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## Quick Quotes

### Alabama Senator Announces 2022 Retirement



**Richard Shelby**

*AP Images*

“I had a good run and I still have a couple of years left. I didn’t mean to stay that long.”

*Now 86 years old, Republican Senator **Richard Shelby** (Ala.), who began his congressional career as a Democrat, was first elected to the House in 1978 and the Senate in 1986.*

### Senator Widely Criticized for Taking Vacation During Texas Deep Freeze

“He’s a smart, sharp, clever, ambitious guy, but what he did today was a brain-dead moment. He will be reminded of it for the rest of his life.”

*Senator Ted Cruz (R-Texas) headed for Mexico and a family vacation when the Lone Star State was suffering from unusual cold, snow, electricity failure, and water shortage. Veteran Texas lobbyist **Bill Miller** noted in his comments about the incident that the move by Senator Cruz was “an indefensible action,” though what Cruz could have done to remedy Texas’ problems as a U.S. senator is not clear.*

### Former Customs and Border Protection Commissioner Blasts Biden’s Border Strategy

“What President Biden has created right now is an open border strategy. You might as well put billboards in the Central American countries saying, ‘Come to the United States, our borders are open.’”

***Mark Morgan** served as acting Customs and Border Protection commissioner from early July 2019, until stepping away when Joe Biden was declared the winner in the 2020 presidential race. He also served as the chief official of the U.S. Border Patrol during part of the Obama administration. He emphatically disapproves of President Biden’s use of executive orders to completely reverse our*



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*nation's border policy.*

## **Former ICE Director Claims Surge in Border Crossings Not Accidental**

"I wrote an op-ed for Fox News seven months ago saying that if Joe Biden became president we would lose the border — and it's happening. And we knew this would happen because of all the promises Joe Biden has made and continues to make. [Crossings into the United States] amount to 4,000 a day which adds up to 1.4 million in a year. This isn't by accident; this is by design. This is an open border strategy."

*Former Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) Acting Director **Thomas Homan** angrily denounced Biden's policy regarding illegal entrants coming into the United States through its southern border.*

## **Council on Foreign Relations Admits Sharp Decline in Approval of UN Among Americans**

"Public views of the United Nations have become much more negative over the past four years. Only about half of Americans (48%) now express a positive opinion of the UN, down from 77% four years ago."

*Reporting its findings every four years, the world-government-promoting **Council on Foreign Relations** announced late in 2020 that American support for the world body had declined markedly.*

## **Death Silences Radio Star Rush Limbaugh**

"There is no talk radio as we know it without Rush Limbaugh; it just doesn't exist. I'd even make the argument that in many ways there's no Fox News or even some of these other opinionated cable networks."

*Praised by colleague **Sean Hannity** after his death, Limbaugh succumbed to cancer on February 17. His career took him from daily broadcasts on a single station to his weekday syndicated three-hour programs heard by millions. An early debunker of conspiracy theories, he earned criticism in the New York Times report of his death for "his conspiracy theories."*



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