and improving school safety by increasing funding for schools to have metal detectors and armed resource officers. I also believe we need to better fund mental health programs to ensure people can receive the help they need. I look forward to working on all parts of this issue to keep our communities safe.”

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Stivers in 2018, backing more metal detectors in schools: "As a father, I want to ensure the safety of all of our kids as we send them off to school."

Stivers this week, having to walk through one to get onto the House floor: Unconstitutional!

And just to bring this full circle, the reason GOP lawmakers like Stivers support putting metal detectors in schools is because they don't want to deal with gun control but they want to look like they're doing something on school shootings, so... here, have a metal detector.

Cap Police can't really *force* a member of Congress to walk through a metal detector. I wasn't sure how Pelosi was gonna enforce this change.

She found a way: fines.

First offense: $5K. Second offense: $10K

Deducted from lawmakers' paychecks. Boom. https://t.co/9g6zsYJsEA