

should not allow that to occur. We should be able to not only solve that for this year but solve it long term.

I am grateful for the folks who are farmers and ranchers who are working, and in energy, the folks who work behind the scenes, who make America move, because in the days ahead, we will start moving.

My State has already reached phase 2 of reopening, and we continue to see a decline in the number of cases, but those folks who were working behind the scenes the whole time are making the difference for us.

ORDER OF PROCEDURE

Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate vote on confirmation of the Ratcliffe nomination at noon tomorrow. I further ask that, notwithstanding the provisions of rule XXII, the cloture vote with respect to the Badalamenti nomination occur at 1:30 p.m. tomorrow. Further, I ask that if cloture is invoked on the nomination, the postcloture time be deemed expired and the confirmation vote occur at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, June 1. Finally, I ask that if either of the nominations are confirmed, the motions to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table and the President be immediately notified of the Senate's action.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there objection?

Without objection, it is so ordered.

VOTE ON THE HEIL NOMINATION

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The question is, Will the Senate advise and consent to the Heil nomination?

Mr. CARDIN. I ask for the yeas and nays.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there a sufficient second?

There appears to be a sufficient second.

The clerk will call the roll.

The senior assistant legislative clerk called the roll.

Mr. THUNE. The following Senators are necessarily absent: the Senator from Tennessee (Mr. ALEXANDER), the Senator from North Carolina (Mr. BURR), the Senator from Alaska (Ms. MURKOWSKI), and the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. ROUNDS).

Further, if present and voting, the Senator from Tennessee (Mr. ALEXANDER) would have voted "yea."

Mr. DURBIN. I announce that the Senator from Vermont (Mr. LEAHY), the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. MARKEY), the Senator from Vermont (Mr. SANDERS), and the Senator from Rhode Island (Mr. WHITEHOUSE) are necessarily absent.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. CRAMER). Are there any other Senators in the Chamber desiring to vote?

The result was announced—yeas 75, nays 17, as follows:

[Rollcall Vote No. 100 Ex.]

YEAS—75

Baldwin	Blackburn	Braun
Barrasso	Blunt	Capito
Bennet	Boozman	Cardin

Carper	Hawley	Reed
Casey	Heinrich	Risch
Cassidy	Hoeven	Roberts
Collins	Hyde-Smith	Romney
Coons	Inhofe	Rosen
Cornyn	Johnson	Rubio
Cortez Masto	Jones	Sasse
Cotton	Kaine	Scott (FL)
Cramer	Kennedy	Scott (SC)
Crapo	King	Shaheen
Cruz	Lankford	Shelby
Daines	Lee	Sinema
Duckworth	Loeffler	Smith
Durbin	Manchin	Sullivan
Enzi	McConnell	Tester
Ernst	McSally	Thune
Feinstein	Moran	Tillis
Fischer	Murphy	Toomey
Gardner	Paul	Udall
Graham	Perdue	Warner
Grassley	Peters	Wicker
Hassan	Portman	Young

NAYS—17

Blumenthal	Hirono	Schumer
Booker	Klobuchar	Stabenow
Brown	Menendez	Van Hollen
Cantwell	Merkley	Warren
Gillibrand	Murray	Wyden
Harris	Schatz	

NOT VOTING—8

Alexander	Markey	Sanders
Burr	Murkowski	Whitehouse
Leahy	Rounds	

The nomination was confirmed.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the motion to reconsider is considered made and laid upon the table, and the President will be immediately notified of the Senate's actions.

The Senator from Tennessee.

MORNING BUSINESS

Mrs. BLACKBURN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate be in a period of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak therein for up to 10 minutes each.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

MEMORIAL DAY

Mrs. BLACKBURN. Mr. President, last week, I received the very sad news that the 5th Special Forces Group, which is stationed at Fort Campbell, which is in Tennessee, was going to have to forgo and cancel their annual Memorial Day Gold Star Ceremony. This is a tradition at the post. It is something that is so special to those Gold Star families, and we are disappointed with that but understand.

I have really been pleased that today Senator ERNST has organized a time for us to come to the floor to really come together to honor not only our fallen but also their loved ones, who have had to spend this year's remembrance separated from other Gold Star families, and we know that is a time they cherish, having that togetherness.

Although the formal ceremonies are canceled, please note that each of these families is in our prayers, they are in our thoughts, and that we grieve alongside them.

This Memorial Day, reflections are framed by a world that has really been made much smaller by our shared experiences with COVID-19. Even so, the

state of our world makes the battlefields we send our soldiers and sailors and airmen and marines to seem very far away because in their world, authoritarian regimes rule with an iron fist, and they violate human rights with impunity. Violence often replaces diplomacy as the preferred method of dispute resolution and freedom, when it is discussed at all. Many times, it feels like an impossibility. This is what they deal with on a daily basis.

The danger this creates is no secret to anyone. Like the rest of us, our soldiers read the news reports from the frontlines. They hear the enemy propaganda. They hear those who repeat the enemy propaganda. Many of them have experienced the ferocity of the enemy attacks against our forces and against our allies. They know what they are up against. They see it and they live it each and every day. Yet, in spite of the danger, they answer the call because they have something inside them that says that freedom is worth fighting for. It is their commitment to that cause of liberty to allow us to live in a free and open society, to allow us and our children to pursue those dreams, to dream those big dreams and to make them come true.

Whether we lost loved ones and friends on the battlefield or, later, lost them to the trauma of combat and loss, this weekend, we thank them for their sacrifice, we honor their memory, and we express our gratitude to their families, who this year will have to celebrate as a family and not with others.

I yield the floor.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Democratic whip.

FOR-PROFIT COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES

Mr. DURBIN. Mr. President, this week Congress submitted to the President the bipartisan Congressional Review Act resolution that overturned Education Secretary DeVos's borrower defense rule.

The rule that she came up with at the Department of Education makes it almost impossible for student loan borrowers, including many, many veterans, who have been defrauded by their schools—these are usually for-profit schools—to have Federal student debt discharged because of the fraud under the Higher Education Act's borrower defense provisions.

Ten Republicans joined with the Democrats in March to reject this rule in the Senate and pass this resolution. I thank those on the other side of the aisle who stood up for the veterans and for students who have been defrauded.

I urge President Trump to sign this bill without delay. More importantly than my urging, 30 different veteran organizations urged the President to sign our resolution. We are going to be giving a lot of speeches about veterans on the Senate floor and back home over Memorial Day weekend. Here is a chance for the President to stand up

for the veterans on Memorial Day weekend.

In a March 13 letter to President Trump, these veterans asked him to ensure “that the men and women who served their country honorably are not burdened with student loans that result from fraud.”

I ask unanimous consent that the March 13 letter to President Trump be printed in the RECORD.

There being no objection, the material was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

MARCH 13, 2020.

Hon. DONALD J. TRUMP,
The White House,
Washington, DC.

DEAR PRESIDENT TRUMP: In August 2019, you stood with veterans in directing the Education Department to ensure that all totally and permanently disabled veterans would have their student loans forgiven. We were so grateful to you then. We write now to ask that you please stand with servicemembers, veterans, their families, and survivors again in supporting a bipartisan resolution, H.J. Res 76, which would help veterans and military-connected students get relief from student loans they incurred as a result of fraud.

With a bipartisan vote in both the Senate and the House of Representatives, it is clear the support of Congress for veterans, servicemembers, and their families and survivors stands above partisan politics.

Please join us in ensuring that the men and women who have served their country honorably are not burdened with student loans that result from fraud. This has been an important priority for veterans organizations as reflected in a letter from 27 veterans organizations to the Education Department and a letter from 37 veterans organizations to Congress.

We appreciate your support.

Sincerely,

Air Force Sergeants Association; Army Aviation Association of America; Association of the United States Navy; AMSUS, the Society of Federal Health Professionals; Blue Star Families; Chief Warrant & Warrant Officers Association, U.S. Coast Guard; Code of Support Foundation; Fleet Reserve Association; High Ground Veterans Advocacy; Iraq and Afghanistan Veterans of America; Ivy League Veterans Council; Norman Rosenshein, Jewish War Veterans of the USA.

The Military Chaplains Assn. of the USA; John Ballantyne, Senior Vice President and Chief Operating Officer, Military Child Education Coalition; Dana T. Atkins, Military Officers Association of America; Douglas J. Greenlaw, Military Order of the Purple Heart; National Military Family Association; Non Commissioned Officers Assn. of the United States of America; Service to School; Service Women's Action Network; Student Veterans of America; Swords to Plowshares; Laura L'Esperance, The Mission Continues.

Kenneth Greenberg, The Retired Enlisted Association; Tragedy Assistance Program for Survivors; Randy Reid, U.S. Coast Guard Chief Petty Officers Association & Enlisted Association; Veterans Education Success; Danielle Applegate, Vets First; Veterans for Common Sense; Robert F. Muth, Veterans Legal Clinic, University of San Diego School of Law; Veterans Student Loan Relief Fund; Vietnam Veterans of America.

Mr. DURBIN. President Trump has the opportunity to be the one who rescues these defrauded veterans from a rule that the American Legion has en-

titled “fundamentally rigged against defrauded borrowers” and give these Americans who served our country not just a pat on the back but a chance to get back in the game in their lives.

American voters are behind us, overwhelmingly, from both political parties. New polling by Third Way finds that voters in key red and swing States believe that the Federal Government should not make students who took out loans to attend fraudulent or misleading institutions of higher education pay back those loans.

In Ohio, 73 percent of voters believed this, 68 percent in Indiana, 64 percent in Colorado, 63 percent Pennsylvania, 61 percent Missouri and North Carolina, and 60 percent South Carolina. When asked if schools that mislead student borrowers should be held accountable, the numbers are dramatically higher, and 95 percent of Republicans in North Carolina agree and 91 percent of Republicans in South Carolina. The list goes on.

The DeVos borrower defense rule would make it impossible for defrauded borrowers to get the relief that the American people and I believe they deserve. It will lessen accountability for the schools that defrauded these borrowers. They are just going to do it again. God forbid we loan these defrauding schools money in the current economic crisis so they can continue to defraud veterans and other students.

This isn't a controversial issue among the American people, just among politicians. By signing this resolution, President Trump will be supporting America's veterans, Democratic and Republican voters. I hope he listens.

IMMIGRANT HEALTHCARE HEROES

Mr. DURBIN. Mr. President, Americans owe a great deal of gratitude to healthcare workers on the frontlines of the fight against the COVID-19 pandemic. I can't tell you how many heartbreaking stories I have read of these healthcare workers who are so depressed over the number of infections, the suffering that people are going through, and, of course, those whose lives have been taken by this coronavirus. I can't imagine what it is like physically and mentally, what they go through. Bless them. Bless them for caring enough for us and for our families to risk their own lives and go to work every single day.

I want to spend a minute talking about a special group of these healthcare workers—immigrants. That is right—immigrants. Consider this: 1 in 6 healthcare and social service workers is an immigrant; 3.1 million out of 18.7 million. Over 3 million immigrants.

These immigrants are playing a crucial role in the battle against the pandemic. Yet, the President continues to disparage them falsely, claiming they are a drain on society. He wishes they would leave. I hope they never do.

I have come to the floor to tell the story of one. I will continue to highlight these stories because we need to put faces on this issue. You need to understand who these people are, these people who are immigrants to this country and willing to risk their lives to save ours. I invite my colleagues to do the same. Tell the stories in your own States. I can guarantee you, wherever you are from, there are immigrant health heroes.

Not to take anything away from those who are not new immigrants, but these people need special attention at a time when there is so much criticism of immigration to this country of immigrants. Many of these healthcare workers are young immigrants who came here as children. They are known as Dreamers. I know because 20 years ago, I introduced the DREAM Act so that these young people, brought to this country as toddlers, infants, and little kids, could have a chance to be part of a future. They are American in every way except their immigration status.

I joined with Republican Dick Lugar years ago on a bipartisan basis, calling on the President to use his authority to protect these Dreamers from being deported. President Obama responded. He created the DACA Program. DACA provided temporary protection from deportation to Dreamers if they registered with the government, paid a \$500 filing fee, went through a criminal background check, and had no serious problems. They were allowed to stay 2 years at a time, not be deported, and legally work in America.

More than 800,000 Dreamers came forward and received DACA protection, and let me tell you what they did. They turned around and became teachers, nurses, soldiers, small business owners, and 100 other things important to America.

Listen to this: More than 200,000 DACA recipients are essential critical infrastructure workers. I didn't make that up; that number came out of President Trump's own Department of Homeland Security. Among these essential workers are 41,700 DACA recipients in the healthcare industry. These include doctors, intensive care nurses, paramedics, and respiratory therapists. Understand this: These are undocumented people in America, brought here as children, grew up here, went to school here, got an education, developed skills and training, and now we need them in this pandemic—41,700 of them.

On September 5, 2017, President Trump repealed DACA. Hundreds of thousands of Dreamers faced losing their work permits and being deported from this country to places that many of them barely remember. Thank goodness the court stepped in to stop the President's action, but the President decided to appeal the case, and now, across the street in the Supreme Court, they are sitting on a case that will decide the fate of 800,000 of these DACA