

The PRESIDING OFFICER. By unanimous consent, the mandatory quorum call has been waived.

The question is, Is it the sense of the Senate that the nomination of Michael Pack, of Maryland, to be Chief Executive Officer of the Broadcasting Board of Governors (New Position), shall be brought to a close?

The yeas and nays are mandatory under the rule.

The clerk will call the roll.

The bill clerk called the roll.

Mr. THUNE. The following Senator is necessarily absent: the Senator from North Carolina (Mr. BURR).

Mr. DURBIN. I announce that the Senator from Minnesota (Ms. KLOBUCHAR), the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. MARKEY), the Senator from Vermont (Mr. SANDERS), the Senator from Hawaii (Mr. SCHATZ), the Senator from Arizona (Ms. SINEMA), the Senator from Minnesota (Ms. SMITH), and the Senator from Montana (Mr. TESTER) are necessarily absent.

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

The yeas and nays resulted—yeas 53, nays 39, as follows:

[Rollcall Vote No. 112 Ex.]

YEAS—53

Alexander	Gardner	Perdue
Barrasso	Graham	Portman
Blackburn	Grassley	Risch
Blunt	Hawley	Roberts
Boozman	Hoeben	Romney
Braun	Hyde-Smith	Rounds
Capito	Inhofe	Rubio
Cassidy	Johnson	Sasse
Collins	Kennedy	Scott (FL)
Cornyn	Lankford	Scott (SC)
Cotton	Lee	Shelby
Cramer	Loeffler	Sullivan
Crapo	Manchin	Thune
Cruz	McConnell	Tillis
Daines	McSally	Toomey
Enzi	Moran	Wicker
Ernst	Murkowski	Young
Fischer	Paul	

NAYS—39

Baldwin	Feinstein	Murray
Bennet	Gillibrand	Peters
Blumenthal	Harris	Reed
Booker	Hassan	Rosen
Brown	Heinrich	Schumer
Cantwell	Hirono	Shaheen
Cardin	Jones	Stabenow
Carper	Kaine	Udall
Casey	King	Van Hollen
Coons	Leahy	Warner
Cortez Masto	Menendez	Warren
Duckworth	Merkley	Whitehouse
Durbin	Murphy	Wyden

NOT VOTING—8

Burr	Sanders	Smith
Klobuchar	Schatz	Tester
Markey	Sinema	

The PRESIDING OFFICER. On this vote, the yeas are 53, the nays are 39.

The motion is agreed to.

The Senator from Arkansas.

TIANANMEN SQUARE

Mr. COTTON. Madam President, today is the 31st anniversary of the Tiananmen Square massacre, when thousands of peaceful students asking for their freedom were gunned down by Chinese Communist tanks and troops. Because of Beijing's relentless censorship and control over information, we never learned the true death toll of

that dark day, but it is certain that thousands of peaceful protesters were murdered in the streets.

Beijing's savagery was exposed during that massacre, reminding the West that this was the same, unreconstructed Communist Party that killed millions—tens of millions—of its own people without batting an eye in Mao's Cultural Revolution and Great Leap Forward. A tiger never changes its stripes.

Now the Chinese Communist Party is threatening another atrocity in Hong Kong, a city whose traditions and freedoms it once promised to respect—but that it, secretly and increasingly openly, loathes as a gleaming repudiation of Chinese Communism.

Last year, an extradition bill that could have allowed Hong Kong residents to be "disappeared" to mainland China sparked mass protests. Hong Kong residents flooded the streets to display their disapproval and protect their freedoms.

These are not anarchists trying to tear down the law—as the Chinese Communist Party's shrill organs falsely claim—but they were free citizens fighting to preserve the rule of law they love so much, against a Communist power that knows no law above itself. They are fighting for the very same freedoms we enjoy in the United States: the freedom of religion, speech, and assembly; private property; the rule of law.

The Hong Kong protesters won the battle over the extradition bill, but the war for Hongkongers' freedom isn't over. While the world has been distracted by the coronavirus pandemic and other upheavals, the Chinese Communist Party has seized the opportunity to finally enact what it euphemistically calls a national security law but what is, in reality, an attempt to extinguish Hong Kong freedom—a law that will allow Beijing's agents to take broad action against Hong Kong residents, including those who protested against the extradition bill last year.

Seven million residents of Hong Kong now face the very real possibility of losing their freedom and possibly their lives. Political dissidents risk being jailed arbitrarily—or worse. Hundreds of thousands of Christians, Muslims, Buddhists, Sikhs, and other religious minorities risk being driven underground like their brethren on the Chinese mainland—or perhaps put in a gulag of concentration camps like the Uighurs in China's Xinjiang Province.

The free world cannot stand by while the Chinese Communist Party sets fire to the venerable laws and freedoms of Hong Kong. Already the administration is moving to revoke Hong Kong's special trade status, which has allowed Chinese Communist Mandarins to get rich off a free economic system while denying those very freedoms for more than 1 billion of their subjects on the mainland.

And our great ally, the United Kingdom, has announced it will extend

visas to 3 million Hongkongers—many of whom took part in last year's pro-democracy protests so that they can escape the Chinese Communist Party. I highly commend Prime Minister Boris Johnson for striking this bold blow for freedom, but the United States can also do more.

Today, I call upon the administration to prioritize the admission of persecuted Hongkongers to the United States through the U.S. Refugee Admissions Program. In coordination with our allies, this action could save these brave Hongkongers from a horrific fate under authoritarian Communist rule.

While this refugee program has been abused in recent years, it has always served the noble purpose of allowing those who are truly oppressed by their governments to immigrate safely to the free world. Now it can be used again in this worthy cause to help noble Hongkongers flee the grasp of the Chinese Communist Party before it is too late.

I yield the floor.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from North Dakota.

REMEMBERING CODY HOLTE

Mr. HOEVEN. Madam President, I rise today to honor Grand Forks Police Officer Cody Holte, who died in the line of duty last Wednesday. Both Senator CRAMER and myself are here. We attended the funeral. It was truly a moving event. Today, we are here to honor him on the Senate floor as well and honor his service and honor his life.

Officer Holte is a Hendrum, MN, native, a 2010 graduate of Norman County West High School, and a 2015 graduate of Minnesota State University Moorhead, with a degree in criminal justice and minors in Sociology and military science.

Officer Holte led a life of service, dedicating himself to serving his community, State, and nation by always putting the people he served first. Not only was Officer Holte an exceptional police officer, he also served as a first lieutenant in the North Dakota Army National Guard. For 10 years, I was Governor in North Dakota, and I can't tell you how much we relied then and, of course, how much we rely now on our National Guard. As you can see, Cody was a first lieutenant in the National Guard, and he did a fabulous job. Here he is in his guard uniform and, of course, his incredible service as a police officer in Grand Forks.

Lieutenant Holte enlisted in the Army Reserve in 2010, and in 2015 he was commissioned into the North Dakota Army National Guard. He was last assigned to the 815th Engineer Company out of Lisbon, ND, where he served as a detachment commander, preparing his unit for upcoming missions.

As an officer in Grand Forks and a first lieutenant in the North Dakota National Guard, Officer Holte served our Nation on multiple fronts. Through his leadership, courage, and work

ethic, he displayed the very best the State of North Dakota has to offer while also helping to ensure our safety and security.

You realize how important it is today not only here at home but abroad. Here is somebody who served in both capacities. What a life of service.

My wife Mikey and I extend our deepest condolences to the Holte family—especially his wife Amanda, his son Gunnar, his parents Bret and Tracy, sister Alexis, and twin brother Brady, who is also a police officer and also served in the military. He served with the regular Army—Cody's brother Brady—and now Brady serves with the Fargo PD. Here you have these twin brothers, both serving in the military, both serving as police officers, one in Grand Forks and one in Fargo. They were very close, as you can imagine.

Last Wednesday, North Dakota lost one of its finest. Because of this, we must always honor his memory, in part, by supporting those who continue to serve as he did and never forgetting the burden his loved ones bear on our behalf. They sacrifice too.

With that, I want to yield the floor to Senator CRAMER, who had the good fortune to know the family personally and had a long relationship with the family. I welcome and look forward to his remarks about Cody Holte, somebody who is truly an exceptional person and whose life epitomized service. And we pray for God's blessing on him and on his entire family.

I yield the floor.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from North Dakota.

Mr. CRAMER. Madam President, I thank my colleague Senator HOEVEN, and I associate myself with everything he said about Officer Holte. He is right. It was an appropriate celebration of Officer Holte's life on Tuesday of this week as we attended the funeral, along with Congressman ARMSTRONG, Governor Burgum, Adjutant General Gorman, and a whole bunch of other friends, family, members of law enforcement, community leaders, and even strangers who came to provide that heroes celebration that Cody earned.

An interesting thing about what Cody went into, he and a fellow officer from the Grand Forks Police Department were called to a scene where shots had already been fired and the deputy sheriff had already been hit by somebody who was simply being served an eviction notice, assigned by a judge—somebody who was very well armed with an AK-47. He had shot 41 rounds before doing the damage that he had done and before he was stopped. When Cody arrived, like all good officers do, he didn't run from the fire but ran to it. He saved lives by giving up his own. It is what heroes do. It is what all of our men and women in law enforcement who wear the badge are prepared to do.

We live in an interesting time. It was ironic, to say the least, that we in

North Dakota, along the Red River, Grand Forks, are just up the interstate from Minneapolis, paying tribute to a hero, and yet that hero doesn't seem to get the same attention that a criminal gets. That hero and his brothers and sisters who wear the badge don't seem to be as respected by our media as criminals are. In fact, the restrictions and the restraint that our heroes exercise in carrying out their duties, the vast majority of them, are really rarely, if ever, highlighted.

Yet we celebrate the life of Cody Holte—29 years old, the father of a 10-month-old son and a husband to Mandy. It is just really important that we stand in this Chamber today and give Cody the respect and the honor that he earned here in these hallowed halls and tell his story to a nation that is intrigued and fixated, in many respects, on those that Cody protects us from.

It was a great honor to be there with his family and with hundreds—thousands, perhaps—of other law enforcement officers to pay tribute to a real hero. I think it is important to note that this hero is also a real person. I thought that his chief of police gave an absolutely marvelous speech, and I want to just reiterate a couple of things that the Grand Forks chief of police said about Cody at the funeral.

Chief Mark Nelson said that he and Cody had formed a close bond—by what?—in part, by sharing baby photos, the chief's of his grandchild and Cody's of Gunnar, his son. He recalled that Cody was a friend to all. Now, who doesn't want a cop who is a friend to all and with a grin that could brighten anyone's day? More importantly, he said that Cody was a cop's cop, whose heart was bigger than his courage and who had passion and an unwavering dedication for protecting and serving his community. He said, when Holte was on duty, there was never any need to worry.

So we pay tribute today to this hero, but we are reminded that he was also a husband to Mandy and a father to Gunnar. He was a son to Bret and Tracy. I know Bret and Tracy very well. I have known Bret nearly all of my life. He was a brother to Brady and Alexis, as Senator HOEVEN said. Brady is his twin brother and a police officer in Fargo, which is just an hour down the interstate from Grand Forks.

Bret and Tracy are raising heroes, but, today, they are mourning the death of a son. I know something of that, as you know. It has been an interesting experience for Kris and me to share our journey, after the loss of our son a couple of years ago, with Bret and Tracy. I want them to know how very, very much we love them and that, in the valley they are in, as deep as it is, they are not in it alone.

Just as King David walked through the Valley of the Shadow of Death with the confidence that God was with him, they, too, can do that but that, in addition to God, there are a whole bunch of

other people who are holding them up in prayer, who have their backs, with love, hugs, and whatever is needed and that, likewise, Mandy, as the wife of a fallen hero, has all of the brothers and sisters who wear the badge as part of her extended family. It is an incredible group. In addition to being a hero, Cody was these things, these very personal things.

I thought the eulogy that was provided by his uncle, Anthony Carter, was exceptional. Anthony reminded us, as did other speakers but particularly Anthony, that when Cody swore an oath 3 years ago, he said, in protecting the city of Grand Forks, he likely knew there would be challenging days, which is why he wore a medallion around his neck that bore his favorite Bible verse, Philippians 4:13: "I can do all things through Christ, who gives me strength."

Cody has left—because somebody left for him—a legacy of faith. I know that to be true. I know that to be true because I know the Holtes so well. In fact, his Grandpa Pete was in my very first TV ad for Congress in 1996. It was a losing cause, but Pete was in the ad. His Grandma Sue was my mom's very best friend. They were prayer partners. They did Bible study together. They ministered together. They might have gossiped a little, but they were forgiven. Sue and Pete left for Bret and his sisters a legacy of faith, and Bret and Tracy left for Cody and Brady and Alexis a legacy of faith. It is that legacy of faith in a risen Lord and in a Father who knows the grief of losing a Son, who died for freedom, too, you see. That faith is what sustains them today.

It is really important that we as national leaders, as community leaders, as local leaders, and as family members stand in this valley with the family, and that is what we are doing today in addition to paying honor.

Finally, to Cody's brothers and sisters who wear the badge, it seems like the world is upside down. It feels like the country is on fire. Yes, there is the occasional criminal police officer who does something really awful, and that person needs to be brought to justice, and, in Minnesota, that is happening. Yet the heroes far, far outnumber the criminals in our police officers. So I think it is important, as we pay tribute to a fallen hero, that those who are still out there protecting us, as we stand in this building and express our views, and who are standing in the gap throughout our country and throughout our communities protecting the rights of people to assemble and express themselves peacefully that they know we are in their corner, that we have their backs, and that we honor them along with Cody today. We respect them, and we hold them up because we love them—because we love them for what they do for us. I ask their forgiveness for taking them for granted and for not expressing the gratitude often enough.

Cody's short 29 years of life, with his last 3 years as a police officer and his several years as a member of the North Dakota National Guard—his testimony in his life and now in his death—reminds us to never take for granted our own safety and security.

Say thank you to a police officer in honor of Cody, who I know is OK. I know that he is OK today. I hope he is with his Grandpa Pete and his Grandma Sue somewhere. I hope that my Isaac, my son, bumps into him. We had a lake cabin right next door to the Holtes when those kids were growing up. So I stand with confidence that he is OK, but I continue to pray for those left behind, especially his family—especially his young son and beautiful wife and mom and dad and brother and sister—in that they, too, are confident that they will be OK but that, while we are in this valley, they are not alone.

I yield the floor.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Maryland.

CARES ACT

Mr. CARDIN. Madam President, as the ranking Democrat on the Small Business and Entrepreneurship Committee of the U.S. Senate, I take this time to update my colleagues on the implementation of the CARES Act.

I think all of us know that the CARES Act contained major, new provisions to help small businesses, and I was proud to be part of a bipartisan working group, with Senator RUBIO, Senator SHAHEEN, and Senator COLLINS, that helped to craft three new programs to help small businesses as a result of COVID-19.

We recognize the importance of small businesses to our economy, to job growth, to innovation, but we also recognize that small businesses are more vulnerable to an economic downturn. They don't have the resiliency. They don't have the deep pockets. They don't have the liquidity that larger companies have. If we are going to get our economy back on track, we have to preserve small businesses and their workforces.

We suggested and the Congress passed three new programs to help small businesses—the Paycheck Protection Program, the Economic Injury Disaster Loan Grant Program, and a loan forgiveness program for existing and new loans taken out under 7(a), 504, or microloans.

We recognize that all three of these tools were important. They were not exclusive. They worked together. PPP provides help to keep payrolls together. It buys 8 weeks of payroll. The EIDL Loan Program provides working capital for small businesses. The grant program provides immediate cash, and the forgiveness program allows a business to be able to get through these next 6 months without the burdens of having to pay their loans. All of that works together to keep small businesses viable in our community.

Let me first talk about the Paycheck Protection Program because that has

certainly gotten the most attention. It provided 8 weeks of payroll relief, plus other expenses, for small businesses in this country. It has been very, very popular. In fact, the original amount of money that we authorized for loans—about \$349 billion—was quickly used up, and we authorized an additional \$310 billion of loan authority. There have been 4.4 million loans issued under the PPP program for a total of \$510 billion. These loans were issued rather quickly considering the standing up of a new program and the volume of interest.

I acknowledge the hard work of the Small Business Administration and its workers, as well as of the Treasury, in standing up this program and getting the money out quickly to save many, many small businesses in our communities.

When we passed the PPP program, we would have hoped that 8 weeks later our economy would have been in a position in which small businesses, in large number, would not have needed additional help or that the program's parameters would have been adequate. That was not the case.

Yesterday, this Chamber acted in a responsible way with legislation that Senator RUBIO and I and others recommended, along with our House colleagues who had recommended this to our colleagues, that would give small businesses that have existing PPP loans the discretion to use those funds over a 24-week period rather than an 8-week period, recognizing that many of these businesses could not get up to full payroll during this 8-week period. We also gave greater flexibility on the allocation of the funds.

Even with these changes, there have been major challenges in bringing forward the PPP program. First and foremost, we found—as we had, unfortunately, thought might happen—that the underserved and underbanked communities would have a much more difficult time in getting access to 7(a) loans under the PPP program. Quite frankly, we put language in the CARES Act so that the SBA would give special attention to the underserved and underbanked communities.

Quite frankly, the SBA did not follow our direction. The SBA's IG said that the Small Business Administration did not fully align with the congressional intent to help the underserved and rural markets. So we responded. We replenished the PPP funds, and we allocated a certain amount of those funds directly to smaller lending institutions, recognizing that they have greater contact with the underserved communities, and it did help.

Now, at our request, the Treasury has allocated an additional \$10 billion to the CDFIs, the community development financial institutions, that have better ties to the underserved community. Each one of these steps helped. Allocating funds to smaller lenders and allocating funds to the CDFI will help us get to minority small businesses. It

will help us get to women-owned small businesses. It will help us get to veteran-owned small businesses. It will help us get to the smaller of the small businesses. It will also help us get to rural small businesses, but we need to do more.

That is why I have authored legislation with Senator BOOKER. We have put out a plan on what needs to be done through a discussion document, and it recognizes that we have to provide greater help for businesses in underserved communities for startup capital, for technical training, and for mentorship. All that will help so that, when we come out of COVID-19 and when we have the next economic downturn, we will have the financial institutions and knowledge in all of our communities to be able to take advantage of the tools that we make available in a timely way.

Yesterday, we had our first oversight hearing with regard to COVID-19 and the tools of the Small Business Administration. That hearing was outside of private sector witnesses. Next week, we will have the Secretary of the Treasury as well as the SBA Administrator before us. What we heard from one of our witnesses yesterday, Connie Evans, of the Association for Enterprise Opportunity, was about COVID-19. Its economic consequences are projected to erase decades of minority enterprise growth in underserved markets.

She continued:

To prevent this, we believe policymakers must acknowledge the existing disparities in our small business ecosystem and take the necessary steps to create equitable legislation to ensure that vulnerable businesses survive and thrive in the years ahead.

I couldn't agree more. That is why Senator BOOKER and I have issued our discussion document that includes many ways in which we can bring about systematic changes to really help in the underserved communities.

We saw, tragically, 2 weeks ago or close to 2 weeks ago, the tragic death in Minnesota. We have all talked about how we are going to help to make sure this country gives equal opportunity to all of our citizens, including under our criminal justice system. We also need to recognize that, if we are going to deal with the wealth gap in America, we have to deal with entrepreneurship, and this is one way we can do it—by building up these types of opportunities.

Now, there is some good news in my State of Maryland that I want to share with my colleagues. Maryland had a very active women's business center. As you know, our resource partners are critically important in helping underserved and underbanked communities. Women-owned businesses are clearly in that category. We have a very effective women's business center that is headquartered in Rockville that helps serve Montgomery and Prince George's Counties and Frederick. It is doing a great job on behalf of women-owned businesses.