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INTERSTATE CENSUS (6.7.20). Lots of trucks. Really big ones and then personal use ones. The latter appear eager to show their support for the current President-particularly in Indiana and Ohio

I didn't intend to write, but it is not so great staying in the odd-numbered rooms at the Youngstown Hampton Inn at I-80 west. Your window faces the Interstate and at 2 am who cares if HILTON brand hotels have a cleaning policy for their rooms that draws rave reviews from those concerned about flattening the curve?

Former Sen. Norm Coleman(R-MN) owes his 2002 election to a few events outside of his political talents. One was the courageous but not necessarily popular vote against the second Iraq war that then Sen. Paul Wellstone(zl) cast. The second was the the horrible death of Sen. Wellstone. And the the third was the unfortunate emotional eulogy at a memorial service for Sen. Wellstone delivered by his aide, Rick Kahn. Indeed after the display that turned the entire state's shared grief over Sen. Wellstone's death back to a focus on the partisan political divide, Coleman was able to use that pivot to achieve a narrow victory. Kahn's heartfelt and powerful words were unfortunately an example of why policy made in the moment of grief is never very good policy.

In the midst of grief, policy decisions are the last thing that should be addressed. That is true on the public level and on the private level as well. I counseled grieving spouses to never make a major decision regarding their future life for at least a year following the death of their partner. In the midst of grief, the allure of a quick fix to address a long-term issue makes no sense. If that is true on a personal level, it is even more true on a communal level. Policy decisions borne of slogans from the streets where real grief is evident in our collective mourning for George Floyd(zl) and too many other black men and women who have died as a result of systemic racism, only underscore my point. There is no doubt that the Minneapolis Police Dept. needs serious retooling. But if you want to elect more folks from across your side of the political aisle, I would suggest to those advocating it to stop this movement to disbanding it right now. Policy decisions are not good when made in grief, and even worse when borne from the sloganeering of the street. Maybe those folks chanting in the street need to sit down and talk with police chiefs like Brian Sturgeon or Kelly McCarthy or Mellisa Chiodo or Bill Messerich. Talk to Sheriff Leslie or Hennen. These are people who have demonstrated wisdom and insight into addressing systemic issues in their departments and changed their cultures. I am the first to acknowledge the horrific role that MPD has played perpetuating racism inside Minneapolis. But solutions borne in grief and shouted on streets rarely ever bring about the sought after change that is needed. Morris Sent by my iPad