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Kip Tunnell

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Kip Bonjovi Tunnell (born March 12, 1970) is the senior United States Senator from Florida, serving since January 3rd, 1993, he previously served in the Florida House of Representatives for one term.

Tunnell was adopted by his parents when he was 10, and was given his family name of Tunnell when he turned 11. His mother, Barbara Seltzer Tunnell (*neé Nicolse*) was a circuit court judge for the State of Arizona where she met her husband Sanderson Buckworth Tunnell at a casino in Reno, Nevada. He blew through her life savings on one hand of black jack, and the couple married two weeks later. Sanderson moved to Flagstaff with Barbara, and after a decade of trying to get his cheese steak food truck off the ground, the couple moved to Boynton Beach, Florida. One month later, they adopted Kip in order to disprove several allegations that Barbara was non-maternal, which would make her ineligible for promotion in Florida. Barbara was appointed to be an associate justice on the Florida Supreme Court. Sanderson is currently operating a methadone clinic he once attended.

Tunnell attended and was expelled from several middle and high schools due to truency and questionable test scores. He attended Florida State University's Law School and graduated at the bottom of his class. He was a member of Delta Gama Sorority, the only male to ever be induted, and rushed twice before being accepted. He worked for Morgan & Morgan law firm, and met his best friend Former Governor of Florida, Charlie Crist while working there. He is the first openly liberal Senator from the state.

He ran for the Florida House of Representatives in the 1990 mid-terms and won. He had to move to three different congressional districts before he would find one in which he could win. After one term, he ran successfully for the United States Senate. His mother pulled many, many strings, cashed in heavy favors, and turned several bridges to get him elected. He had a brief and infamous run at the NSA in 2011.

On September 7th, 2015, he was appointed to be the Secretary of the Trust Department in Hillary Clinton's cabinet, replacing Monica Bulbulo. He will assume the position when Bulbulo officially steps down, sometime in early 2016.

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Kip Tunnell

United States Senator from Florida

Incumbent

Assumed office	January 3rd, 1993
Serving with	Marco Rubio
Preceded by	Eric Donahue
Member of the Florida House of Representatives from the 109th district	
In office	January 3rd, 1991 - January 3rd, 1993
Preceded by	Connie Jangles
Succeeded by	Ernie Rhaumos, Jr.
Personal details	
Born	Kip Bonjovi Tunnell March 12, 1970 Unknown, Indiana, U.S.
Political Party	Democrat
Spouse	MIA
Education	Carl Sagan JH Eisenhower JH Boynton Beach High Marco Polo High De Soto Prep F.W. DeMark High Pensacola College Florida State University
Religion	Methodist Bhuddist Seventh Day Adventist Atheist
Website	Wubaubadubdub.net Tunnelhelp.com

Early life, education, and political career [edit]

Tunnell was born in Unknown, Indiana, the only child adopted to Barbara Seltzer (*neé Nicolose*) Tunnell and Sanderson Tunnell. His biological mother was a Cracker from Central Florida, and his father is still unidentified, though reports show that astronaut Barron Kapper, the only man to die on the moon, is a likely candidate. Tunnell is only one of many children born to his biological mother, though he has never met any of his siblings by choice. He bounced from foster home to foster home when he was a child, and finally settled down at Honey Acres Retirement Community in Boynton Beach, Florida, as no orphanage would take him in due to his disruptive behavior and foul mouth. The senior citizens taught him how to swear, and they where a Florida Circuit judge adopted him.

Tunnell has said of his childhood "I was a brat, a real big brat and I had a loud mouth that got me in a lot of trouble. But I tell you what, when Barbara and Sanderson came around, I changed my act. I cleaned up real good and never looked back. Then two's my saviors, my second chance, and I'll never forget 'em for it." The Washington Post has reported that Barbara adopted Kip as a political stunt as she was not seen as "motherly" by her community. Several investigations were opened by then Florida Governor Bob Graham, but no charges were pressed.

Several schools accepted and expelled him from Indiana all the way to Florida. He was a problem student and constantly failed, ignored homework, and hit on his teachers. Margaret Caruthers, one of Tunnell's 4th grade teachers, stated "That piece of shit was awful. I quit teaching for ten years after I had him. You know he replaced my fish tank water with Swedka? I never got the smell of a prom night out of my classroom. Oh that child was rotten to his core". He finally settled down and finished high school at F.W. DeMark High in Boynton Beach, Florida. He got an associates degree at Pensacola State College in Pensacola Florida as a Radiology technician. He didn't pursue a career in radiology apparently due to "not wanting to work in a microwave my whole damn life". He got accepted to Florida State University's Law School in 1986 and graduated in 1990, barely.

After graduation, he ran for Florida's House of Representatives in the 109th district and won by the smallest margin against incumbent Connie Jangles. She was preparing to retire, she stated, and welcomed the defeat. He is a lifelong democrat and ran for the U.S. Senate in 1992, winning only after the incumbent Eric Donahue died in a car crash that is still being investigated as linked to Tunnell.

He will become the 45th United States Secretary of Trust under the HR Clinton administration. He will take the oath of office in early 2016.

Florida House of Representatives [edit]

Elections [edit]

Tunnell began his campaign for the Florida House on April 4th, 1990, a month before he would graduate with his law degree. He ran against the incumbent in the 109th district, Connie Jangles, and ousted her easily with 45% of the vote. He ran with the campaign slogan "Let's Kick Shit Up", but abbreviated it to "Let's FUD" as many fans of the school's Seminole football team are in his district. On election day, Tunnell gathered his family and friends at the I-95 Crackerbarrel near Woolbright Rd to celebrate his inevitable win. The restaurant offered free biscuits and apple butter, or as Tunnell calls them, "southern chips and salsa", and had an open Floor Beer bar.

He chose to not run in the 1992 elections, as he decided that "state politics is weak shit, I have my eyes on the U.S. Senate, that can't be too hard to win."

Scandals [edit]

In October 1990, the famous October Surprise caught him and his campaign off guard, his birth mother, revealed that one of his brothers was in charge of the Exxon Valdiz during the infamous spill in the Prince William Sound. The media ran with this allegation and exhausted its potency against Tunnell's campaign. He stated "I didn't even know that my brother, I mean, I know I have lots of siblings, but no specifics, so what does this even matter?" After his press conference, his PR team had him scrub seals and water fowl in Alaska to "clean up" his image.

A brief flash-in-the-pan scandal erupted when it was being considered for the Florida Speaker of the House when it became apparent that Tunnell had almost no knowledge of legislative procedure. Congressman Terry Bernstein called to censure Tunnell for "acts of complete ineligibility, incompetence, and embarrassment within the hallowed chambers of the Florida State Congress". The only thing to come of this was Tunnell's famous quote "Ever notice this building looks like a huge erect cock? Well that's what I'm gonna fuck you with when this is all over!" T-Shirts with the silhouette of the Tallahassee State Capitol building and "Well That's What I'm Gonna F**k You With!" under it became popular.

The Tallahassee Capitol Buildings old (front) and new (back) as seen from Apalachee Rd.

United States Senate [edit]

Election and scandal [edit]

In 1992, Tunnell decided to not run for another term, instead running his sights on the U.S. Senate. He would have to oust fellow democrate Eric Donahue in order to win, and Donahue's polling was at 86% percent across the state. Tunnell was not unaware of the challenge and told staffers in his campaign headquarters that "we'll have to hope for a miracle, or a fatal car crash hahahahaha." This statement, caught on tape recorder by his chief of staff Samuel Brownback, would become evidence in the investigation in the death of Donahue.

On October 9th, 1992, a month before the election, Eric Donahue was driving home from a reception at the Florida House in Washington D.C. when his car lost control on Independence Avenue, north of the tidal basin, sending him off the bridge and into the water. He wasn't discovered until his car eventually surfaced during a low tide the next day. An investigation was ordered by then president George H.W. Bush, but nothing concrete came up. However, Tunnell's tape surfaced days later, and he became a principle suspect in the incident. Tunnell was in Washinton D.C. that week, but claimed he was "nose deep in a whole lotta hoes, and I'm sittin' at for another line of blow." The popular D.C. prostitute Candi Delaware corroborated this story adding "that guy has some weird shit going on, he wanted me to pat peanut butter--extra crunchy, not the smooth kind--on my thighs, and he licked the sound. Sick fuck." However Tunnell is still under investigation from the accident.
Tunnell won by default in November 1992, and took office the next January.

Committee assignments [edit]

- **Committee on Privacy, National Security, and Terrorism**
  - Subcommittee on NSA Operations and Delegation
  - Subcommittee on Communications, Technology and the Internet
  - Subcommittee on Homeland Security
  - Subcommittee on NASTRO and Space Technology
- **Committee on Energy and Environment**
  - Subcommittee on Oceans, Atmosphere, and Fisheries
  - Subcommittee on Clean Energy, Wind, and Solar Power
  - Subcommittee on Foreign Oil
  - Subcommittee on EPA and Carbon Regulations
- **Special Confirmation Committee**
- **Committee on Trust and Transparency**

NSA [edit]

While part of the U.S. Senate, Tunnell was appointed to the subcommittee on National Security Administration Operations and Delegation, beginning a relationship of turmoil and deception from 2007 to 2011, when he was terminated on the subcommittee and replaced by Senator Passage (**R-ID**). He was singled out by Edward Snowden in the report that brought to light the privacy violations on American Citizens in the Privacy Crisis of 2011. Obama distanced himself from Tunnell's actions and held congress and the NSA responsible. Obama claimed that he was unaware of the operations at the NSA despite having higher-ups in his cabinet fully capable of briefing him. Tunnell was used as the patsy in the controversy, and was excused for his "lack of consideration in regulating the NSA".

Tunnell has fought allegations of corruption and selling private information on American citizens to the dark internet, a black market on the web. His most notable nemesis is Morgan Hamilton from the Hamilton Tribute. The reporter has followed up on most of Tunnell's scandals and has written exposes for his own paper and others such as *Rolling Stones*, *Playboy*, *Vogue*, and *Birds & Blooms*. Hamilton called out the first links between Tunnell and the NSA privacy breach on Al Jazeera America in 2014.

Tunnell has since been removed as liaison to the NSA and vows to "never go back to that evil place, it'll kill ya."

Department of Trust [edit]

Main article: see United States Department of Trust
For Secretary Tunnell of Trust Department, see Trust Department Secretaries

On September 25th, president HR Clinton appointed Senator Tunnell to be the new secretary of the Department of Trust. The former secretary Monica Bulbulo cited her departure as "public health reasons" and wished her well. Tunnell's previously declining health due to the stress of the job.[1] Bulbulo will step down once her office has cleared all tasks that cannot be passed on. The date is set for early 2016. Tunnell was excited for the appointment stating "I'm going to get the executive experience I need to be a big boy when I run against Donald Trump in Palo Alto. We got too much water on the east and not enough on the west, how do we balance it? Well, we cut emissions in half, and we do it yesterday. The ocean is acidifying and we're killing coral reefs right after Nemo found his dad. What kind of sense does this make? We have to tools to fix it, let's fucking fix it!"

Political positions [edit]

Privacy [edit]

He has shifted his beliefs on privacy greatly from his start in 1990 to his time with the NSA in 2011. He says "I know I look like the bad guy, but I'm just the decoy. They all want you to look at me and wag your finger, but who am I? I'm under the under secretary! I'm on a congressional subcommittee, do you know what that subcommittee do? They meet in a big room and get hammered. Privacy is a constitutional--no, a human right. I'll make sure y'all, all y'all get it."

He voted for the PATRIOT Act in 2001 and helped draft the language that ultimately lifted habeas corpus. Tunnell defended his position "we were all scared out of our minds, of course we wanted to protect the country, we thought it would justify the means hahahahaha who done us wrong." He denies that he was the leading author of section 206, allowing for roving wiretaps which is linked to supporting the NSA metadata gathering.

Immigration [edit]

Tunnell has voted four times for the GOP backed Great Wall of Zina, funded by billionaire Donald Trump in 2015. He states that "I voted for the wall not to keep Mexicans out, but to keep Americans in. There is a lot of trouble you can get into in Tijuana, Juarez, even Oaxaca. Trust me, I got a scar the size of Kansas on my balls from a simple infection I got bedagging a nasty donky cart. I tell you, liquid lightning burns like hell, and it's hard to fix with if you ain't got the insurance to back it up." His positions vary from topic to topic, however he generally favors immigration into the United States.

Marijuana [edit]

When asked about his position on the use of marijuana, medical or recreational, his office only released his published statement "Smoke 'em if you got 'em." He dodges the questions when interviewed or in debate.

Environment [edit]

Tunnell is surprisingly cogent in contrast to his usual political blunders when it comes to the environment, stating "We got one world y'all, I know there's water on Mars and Pluto but we don't have a spare, so let's be careful with what we got, John and Juan flying off from Palo Alto. We get too much water on the east and not enough on the west, how do we balance it? Well, we cut emissions in half, and we do it yesterday. The ocean is acidifying and we're killing coral reefs right after Nemo found his dad. What kind of sense does this make? We have to tools to fix it, let's fucking fix it!"

Education [edit]

Tunnell states "We all know my history with schools, I went to more than all my brothers and sisters combined! Even though I didn't do too good, doesn't mean y'all can't. I proposed a bill in Florida that would set a state-wide salary ceiling, and what ever the difference came from the ceiling and what the county is paying, the state government would pay the gap. Teachers were held accountable, don't you worry, they had to attend a teaching seminar every summer, and if they didn't pass, their pay went to the original county salary, until they could attend the next seminar to pass. The house voted against it. Teaching and making a living is damn near impossible in Florida now." He proposed a similar bill to the U.S. Senate in 2013

Foreign Policy [edit]

Foreign policy is not Tunnell's strong suit, he is a "domestic level thinker" several of his colleagues have claimed. Senator Boser (D-CA) said that "What Tunnell lacks in global political knowledge, he makes up for in bringing numbers to the table, and making the other side squeal, he'd make a good whip." Tunnell has a reputation of putting his foot in his mouth. When it comes to foreign diplomacy, he once said to the Egyptian Ambassador "Y'all gypsies make a damn fine falafel." When asked about his racist remarks Tunnell stated "I'm gonna do the truth, I didn't know 'gypsy' was a bad word, ok?" He is reprimanded by his party often, however seems to calm tempers with great skill.

Controversies [edit]

Tunnell's controversies are wide ranging, from slapping a waitress at a Fargo, ND Denny's to possibly selling personal data gathered on American citizens to the dark internet. He is always pardoned by one party or another, and slips through the cracks of justice. He once prank called the US Ambassador to the United Nations Susan Rice and asked if she is "sticky or dirty". He has found himself in free jail cells across the nation, and uses his tenure in the Senate, and multiple favors, to get out scot free.

Fargo Denny's [edit]

In 1995, Tunnell and his chief of staff were at a fundraising rally in Fargo, ND, after the event they went to the Denny's on 13th Ave. A server named Charlene Thurgood came to their table and noticed they were drunk, calling on the entire structure of press secretary Jerry Dandlo, to escort them out. The manager recognized the men, and sat down to have a conversation with them. It quickly escalated and the manager stood up, bumping Charlene near the table. Tunnell took a swing at Dandle, but missed and struck Thurgood across the cheek.

The scene after Tunnell's arrest at the ND Denny's the night of the Freedom Fries.

At press time, Tunnell begged forgiveness and stated "I'm not a batterer, she was in the wrong place at the wrong time." This statement haunted Tunnell into his 1998 election, t-shirts with "Florida is in the wrong place at the wrong time" popped up across the state, however, his challenger Flip Nickelsock couldn't oust him from his seat.

Kittengate [edit]

In 2002, Senator Tunnell crossed into Canada with a pick up truck full of kittens, some dead. When asked by Canadian border patrol what was under the tarp, Tunnell stated "a lot of fucking fur balls!" Tunnell claimed he didn't know what happened but he had pull aside after smelling Jim Beam on his breath, and investigated the truck's bed. Fifty-six kittens were rescued from Tunnell's custody, and four were buried under the rose bushes at the border patrol station.

Tunnell's explanation for the incident is spotty, and changes over time, however the gist of it is that "look, I was visiting my aunts house in Unknown, Indiana, and she was telling me her neighbor was one of them Hamilton people you see on TV. So I went over there to ask for a cup of sugar, and when she open the door, the smell of cat shit and piss bout knocked me out of my socks. Anyway, I came and saw that no only was her house floor-to-ceiling newspapers and Mad Magazines, it was chock full of purrin' kittens. I knew they weren't safe there, so I borrowed my aunt's truck, rescued the kittens, did a four pack of whipits and headed for Canada. I knew they'd be safe there, I sure am some good dad, I didn't mean for that, but there's some hairpin turns a man can't ignore. I took 'em a little deeper than I should have, I know that now. Anyway, what I did was good."
When asked about the incident on his appointment to the Department of Trust, Clinton stated "I think the American people are sick and tired of hearing about his damn kittens."

Press conference [edit]

On September 25th, 2015, Tunnell held a press conference in the Department of Trust press briefing room. In attendence was Morgan Hamilton of the Hamilton Tribute. He grilled the senator on his tenure at the NSA, and the allegations that he was only appointed to the Trust Department because he poured a lot of money into Clinton's campaign.

Hamilton questioning Tunnell in the press briefing room at the Department of Trust. The incident went viral after video bloggers uploaded the C-SPAN clip to reddit.

Tunnell lost his temper after being interrupted by the reporter and had Hamilton thrown out of the press briefing room. The C-SPAN video went viral, and it had over 200,000 hits within the first hour. Hamilton's C-SPAN representative Jim Stern is very grateful for the spike in ratings and hopes that Tunnell continues to bring in the viewers. Youtube has approved his request to run the uncensored version of the video as long as Tunnell continues to "speak his mind". Video blogger Anthony Vardaega wrote "It's not often we get someone who is honest and speaks his mind in politics, however Senator Tunnell is a special case. I'm not sure if I can trust a politician who will carry on as if he isn't under a microscope. No more focus-group-tested pedantics like we're used to."

Clinton has dismissed the press conference as yellow journalism, she states "[Mr.] Hamilton is nothing but a hype creating gossip columnist. Look at his facts, or figures, they're made up. Where did he find them? Senator Tunnell is honest and will be a good Secretary in my cabinet."

Tunnell states that he backed presidential candidate Bernie Sanders from the beginning, however no record of support could be found. *The Washington Post* did an investigation, separate from *The Hamilton Tribute*, and found that the "assertions that Tunnell ever supported Sanders in the 2016 presidential election are pure fantasy. And conversely, his support of Clinton is on receipts and paystubs."

Hamilton has reported on several issues of conflicted interests regarding Tunnell's career, and his report *The South Side of the Truth* guaranteed that he would be placed in the crosshairs of Tunnell's regime. After being thrown out of a press conference for asking hard hitting questions, the reporter dug in his heels deeper, calling on the entire structure of press secretary Jerry Dandlo to resign and without constitutional authority. He has called Tunnell a fascist and demands to be reinstated as a credentialed reporter in the Department of Trust's briefing room, however Tunnell's press secretary has stated "there is no place for him to allow Mr. Hamilton back in the Department. A slander back into our room".
Since October 2015, Hamilton is stilled banned from the Department of Trust, and other briefing rooms.

Personal life [edit]

Tunnell has never married and claims that a family would get in the way of his "devout love of prostitues and blow". Many of his aids say he only jokes when talking about his family life, however passages in his book *I Stop The World*... would hint otherwise. He states "My daddy was an astronaut, my mom a whore, and my two adopted parents were so wrapped up in there [sic] own bisunisses that I once sat at the dinner table and they didn't notice. So, with all these bad examples and fucktwits for parent's, why would I want to pass that on to some poor woman and some dumb kid?" He has had many relationships that lasted a few months to a year. His longest relationship was with poet Sarah Sara, she left him after Tunnell was found with his penis in an opening of a gentleman's club in Arlington, National Cemetery. Of the relationship, Tunnell says "Sarah had good weed, but not much else."

His best friend former Florida governor Charlie Crist has stuck by his side, excusing his actions on multiple occasions saying "[his] upbringing was rough, and he doesn't need another voice rooting against him. He needs help, and I'm just here to help". Crist and Tunnell are often at political odds, and now that Crist is a democrat, he is considering a run against Tunnell in 2014. He has vowed to Crist and Florida to continue his life. Crist seems to be the person on record for whom Tunnell holds any esteem, stating "Chuck and I go way back, that man has picked me up out of my own vomit, that's something a friend forget. I love him, he's my brother, he was good for Florida and good for me. I'll die for him." Crist states he is concerned with Tunnell's mental health and is afraid that Tunnell might attempt suicide.
Tunnell became a brother for the twentieth time on December 4th, 2014.

Book written by Tunnell [edit]

- *I'd Stop The World*... Dover Thrift Edition. 2013. ISBN 1701-74646-1221

In 2013, after his tenure on the NSA subcommittee, Tunnell released a memoir accounting his life as an orphan and how he rose to power, hoping to appeal to the public if he ever runs for President. *I'd Stop The World*... was number 98 on the New York Times Best Seller's list, and won a Phonse Award for best work of fiction by Popular Readers Membership Club. It was reduced in price by 50% on Amazon in order to "get it out of their warehouse" according to the PR rep for the company.
The book contains so much profanity that it was given the first ever rating for a book. Many critics have said it's unreadable and Gwenyth Lattimer of *The Chicago Tribune* wrote "The editor of *I'd Stop The World*... didn't have much to do, for what little grammar existed between profanities was so rudimentary as to be broken English. [Tunnell] wasted money, paper, and time putting this out there." Crist states he is concerned with Tunnell's mental health and is afraid that Tunnell might attempt suicide.
Tunnell knows of how poorly received the book was, and says "I wasn't for them, it was for me. I mean, if they like it--good, if not, fuck 'em." His agent hasn't changed much since according to a Quinnipiac poll done in 2015.

See also [edit]

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