

businesses and kept millions of Americans in their home and out of poverty, but our work is far from completed.

As we speak, nearly a million Americans are filing for unemployment per week. More than 16 million Americans have reported being thousands of dollars behind on the rent, on mortgage, on utilities. Elderly Americans are having their heat shut off in the depths of winter. Families are having the power and internet shut off during their children's first year of virtual kindergarten. Small businesses we have done so much to help through the PPP and other bipartisan programs will struggle until we can vaccinate enough Americans to get the country back to normal.

Facing these multifaceted challenges of a scale and scope larger than any event in the past hundred years, Congress must pursue a bold and robust course of action. It makes no sense to pinch pennies when so many Americans are struggling. The risk of doing too little is far greater than the risk of doing too much.

Our history is full of warnings about the costs of small thinking during times of great challenge. President Hoover failed to react quickly enough to forestall a Great Depression. In the wake of our most recent financial crisis in 2009, Congress was too timid and constrained, and the ensuing recovery was long, slow, and painful.

Treasury Secretary Yellen, who watched the most recent recovery up close, just told us that "the smartest thing we can do is act big." Let me repeat that. "The smartest thing we can do is act big," according to Treasury Secretary Yellen. So that is what the Senate is going to do—act big.

Today, Speaker PELOSI and I will file a joint budget resolution for fiscal year 2021 totaling \$1.9 trillion, which is the first step in giving Congress an additional legislative tool to quickly pass the COVID relief legislation. The resolution, if passed by both Chambers of Congress, will provide instructions for the House and Senate committees to begin work on a potential budget reconciliation bill, which will be the vehicle for urgent and necessary COVID relief.

Now, I want to be very clear. There is nothing in this process that will preclude it from being bipartisan. We welcome—welcome—Republican input. Let me say that again. There is nothing in this process—the budget resolution or reconciliation—that precludes our work from being bipartisan. In fact, the Senate has used this process no fewer than 17 times to pass bipartisan legislation since 1980, including to create or expand landmark programs like children's health insurance, the child tax credit, and the earned income tax credit, which together have lifted millions of Americans out of poverty.

COVID relief, too, should be the work of both Democrats and Republicans. Teachers and firefighters are being laid off in red States and blue States.

American families are struggling with the rent and utilities in Kentucky as well as in New York.

We should all be eager to provide our country the resources it needs to finally beat this disease and return our country to normal. To that end, Democrats welcome the ideas and input of our Senate Republican colleagues. The only thing we cannot accept is a package that is too small or too narrow to pull our country out of this emergency. We cannot repeat the mistake of 2009, and we must act very soon to get this assistance to those so desperately in need.

I yield the floor.

I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

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

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Ms. DUCKWORTH). Without objection, it is so ordered.

NOMINATION OF ALEJANDRO NICHOLAS MAYORKAS

Mr. TESTER. Madam President, I rise to speak about a friend of mine, Ali Mayorkas. He is President Biden's choice to head up the Department of Homeland Security. Now, I don't need to tell the folks in this Chamber how big of a job this is, but let me be clear: It is our duty to put somebody in this role who is up to the task of getting things done, and I am here to assure you that Ali Mayorkas is that man.

I worked closely with Ali when he was Deputy Secretary of Homeland Security in the Obama administration. It is obvious that he has the understanding of the challenges that this country is facing—from the coronavirus pandemic to immigration, to cybersecurity, to threats from our foreign adversaries and now, more than ever, from our domestic ones. Perhaps, most importantly, he has demonstrated that he is going to listen and learn about the unique problems facing each State in this Union.

He proved that to me when I brought him to Montana back in 2015. We flew along the Montana-Canada border and visited the Ports of Piegan and Sweetgrass before hosting a roundtable on human trafficking in Havre, just a little more than 50 miles from where I live. We also held listening sessions on law enforcement and first responders in Helena. We met with local businesses to discuss cross-border trade and even met with union representatives from Customs and Border Protection. He traveled thousands of miles to hear firsthand what Montanans had to say, and because of it, he understood what our State needed from him in order to be successful with our homeland security. That, folks, is what leadership looks like.

Over the past 4 years, we have seen the Department of Homeland Security in turmoil with six different Secre-

taries. We need a steady hand, a steady hand like Ali Mayorkas's, to get us back on track. After all, he spent 7 years in leadership roles in the Department of Homeland Security. He understands the challenges. He understands it is going to take a lot of work. He understands that we are going to have to bring people together, and he understands that this job is a 24/7 job. He understands because he has lived it. He has the knowledge and the experience to lead our Nation's Homeland Security today and prepare for the challenges of tomorrow.

Now, it is my understanding that tomorrow, at 2:30, we will vote on Ali Mayorkas as Secretary of Homeland Security. I would hope that we would get a strong vote for him out of this body because, quite frankly, after the events of January 6, we have no time to waste.

I yield the floor.

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.

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

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

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

MORNING BUSINESS

Mr. HEINRICH. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to legislative session and 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.

RECOGNIZING THE UTAH NATIONAL GUARD

Mr. LEE. Madam President, I rise today to honor and thank the men and women of the Utah National Guard for their dedication and selfless service in protecting the U.S. Capitol. Each and every one of these guardsmen played an important role in our Nation's Capital these last weeks. I truly respect and admire their commitment to serve not just the people of Utah but wherever they are stationed.

2LT Hyrum Ahlman, CPL Halley Anderson, CPL Joseph Arvig, SGT Ismael Baires, SPC Andrew Bass, PFC Marc Brandt, SSG Trevor Brasfield, SFC Joshua Brewer, SSG David Brizzi, SFC Michael Broadhead, SPC Jose Cabero, SFC Cole Carpenter, SGT Sebastian Castillo, SPC Gregory Caton, MSG Steven Cave, SPC Anthony Cox, SPC Casey Cox, SGT Milo Cox, SPC Joshua Curtis, SGT Douglas Davis, SPC Palesala Faleseu, SGT Marc Flores, SPC Nathaniel Forbush, SGT Jose Garita, SSG Jason Gerfen, SPC Austin Hafen, SGT Jesse Hall, 1LT Jordan Hatch, PFC Jaxson Hess, SGT Kasey Hope, SGT James Huntsman, SPC Lance Irons, SPC Matthew Jackson, SSG Jose Jimenez, SGT

Tyler Julander, SGT Jacob Kauffman, MAJ Taylor Knight, SPC Ruben Loya, PFC Bryton Lunceford, 1LT Austin Maddox, SPC James Mangrum, PFC Tyler Marshall, CPT Markus Martin, SPC Chance McPhie, SPC Logan Mecham, SPC Craig Meservy, PFC Omar Morales, SPC Caleb Mulder, SGT Tyson Nelson, SPC Kipp Nielson, SSG Brett Nigbur, 2LT Matthew Ouderkirk, SPC Joseph Overson, 1LT Stewart Oviedo, 1LT Henry Palma, SPC Kevin Pareja, SPC Angel Penagamez, SPC Jaden Peterson, 2LT Misty Peterson, 1SG Shawn Peterson, SPC Levi Phippen, SPC Andres Pintor, SPC Moses Purcell, SFC Jim Rasmussen, CPT Kyle Rawlinson, SGT Kolby Rohwer, SGT Eric Saunders, SGT Shane Scrivner, SPC Tyler Smith, CPT Leah Son, SGT Miguel Sosa, SPC Skyler Staheli, SSG Dustin Steed, SPC Toriano Taulogo, SPC Toren Terry, SPC Christian Trevino, SPC Brady Tullis, SPC Ethan Walker, SGT Bo Welcker, SPC Thomas Wells, SPC Ashton Wenkel, SPC Brandon Willden, WO1 Scott Wilson, LTC Cody Workman, SGT Jorge Zavala, SSG Stephen Zitting, PFC Chaz Alba, SGT Ben Alder, PFC Taylor Alger, PFC Skyler Allred, SSG R Amidan, SFC Clinton Andersen, SGT Ethan Andersen.

SPC Anthony Anderson, LTC Clayton Anderson, SPC McClain Anderson, SGM Rawlin Anderson, PFC Joey Angell, SPC Tyler Ashman, CPT Cory Ashworth, SPC Maxwell Ayeliya, SGT Andrew Baird, SGT Wesley Baker, SSG Matthew Barnes, SGT Trevor Barney, SSG Michael Barrett, SFC Jay Bartholomew, SPC Justin Barton, SPC Jayden Batt, PFC Zakary Baumgartner, CPT Jeffrey Belnap, 2LT Dalan Bennett, SPC Alexander Beraja, SPC Justin Best, SPC Megyn Bettridge, SGT Braxton Bird, SGT Andrew Bissell, SGT Byron Bizardi, SPC Matthew Blair, CPT Benjamin Bowler, SGT Brady Bradford, SSG Michael Bradford, SPC David Bravo, SPC Benjamin Brinkerhoff, SPC Nathaniel Broadhead, SGT Chasen Brown, SPC Jarren Brown, MAJ Michael Burgin, SSG Brandon Burton, SPC Wendell Campbell, 1SG Kevin Chamberlain, PFC Mario Chavez, SSG Brett Cheney, SSG Brett Christensen, SPC Cody Christensen, SSG Jacob Christensen, SFC Jason Christensen, SPC Konnor Christensen, SSG Jeffery Clement, SFC Joshua Cluff, SGT Charles Coleman, SSG Ron Condie, SPC Nicholas Contrys, SPC Clint Coombs, SSG David Covington, SSG Jeffrey Cox, SPC Chad Crosby, 1LT Bryant Curtis, SPC Austin Dalley, PFC Luke Dalling, SGT Jacen Daly, CW2 Jason Davis, PFC Joshua Davis, SSG Randy Davis, SPC Tanner Davis, SGT Esteban Dean, CPT David DeFriez, CPL Michael Deihl, SSG Orlas DeMasters, SPC Ivan Draskovich, SSG Derek Drechsler, SPC Kyle Dudley, SSG Stan Dutton, SGT Jordan Dye, SPC Joseph Eckersley, SGT William Emmett, SSG Steven Esplin, SPC Boe Evans, PV1 Savanna Evans, SPC Tamati Faoasau, SGT Brandon Farr, SPC Kyle Fenn, SSG Jessica Ferre, PFC Manuel Figueroa Ornelas, SPC Robert Fillmore, 2LT Samuel Findley, 1SG David Foisy, SSG Jeremy Foisy, CPL Joshua Folston, PFC Joshua Ford, SPC Cory Freeman.

PFC Shaiden Fullerton, SGT Thomas Fullmer, SGT Stetson Gates, SPC Peter George, SPC Alice Giatras, SPC Preston Godfrey, SPC Bret Goodwin, SPC Kimberly Gowans, SGT Elly Granados, 2LT Samuel Grow, PFC Addison Grundy, MSG Charles Gubler, SPC Gabriela Gustafson, SGT Jordan Hack, SPC Tyler Haley, SPC Christopher Hall, PFC Reed Halliday, PFC Ammon Halpin, SGT Dustin Hansen, SPC Jefferey Hanson, SGT Cody Hare, SGT Nathan Harris, SGT Vincent Harris, SGT Derick Hatch, 1LT Eric Heaps, SPC Jaden Heaton, SPC Jeremy Heino, SGT Harvene Hernandez, SGT Justin

Hickman, SGT Katie Hinds, SFC David Hinton, SPC Joseph Hollinger, PFC Bronco Hollowell, SPC Alexander Hooper, PFC Kareem Hopkins, SPC Garrett Hough, SFC Whitney Houston, SPC Isaac Howard, SGT Zachary Hunt, SPC Zachary Hutchings, SGT Austin Hutchins, SFC Michael Irons, SSG Matthew Isom, SPC Alan Iverson, SPC Jared Iverson, SPC Garrett Jackson, PFC Sean Jacobsen, 1LT Ethan Janson, SPC Zachary Jarnagin, SGT Samuel Jefferson, 2LT Cabe Jensen, CW3 Lance Jensen, SGT Zachary Joens, SPC Dakota Johnson, SPC Pauline Johnson, SPC Stephen Johnson, SPC Trevor Johnson, SGM Garrad Johnston, SFC Bevin Jones, SSG Jeremy Jones, PFC Jared Jorgensen, SFC Richard Jorgensen, SSG Matthew Kaldor, SGT Ryan Kern, SGT Franklin Kimball, SSG Tyler Kinross, SGT Tyler Knuckles, SPC Landon Koch, SPC Michael Krasnowetz, SPC Christian Kunz, SPC Devin Laird, SPC Jeremy Lambson, PFC Colten Lang, SGT Jared Lanier, 1SG David Larsen, SPC Austin Lauritzen, SPC Garrett Leo, SGT Kelby Lihme, SGT Alexander Lilley, PFC Hayden Lloyd, 2LT Alfredo Lopezquin, SPC Dalton Lowry, SPC Hunter Lunt, SPC Miracle Maae, SPC Vincent MacGuire, SSG Lance Mackelprang, SSG Scott Mackelprang, SPC Ethen Malcolm, PFC Kevin Malles, MAJ William Mangum, SGT Chandler Martineau, SGT Cory Maxfield, SPC Kelly Maynes, SPC Rosten McArthur, 1LT Sky McMahon, 1SG Jason Mellor, SGT Adriana Mendoza, SPC Wesley Mercier, SGT Carter Mitchell, SSG Kaden Mitchell, PFC Tanner Morley, CPT Jedediah Morris, SSG Addison Mull, PFC Miguel Munford, SPC Scott Munford, MAJ Rylee Munns, CPT Kami Muramoto.

SPC Andrew Nelson, SPC Cobe Nelson, SPC Samuel Nettleton, SSG Taylor Newman, SPC Nash Nicholson, SPC Dustin Nielson, SPC Joseph Nordin, SGT Nevada Ocul, SPC Riley Ogden, CPL Brandon Orr, PFC Cameron Orr, SGT Quentin Owen, SPC Riley Owens, PFC Oscar Padilla Gonzalez, SPC Mailealulii Pai, PFC Gino Perez, SPC Noah Peterson, SPC Travis Peterson, SPC Thomas Phillips, SPC John Pitcher, 1LT Nicholas Pope, PFC Braden Poulsen, SGT Hayden Prisbrey, SFC Jimbob Quarnberg, SGT Austin Reber, SGT John Reeder, SPC Antonio Reynolds, MAJ Michael Rhinehart, SPC Chance Richwine, SFC Jan Rigby, SPC Tanner Roberts, SPC Pierce Robertson, SPC Blake Robinson, SGT Christopher Robinson, SPC Jayden Roden, SSG Dustin Rosenberg, PFC Tyson Roundy, SGT Nicholas Rowley, SGT James Ruelle, SFC Zackarie Sampson, PFC Dylan Sawyer, SGT Anna Sewell, PFC Isaiah Sheeran, CSM Michael Sherratt, SSG Curtis Shumway, SFC Dennis Shumway, SGT Drakkar Shumway, SPC Marshall Shumway, SGT Logan Shurtz, SSG Charles Sims, SPC William Smedley, CPT Brian Sorensen, SPC Jorge Soto, SPC Kyle Stewart, SGT Joshua Stocks, SPC Payton Stott, SPC Parke Swapp, SPC Wesley Syrett, SPC Brandon Taylor, SGT Tyler Terry, SPC Bryce Thamert, SSG Anton Thomas, SPC Jeffrey Thomas, CPT Patrick Thompson, SGT Sean Till, SPC Dalton Tippetts, CPL Dylan Tisdale, SPC Ethan Torok, PFC Miguel Toscano, SPC Alexandria Trevino, 1LT Kimberlee Trower, PFC Joshua Turner, SPC Daniel Tuttle, SGT David Underwood, SPC Jesus Valdiviezobalderrama, 1LT James Vanotti, PV2 Thomas Veltkamp, SPC Caden Vermillion, SSG Benjamin Virostko, PFC Anthony Visser, SSG Mitchell Vreeland, PFC Briston Walker, SPC Eric Walker, SSG Stephen Wallingford, SGT Jacob Warren, SPC Joseph Washington Florez, SPC Taylor Watts, SPC Curtis Weatherwalk, SPC Nicholas Webster, CSM Garrett Whatcott, CPT Bryan Whitaker, SGT Matthew Whitby, SGT Taylor Whiting, SPC Benjamin Wilcox, SPC

Jace Wilcox, SPC Christian Williams, SPC Wyatt Williams, SPC Tyler Wilson, SPC Jaxson Womack, SPC Andrew Wood, 1LT Andrew Wood, SGT Haden Wright, SGT Jacob Wright, SSG Zachary Wright, SPC Jared Yamashita, SPC Ty Yardley, PCF Aspen Young-Labela.

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 3:32 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has agreed to the following concurrent resolution, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H. Con. Res. 10. Concurrent resolution permitting the remains of the late United States Capitol Police Officer Brian D. Sicknick to lie in honor in the rotunda of the Capitol.

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communication was laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and was referred as indicated:

EC-159. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of the withdrawals of 73 proposed rescissions of budget authority previously transmitted to Congress; referred jointly, pursuant to the order of January 30, 1975, as modified by the order of April 11, 1986; to the Committees on Appropriations; Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry; Foreign Relations; Commerce, Science, and Transportation; Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions; Energy and Natural Resources; Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs; the Judiciary; Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs; Environment and Public Works; and Rules and Administration.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills and joint resolutions were introduced, read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

By Mrs. FEINSTEIN (for herself and Mr. PADILLA):

S. 144. A bill to authorize the Secretary of Health and Human Services, acting through the Director of the Indian Health Service, to acquire private land to facilitate access to the Desert Sage Youth Wellness Center in Hemet, California, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

By Mr. DAINES (for himself and Mr. SCHATZ):

S. 145. A bill to amend title 5, United States Code, to repeal the requirement that the United States Postal Service prepay future retirement benefits, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 32

At the request of Mrs. GILLIBRAND, the names of the Senator from Nevada (Ms. CORTEZ MASTO), the Senator from Nevada (Ms. ROSEN) and the Senator from Minnesota (Ms. SMITH) were added