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Quick Quotes

GOP Senator Responds Bluntly to a Speaking Tour for the Clintons

"Let's face it. The Clintons don't know when to shut up."

After four decades in office, Utah Republican Orrin Hatch is retiring from the Senate this year. His contempt for the Clintons is obvious.

Top Democrat Urges Sharing of Beto O'Rourke's Campaign Funds

"It will be bad for everyone if he finishes his race with money in the bank when that money could've helped elect Democrats in Missouri, Tennessee or North Dakota."

Democrat strategist Matthew Miller evidently doesn't expect Texas Congressman Beto O'Rourke to defeat Senator Ted Cruz in that state's Senate race. O'Rourke has raised a record-setting amount of money.

Beijing's Banning of a Democracy Candidate Tightens Grip on Hong Kong

"The candidate cannot possibly comply with the requirements of the relevant electoral laws, since advocating or promoting 'self-determination,' or promoting independence [is forbidden]."

Beijing considers Hong Kong part of China and has frequently taken steps to ensure its dominance over the populous enclave. As a candidate for a place on the local legislature, Lau Siu-lai has given indications of wanting Hong Kong to be free of Chinese Communist rule. Her attitude led to the communist-led government action that reasserted its dominance.

South Korea's Leader Fights Against Fake News

"Fake news is a public enemy hiding behind the cover of free speech. We can no longer turn a blind eye to it."

Prime Minister Lee Nak-yeon ordered police and prosecutors to investigate and punish those who "generate fake news with malicious intent and systemically spread it." But how would the government determine when news is "fake" and is spread "with malicious intent"? Not surprisingly, opposition lawmakers denounced this step as an attempt to stifle free speech.

Vote Against Kavanaugh Seen as a Boost for North Dakota GOP Candidate

"In my view, for her to vote no [on Kavanaugh's confirmation] blows up her whole case that she's independent."

In North Dakota, incumbent Democrat Senator Heidi Heitkamp has claimed to be independent of



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Senate Democrats. Her opponent in the 2018 race, Kevin Cramer, believes otherwise.

West Virginia Democrat Heard His Constituents and Voted Yes

“Joe Manchin knows that the people of this state are God-fearing, pro-gun, and pro-life. His constituents out here told him ‘You vote this guy in or we’re going to vote you out.’ He figured he had better stay in with his people, not the Democratic Party.”

A voter from Madison, West Virginia, Kevin Dalton expressed what many in his state told Senator Joe Manchin prior to the Senate confirmation process. Manchin was the sole Democrat to support Judge Kavanaugh’s elevation to the Supreme Court.

President’s Wife Responds to Question About Her Husband

“I don’t always agree with what he tweets, and I tell him that. I have my own voice and my opinions and it’s very important to me that I express how I feel.”

During her early October trip to Africa, Melania Trump answered questions with refreshing candor.

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