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Caseload Standards – What are they and why are they important?

By Kristi Egger, Lancaster County Public Defender

Lately there has been some talk about caseload standards at the Public Defender's Office, with assertions that they are outdated. These claims are patently false and possibly disingenuous. To understand what is wrong with these claims, here's some background.

To address the ever increasing workload in the Public Defender's Office, in 2008, the University of Nebraska Public Policy Center published a *Workload Assessment* (<https://www.lancaster.ne.gov/DocumentCenter/View/1670/2008-Workload-PDF>). The study was based on Public Defender workload assessments conducted by the National Center for State Courts which tracked years of data. The goal was to provide a way to measure attorney workloads to serve as a template to assess current and future caseloads. In addition to the raw data collected, the PPC recommended caseload standards to ensure that attorneys had enough time to meet Constitutional guarantees for effective assistance of counsel. At the same, the recommendations were meant to achieve a workload standard that was fair to both the employees of the Public Defender's Office and to the taxpayers.

These data driven caseload standards are neither obsolete, nor are they inaccurate. The Office's workload standards are fluid and change every year based on the average amount of time that the attorneys log in on each case type. For example, felonies take the most time per case, as one would expect, and felony attorneys are assigned fewer clients and cases per month than the misdemeanor attorneys.

The County Board approved the workload standards, and the Lancaster County Public Defender's Office has continued to accurately keep track of the time that various cases take in order to maintain the integrity of the data and to appropriately assign cases. Logging the actual time attorneys spend on each case ensures that the caseloads are as objective as possible and ***not*** based on feelings or speculation as to how long a case may take. It is based on real data averaged over tens of thousands of cases.

Because accurately tracking our time is so crucial to the attorneys, the staff, and to the taxpayers, upon starting my first term as the Public Defender, I felt it was crucial to update and upgrade the Case Management System the Office was using. In fact, this necessary change was recommended back in 2014, though my predecessor failed to implement it during his 8 years in office. With the input of attorneys and staff, we vetted a dozen case management systems.

As of June 2025, with the approval of the County Commissioners, we have successfully upgraded our case management system.

Our Office is recognized as practicing the gold standard for managing appropriate and fair workloads. Recently, a Public Defender in Western Nebraska asked me to provide data about our caseload standards. A judge there requested that he ask for our caseload data, as our process here in Lancaster County is so well regarded.

I have heard claims that the Office should abandon the current caseload standards and restructure the way we operate to make it like a "large law firm." One proposal is to increase the amount of work done by support staff. Another is to "incorporate a team-based approach." Such proposals are unworkable, unrealistic, and in some cases redundant. This scheme would greatly reduce the amount of cases our Office can handle which will ultimately cost the taxpayers more money.

Our paralegals, legal secretary, and indeed all our support staff are already working at full capacity. They fulfill all tasks they can, except those necessarily done by the attorneys. The Public Defender's Office already utilizes a team approach. Every case has an assigned paralegal. Serious and/or complex cases are assigned a "first" and "second chair" attorney. Additionally, less experienced attorneys are always encouraged to assist with cases that go to trial.

We are not a private law firm, and we cannot function as one. Though they may take court appointments and/or do pro bono work, by and large, private law firms pick and choose their clients based on their ability to pay. Private firms have much larger budgets proportionate to their client numbers. They generally have far fewer clients, dozens a year compared to our thousands. Think of a private medical practice versus a hospital and you start to get the idea.

The Public Defender's Office does not have endless funds, so it is imperative that we be practical, not extravagant. We must abide by a budget and implement common-sense policies that serve to balance the needs of our clients, our staff, and the community. This has been my focus since I was elected and will continue to be my guiding principle as I serve the people of Lancaster County.

As always, my door is open, I look forward to talking with you, and I thank you for your support.

The Democrats Are Winning And Lead Despite Their Negative Image

By Dennis Crawford



If we do the work, we will win.

The Republicans like to tout the Democrats' low approval rating, and they tend to cherry pick a couple of outdated, outlier polls that found that the Democrats allegedly had a 19 percent approval rating. However, two more recent polls compared the approval ratings of the two parties. In the Fox poll, the Democrats had a 40% approval rating, compared to 44% for the GOP. In a very recent Gallup poll, the Democrats had a 34% approval rating while the GOP was at 38%.

Despite those low approval ratings, the Democrats are winning big in the 2025 elections and lead the GOP in 2026 polls. You wouldn't know this from following the Vichy corporate media and the propaganda of the GOP. They are invested in a Democrats in disarray narrative. The Republicans know they are in trouble — that's why they are redrawing the map in Texas in an attempt to steal 5 U.S. House seats.

Steve Kornacki explains the apparent paradox: "The Democratic Party is profoundly unpopular right now."

Our own NBC News poll spotted this trend early this year and recent surveys show it persisting, including one from CNBC last week that found that just 22% of Americans have a positive perception of the Democratic Party, compared to 55% negative. For the GOP, it was 36% positive and 46% negative.

And yet, the same CNBC poll also put Democrats ahead by 5 points on the generic

congressional ballot, a key indicator as the 2026 midterm playing field takes shape. It raises the question: How could a party with such a dismal image not be getting blown out?

The answer has to do with how Democrats think about their own party. Unlike Republicans, who as a group hold an overwhelmingly positive view of the GOP, only a plurality of Democrats actually have a favorable view of their own party.

A majority of Democrats are either neutral or hostile to their own party. But, crucially, almost none of them are disillusioned in a way that would lead them to vote against the party next year. In fact, the CNBC poll finds that Democratic voters are slightly more united behind their own party when it comes to the generic ballot than Republicans are.

This indicates that hostility to President Donald Trump and the GOP remains the central motivating force for Democratic voters, more than enough to override any qualms they have about their own side."

Other reputable polls indicate the Democrats are leading the GOP in the race for Congress. The latest poll from YouGov and *The Economist* showed Democrats up 6 percentage points — 44 percent to 38 percent. It surveyed 1,528 registered voters from August 1 to August 4.

Betting odds also give Democrats the lead in the 2026 elections for the House of Representatives. Polymarket shows them with a 71 percent of regaining control of the House.

This 2026 blue wave is already building here in Nebraska. Representative Don Bacon (R-NE) announced his retirement on June 30, 2025. Parties facing a negative political environment usually see a lot of surprise incumbent retirements. Bacon knows what is coming.

Both Larry Sabato's Crystal Ball and the Cook Political Report have shifted Nebraska CD02 from lean Republican to lean Democratic. This is an excellent pickup opportunity for the Democrats. Already, four serious Democratic candidates have thrown their hats into the ring.

The promising polls numbers in the race for Congress have been verified by actual election results in 2025. The Democrats have been out-performing Harris by 10 to 20 points and are winning big in the 2025 elections. This is the most under reported story in American politics.

The two marquee elections thus far in 2025 were in Wisconsin and Omaha. In the Badger State, the Democratic candidate for the Supreme Court won by 10 points after Elon Musk spent \$25 million and nationalized the race. Trump carried this state by one point in 2024.

In Omaha, Democratic candidate John Ewing crushed three-time GOP incumbent mayor Jean Stothert by a 57% to 43% margin. Stothert never had a close race before and Omaha is thriving. She won her last race in 2021 by a 65% to 34% margin. Omaha experienced an astonishing 23-point swing in the 2025 mayor's race. Democrats were highly motivated, and GOP turnout was low.

On August 26 in Iowa, the Democratic candidate won an Iowa state senate seat by 11 points in a district Trump carried by 11 points in 2024. Now you know why the Republicans are doing everything they can to gerrymander and suppress the vote.

The tide is turning. Be confident going forward. Take nothing for granted. Keep working hard.

Blue wave 2026! Let's go!

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Nebraska's progressive voice: George William Norris (1861 –1944) By Jim Schaffer

This is about a guy who wasn't a Democrat but always acted like one.

Sometimes the most progressive thinkers get stuck in the wrong political party, perhaps the better to be elected. Such seems to be the case with Nebraska's five-time U.S. Senator, George Norris, a major force in the rise of public power and the designer, more or less, of Nebraska's unicameral.

The title of Norris's autobiography, *Fighting Liberal*, doesn't sound like anything Rep. Mike Flood would write, but for most of Norris's life, he was a Republican. By the time he wrote that book, however, he was registered as an independent although he had become disillusioned with partisan politics long before.

Norris served five terms in the United States House of Representatives from 1903 until 1913, and five terms in the United States Senate, from 1913 until 1943, four of those as a Republican and his final term as an Independent.

As far back as 1928, however, an editorial in the *Philadelphia Public Ledger* suggested why Norris'

career might seem attractive to "fighting liberals" today. Norris is "a Republican who is almost never Republican," wrote the editorialist, "a man always wanting to retire and always being re-elected; politically omnipotent in his state, yet never a boss, never maintaining a machine, never using patronage; a pacifist by nature yet always fighting."

Growing up in Ohio

George Norris, who was born and grew up in Ohio, knew well the plight of everyday Americans. His father died when George was only four, leaving him, in his teens, to hack out a livelihood for his mother and ten sisters on their stump-covered farmland. Later, he headed west, eventually settling in McCook. He became a country teacher, a small-town lawyer, a prosecuting attorney and judge—as he came to know the people of Nebraska and the West, where he saw foreclosures, lost homesteads and farm workers drifting to the city and to unemployment.

At the time Norris identified with a wing of the Republican Party called the Progressives, who believed that government should be more responsive to the needs of ordinary citizens. Norris argued that he should vote according to his conscience even if that sometimes conflicted with party affiliation. The best example of Norris's commitment to non-partisanship was his work to establish a one-house Unicameral in Nebraska.

Profiles in Courage

A major hint that Norris was no conservative comes in John F. Kennedy's book *Profiles in Courage*. At fellow Nebraskan Ted Sorenson's suggestion, Kennedy included a chapter on Norris, highlighting his stand against the Republican establishment in Congress.

The story involved a challenge Norris made to the unbridled power, at the time, of the Speaker of House. An unassuming gentleman in a plain black suit and shoe-string tie, Norris and a small group of "insurgent" senators, backed a resolution (one that Norris had drafted years before and kept in the inner pocket of his coat) that would enable the House and not the Speaker to appoint the members of the powerful Rules Committee.

This action broke the stranglehold that conservative Republican leaders had held over the government and the nation; naturally, it also ended any political favors Norris might receive. Under the "Czar" as he was often called, the Speaker of the House wielded power nearly equal to the President and the Congress. It was a power that placed party above all, one that fed on loyalty and patronage.

Norris explained himself like this: "I would rather go to my political grave with a clear conscience

than ride in the chariot of victory as a Congressional stool pigeon, the servant of any man, whether he be the owner and manager of a legislative menagerie or the ruler of a great nation.”

Barnstorming for Democrats

Unwilling to commit himself to the Democratic party he had always opposed, Norris nevertheless toured the country campaigning for fellow progressives. One of those was Democratic presidential candidate Franklin Roosevelt.

In the 1932 campaign Roosevelt spoke to a huge crowd gathered in McCook about its leading citizen, George Norris: “He has been thinking of the rights and welfare of the average citizen, of the farmer, the laborer, the small business. He believes that it is the little fellow who has been forgotten by his government. Throughout his political life, Norris sought a community in which “all human beings would be necessary and valued.”

The Unicameral

The most valuable service Norris gave his fellow citizens in Nebraska was establishing the Unicameral Legislature, a body which first convened in January 1937. Norris arrived in Lincoln on a cold Sunday morning just after New Year’s, traveling by train from McCook, to help usher in the new one-house legislature. “I was stopping in Lincoln briefly for the ceremonies attending a governmental reformation for which I was responsible,” Norris said.

This was no sudden fantasy. Norris had pondered the idea for “quite a number of years.” Norris himself turned down numerous requests to run for the legislature: “The pay was very small,” he said, “\$300 a term, insufficient even to meet living expenses on a modest scale.”

Part of why the new plan appealed was that the number of legislators would be reduced from 133 to just 25; that way the state could afford a salary of \$2,500 for each.

Opposition to Norris’s plan was considerable. The *Omaha World-Herald*, for example, fought the amendment bitterly. The leaders of both political parties were opposed to it as were the majority of the bankers, lawyers, utilities and railroads. Somehow, Norris wrote, he had the “unanimous support of educators.”

Norris campaigned across every section of the state, “nearly wearing out my automobile.” On the eve of the election, politicians were confident the amendment would be overwhelmingly defeated, but when the ballots were counted, the unicameral won by over 90,000 votes.

“The two-house legislature is a relic of the past,” Norris wrote. “There is no reason for a bank to have two boards of directors or a city to have two boards of aldermen.” Significantly, Norris argued, the unicameral plan makes it easy for the ordinary citizen to place responsibility for the passage or defeat of legislation where it belongs. “There is the opportunity to reward the faithful representative and to hold to account the unfaithful.”

In the four years that followed adoption, Norris tracked the success or failure of his plan. Over a similar period ending in 1935, a total of 3,960 bills were introduced with 754 passing. From 1937 through 1940, only 2,073 bills were introduced, of which 794 passed. This resulted in eliminating the waste of printing, the time and energy of committees, and the people’s money. The total legislative costs for the unicameral period were about half what they had been for a two-house congress.

A change in outlook

Only his political outlook changed over George Norris’s long career in Washington. When he first entered the House of Representatives, he said he was a staunch, conservative Republican, “sure of my position, unreasonable in my convictions, and unbending in my opposition to any other political thought.” But “one by one I saw my favorite heroes wither . . . I discovered that my party . . . was guilty of virtually all the evils that I had charged against the opposition.” Fortunately for Nebraska, that change of heart led to significant accomplishments.

Rural energy independence goal of farmer’s company

By Andy Castillo



In March, storm clouds over northeast Nebraska left a historic trail of destruction in its wake, leaving many in Burt County without power.

“It had such a force to it that it snapped utility line poles halfway up,” recalls Graham Christensen, a fifth-generation farmer who manages 800 corn and soybean acres about 60 miles outside the Omaha metro area. “It’s pretty unprecedented to have that widespread of a hit with that kind of damage. Poles just snapped, and the transmission lines just dangled, holding each other up.”

It was the most expensive storm in the Omaha Public Power District’s history. Outages were extensive and long-lasting, and some of Christensen’s neighbors were affected — but not his farm. When the storm hit, his own energy system kept his operation up and running.

“Our farm has solar and a generator. The generator kicked on, so we did not lose electricity. We had some friends in the area who we’re without for two weeks,” he says.

Energy resilience

When he’s not farming, Christensen runs GC ReVolt, a Nebraska-based solar and alternative energy development company that focuses primarily on smaller-scale development, including farms. GC ReVolt has developed about 100 systems across Nebraska and Iowa. He started the company in 2017 out of a desire to help farmers be more self-sufficient, save money, increase the security of their operations, and become resilient and more sustainable.

Christensen’s family is deeply rooted in both local agriculture and Burt County’s energy production. A great-uncle established the Burt County Public Power District. His great-grandfather, a political advocate, helped electrify rural areas under the 1930s-era New Deal. And his brother, Max, is an electrician who runs Christensen Electrical and helps him install solar systems.

“A lot of people say ag is our bag, but ag plus energy is kind of our family’s thing,” Christensen says.

This generational perspective on energy independence drives a forward-looking philosophy. “Let’s look into the future with respect to the next generations that are coming behind us, and let’s make sure those that provide food for people are able to continue to move forward, with a steady amount of energy to run their system,” he says.

Microgrid revolution

Beyond those immediate impacts, solar power is an integral component of microgrids, which are localized energy systems that can operate independently from the regional grid. These systems also include generators and batteries.

Tech advancements in the not-so-distant future could take farms completely off-grid, making them 100% energy self-sufficient. Christensen says this

development would revolutionize rural energy independence and national food security by letting farmers continue producing food regardless of what’s going on elsewhere.

Beyond the benefits for individual farms, Christensen’s vision foresees a fundamental shift in how rural communities approach energy production and distribution — moving from centralized generation to a distributed energy on-farm network.

“National security at its finest is when you’ve got spots all over the place that are going to be operational no matter what happens,” Christensen says. “Microgrids enable more electric vehicle opportunities — EVs, trucks, tractors of the future, and now robots that cut weeds. All could be powered by the sun or the wind.”

“This isn’t just about cutting costs; it’s about creating a vision where farmers become the generators, forming partnerships with utilities so they move around our energy instead of paying costs to wheel energy in from the other side of the state.”

Whole-farm closed-system microgrids are still rare. However, some municipalities, and local and tribal governments are experimenting with small microgrid systems. Also, the U.S. Department of Energy’s National Renewable Energy Laboratory is performing testing and research on microgrids.

Financial payback

The 2025 storm highlights the need for resilient on-farm electrical infrastructure. As storms become increasingly volatile and energy costs spike, Christensen encourages fellow farmers to consider adding local energy systems like generators, batteries and solar. In Burt County, rates are increasing because of repairs and resiliency upgrades since the recent storm.

Nebraska farmer Keith Berns co-owns Green Cover Seed, a cover crop company. He grows corn, soybeans, cereal rye and sunflowers, as well as specialty crops like popcorn and cover crops. Berns recently installed a 99-kilowatt solar array using funding from the USDA’s Rural Energy for America Program (REAP).

“We put the solar panels up on the roof of one of our big buildings, so that we didn’t lose any space on the ground,” Berns says. While it doesn’t generate enough electricity for the entire business, “on a good day, it can run the office, operations, seed mixing and air conditioning. It can’t run the seed cleaner, all the big augers and the drying pans.”

With excess energy sold back to the grid and with REAP funding, Burns expects the array to pay for itself within seven years.

Christensen’s experience with solar on his farm has likewise been financially positive.

"Solar has helped us meet some of our [financial] goals," he says. "It's been a big boost in ... tightening our fiscal belt and reducing inputs. We went from \$600 to \$700 a month, down to \$100 to \$200 a month on our electric bill. When our solar system is paid off next year, we will have free fuel to power much of our farm, including our electric vehicles."

The Republicans Are Responsible For Any Government Shutdown

By Dennis Crawford



The Congressional Republicans went on vacation to cover up Trump's ties to a sex trafficker.

The Republicans in Congress took an early vacation because Don Old Trump and the GOP party bosses didn't want to hold an up or down vote on the release of the Epstein files. Apparently, a majority of the House wants Trump to keep his promise to release the files. Nonetheless, Trump and most of the D.C. Republicans are currently covering up the relationship between Trump and an infamous sex trafficker.

The Republicans fled Washington even though the government will run out of money by September 30. When they return from their undeserved vacation, the Republicans in Congress will only have 12 legislative days left to find some way to fund the government.

In normal circumstances, avoiding a government shutdown is done on a bi-partisan basis since any funding bill requires 60 votes to pass in the Senate. However, the Trump and the Republicans have poisoned the well by allowing Trump to (partially)

steal the Congress' spending power. OMB Chief and Project 2025 architect Russell Vought hasn't helped things when he said that the appropriations process has to be "less bipartisan."

It's doubtful that Trump and the Republicans in Congress will adhere to any bipartisan deal to fund the government. Trump has illegally impounded or frozen billions of dollars of funds already legally appropriated by the Congress. This is a blatant violation of the Impoundment Control Act of 1974. This statute requires the executive to spend money in bills passed by Congress and that he has signed into law. Trump has repeatedly violated this law and will do it again.

The Republican controlled Congress could renege on any spending deal by rescinding previously appropriated funds. This process allows the Congress to rescind previous spending passed with 50 votes. In other words, 60 senators could vote to appropriate money only to have 50 senators subsequently rescind it.

"Now you have a dynamic where Republicans in Congress can make cuts with 50 votes to things that had to be agreed to with 60 votes," Devin O'Connor, senior fellow at the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities, said. "And that's a really poisonous dynamic."

In July, the Republicans in Congress used the rescissions process to destroy the Corporation For Public Broadcasting and USAID. Representative Don Bacon (R-NE) voted for a previous rescissions package in June based upon promises from his party bosses that the Corporation for Public Broadcasting and USAID would be funded. Obviously, the GOP party bosses lied to Bacon, who has been a crucial vote for the Trump agenda in 2025. The GOP's betrayal of Bacon is evidence that they can't be trusted.

When Congress returns from its holiday on September 2, Senate Democrats will quickly have to make a decision. "Why should Democrats come to the table and negotiate in good faith and throw our support behind a quote-unquote bipartisan bill, only for Republicans to turn around after the deal is done and, somewhere down the line, delete any parts of the deal Trump doesn't like?" Sen. Elizabeth Warren (D-MA) asked in a recent Senate floor speech.

Senate Minority Leader Chuck Schumer (D-NY) and House Minority Leader Hakeem Jeffries (D-NY) sent a letter to the Republican party bosses requesting a meeting.

The Democratic leaders told Senate Majority Leader John Thune (R-SD) and Speaker Mike Johnson (R-LA) that they have "the responsibility to govern for all Americans and work on a bipartisan basis to avert a painful, unnecessary shutdown at the end of September. Yet it is clear that the Trump

Administration and many within your party are preparing to 'go it alone' and continue to legislate on a solely Republican basis," they added.

Jeffries said he has not heard back from Republicans since sending the letter.

The Democrats should make an offer to the Republicans that they only will support a government funding deal that restores all of the health care cuts in the Big Ugly Bill. In addition, they should also demand a nationally televised budget meeting at the White House where Trump and all of the GOP party leaders get in front of the cameras and promise to honor that deal. They should settle for nothing less.

It's doubtful that the Republicans would ever agree to that proposal. That means the Republicans will have to fund the government on a strictly partisan basis. The Democrats can't be blamed for a government shutdown because the Republicans control all of the branches. They won the 2024 elections and it's their responsibility to govern. No excuses.

We can expect the corporate press and the Republicans to attempt to blame the Democrats for a shutdown because a funding bill ostensibly requires 60 votes. That is false. The Republicans in the Senate at any time can suspend the filibuster rule to pass a measure with 51 votes. The Republicans have already done it twice this year.

Despite the spin from the GOP and the Vichy legacy media, the majority of the voters will blame the Republicans for a government shutdown. The voters know that the Republicans hate government and Democrats like government. That has long been baked in the cake.

Another reason the GOP will be blamed is that they control all of the branches. Your average disengaged voter doesn't very much about the filibuster rule and cloture. Most voters barely follow and understand the arcane Senate procedures.

The big picture is that the Democrats are winning big in the 2025 elections. This is the most under reported story in American politics. There is a huge backlash to Trump and MAGA. Nonetheless, the mainstream press is addicted to a "Democrats in disarray" narrative. Despite our divisions, we keep winning elections. We are united against the threat to freedom and democracy posed by Trump and MAGA.

If you are a Democrat with any ambition of running for office, you should immediately start planning your 2026 campaign. If this disaster continues, it will (unfortunately) be the best political environment for you to run in for the rest of your life. The environment will most likely resemble 1932 when Roosevelt and the Democratic Party won a landslide victory across the board.

The tide is turning. Be confident going forward. Take nothing for granted. Keep working hard. Blue wave 2026!

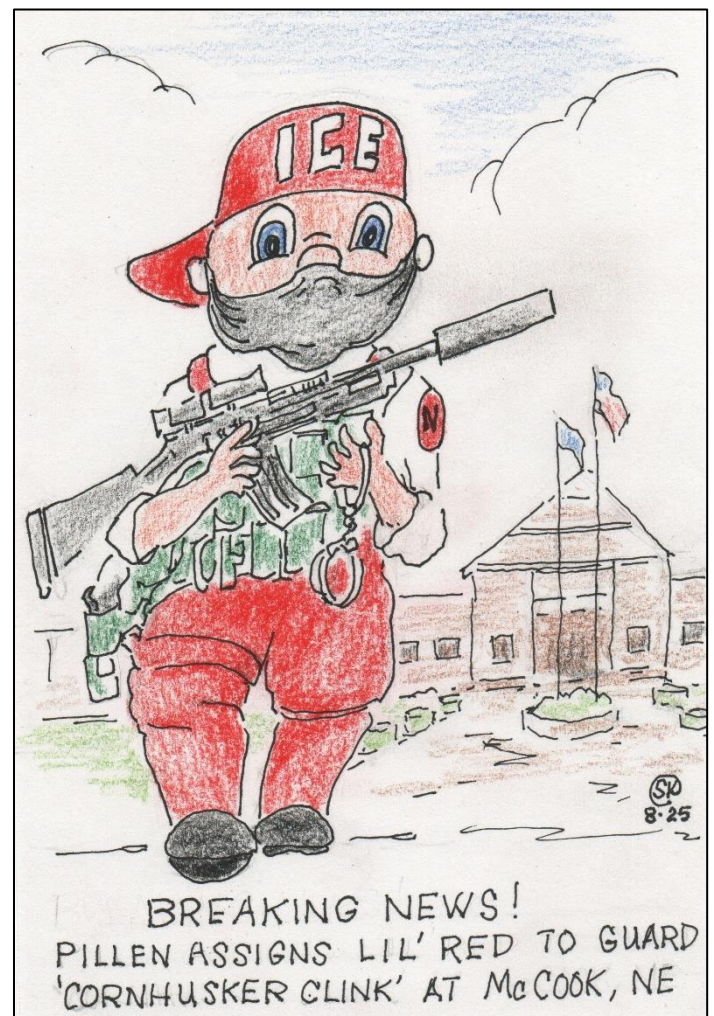
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