

to protect the unborn and how that breaks through in other areas outside of the Congress. For the past 4 years, we have seen an unprecedented advance in the protections for the unborn in State legislatures.

In the next few years, we can expect to see efforts to try to move things in another direction, to weaken or remove life protections in, for instance, the title X family planning program or in our foreign aid programs. There is a well-funded effort to abandon even the longstanding Hyde amendment, which prevents taxpayer funding of abortion or abortion coverage in Federal healthcare programs.

As the chairman of the Labor, Health and Human Services Appropriations Committee, I oversaw the yearly renewal of the Hyde amendment, which has been included in that bill for the past 40 years. Now I won't be the chairman of that committee in this Congress, but I will still be fighting to see that we maintain this area where there has been great consensus that went beyond political parties.

I will continue to support and advocate for the Hyde amendment and for permanent Federal protections for the unborn through legislation like the Pain-Capable Unborn Child Protection Act and the No Taxpayer Funding for Abortion Act, among other things.

Although the pro-life movement can expect challenges in this Congress, there are still many signs that one day we will succeed in creating a culture where every human life is valued and protected. For now, however, I want to thank the men, women, and children who dedicate their time and talents to making this happen, who today are marching virtually as they join together to talk about this important cause and remember the theme of this year, which is "Together Strong: Life Unites!"

I yield the floor.

I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Ms. ROSEN). The clerk will call the roll.

The bill clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. CARDIN. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

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

INTERNATIONAL HOLOCAUST REMEMBRANCE DAY

Mr. CARDIN. Madam President, today the world comes together to remember the horrors of the Holocaust. We honor the 6 million Jews and 5 million others—Roma, Afro-Germans, gay men and women, people with disabilities and more—whom the Nazis brutally murdered. And we stand in awe and celebration of those brave souls who managed to survive.

It is difficult to comprehend the terror that took place in Europe between 1939 and 1945, but we carry on an obligation to those who perished and those

who survived to prevent further genocide and mass atrocities. It is critical that we understand what happened to them so we can prevent it from ever happening again.

One of the most important things to understand about the Holocaust is that while a limited group of particularly evil monsters orchestrated it, they could not have succeeded without the active or tacit support of millions of average people. Men and women agreed to turn over their neighbors, patrol the ghettos, drive the cattle cars, guard the death camps, and line people up to shoot them down. Men and women decided to avert their gaze and do nothing to stop the atrocities.

I don't believe that all those people were born villains. I think they were taught by their communities to adopt a level of anti-Semitism and prejudice that likely would have been recognizable to many of us today and that the Nazi propaganda masters exploited those feelings. That terrifies me because it means that the Holocaust was not an anomaly. It means that under the right conditions, a similar atrocity could happen again.

The hatred that gave rise to the Holocaust is still very much alive. The Anti-Defamation League's 2014 Global Index of Anti-Semitism found that more than 1 billion people—nearly one in eight—around the world harbor anti-Semitic attitudes. Over 30 percent of those surveyed said that it was "probably true" that Jews had too much control over financial markets, that Jews think they are better than other people, that Jews are disloyal to their country, and that people hate Jews because of the way that Jews behave. Such sentiments often translate into violence, leading 40 percent of European Jews to report in 2018 that they lived in daily fear of being physically attacked.

Sadly, these trends bear out closer to home too. Jews make up fewer than 3 percent of the American population, but the majority of reported religion-based hate crimes targeted Jewish people or institutions. In 2019, the ADL reported that anti-Semitism in America had hit a four-decade high. According to the 2020 survey by the American Jewish Committee, more than one-third of American Jews say they have been verbally or physically assaulted during the past 5 years simply because they are Jewish.

I believe that the world looks to the United States for moral leadership. When we allow anti-Semitism or racism or other kinds of intolerance to flourish here, other countries take that as a license to do the same. Moreover, we need to recognize the nexus between and networking among those who traffic in hate and conspiracies in the United States and other like-minded individuals and groups around the globe. Combating the most dangerous forms of this bigotry will require understanding the ways in which such groups are reinforcing and learning from each other.

Unfortunately, the last 4 years—beginning with White nationalists chanting "Jews will not replace us" in Charlottesville and ending with an insurrectionist wearing a "Camp Auschwitz" sweatshirt while storming the Capitol—are a dark stain on this country's record. By allowing such vicious hatred to take root and to grow, we fail ourselves, and we fail the rest of the world.

Now we have the opportunity to redeem ourselves—to become leaders once more in the fight to eliminate anti-Semitism and all forms of hatred around the globe. It will not be easy, but it is something we have to do, and it starts with education.

In the ADL's 2014 global survey, 35 percent of the respondents had never heard of the Holocaust, and 28 percent of those who did know of it believed that the number of Jews who died in the Holocaust had been greatly exaggerated. Meanwhile, the AJC's 2020 Survey of the General Public found that nearly one-quarter of Americans know nothing or not much about the Holocaust, and nearly one-half are not even sure what the term "anti-Semitism" means.

How can we hope to learn as a society from the horrors of the Holocaust if so many people do not know or do not believe that it happened? How can we root out anti-Semitism if almost half of us don't understand what it is?

We must educate the next generation on the horrors of the Holocaust and the dangers of intolerance. I am proud to have led efforts to provide the full funding of a bill, which our Presiding Officer was very much involved with, the Never Again Education Act, and I thank our Presiding Officer for her leadership on this issue. That bill expanded the reach of the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum's world-renowned education program. This will allow educators across the country from K-12 through college to access age-appropriate curriculum on the Holocaust. It will also bolster the Holocaust Memorial Museum's continued collection and use of survivor testimony so that tomorrow's leaders will see and hear for themselves why we must never again allow hatred to thrive.

At the same time, we must fight against Holocaust denial in any form in any part of the world. As the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe's Parliamentary Assembly's Special Representative on Anti-Semitism, Racism and Intolerance, I am committed to countering attempts to erase or revise the events of the Holocaust, such as Poland's efforts to punish those who speak the truth about the 3 million Jews killed there. I am deeply disturbed, for instance, by the news of a slander lawsuit against two Polish scholars for their writings on Jews forced into hiding during the Nazi occupation. I am also appalled that Hungary's Viktor Orban has erected a monument that tries to whitewash Hungary's wartime role in the murder

of more than a half-million Hungarian Jews. On a day we remember the liberation of Auschwitz, I remember, too, that one out of every three Jews who died there were Hungarian.

The Holocaust happened, and it can happen again. It can. We made a promise to our grandparents and to our grandchildren that it would never happen again. I believe that we are all each responsible for keeping that promise. So let us heed the lessons of the past in order to build a more peaceful, just, and compassionate future for all.

I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The senior assistant legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Wyoming.

Mr. BARRASSO. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

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

BIDEN ADMINISTRATION

Mr. BARRASSO. Madam President, I come to the floor today to discuss some of the first actions that have been taken by the new administration.

At his inauguration, President Biden spoke about the importance of uniting the country, bringing us together, the importance of unity. Well, I agree. We have been much too divided as a nation. We need to bring America together.

In just a few hours after his inaugural address, President Biden issued one Executive order after another that I believe is only going to drive America further apart. He hasn't really reached out and hasn't really tried to work with us.

At a time when millions of people across the country are struggling with unemployment and the effects of a global pandemic, President Biden has taken actions that will actually raise the cost of living for people all across the country. In particular, President Biden has taken aim at American energy.

Now, in Wyoming, energy production does a lot more than just keep the lights on. It puts food on the table. It does it for thousands of families. It pays for our schools, education, and our roads.

In Wyoming we produce coal, oil, natural gas, and uranium for nuclear power. We also have incredible renewable resources. Wyoming, in many ways, has world class wind. We are experiencing that today in Casper, WY.

Wyoming has some of the largest reserves of energy in terms of resources anywhere in the country. In Wyoming we produce 15 times more energy than we use in our State. It actually makes us the country's largest net energy supplier to the rest of the country. Energy production is the economic lifeblood of Wyoming. It is a major source

of revenue for, as I said, our schools, our roads, our bridges, and essential services for all of our citizens.

Wyoming is very proud of our energy workers. Remarkable men and women every day get up and go to work to put food on the table, put clothing on their kids' backs, and the whole country benefits from the energy that comes from Wyoming.

Thanks to America's energy workers, in 2019, America became energy independent. It was the first time we had become independent in over 60 years. That makes it easier for families to make ends meet. It makes us stronger on the world stage. It decreases our reliance on energy from other sources, like foreign powers who want to do us harm.

Thanks to our American energy workers, America is an energy superpower, and I believe we should be acting like one. That is why it is remarkable when I see President Biden painting a target on the back of American energy. That is what he has been doing with his Executive orders, including today.

Despite all of the talk about unity, one of the first things that President Biden has done in office is to directly attack—attack—energy-producing States like Wyoming. It has actually turned out to be his No. 1 priority.

The White House is calling today "climate day." This morning, President Biden stopped all new oil, gas, and coal leases on Federal lands—today. Well, half of the State of Wyoming is federally owned. Even a greater percentage of that, Madam President, in your State is federally owned.

Experts tell us that the long-term ban could cost us 33,000 jobs in Wyoming. We are a State of only a half-million people.

Earlier today, at a hearing of the Energy and Natural Resources Committee, where I am the ranking member, the senior Republican, I asked the President's nominee for Secretary of Energy about how the President's ban would affect jobs, and she admitted that in terms of jobs—she said some "jobs . . . might be sacrificed."

Saying no to American energy production means less energy, less economic activity, and less money in the pockets of American workers. It is not going to do a thing to lower emissions. It won't bring down global temperatures, but it will bring down workers' wages. It won't cool down planet Earth, but it will cool down our Nation's economy. Energy producers will simply go elsewhere while families in our country will suffer.

President Biden has also put a stop to the Keystone Pipeline. It has been in the headlines. The pipeline creates jobs. It reduces energy prices, and it strengthens our bonds with our neighbor to the north, with Canada.

The Prime Minister of Canada, Justin Trudeau, is no conservative. He is known to be extremely progressive. Even he has said he was disappointed

in the decision by President Biden to cancel the pipeline. President Biden's very first phone call with a foreign leader since becoming President was with Prime Minister Trudeau. The Prime Minister raised the issue on the call. President Biden shut down the pipeline anyway.

It has also been reported that TC Energy warned the President's administration that the Keystone Pipeline means thousands of construction jobs, many of those union jobs. They are gone. They are gone. President Biden shut it down anyway.

President Biden has also begun the process of putting us back into the Paris climate accord. Now, under that agreement, the Biden administration is going to set unworkable targets for American businesses.

So what does it mean? Well, it hurts America, but it means China and Russia can continue with business as usual. It is a bad deal for our country. It makes us less competitive. It sacrifices energy jobs to try to stop climate change, which it will not do.

The Paris climate agreement is based on the fantasy that climate change is America's fault—blame America first. In reality, the United States is the leading driver of innovative climate solutions. President Biden's actions aren't just targeting American energy, they are also going after American small businesses.

President Biden is calling on this body to vote to double the Federal minimum wage to \$15 an hour. Now, maybe the President's idea of national unity is national uniformity, but that doesn't work in Wyoming or for the people of Wyoming. Maybe he thinks that imposing top-down regulations on every American would bring us all together. It is not the kind of unity that the American people are looking for. We want to stand shoulder to shoulder but not in the unemployment line.

In 2019, well before the pandemic hit, the nonpartisan Congressional Budget Office estimated that mandating a \$15 minimum wage nationwide would lead to 1.3 million fewer Americans working—1.3 million Americans. At a time when 10 million Americans are unemployed due to our pandemic, 1.3 million Americans more can't afford to lose their jobs.

The CBO also says it will lead to higher prices for consumers—paying more wages, passing on prices to consumers. Now this could hurt America's small businesses all across the country. I talked to a small business owner from Lovell, WY, Jimmy Minchow, who has a Sinclair station there. He called me on Sunday. He said \$15 an hour—there is a station and a food court next to it in Lovell. He said we would have to shut down the food court. We can't afford \$15 an hour for the young people who are working there. Putting money in their pockets and providing food services to the people of the community, \$15 an hour will shut it down. So the jobs ticker is now on President