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## Portage Canal Applies to be a Fjord

*DJ Benjamin*

On April 1st, 2023, the Keweenaw Waterway Commission issued an official application to get the canal classified as a fjord by the globally organized Fjord International Key of Long Estuaries, or FINKLE for short. FINKLE is based out of Troll Station, Antarctica, and manages a list of bodies of water that can hold the prestigious title of “fjord”.

Historically, fjords have only been recognized in Norway and Iceland, and are classified by the organization according to several metrics: Length, Girth, Depth, and Surroundings. A fjord, according to FINKLE, must be an inlet that is long, narrow, deep, and surrounded by cliffs, and usually formed by glacial effects.

In their application, the Keweenaw Waterway Commission argues that the adjacent waterway to Portage Lake fits that definition, or rather fit that definition before being dredged. The valley that the waters run through near Houghton-Hancock was naturally formed by the receding Laurentide ice sheet about 20,000 years ago, leaving cliffs and steep hills on either side of the canal for the majority of what is now the canal. In the 1860s, the rest of the waterway was dredged to make way for shipping, turning the Keweenaw into what is sometimes referred to as “Copper Island”. However, because that final part was man-made, and the Keweenaw is still referred to as a peninsula, the Commission contends that the addition of the canal should not disqualify the waterway from being a fjord.



To survey the land and draw their own conclusions, FINKLE is set to send their survey specialists to the good ol’ Upper Peninsula to evaluate the claims for themselves. FINKLE’s Water Assessment and Naval Knowledge team, or FINKLE-WANK, will be tasked with evaluating the claim of the Portage’s fjordship, by analyzing the history, geology, and topography of the waterway and its surroundings.

One advantage the Keweenaw Waterway has is the cultural makeup of the people living on its banks. A large Finnish population lives in Hancock specifically, and Scandinavian settlers found their way all across the Upper Peninsula when they immigrated for the mining. Thus, even though FINKLE generally reserves the title of “fjord” for Norway and Iceland, there is a distinct possibility that they may grant it here, which would put the Waterway on a prestigious list of fjords in the US.

# What the Heck is up with Tennessee?

## And Why You Should Care

*A Serious One by DJ Benjamin*

Last Thursday, March 30th, at the Tennessee House of Representatives in Nashville, there was a crowd of thousands demanding action on gun laws after the recent tragedy at The Covenant School, as the House considered legislation on school safety that mentioned SROs and other security measures, but nothing about guns. The protestors held signs and led chants, filling the rotunda, the lobby, and the gallery of the house. Three Democratic representatives (who have since been dubbed “The Tennessee Three”), joined the protestors, taking the house floor with a bullhorn and a sign, leading them in chants and disrupting House proceedings from about 11:00 AM to noon. Representatives Gloria Johnson, Justin Jones, and Justin Pearson all fully acknowledged they acted out of turn and disrupted house proceedings, and were completely willing to accept some disciplinary actions against them, but weren’t going to apologize. They were promptly removed from their committee assignments and had their keycard access to the capitol revoked.

However, what the Three weren’t expecting was to face expulsion from the Tennessee House for partaking in this protest. In Tennessee, a 2/3rds majority vote in the House can expel a member, and then appoint a new representative to fill that spot until the next election cycle. Only two other members of the Tennessee House have been expelled since the Civil War, one for a bribery conviction, the other for 20+ charges of sexual harassment. But the GOP holds a supermajority in the Tennessee house, and voted to expel two of the Three yesterday (Thursday April 6th). Representative Johnson, a white woman, was allowed to keep her seat by just one vote, while Representatives Pearson and Jones, both Black men, were expelled.

Again, I remind you that all these three did were join in the protests with a bullhorn, and chanted for an hour. They disrupted house proceedings, and being removed from committees would be a perfectly fair and reasonable disciplinary action for that. But to put “Disrupting House proceedings” on the same level as bribery and 20+ charges of sexual harassment is just patently absurd, and hardly worth stripping 130,000 people of their representation. There have been claims by the TN GOP that this was an “insurrection”, which are just ridiculous and insane. Disrupting government proceedings isn’t the same as trying to overthrow that government by force. Not to mention, Article II, Section 27 of the Tennessee Constitution guarantees legislators the right to “dissent from and protest against, any act or resolve which he may think injurious to the public or to any individual”. But apparently Constitutional rights don’t much matter.

This comes in the same week as the Wisconsin GOP has mentioned they might impeach a liberal Wisconsin Supreme Court Justice who *just* won her election and hasn’t even taken office yet. They’ve pushed the false narrative that the impeachment attempts and indictment of the Orange Man (all extremely strong cases where other associated people were convicted) as being “witch hunts” and now use that as validation for abusing the systems of government for political means. No matter where you stand, that’s very, very dangerous.

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