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The House met at 10 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. ALFORD).

DESIGNATION OF SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Speaker:

WASHINGTON, DC,

April 29, 2025.

I hereby appoint the Honorable MARK ALFORD to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

MIKE JOHNSON,

Speaker of the House of Representatives.

MORNING-HOUR DEBATE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the order of the House of January 3, 2025, the Chair will now recognize Members from lists submitted by the majority and minority leaders for morning-hour debate.

The Chair will alternate recognition between the parties, with time equally allocated between the parties and each Member other than the majority and minority leaders and the minority whip limited to 5 minutes, but in no event shall debate continue beyond 11:50 a.m.

NATIONAL FAIR HOUSING MONTH: AMISHA PATEL

(Mrs. RAMIREZ of Illinois was recognized to address the House for 5 minutes.)

Mrs. RAMIREZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate longtime Chicago leader, organizer, and my dear friend, Amisha Patel, for her nearly three decades of civic engagement and community organizing.

From leading environmental justice efforts at just 19 years of age to organizing Chicago care workers with SEIU Local 73, Amisha has consistently united diverse communities to build power. Her work developing thousands

of leaders laid the groundwork for winning affordable housing, quality education, and more in Chicago and across the State of Illinois.

I am proud to have worked alongside Amisha during her 15 years as the executive director of Grassroots Collaborative, where we opposed school closures, championed affordable housing, and fought for critical investments to our social safety net.

Amisha is a fighter for peace, justice, and community. As a three-time cancer survivor currently in treatment, I want her to know that we are with her as she continues this fight.

On behalf of Illinois' Third Congressional District, it is my sincere honor to commend Amisha Patel for her lifetime of service organizing our communities to fight for the future that we deserve.

Mr. Speaker, I congratulate Amisha.

NATIONAL FAIR HOUSING MONTH: CARLOS RAMIREZ-ROSA

Mrs. RAMIREZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today during National Fair Housing Month to honor Carlos Ramirez-Rosa, my constituent, my friend, and the former 35th Ward alderman, for his legacy of leadership to realize safe, affordable housing for all. Moreover, I want to congratulate him on his recent appointment as CEO and superintendent of the Chicago Park District.

In his decade as alderman of the 35th Ward, which includes Logan Square, Hermosa, Irving Park, and Avondale, Carlos championed policies to expand affordable housing and resist gentrification and displacement. He has also led unapologetic efforts to expand protections for immigrants, LGBTQ+ people, and workers in Chicago.

Carlos shifted the dynamics of local politics by making sure that neighbors and constituents had power over land use, development, and zoning. In doing so, Carlos modeled what a collaborative co-governance approach to community development could look like and work.

It is how we resulted in tangible wins and how he was able to bring those wins to communities, including the development of 100 units of affordable housing in the heart of Logan Square in the Lucy Gonzalez Parsons Apartments.

On behalf of Illinois' Third Congressional District, it is my privilege and my honor to commend Carlos Ramirez-Rosa for his commitment to a fair, safe, and dignified life for all of his neighbors.

“Se que continuara transformando nuestras comunidades. Y estoy agradecida contigo, Carlos”; “I know you will continue transforming our communities. I am thankful for Carlos.”

Mr. Speaker, I congratulate Carlos Ramirez-Rosa.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. EDWARDS). The gentlewoman will provide a translation of her remarks.

NATIONAL FAIR HOUSING MONTH: DEBORAH SUGGS

Mrs. RAMIREZ. Mr. Speaker, in commemoration of National Fair Housing Month, I rise to recognize my constituent, affordable housing resident, and community advocate, Deborah Suggs.

For over 50 years, Deborah has called home the Marian Park Apartments, a Wheaton affordable housing community serving seniors and families.

While raising her children, grandchildren, and now great-grandchildren, Deborah has brought together her community to organize for the resources they need to thrive, whether it is secure transportation for school, childcare for working families, or road and pedestrian safety.

As a leader with DuPage United, Deborah has been successful in imagining what safe, livable communities look like and building power and coalition to realize those dreams for people in Wheaton.

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I had the pleasure of meeting Deborah at one of my townhalls, where I saw firsthand her passion to fight for herself, her family, her community, and our district.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of Illinois' Third Congressional District, it is my honor to recognize Deborah for her lifetime of leadership in Wheaton and for her advocacy for a fair, safe, and affordable community. I thank Deborah.

RECOGNIZING DAVID SPARKS FOR CONTRIBUTIONS TO PHARMACEUTICAL INDUSTRY

(Mr. CARTER of Georgia was recognized to address the House for 5 minutes.)

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize David Sparks for his outstanding contributions and visionary leadership in the pharmaceutical industry.

As the previous CEO and current chairman of the board at the Professional Compounding Centers of America, PCCA, Mr. Sparks has been instrumental in advancing the pharmaceutical industry. Since joining PCCA in 1992, he has fought to protect pharmacists' rights to compound, playing a key role in FDA reform legislation. Before PCCA, he owned pharmacies in Tulsa for over two decades, pioneering the introduction of compounding pharmacies in hospice care.

Committed to education, Mr. Sparks is a proud contributor to the SWOSU general scholarship fund, ensuring that future pharmacists have the essential resources to succeed. He is also an adjunct professor at the University of Houston College of Pharmacy and an active member of its Mading Society of benefactors. He remains a dedicated advocate for the advancement of pharmacy, continuously supporting the profession through leadership and philanthropy.

Mr. Sparks' impact on the pharmaceutical industry is profound and lasting, and his leadership will continue to shape its future.

RECOGNIZING JIM SMITH FOR LEADERSHIP IN PHARMACEUTICAL COMPOUNDING

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Jim Smith, a distinguished leader whose dedication and vision have profoundly impacted both the Professional Compounding Centers of America, PCCA, and the healthcare industry.

His educational background, including a bachelor of science in chemistry and biology from West Texas A&M University and an MBA from the University of Portland, has shaped his strategic leadership.

Since joining PCCA in 2000, Mr. Smith has played a crucial role in the organization's growth, serving as president, chief operating officer, vice president of sales and marketing, and a key member of the strategic management team. His leadership has strengthened PCCA's core capabilities, driving innovation and excellence in pharmaceutical compounding.

Prior to his tenure, Mr. Smith leveraged his expertise in home health, specialty medicine, respiratory pharmacy, long-term care pharmacy, and compounding support, demonstrating his commitment to advancing patient care.

Today, as executive adviser to the PCCA board of directors, Mr. Smith continues to shape the industry, ensuring that innovation and patient care remain at the forefront.

Mr. Smith's dedication exemplifies the highest standards of leadership and service.

CONGRATULATING GUS BASSANI, A VISIONARY IN PHARMACEUTICAL COMPOUNDING

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Gus Bassani, a longtime leader and visionary in the pharmacy compounding industry who has recently assumed the role of chief executive officer of the Professional Compounding Centers of America, PCCA.

Mr. Bassani earned his doctor of pharmacy degree from Drake University's College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences. Since then, he has been invaluable in various settings within the pharmaceutical industry.

Mr. Bassani embraces opportunities to give back, teaching extemporaneous compounding principles to pharmacy students at Drake University.

Mr. Bassani has been with PCCA since September 2002, actively participating in legislative, regulatory, and public affairs initiatives. At PCCA, he has been a visionary, contributing extensively to the organization's scientific, technical, and strategic pursuits.

In addition to his outstanding work with PCCA, Mr. Bassani has previously served on the United States Pharmacopeia Compounding Expert Committee.

Mr. Speaker, I congratulate Mr. Bassani on this exciting achievement, and I wish him the best in his new role.

EDESIA NUTRITION SAVES MALNOURISHED CHILDREN

(Mr. MAGAZINER of Rhode Island was recognized to address the House for 5 minutes.)

Mr. MAGAZINER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to speak about a matter of life or death for millions of children around the world. Malnutrition is the leading cause of death for children under 5 globally.

When children starve, their bodies break down their own muscles, bones, and organs to survive. Their immune systems collapse, leaving them defenseless to disease.

Mr. Speaker, if you go into a clinic where children are suffering from malnutrition, you won't hear them crying because they don't have the strength. The silence is all you will hear.

When it comes to nutrition, the first 1,000 days of a child's life are critical for development for the rest of their lives, but there is a miracle treatment

that can save the lives of malnourished children, even in the most remote corners of the world. Ready-to-use therapeutic food, or RUTF, is a nutrient-packed peanut butter paste.

RUTF, also known as Plumpy'Nut, delivers the fat, sugar, and protein that children with malnutrition need to survive and grow. It requires no refrigeration, and kids show improvement and are saved within weeks.

Edesia Nutrition, based in North Kingstown, Rhode Island, is one of the two organizations in the United States that manufactures Plumpy'Nut. From their factory in North Kingstown, they produced over 88 million pounds of Plumpy'Nut each year.

This work saved more than 25 million lives across 65 countries, including 5 million lives last year.

Edesia and another organization, MANA, based in Georgia, have been doing lifesaving work, but this work has been largely halted because the Trump administration has frozen new orders for RUTF, grinding production nearly to a halt. This is despite Secretary Rubio and Elon Musk promising publicly that emergency food aid would be continued. That has not been the case so far, and relief for starving children is now uncertain.

USAID's Office of Food for Peace has funded the manufacture and distribution of this food relief to the developing world for decades, but with the closure of USAID, and despite the assurances of Secretary Rubio and other administration officials, no new orders have been submitted for the next fiscal year.

As a result, Edesia, the factory in my district, has had to lay off staff, leaving production of Plumpy'Nut slowed nearly to a halt. Shipments meant for starving children have been stranded in warehouses. There are boxes of this stuff sitting in warehouses right now with no place to go. Every hour of missed production means 415 starving children will not get the food they need to survive.

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If we allow Edesia and MANA's mission to fail, it will be a moral failure on our part.

I urge the administration and my colleagues to do the right thing. Restore the funding for emergency food aid. Keep America's promise to the world's most vulnerable children. We do not have another day to waste. This is a moment of urgency.

That is why starting today, I will take to the floor of the House every single day to call to anybody in this city who will listen, asking to please restore Federal funding for emergency food aid.

We do not have the ability to filibuster in the House like they do in the Senate, but I do have the right and the ability to stand in this Chamber every day for at least a couple of minutes to call attention to this urgent issue, and that is exactly what I intend to do until this funding is restored.

HONORING JOHN M. FOSTER

(Mr. ALFORD of Missouri was recognized to address the House for 5 minutes.)

Mr. ALFORD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor John M. Foster of Harrisonville, Missouri, as our April Veteran of the Month.

A proud son of Cass County, John served 9 years in the Active Army Reserve with the 4th Squadron of the 4th Cavalry Division of the 102nd Infantry Division, earning the rank of sergeant first class.

After his honorable service, John dedicated his life to building his community, literally and figuratively, through his work as the owner of John Foster Construction Company and through decades of civic leadership.

He served as president of the Harrisonville Chamber of Commerce, chaired numerous community initiatives, and was instrumental in establishing the Lawrence Smith Memorial Airport.

As a charter member of the Harrisonville Rotary Club, he promoted international goodwill and service.

John M. Foster's life of duty and service to country, community, and family stands as a shining example of American patriotism.

We are proud to honor him today, proud to have him in Missouri's Fourth Congressional District, and we thank him for his service to our great Nation.

RECOGNIZING PETE & JAKE'S HOT ROD PARTS

Mr. ALFORD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize an iconic Fourth District small business, our Small Business of the Month, Pete & Jake's Hot Rod Parts of Peculiar, Missouri.

For more than 50 years now, Pete & Jake's has been a cornerstone of the hot rod community, crafting high-quality suspension components that are not only admired but built to actually use.

What began in 1973 as two friends restoring a pair of 1934 Ford three-window coupes quickly turned into a legendary brand. Pete & Jake's built and designed the hot rod California Kid for the 1974 Hollywood movie titled "The California Kid."

Pete & Jake later sold their California hot rod shop, along with the California Kid, to Jerry Slover, and he moved the hot rod shop to Cass County, Missouri.

His son Jason; his wife, Tina; and their son, Colton—third generation in this picture here—run the daily operation of the all-USA-made parts for hot rods.

Their family impact goes well beyond just business. They give back to our community.

Each and every year, Pete & Jake's hosts a major car show in May, with all the proceeds going to support junior diabetes research, showcasing their dedication to both the customers and their community.

Last year, Mr. Speaker, they celebrated 50 years in business, and each

May they have a hot rod show with hundreds of cars coming from all over the country into our district.

Last year, 500 hot rods from 40 States were represented. All the proceeds go, as we said, to junior diabetes research.

Small businesses like Pete & Jake's represent the American Dream, built on hard work, innovation, and passion for what they do. Today, we congratulate Pete & Jake's Hot Rod Parts on their 50th anniversary and thank them for their contributions to Missouri and to America.

GREAT LAKES, TARIFFS, AND TRADE

(Ms. KAPTUR of Ohio was recognized to address the House for 5 minutes.)

Ms. KAPTUR. Mr. Speaker, as co-chair of the House Great Lakes Task Force, I rise today to speak on behalf of our Great Lakes region.

My part of it is the Ninth District of Ohio that stretches all the way from Bryan, Ohio, all the way across the northern part of Ohio through Toledo, all the way to Sandusky and down to Fremont, Ohio, passing through places like Rossford, Perrysburg, Defiance, Ohio, and so many other beautiful places.

Our hardworking families depend on the Great Lakes not just for their livelihoods but for our way of life. They are the largest freshwater body on the face of the Earth, and we take the responsibility for tending that seriously.

The Great Lakes form the beating heart of our regional economy. They support hundreds of thousands of jobs, from the auto and steel industries, manufacturing to shipping, farming to fishing, and tourism to technology.

Our freshwater coast is a national treasure, and it is also a global economic engine, the third largest economy in the world that we share with Canada. We work on this together. We have from the beginning.

The Great Lakes Restoration Initiative—or some people call it the GLRI—has been a bipartisan lifeline and a vital investment that has brought over \$3.7 billion to our complex ecosystem to restore our wetlands, to clean up toxic waste in hotspots, and to protect our fresh drinking water. It is complex with lots of industry, lots of agriculture, lots of people, and lots of freshwater.

We must fully fund the GLRI. Every dollar brings back four to our economy, and that just makes common sense.

Let me be clear to this new administration: Keep your hands off our lakes. We will not stand by while short-sighted proposals gut the programs that have protected our water, our health, and our jobs. I would urge the President, while he is in Michigan, to go visit Flint, Michigan, and look at what we have to do to restore enterprise and freshwater across our region.

Mr. Speaker, currently, our Great Lakes economy is being choked by

reckless tariffs and inside-out trade policies that hit us hard, including the district I represent in northwest Ohio. It hits our pocketbooks and it hits the balance sheets of thousands of companies.

Take a drive through the Port of Toledo. You will see mountains of aluminum and steel stockpiled, stalled, waiting. Waiting for what? Our workers and small businesses are paying the price for a trade war that didn't need to start, and we certainly can't win as a joint economy.

Our region, the Great Lakes region, we share with Canada. What is all of this commotion for? Tariffs on Canada, our friend—I underline that—and ally, mind you—the Trump tariffs have inflated costs across our industries, including auto manufacturing, crushing competitiveness in an industry that has long been the pride of northern Ohio and for which we have struggled for 40 years to reinvest in.

In Sandusky, in Perrysburg, in Warren, Michigan, in Windsor, Ontario, and across the industrial belt, plants are being squeezed or idled, shifts are being cut, and paychecks are being threatened.

It doesn't stop there. Tariffs on Canadian lumber, potash, and energy have disrupted supply chains our region relies on. It is our life beat.

Construction costs are soaring. Eight percent for a mortgage, who can afford that? Farmers can't access the nutrients they need, and they are in the planting mode right now. The tractors are going into the fields.

As mortgage interest rates rise, we need Canadian lumber. The cost of housing is through the roof. Energy bills climb higher and higher. This is not economic patriotism. This isn't putting America first. It is self-inflicted damage. Somebody doesn't understand where these lakes exist. We share them with Canada.

Trump tariffs on the U.S. and Canada put our workers not first but put them last. Rising prices for consumers are hitting us hard across the board.

Let's not forget tourism, one of our region's most vital and underestimated economic engines. Lake Erie supports billions of dollars of recreational boating and sports fishing, along with a boating industry second to none. We share it with Canada. Cedar Fair, with Cedar Point, the roller coaster capital of the world, draws millions, including from Canada, and they are boycotting our facilities right now. Tourism generates billions.

I ask the President, please, while he is in Michigan, to review how damaging his tariffs are to our Great Lakes nation.

CELEBRATING THE CHRISTENDOM COLLEGE LADY CRUSADERS

(Mr. CLINE of Virginia was recognized to address the House for 5 minutes.)

Mr. CLINE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Christendom College Lady Crusaders women's basketball team on their extraordinary

achievement in capturing the 2025 USCAA National Championship, their second consecutive national title.

Under the leadership of Head Coach Mary Minick, the Lady Crusaders entered the season ranked number 1 and lived up to the challenge, finishing with an exceptional record of 26-2 and securing three straight victories in the postseason tournament to bring home the title once again.

This remarkable team is led by seniors Bridget McCaughey, Regina Bonvissuto, Catherine Thomas, and Miranda Keller, and includes Grace Hatley, Lilly Vander Woude, Mary Pennefather, Georgie Snyder, Libby Kolesar, Audrey Speier, Elizabeth Heisler, and Serena Keller.

Miranda Keller was named Student-Athlete of the Year; Regina Bonvissuto was named Honorable Mention All-American; Mary Pennefather was named First Team All-American and Tournament MVP; and Catherine Thomas was named First Team All-American and Women's Basketball Player of the Year. Eight players were also named to the Academic All-American Team: McCaughey, Bonvissuto, Thomas, M. Keller, Pennefather, Kolesar, Speier, and S. Keller. These student athletes demonstrated incredible discipline, teamwork, and commitment both on and off the court.

Coach Minick, now in her seventh season, has fostered a winning culture built on faith, leadership, and mentorship. Her guidance, along with Assistant Coaches Annie Heisler and Jeremy Minick, has elevated the program into a true national powerhouse.

Congratulations again to the 2025 Christendom Lady Crusaders on this historic season. It is an honor to recognize such an outstanding team and the pride they bring to our community. I wish them continued success in the years to come.

CONGRATULATING SALEM HIGH SCHOOL SPEECH TEAM

Mr. CLINE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Salem High School speech team, who just made history by winning their 19th consecutive VHSL State Championship, the most in Virginia history.

With a commanding 39-11 win over E.C. Glass, Salem now holds 103 individual State titles, a record capped by senior Claire Rawlins, who earned the school's 100th with her second straight title in impromptu speaking.

Joining Claire were State champions Charlie Bain in serious dramatic, Rosalie Botos in prose, and the dynamic duo of Lacy Stratton and Bella Poarch in humorous duo.

Rounding out the team's strength were runners-up Hall Blackwood, Rebekah Steinweg, Parneet Gill, Tara Farrokhpoor, and Noah Lovern. Third place finishes went to Connor Smythers and Colton Easter, Brenasha Devlin, Ariana Turner, and Caden Smythers.

Also competing were Aly Ory, Zippy Elliot, Tori Iverson, and Lori Lowry,

all rising stars, along with Kaelyn Henzey, the team's manager, who made sure every detail of the event ran smoothly.

This team is more than a powerhouse. It is a legacy of excellence. Congratulations to Salem, whose voices are making history.

PRESIDENT TRUMP'S FIRST 100 DAYS

Mr. CLINE. Mr. Speaker, today marks 100 days since President Trump returned to the White House, and already the results speak for themselves.

In just 100 days, President Trump has delivered where it matters most: securing our border, cutting inflation, restoring American energy independence, rebuilding our economy, and enforcing the rule of law.

We are seeing the most secure border in our Nation's history, a manufacturing boom, and real relief for families who spent years struggling under failed leadership.

House Republicans are proud to be working with President Trump to keep our promises to the American people by strengthening our economy, protecting our communities, and restoring America's standing in the world.

Mr. Speaker, America is getting stronger every day, and we are just getting started.

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HONORING ALEXIS MARGARET HERMAN

(Mr. FIGURES of Alabama was recognized to address the House for 5 minutes.)

Mr. FIGURES. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of a true hometown hero, a legendary trailblazer, a family friend, a mentor to me and many others, and the former Secretary of Labor for this great Nation, Alexis Margaret Herman.

I had the privilege to work on a Presidential campaign myself, President Obama's campaign. Before I decided to join that campaign, I called Alexis Herman because she had worked on several Presidential campaigns.

I then pursued career opportunities at the White House. Again, I called on Alexis Herman because she too had worked in the White House multiple times.

When considering a run for Congress, the seat that I now hold today, I again called Alexis Herman. That is not because I had known her my whole life, it is because few people could advise on the level that she could.

Mr. Speaker, to understand Alexis Herman, you have to understand where she comes from. She was born and raised in Mobile, Alabama, my hometown. She came of age with a number of people and some names who you would recognize if you are from the Mobile area.

They were people who all were born within a 10- to 15-year range of each other, African Americans, names that some know around the world, like

Hank Aaron, but others like my father, Michael Figures, and Thomas Figures, General Gary Cooper, Lonnie Johnson, Yvonne Kennedy, Sam Jones, and this body's very own SANFORD BISHOP. They were all born and raised in Mobile, Alabama, in generally the same time-frame, and went on to break through a number of barriers, color barriers and otherwise, throughout their careers and make significant contributions to this Nation.

Mr. Speaker, Alexis Herman's parents prepared her for the life that she had. Her father was actually the first Black person elected in the State of Alabama to any position post-Reconstruction. This led to him being very active and motivated in Black voter participation. It led to him one day actually being run off the road by the Klan. His five-year-old daughter, Alexis Herman, sat in the car and listened as her father was beaten by the Klan. Her mother was a schoolteacher who Alexis had actually witnessed being thrown off of a segregated bus as a child.

This produced Alexis, who went on to be a fighter for civil rights and a fighter for women's rights. She first stood up as a young woman when she challenged why African-American students at her parochial school were not allowed to participate in religious pageantry. She was suspended for that, but that was just the beginning.

When she finished school after graduating from Xavier University, she came back home to Mobile, Alabama, and helped desegregate other parochial schools. She then helped get African Americans jobs and apprenticeships at the shipyards for the first time in Mississippi.

That led her to doing similar work in Atlanta and helping to diversify some corporations there. That caught the attention of a young Georgia Governor named Jimmy Carter, who was running for President. He ultimately named her, at just 29 years old, the director of the Women's Bureau at the Department of Labor.

Mr. Speaker, her journey took her from a segregated Alabama to serving as an adviser to Jimmy Carter and, ultimately, serving as the director of the Office of the Public Liaison, as it was called at the time, under President Clinton. That led to her being a member of the President's Cabinet as the Secretary of Labor where, under her tenure, unemployment fell to a 30-year low here in the United States. She worked to promote job training opportunities for low-income Americans.

After that, she didn't quit. She always reached back. She always gave back. She always served as a mentor to give advice to people like myself, who wanted to pursue similar career tracks.

That led her to sitting in the boardrooms for companies like MGM, Coca-Cola, and Toyota, some of the biggest companies in the world. She never forgot where she came from. She never did.

In January of this year, when she was quietly battling a condition, she took

time to send me a text message that read:

Shomari, as you take your seat, congratulations. Your dad would be looking down on you proudly. Happy New Year.

Mr. Speaker, as I stand here today as a Member of Congress, someone who has followed in her footsteps, it is not only my father who I seek to make proud in this moment, but it is Alexis Herman. I can stand here today because of people like her.

RECOGNIZING BLACK APRIL

(Mr. TRAN of California was recognized to address the House for 5 minutes.)

Mr. TRAN. Mr. Speaker, I stand here today to mark the most solemn time of the year for the people of the Vietnamese diaspora. "Black April," "Thang Tu Den," is not just a solemn day in history, but it is a reminder of the day when we lost everything: our homes, our livelihoods, and our beloved country.

It was 50 years ago, on April 30, 1975, that South Vietnam fell to the Communist regime. American troops airlifted 6,000 American and Vietnamese people to safety. Hundreds of thousands of Vietnamese refugees would follow, most of them boarding boats on uncharted waters, not knowing what awaited them on the other side of the journey.

In Vietnam, the conditions under the Communist regime grew more brutal. Many were imprisoned in concentration camps, losing not just their homes but their freedom, their dignity, and, in too many cases, their lives.

This is a painful day, a day for reflection, for remembrance, and for mourning. Over 58,000 United States soldiers and more than 250,000 South Vietnamese soldiers gave their lives in service. These brave men and women made the ultimate sacrifice, and they deserve our continued and unwavering gratitude.

We mourn not only those who fought for freedom but the countless innocent lives lost during the war, those who perished at the hands of the Communist regime and the aftermath and the brave souls who were lost fleeing repression on boats. We have no choice but to honor those precious souls who were lost by giving the most we can to this life that we have been blessed with.

I share my own story with hundreds of thousands of Vietnamese Americans born to parents who fled our homeland with nothing. Boat people did not let the hardship of the journey define the life that they built in America. We have built communities that are unparalleled in strength, prosperity, and commitment to preserving our history.

Mr. Speaker, as we reflect on the past 50 years since the fall of Saigon, we do so in solemn remembrance but in celebration of what we have built together. From the ashes of war, we have risen.

We celebrate today the trailblazers who have risen from this legacy: generals and admirals in the U.S. military, award-winning scientists, titans of business, educators, doctors, and artists. Our community has nurtured leaders in all walks of life, turning adversity into opportunity in just five short decades.

Many of these people are children of refugees or refugees themselves, and they represent just a few of the countless contributions that Vietnamese Americans continue to make across every sector of society. Our journey from tragedy to triumph has only just begun, and the story of our people will continue to inspire generations to come.

As the first Vietnamese American to represent Orange County's Little Saigon community in Congress, I am humbled by the responsibility to carry this history forward. Little Saigon, home to the largest Vietnamese diaspora in the world, is a beacon of hope and a reminder of the resilience that has defined our community.

I stand on the shoulders of the Vietnamese leaders in California and across the country who have paved the way for future generations to succeed. I am proud to be the third Vietnamese American ever elected to Congress, following Congressman Joseph Cao of Louisiana and Congresswoman Stephanie Murphy of Florida.

I am reminded every day of our strength, our determination, and our unyielding commitment to preserving our history and to ensuring that no Communist regime can rewrite our history.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in not only remembering the hardships we face, but also in celebrating the incredible resilience of the Vietnamese people. Let us honor the lives of those who sacrificed everything for freedom: The United States Army veterans and the veterans of the former Republic of Vietnam. As we commemorate this solemn milestone, let us reaffirm our commitment to the values that matter most: democracy, human rights, and our unshakeable will to be free.

IN RECOGNITION OF VAISAKHI

(Mr. SUBRAMANYAM of Virginia was recognized to address the House for 5 minutes.)

Mr. SUBRAMANYAM. Mr. Speaker, to Sikhs both in America and around the world, I wish everyone a happy Vaisakhi.

For those who don't know, Vaisakhi marks the beginning of the harvest season. It is a momentous occasion in the Sikh community.

Over the weekend, I had the privilege of joining the Sikh Center of Virginia to celebrate in Manassas, Virginia. The event brought together community leaders, local leaders, and elected officials, signifying the strength of our growing Sikh community in northern Virginia and across the country.

Mr. Speaker, I look forward to continuing to partner with our Sikh Americans here in Virginia and all across the country as we celebrate Vaisakhi this year.

DUE PROCESS FOR FANNIE MAE EMPLOYEES

Mr. SUBRAMANYAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise out of concern today over the recent firings at Fannie Mae, firings that have impacted many of my constituents, especially in the Indian-American community, constituents who have been dedicated employees for years with exemplary performance reviews.

Without any advance notice, these employees received word of their termination over alleged fraud and ethics violations. I spoke to many of them, and they said that they were fired for contributing to Indian-American-run charities. Yet, some of them didn't even contribute to those charities at all or were encouraged to donate to those charities.

There was no investigation, no due process, and no chance to correct the record or provide their side of the story. Employees simply received a we-will-get-back-to-you message when they contacted HR. Without a proper and official investigation, I am concerned that these firings are another pretext for making indiscriminate cuts to our workforce in northern Virginia.

If these employees were targeted because they are Indian American, national origin being a legally protected class, then that might have been illegal and unconstitutional, as well.

Mr. Speaker, I demand answers to understand why these terminations really took place, and we are going to continue to put pressure until we get those answers.

SHARING OF CLASSIFIED AND SENSITIVE INFORMATION

Mr. SUBRAMANYAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today out of grave concern over our leadership at the Pentagon right now. In just a few short months, the Department of Defense has been overtaken by chaos because of Secretary Hegseth's leadership.

Mr. Speaker, classified and sensitive information is being shared over Signal. The Secretary has a nonsecure internet line in his office. Seemingly every day, there is a new story about firings, backstabbing, and so-called shake-ups in the highest levels of leadership.

This leadership is not making our country or our troops safer, but don't take it from me. I have had many veterans and military families reach out to me. One military parent is so scared that the sharing of classified information over nonsecure channels will put their son at risk.

She wrote to me:

That our Nation's top Defense officials shared sensitive troop movements over a commercial social media platform, without verifying who was on the other end, is not only reckless, it is terrifying. Our servicemembers and their families deserve leaders who treat their safety with the gravity it demands. This breach not only endangers lives

but erodes the trust of those who serve and support our military. My son has sworn to defend this country. I expect the same level of responsibility and integrity from those in charge.

Another constituent pointed out the hypocrisy of the administration claiming that they did nothing wrong in using Signal for these discussions.

That person said:

For 18 years, I have lived a life most people will never understand. My promise to defend this Nation does not stop when I clock out. It permeates every single aspect of my life. It affects who I marry, who I live with, who I date, who I am friends with, and who I speak to. I would be sitting in jail right now if I had done something as brazen, thoughtless, and dangerous as what Secretary Hegseth, among others, did.

That is from military families and military people serving today.

Not only is this a failure of our national security, but it is an embarrassment for the United States. Our allies will be less willing to share intelligence with us if Secretary Hegseth might share it with his family, his poker buddies, or whoever else he thinks it would be neat to loop in.

Our servicemembers deserve better, and the American people deserve better. That is why I reiterate my demand to make sure we have change at the Secretary of Defense level and in the Pentagon.

RECOGNIZING APRIL AS THE MONTH OF THE MILITARY CHILD

(Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania was recognized to address the House for 5 minutes.)

Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize April as the Month of the Military Child. While we rightly honor the service and sacrifice of the men and women in our military, April reminds us that service comes in many forms.

We are celebrating the more than 1.6 million children whose parents serve in the Active Duty, Guard, and Reserve Components of the United States military.

Our troops answer the call to defend our Nation. Yet, when they do, their children are quietly called to service, too.

These young people grow up in a world defined by constant change, showing remarkable resilience, patriotism, and adaptability. They move from base to base, often starting over time and time again. They say good-bye to friends more times than they can remember.

□ 1045

They celebrate birthdays and holidays with one parent thousands of miles away. They carry worry, pride, hope, and responsibility, sometimes all at once.

This month, we pause to recognize that while our servicemembers protect our freedoms, their children carry the emotional weight of that commitment. They sacrifice stability, time with

their parents, and the comfort of staying in one place, and they do it all with a resilience that is nothing short of remarkable.

This month is a special time to recognize and uplift a group of young people whose strength and sacrifice often go unnoticed.

This is personal for me, not only as an American who deeply respects our Armed Forces but also as a parent of a servicemember.

I have watched firsthand what it means to serve, not just for the person in uniform but for the entire family. I have seen how military children shoulder more than many adults will ever have to.

As a parent, I know how hard it is to be away from your child, but I also know the pride that comes with seeing them live with purpose, discipline, and honor.

Our military families, especially the children, live those values every single day. That is why we celebrate them throughout April. During this month, one of the most meaningful days we observe is Purple Up! Day. On Purple Up! Day, people are encouraged to wear purple as a visible show of support for military-connected youth.

Why purple? Because purple is the combined color of all the military branches. It blends each branch's colors: the Air Force, Navy, Space Force, and Coast Guard's blues, the Army's green, and the Marines' red. Together, they create purple, symbolizing the unity and strength of our military families.

Military children may not enlist, but they endure the impact of service. Through it all, they develop strength, compassion, and character that make them leaders in their own right.

Mr. Speaker, let's honor not just the men and women who serve but the families behind them, especially the children who carry this unique burden with incredible grace. They, too, are part of what keeps this Nation strong.

I thank every military child—past, present, and future—for their strength, sacrifice, and spirit.

RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. CLOUD). Pursuant to clause 12(a) of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess until noon today.

Accordingly (at 10 o'clock and 47 minutes a.m.), the House stood in recess.

□ 1200

AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker at noon.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, the Reverend Margaret Grun Kibben, offered the following prayer:

Holy God, You look down from Your Heaven and ask us to ask ourselves: Who is wise and understanding among us? Perhaps we ourselves look around these Chambers and in the body politic and quarrel over what wisdom should look like.

Forgive us when our actions do not reflect an understanding of Your desire for righteousness. Be merciful to us when our comportment is far from the model of wisdom You Yourself offer us.

For wisdom that comes from Heaven is first pure, and, Lord, You know we have each run afoul of Your perfect truth. You have told us that wisdom is peace-loving and considerate. But in harboring bitterness and envy, we have put our own selves and our ambition ahead of others too often.

You look to see if our hearts are full of mercy, bearing good fruit, impartial and sincere in our feelings for other people, but You have too often seen us treating each other with disdain and bias.

Call us again to live right lives, holy lives, doing the hard work of getting along, treating each other with dignity and honor. Enable us to live as those who follow Your wise counsel, that we would reap the rewards of Your mercy on our service to You on this day.

In Your righteous name we work and pray.

Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House the approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1 of rule I, the Journal stands approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER. Will the gentleman from New York (Mr. LATIMER) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. LATIMER led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER

The SPEAKER. The Chair will entertain up to 15 requests for 1-minute speeches on each side of the aisle.

100 DAYS OF TRUMP'S PROMISES KEPT

(Mr. WILSON of South Carolina asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, since President Donald Trump was overwhelmingly reelected by mandate, he has been winning on behalf of American families.

Today marks 100 days since the President took back the White House, and along with the Republican-led House with the leadership of Speaker MIKE JOHNSON and the Senate, immediately began promises made, promises kept, delivering for American families.

In just 100 days, the Trump administration has secured the borders, restored energy independence, begun peace through strength, and brought massive investments and jobs, making America competitive again.

President Trump is keeping his promises to families, making the country strong, safe, and secure.

In conclusion, God bless our troops as the global war on terrorism continues. Open borders for dictators puts all Americans at risk of more 9/11 attacks imminent, as warned by the FBI. Trump is reinstituting existing laws to protect American families with peace through strength, revealing war criminal Putin's lies with the fake cease-fire of May 8-10 for a military parade, insulting President Trump's good faith efforts for a real cease-fire.

CUTS TO VA BENEFITS

(Mr. LATIMER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. LATIMER. Mr. Speaker, I recently visited the Bronx VA Medical Center in the Bronx, New York. This center serves many in my district, and I am grateful for the quality care they provide and for the groundbreaking research happening at this facility.

When a young person signs up to join the military, Americans make them a promise that we will take care of them for the rest of their lives because they have put on the uniform of this country and risked their lives for all of us.

That is why it is perplexing and unconscionable that this administration has proposed devastating cuts to VA healthcare and benefits, eliminating 80,000 staff who provide healthcare and benefits to veterans who have earned them.

More than a quarter of VA staff are veterans themselves. Cuts to the programs that provide home loan assistance to veterans, even cutting staff of the suicide crisis line that saves lives—for what? This message does not say: Thank you for your service. This is a slap in the face for those who have served.

My Democratic colleagues do not support these cuts, and this is an ideal moment for bipartisanship, where our Republican colleagues can join us in pushing back.

HONORING THE MEMORY OF SAMANTHA "SAMMY" SCHERBA

(Mr. MILLER of Ohio asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. MILLER of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the memory of

Samantha "Sammy" Scherba. Sammy was just 28 when we lost her, a vibrant, artistic soul whose light touched every life that she encountered.

She had a massive heart, big enough to embrace the entire world. Whether it was people, animals, or even the tiniest of insects, Sammy believed that every living thing deserved love and compassion. She brought life back into withering plants and turned simple stones into stunning works of art.

In the end, she gave the ultimate gift: life to others through organ donation. At her honor walk at the Cleveland Clinic, more than 150 people lined the halls, a testament to her impact.

Sammy was a daughter, a sister, an aunt, and a friend. She loved deeply, and she was loved deeply.

I honor her family who are here today, who flew in from my district, Ohio 7.

May God bless her memory.

DEMOCRATS ARE FIGHTING BACK

(Ms. LOIS FRANKEL of Florida asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. LOIS FRANKEL of Florida. Mr. Speaker, this week marks 100 days since Donald Trump's return to power, 100 days of destruction, chaos, and heartbreak, all rubber-stamped by congressional Republicans.

Trump promised to lower costs. Instead, extreme tariffs have driven up prices and tanked the stock market, gutting retirement savings.

Trump promised to protect Social Security. Instead, he is closing offices, firing workers, and making it harder for seniors to get the benefits that they earned.

Trump promised to fight for hard-working Americans. Instead, he is pushing a cruel budget that rips food and healthcare from children, from seniors, and from veterans, all to hand massive tax breaks to billionaires.

While families struggle, Trump plays golf, and his buddy, Elon Musk, is chainsawing the American Dream.

It has been 100 days of chaos, destruction, and heartbreak, and Democrats are fighting back.

FENTANYL AWARENESS DAY

(Mr. McDOWELL asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. McDOWELL. Mr. Speaker, today is Fentanyl Awareness Day, a day meant to spread awareness of a ruthless poison that has stolen the lives of too many of our sons, daughters, sisters, and brothers.

My family and I know this pain personally. My brother Luke was taken from us by a single pill laced with illegal fentanyl.

Mr. Speaker, so many families across our country have experienced this same pain. It is a tragedy, but we can-

not let heartache keep us down. Our family and this country, we do not weep in the wake. We rise, we fight, and we prevail.

When America enforces her laws, we win. Fentanyl trafficking is down 54 percent. Border encounters are down 93 percent. Thousands of MS-13 thugs have been thrown out.

This is no accident. It is the result of strong leadership, of resolve, and of putting America first.

I will continue to do my part and fight for families against this poison.

RECOGNIZING VIRGIN ISLANDS YOUTH

(Ms. PLASKETT asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. PLASKETT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize another example of the fierce brilliance of Virgin Islands youth.

This week, the champions of the U.S. Virgin Islands Regional Science Bowl, the St. Croix Educational High School and Church of God Holiness Academy, stand in Washington, D.C., not just as competitors but as symbols of excellence, Caribbean intellect, and Virgin Islands pride. They represent not just their school. They represent the potential and promise of our home.

As always, the small geographic space called the Virgin Islands does big "tings." These students are an example of the potential of the Virgin Islands. These are the future scientists, engineers, and innovators of America.

I thank the coaches and families for supporting our youth. I congratulate the students. I know they will represent us well in this week's competition and will remember to stay VI Strong.

PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.J. RES. 60, PROVIDING FOR CONGRESSIONAL DISAPPROVAL OF THE RULE SUBMITTED BY THE NATIONAL PARK SERVICE RELATING TO "GLEN CANYON NATIONAL RECREATION AREA: MOTOR VEHICLES"; PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.J. RES. 78, PROVIDING FOR CONGRESSIONAL DISAPPROVAL OF THE RULE SUBMITTED BY THE UNITED STATES FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE RELATING TO "ENDANGERED AND THREATENED WILDLIFE AND PLANTS; ENDANGERED SPECIES STATUS FOR THE SAN FRANCISCO BAY-DELTA DISTINCT POPULATION SEGMENT OF THE LONGFIN SMELT"; PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.J. RES. 87, PROVIDING CONGRESSIONAL DISAPPROVAL OF THE RULE SUBMITTED BY THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY RELATING TO "CALIFORNIA STATE MOTOR VEHICLE AND ENGINE POLLUTION CONTROL STANDARDS; HEAVY-

DUTY VEHICLE AND ENGINE EMISSION WARRANTY AND MAINTENANCE PROVISIONS; ADVANCED CLEAN TRUCKS; ZERO EMISSION AIRPORT SHUTTLE; ZERO-EMISSION POWER TRAIN CERTIFICATION; WAIVER OF PREEMPTION; NOTICE OF DECISION"; PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.J. RES. 88, PROVIDING CONGRESSIONAL DISAPPROVAL OF THE RULE SUBMITTED BY THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY RELATING TO "CALIFORNIA STATE MOTOR VEHICLE AND ENGINE POLLUTION CONTROL STANDARDS; ADVANCED CLEAN CARS II; WAIVER OF PREEMPTION; NOTICE OF DECISION"; PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.J. RES. 89, PROVIDING CONGRESSIONAL DISAPPROVAL OF THE RULE SUBMITTED BY THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY RELATING TO "CALIFORNIA STATE MOTOR VEHICLE AND ENGINE AND NONROAD ENGINE POLLUTION CONTROL STANDARDS; THE 'OMNIBUS' LOW NO_x REGULATION; WAIVER OF PREEMPTION; NOTICE OF DECISION"; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Mr. ROY. Mr. Speaker, by direction of the Committee on Rules, I call up House Resolution 354 and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

H. RES. 354

Resolved, That upon adoption of this resolution it shall be in order to consider in the House any joint resolution specified in section 2 of this resolution. All points of order against consideration of each such joint resolution are waived. Each such joint resolution shall be considered as read. All points of order against provisions in each such joint resolution are waived. The previous question shall be considered as ordered on each such joint resolution and on any amendment thereto to final passage without intervening motion except: (1) one hour of debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Natural Resources or their respective designees; and (2) one motion to recommit.

SEC. 2. The joint resolutions referred to in the first section of this resolution are as follows:

(a) The joint resolution (H.J. Res. 60) providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the National Park Service relating to "Glen Canyon National Recreation Area: Motor Vehicles".

(b) The joint resolution (H.J. Res. 78) providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the United States Fish and Wildlife Service relating to "Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Endangered Species Status for the San Francisco Bay-Delta Distinct Population Segment of the Longfin Smelt".

SEC. 3. Upon adoption of this resolution it shall be in order to consider in the House any joint resolution specified in section 4 of this resolution. All points of order against consideration of each such joint resolution are waived. Each such joint resolution shall be considered as read. All points of order against provisions in each such joint resolution are waived. The previous question shall be considered as ordered on each such joint resolution and on any amendment thereto to

final passage without intervening motion except: (1) one hour of debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Energy and Commerce or their respective designees; and (2) one motion to recommit.

SEC. 4. The joint resolutions referred to in section 3 of this resolution are as follows:

(a) The joint resolution (H.J. Res. 87) providing congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Environmental Protection Agency relating to "California State Motor Vehicle and Engine Pollution Control Standards; Heavy-Duty Vehicle and Engine Emission Warranty and Maintenance Provisions; Advanced Clean Trucks; Zero Emission Airport Shuttle; Zero-Emission Power Train Certification; Waiver of Preemption; Notice of Decision".

(b) The joint resolution (H.J. Res. 88) providing congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Environmental Protection Agency relating to "California State Motor Vehicle and Engine Pollution Control Standards; Advanced Clean Cars II; Waiver of Preemption; Notice of Decision".

(c) The joint resolution (H.J. Res. 89) providing congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Environmental Protection Agency relating to "California State Motor Vehicle and Engine and Nonroad Engine Pollution Control Standards; The 'Omnibus' Low NO_x Regulation; Waiver of Preemption; Notice of Decision".

SEC. 5. Each day during the period from April 29, 2025, through September 30, 2025, shall not constitute a legislative day for purposes of clause 7 of rule XIII.

□ 1215

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. MOORE of West Virginia). The gentleman from Texas is recognized for 1 hour.

Mr. ROY. Mr. Speaker, for the purpose of debate only, I yield the customary 30 minutes to the gentlewoman from New Mexico (Ms. LEGER FERNANDEZ), pending which I yield myself such time as I may consume. During consideration of this resolution, all time yielded is for the purpose of debate only.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. ROY. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days in which to revise and extend their remarks.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Texas?

There was no objection.

Mr. ROY. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of this rule and in support of the underlying legislation.

Last night, the Committee on Rules met and produced a rule providing for consideration of five pieces of legislation.

H.J. Res. 60 and H.J. Res. 78 are both considered under a closed rule, each with 1 hour of debate, equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking member of the Committee on Natural Resources or their respective designees and provides each a motion to recommit.

Additionally, H.J. Res. 87, H.J. Res. 88, and H.J. Res. 89 are all considered

under a closed rule, each with 1 hour of debate, equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking member of the Committee on Energy and Commerce or their respective designees and provides each a motion to recommit.

Finally, the rule tolls the date counts regarding resolution of inquiry until September 30, 2025.

Mr. Speaker, before I get into the substance of this, I will start by saying on the Committee on Rules we tend to get to know each other pretty well in significant late-night engagement in debate. The ranking member of the Committee on Rules, Mr. MCGOVERN from Massachusetts, has had an unfortunate loss that words cannot possibly convey as a dad what he and his wife are going through with the loss of his daughter, Molly.

I say from this side of the aisle, I know speaking for the entire Committee on Rules irrespective of party affiliation, how much JIM, his wife, and his son are in our prayers after losing their daughter and sister, Molly, to cancer.

As a cancer survivor, I have seen firsthand the horrors of the disease. I told my Committee on Rules colleagues last night in committee, in my time in treatment at MD Anderson, going through chemo seemed trivial to me compared to watching the parents at MD Anderson who were watching their children go through treatment.

Molly went to Heaven last week while visiting a friend in Italy, and I think I speak for everybody in this body when we offer our deepest condolences to JIM and to his entire family and to our colleagues who were so close with and knew Molly, who, by the way, from memory I believe worked for JAMIE RASKIN as an intern, and had her own engagements in public service.

When I heard of her passing, I did a little googling about her life, her love for sports and Boston sports, her love of her dad, and how proud she was of her dad.

While, just on occasion, JIM and I might have disagreed here on the House floor—it has been known to happen—we are all united in offering our condolences and prayers for JIM's family, and God bless Molly and his entire family.

Mr. Speaker, on the legislation that is before us, I know that my colleagues on the other side of the aisle are, no doubt, about to launch into how we have had an ineffective first 100 days and Congress is not doing anything.

Let me put in perspective for the American people what we are focusing on.

We are focusing on undoing the damage of the last 4 years of the Biden administration. The President is doing that on a daily basis in the White House today, and then we in Congress are using the powers that we have before us in an obvious narrow majority and in a narrow majority in the Senate, where you have to get things through the Senate with 60 votes. We

are using the tools in front of us to try to limit and minimize the damage caused by the previous administration and, frankly, our colleagues on the other side of the aisle today.

Notably, we are talking about in this situation what we have done so far. We have passed legislation to secure our elections through H.R. 22, the SAVE Act, to guarantee that only American citizens vote in American elections; to hold rogue judges accountable for issuing nationwide injunctions and trying to change the process.

Mr. Speaker, that is not partisan. Justice Elena Kagan talked about the need for injunction relief. The Democratic Solicitor General under the previous administration talked about the need for injunction reform. We offered legislation that would change and reform injunctions. We passed that before Easter so that a single judge won't be legislating and making national policy by granting temporary restraining orders and injunctions.

We made changes on border policy with the Laken Riley Act, which is extremely important; and legislation to combat the flow of fentanyl.

Importantly, what we have been trying to do is undo the damage on the border.

Mr. Speaker, keep in mind what has happened now under the first 100 days. In just 100 days, southwest border apprehensions have decreased by 94 percent year over year.

Mr. Speaker, consider that for a second. They decreased by 94 percent. What changed? Have we passed a massive law? Have we enacted the law that my colleagues on the other side of the aisle said last year was necessary, this bipartisan bill which, by the way, would have codified all the bad policies under the Biden administration?

No. The only thing that changed was a White House willing to enforce the law. That is literally it, and now there is a 94 percent reduction in apprehensions at the border.

Keep in mind that we are now at apprehension levels of somewhere around 100 to 200 a day, 3,000 to 6,000 a month. We had 6,000, 8,000, 10,000 apprehensions per day under the Biden administration.

The President has restored common sense by ending DEI in the military and working to keep men from competing in women's sports, affirming that there are two genders. These are common sense. I wouldn't think we would have to spend time on the floor of the House of Representatives doing those things or having the President do it by executive order, but here we are.

The President has unlocked America's energy potential, or at least taken a giant step to doing so, by reopening 625 million acres for drilling, withdrawing from the disastrous Paris climate agreement, and approving new LNG projects.

Mr. Speaker, here before us today, we have what we call CRAs, under the Congressional Review Act. The purpose

of these is to undo burdensome Biden regulations. This is our ability and our prerogative to hold the Biden administration accountable, and that doesn't stop just because the Democrats lost an election and we have a Republican in the White House. We have a duty to undo some of that damage.

Under these bills, we would repeal California's advanced clean trucks waiver, which currently would allow the State to mandate the sale of zero-emission trucks. It would allow the State to mandate the sale of zero-emission trucks.

These bills would repeal the California advanced clean cars waiver allowing the State to ban the sale of gas-powered vehicles by 2035; put an end to California's implementation of its most recent nitrogen oxide engine emission standards, which create burdensome and unworkable standards for heavy-duty, on-road engines; nullify a rule by the National Park Service that would infringe on the employment of a recreational area, contravening the agency's own mandate when it was created; and, finally, one that would end an Endangered Species Act designation by the Fish and Wildlife Service that would threaten water resources and other conservation efforts.

Mr. Speaker, these things matter to the average American. My colleagues are going to say that this is small ball, and it doesn't matter.

Every one of these regulations add up to interference with the enjoyment of life by the American people, drive up the price of the goods and services for the average hardworking American family, make vehicles more expensive, make our lives more costly. Then people wonder why they are suffering from inflation and suffering from the inability to afford to live in the modern world.

This Congress is taking steps to undo that damage, working with the White House to restore the ability of the average American family to live and afford the basic necessities of life, including vehicles and the right to be able to choose the vehicle of their choice in an open market.

Mr. Speaker, I know my colleagues are going to say that we are infringing on California. Let's remember that California gets treated specially and uniquely and that that then has a domino effect through the rest of the country. That is unique to California based on past precedent involving Los Angeles smog and other things where that is causing a direct impact on other States across the country.

Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Ms. LEGER FERNANDEZ. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume. I thank Representative ROY for acknowledging the tremendous loss that JIM MCGOVERN and his wife, Lisa, suffered this weekend when their daughter, Molly, was taken by cancer, a disease both of us have battled, as well.

With the Speaker's indulgence, I will read a few sentences from the McGovern's own statement because I think this captured a lot of who Molly was:

"Molly radiated pure joy. She lit up every room with her beaming smile—full of laughter, endless warmth, and a sharp wit that could disarm you in an instant. She was unbelievably funny, fiercely loyal, and wise beyond her years. Molly had a rare gift: She made everyone feel special because she genuinely believed everyone was special. She treated people with compassion and kindness—always standing up for the underdog, and making fast friends wherever she went."

Molly was deeply loved by JIM and Lisa, and because of that love, Molly was also loved by many of her colleagues in this House. She grew up here in Capitol Hill with other children of colleagues on both sides of the aisle. We have been exchanging and I have been watching these beautiful pictures of Molly growing up with those kids from when she was young to just last August at the convention.

Lisa McGovern dedicated herself to helping families deal with cancer at Prevent Cancer Foundation. Lisa knows directly what it is like to see that terrible disease impact a young and promising life and how it, therefore, impacts the entire family.

JIM has one of the biggest hearts I know. He stands up on this floor every week to ask us to end hunger now because he deeply feels the pains of hunger that too many young children in America suffer from.

Given that huge heart, my colleagues can only imagine the love he poured into Molly. We don't even have to imagine it. We all saw the love he poured into Molly. He worried about her as she sought to live a normal life, studying in Australia and traveling, but he always said "yes" and never missed being by her side for key appointments and scans.

□ 1230

We cry for the things we love, and love always comes with pain. With a love as profound and deep as what Molly had, we know the McGovern's pain will be immeasurable.

To Lisa, JIM, and their son, Patrick, please know that your colleagues on this House floor on both sides of the aisle are in pain with you. Our tears are flowing with yours, and your congressional family stands with you in prayer and support.

Now, standing in JIM's place, I will turn to the business before us.

Representative ROY and I agree on how we opened this, but not on much more this morning because we see a different view on this 100th day that is marking Trump's service in office, 100 days of chaos, corruption, and economic sabotage. After these 100 days, House Republicans are wasting time on cynical Congressional Review Act resolutions instead of addressing the economic and constitutional crisis facing American families.

One hundred days of economic pain, as Trump's on-again, off-again temper tantrum of tariffs tank the dollar, drive up prices, destroy the markets, and threaten a recession.

One hundred days of chaos in the White House, where Secretary Hegseth texts war plans to journalists, and the administration belittles allies while embracing dictators like Putin.

One hundred days of corruption, as billionaires like Musk and DOGE take Americans' personal Social Security data and fired the employees we need to process those Social Security checks. They fired the auditors and inspectors so no one is there to sound the alarm when Musk steers contracts to his own companies. Talk about self-dealing.

One hundred days of courtroom drama, with courts—district, appellate, and even the Supreme Court—saying Trump's actions are likely illegal, unconstitutional, and must be paused to avoid irreparable harm to the American people.

While Trump defies the law and damages our economy, what are House Republicans doing? This week and into the next couple, Republicans are plotting to rip healthcare away from millions of Americans to fund tax cuts for 759 billionaires. Republicans will sacrifice healthcare for 72 million children, pregnant women, seniors, and people with disabilities who rely on Medicaid to give tax cuts to the 759 richest people in America.

When they destroy Medicaid, they destroy rural hospitals, and they destroy healthcare centers that everyone in the community uses, not just those on Medicaid.

Trump and Republicans want to give tax cuts to the biggest corporations, as well, so they have to cut funding from low-income college students trying to get ahead and steal food from the mouths of hungry children, and that hurts our farmers and ranchers, too. These are the hungry children that Ranking Member MCGOVERN fights for every day.

Millions of Americans will suffer so the billionaires and the biggest corporations can get more—more power, more money, more control, and more influence in Washington, D.C.

Americans are tired of how the system is rigged against working- and middle-class families. They know the rich are winning and regular Americans don't seem to have a chance.

The Republican budget ends their reconciliation bill. Their tax cuts are going to make sure the rich always win.

Now, Trump's approval ratings are the lowest of any President in the last 80 years. In the latest poll released today, Americans give him F's. He is getting F's on the economy. He is getting F's all over the place.

Americans disapprove of Trump because he is destroying our economy, and he is betraying his promise to lower costs from day one.

Americans are demanding we put an end to Trump's tyranny. Republican voters are showing up at the few town-halls that Republicans are brave enough to have, and they are yelling at their Representatives. They are saying: Do something.

While Americans want us to have the courage to stand up to Trump, House Republicans are doing the opposite.

Hidden in the rule we are debating today is a provision that will cover up Secretary Hegseth's texting of classified war plans. Republicans won't even let Democrats ask for information about what is happening at the Department of Defense—no courage, just capitulation.

Today, instead of helping lower costs for working families, Republicans are pushing partisan bills to overturn environmental laws that protect our air and water. It is ridiculous.

Costs are going up, markets are tanked, court orders are being ignored, and we are talking about a rule that we will hear about later today that we are going to spend all of this time on the floor of this House, but it is not going anywhere in the Senate. We are wasting the precious time that we have on this House floor to do something.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to oppose this rule, and I reserve the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. GILL of Texas). Members are reminded to refrain from engaging in personalities toward the President.

Mr. ROY. Mr. Speaker, I miss getting that admonition. It was a pretty regular occurrence in my various floor speeches.

With respect to the resolutions of inquiry, let me put out there that it is my strong preference, as I have said multiple times on the floor of the House, that we come up with a system that allows the body to work its will and that we allow individuals to be able to move forward in good faith to get information and ask questions of the executive branch, no matter who is in power.

I introduced the ARTICLE ONE Act to try to restrict Presidential power under the Trump administration the first time and had trouble getting it moved during the Biden administration. I am not really even pointing fingers. I am acknowledging the politics. I had some Democratic colleagues and friends of mine that would say: I like that idea, but I don't know if right now is the time. Okay, but let's have the conversation.

Let's take ROIs, what we call resolutions of inquiry, a tool in which we can specifically go ask for specific information. We have engaged in that effort. I certainly have. For over 600 days in the 116th and 117th Congresses, ROIs, these resolutions of inquiry, were blocked from coming to the floor by the Democratic majority. That is, of course, the "you did it, so we will do it" argument—not particularly satisfying if you want to have an open body.

I think the question would be: What do my colleagues on the other side of the aisle want to have? What should the rule be? If we want resolutions of inquiry to just be allowed in perpetuity, then maybe we need to come up with a way to try to guarantee that and do that, but that is not what happens. We have turned them off. Both sides have turned them off.

I would also add, for example, for the filibuster rule in the Senate, are we going to abide by the 60-vote threshold in the Senate as a Congress? My colleagues on the other side of the aisle tried to change the filibuster rule for judges and succeeded, and now, we have a 51-vote threshold for judges.

My colleagues on the other side of the aisle tried to change the rule for legislation, and but for Kyrsten Sinema and but for Joe Manchin, they would have done so. Then, the Senate would have been operating by a 51-vote threshold for legislation.

Maybe that is good or bad, but maybe we should decide the rules we want to operate under and then apply them to both sides. Right now, we are operating under a 60-vote threshold in the Senate.

I think that is something maybe we ought to put to a vote right here in this body, in the House, and say: Do we believe that the United States Senate should operate under a 60-vote threshold? Because if you go watch the Twitter feed of Kyrsten Sinema, she is pretty explicit about what she is watching and the hypocrisy of my colleagues on the other side of the aisle in the Senate who now suddenly have newfound love and respect for the 60-vote threshold.

My point being, if we are going to change the body institutionally, then let's have a real conversation about changing the body institutionally.

Closed rules, I get it. In the majority, we are sitting here, and we have more closed rules. Do we want open rules? Then what will happen when the Democrats are in charge? Do you want resolutions of inquiry? What do we do to bind the hands of a future House on those points if not us agreeing to respect each other's ability to do that?

Mr. Speaker, I yield 3 minutes to the gentlewoman from Illinois (Mrs. MILLER), my friend.

Mrs. MILLER of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in strong support of the rule, which includes several Congressional Review Acts against the disastrous Biden-era electric vehicle mandates.

These create undue, burdensome rules, which impact our rural communities. Rural communities are the backbone of our country. They are the farmers, ranchers, teachers, and parents, and they are being crushed by the costly and out-of-touch policies from Washington.

There is no doubt EV mandates only add further financial strain to hard-working Americans, especially in my district.

Have you seen an electric tractor, baler, or plow? I haven't because they

don't work on farms or in the real world. In fact, the heavy-duty trucks in cold weather States lose 20 percent of their battery capacity.

When compared to cities, rural areas have extremely low EV rates, with the vast majority of rural areas having EV registration rates between zero and a half of a percent. This means there are between zero to five EVs registered per 10,000 people in rural areas.

It is simple. EVs are for urban elites in warm-weather States who have no concept of rural America.

A government EV mandate is unjustifiable. Vehicle decisions should be left up to the American consumers, not woke extreme climate activists.

I urge the passage of this rule.

Ms. LEGER FERNANDEZ. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, a resolution of inquiry—Congress wants to know. Give us some answers.

It is not that big of a deal, except that, right now, I think they just don't want to have to vote. They don't want to have to vote on Signalgate. They don't want to have to actually take up an issue that they know is controversial, and they don't have a reason to present to the American people of why to shut this inquiry down.

I will acknowledge that we also had resolutions of inquiry, and there was a reason that we explained to the world: There was a pandemic going on. People were dying. The United States Government was in an emergency, and we were trying to save lives. We were trying to make sure that people were safe, not just here but in every single State. In New Mexico, it was devastating. We were trying to deal with this worldwide pandemic.

They have not offered any explanation for shutting down resolutions of inquiry at this time. Mr. Speaker, can you tell me why? Last night, we had an amendment to actually remove this, and we said: Why? Just explain to us why. They could not answer.

I don't think it is a coincidence that the House Armed Services Committee and the Foreign Affairs Committee were set to take up these inquiries about the Secretary of Defense using unclassified Signal chats to share sensitive information about military strikes with his family, his personal lawyer, and a journalist.

They don't want to vote on Signalgate, so they are rigging the rules to block us. They are hoping maybe this issue will pass over. Maybe we will forget about this lapse of judgment, this utter failure, this TV personality who, I guess, still wants everybody to know what he is doing, but when you are Secretary of Defense, you are not supposed to be letting everybody know what we are doing and putting our servicemembers at risk.

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Mr. Speaker, I yield 3 minutes to the gentlewoman from California (Ms. LOF-

GREN), the ranking member and top Democrat on our Science, Space, and Technology Committee.

Ms. LOFGREN. Mr. Speaker, I rise as chair of the California Democratic congressional delegation in opposition to this rule. It makes in order three resolutions that claim to be pursuant to the Congressional Review Act, but are completely illegitimate.

That is not just my opinion, the non-partisan Government Accountability Office has not once but twice found that waivers California receives under the Clean Air Act are not rules under the CRA.

The Senate Parliamentarian has reached the same conclusion, so if this passes and if the Senate follows its rules, this will not be in order in the Senate.

Now, of course, our current President has taken many actions that we believe are illegal. More than 100 cases have been filed to stop these actions, and he has lost most of them, but it is sad to see the majority here in the House following suit. I will just say this: Abusing the Congressional Review Act is not the slope you want to slide down. You will regret having opened that when you are no longer in the majority.

I also oppose the underlying resolutions because they directly risk our fellow Americans' health. Air pollution is directly linked with increased rates of asthma, cancer, and other diseases. Parental and childhood exposure to pollution is linked to long-term health risks, adversely impacting babies and young children.

Just one of California's standards that would be blocked, the Advanced Clean Cars II, is estimated to reduce healthcare costs by \$13 billion over the next 25 years.

Now, it is important to note that these rules that California has adopted, they are for California. Other States don't have to follow these rules. There is a lot of criticism of California. We are the biggest State. We are the most diverse State. We are a big, sprawling State that has challenges, of course, but we are the most innovative economy. For all of the criticism that the majority sometimes lodges against us, we have just become the fourth biggest economy of the world. The State of California is the fourth biggest economy, and as we meet our challenges, we are also very successful economically.

Mr. Speaker, don't take this step to violate the rules. Don't take this step to cripple California's economy. Vote "no."

Mr. ROY. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, a couple quick points on the resolutions of inquiry. I won't waste a whole lot more time on it.

The fact is, one, we have extended this through September 30 only at our request to limit it because we want to be able to get through reconciliation.

Two, my colleagues want to blame COVID. Committees were still in full

operation. The fact of the matter is my colleagues didn't want to answer questions that we were asking about the border because they were unanswerable. The border was wide open. Americans were getting killed. Americans like Jocelyn Nungaray, Americans like Laken Riley, Americans like Rachel Morin, and Americans like Kayla Hamilton. I can keep going down the list of dead Americans at the hands of the foolish, incompetent, and dangerous policies of the Biden administration that my colleagues on the other side of the aisle did not want to answer. That is the simple truth. When we wanted to get data about the border, they didn't want to answer it. It wasn't because of COVID.

Mr. Speaker, I note with respect to California that California's mandates effectively take away America's ability to buy new gas cars. As I mentioned earlier, California gets some special treatment. It is the only State allowed to seek waivers for its own vehicle policies due to a provision in the Clean Air Act crafted to allow California to address Los Angeles area smog, and so they have an outside impact on our ability to get affordable vehicles, including, by the way, hybrid vehicles which would be unnecessarily impacted by where California wants to go and which we want to try to solve.

Mr. Speaker, I also note that California, as KTLA reported in a January 30 article, continues to lose more people than come into other States because of the tragic and unfortunate policies of the State of California.

Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Ms. LEGER FERNANDEZ. Mr. Speaker, the gentleman has mentioned the fact about a vehicle's expense. Now, let's recognize that used car prices have gone up for the first time in 30 months not because of what California has done but because of Trump's tariffs.

Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to include in the RECORD an article titled: "Used car prices just rose for the first time in 30 months. Here's why and what it could mean for consumers in 2025."

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentlewoman from New Mexico?

There was no objection.

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USED CAR PRICES JUST ROSE FOR THE FIRST TIME IN 30 MONTHS. HERE'S WHY AND WHAT IT COULD MEAN FOR CONSUMERS IN 2025

(By Charles Singh)

American used car prices haven't increased for over two years, until now. A study conducted by automotive research site iSeeCars concluded that used car prices have risen after months of consistent declines. This could be great news for used car dealers and horrible news for folks looking to purchase a used car in 2025.

Why have used car prices suddenly increased? This deviation from the norm surely isn't coincidental. Tariffs are the culprit, and they could take the average used car price to the moon (in the worst way possible).

After the events of 'Liberation Day', a potential trade war involving multiple world powers is a nightmare-turned-reality. Import tariffs don't just impact new cars and car parts, they cause chaos in the used car market as well.

ARE USED CAR PRICES GOING UP?

Used car prices for one to five-year-old models have increased by 1 percent year-over-year as of March, 2025. This equates to an average price bump of \$317 compared to an average price decrease of \$238 in February.

An increase of \$317 may not seem like much, but it's notable at a time when the price of eggs is a topic of economic frustration for consumers. Furthermore, used car prices have been in the red year-over-year for consecutive months since October 2022, this is a huge shock for the used car market.

The tables have turned and this has serious implications for millions of car buyers. Increased demand may give used car dealers sweet relief after a rough post-pandemic reality, but will higher sticker prices prevent some drivers from exploring purchasing opportunities?

WHY TARIFFS ARE AFFECTING USED CAR PRICES

We are nearly three months into President Donald Trump's second term in office. In the span of the last few weeks, tariffs have been teased, announced, and paused. Unfortunately for the economy, whether or not certain tariffs are actually in effect, the mere threat of increased trade costs is enough for companies to make major changes. Sometimes these changes will benefit American consumers, other times they'll practically price them out of the market.

The announcement of import tariffs on new vehicles and auto parts was enough for several automakers to entertain the idea of pausing shipments and adapting production strategies. As a result, the supply of affordable new vehicles in America will dwindle because so many automakers rely on foreign labor and supply chains. Less affordable new cars make used cars much more attractive.

SHOULD YOU BUY A USED CAR IN 2025?

Used car buyers have found themselves in the eye of a perfect storm created by a post-pandemic economy and a brewing trade war. Used car prices were declining in recent months because dealers were sitting on older inventory, which often gets less desirable over time for the average consumer. Demand drove down prices, which in turn created thousands of dealer lots filled with nameplates and model years folks just weren't interested in buying.

What happens when those models become the only options American car-buyers can afford within reason (due to tariffs)? Prices are expected to increase as demand for new vehicles slows, adding weight to the demand seesaw and bringing used car prices to new heights.

This scenario is music to the ears of used car dealers looking to offload inventory at prices that won't obliterate their profit margins. On the other hand, actual deals could be scarce if prices are inflated due to newfound demand. There will still be plenty of opportunities to score a great new car for the informed consumer in 2025, but don't expect those opportunities to stick around forever.

Ms. LEGER FERNANDEZ. Mr. Speaker, if they wanted to actually address the rising costs of cars, maybe they would be willing to address the tariffs.

Mr. Speaker, I yield 1½ minutes to the gentleman from California (Mr. DESAULNIER).

Mr. DESAULNIER. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentlewoman for yielding.

Mr. Speaker, I rise in opposition to this rule and the resolutions it advances. Texas is allowed to do what it would like to do. California does not mandate Texas' decisionmaking. We want to make our own decisions. Under the U.S. Clean Air Act, signed by President Richard Nixon, we did that, and we have been leaders since he signed it.

Mr. Speaker, I rise in opposition to specifically three Congressional Review Act resolutions that are in this rule that illegally take aim at California's legal ability to implement more stringent emission standards under waiver from the Clean Air Act.

In the last 2 months, the Senate Parliamentarian and the nonpartisan Government Accountability Office affirmed that California's Clean Air Act waiver is not subject to the Congressional Review Act. This week's attempt to advance these CRAs anyway is blatantly illegal.

On top of that, these CRAs are another unfounded attempt to limit States from having the choice to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and improve air quality and their public health. It doesn't mandate any other States to do that. States can choose to join California under the Clean Air Act.

I proudly served on the California Air Resources Board under three Governors, including two Republicans and one Democrat, and I have seen firsthand the benefits of curbing emissions, both for the economy and public health. There is a reason why California is the fourth largest economy in the world and has three times the amount of patents than any other State, that State being Texas.

Republican Governor Ronald Reagan signed into law the creation of the California State Air Resources Board and Republican President Richard Nixon signed into law the California Clean Air Act. This was not a partisan issue then and it should not be now. It is about public health and the economy.

These waivers are an essential tool to give California and other States the choice to prioritize both the health and well-being of their residents and the environment. Modeling has shown that by 2040, all three rules would provide an estimated \$13 billion in health benefits.

Mr. ROY. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, I will note that neither the GAO nor the Senate Parliamentarian get a vote. It is sort of a shocking news revelation I recognize, but they don't get a vote. We do. The Senate does. We can decide what we think ought to apply.

Number two, if my colleagues want to talk about the high price of vehicles, how about the extent to which the average EV costs \$14,000 more than the average nonluxury vehicle.

According to the latest data from Kelley Blue Book, the average trans-

action price for electric vehicles is \$55,273, 3.7 percent higher than last year. For context, the median household income for the gentlewoman's district is \$62,000.

The fact of the matter is, EVs are expensive. EVs are driving up the price of vehicles. The mandate is taking the power out of the hands of the American people to decide, including, by the way, hybrid vehicles which allow individuals to have more efficient vehicles while being able to travel long distances, as I know the gentlewoman has constituents who need to do so in New Mexico as we need to do in west Texas and throughout the State of Texas.

Additionally, the trucks that are required under California's unrealistic mandates cost two to three times more than a new, safer, and more reliable diesel truck. The fact is, we are driving up the price of goods and services. We are making it more expensive for the American people to live. We are making it almost impossible for people to fix their vehicles and be able to afford their vehicles with every new thing we add to it to make it more complex in the name of safety or the environment.

The fact is, we can't be blind to those realities. That is exactly what is happening. That is why the American people are suffering from the inability to afford to live in this country.

Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Ms. LEGER FERNANDEZ. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, it is true in New Mexico, we have all that beautiful land. We have our ranchers. We have our farms. We have those mountains. We love our trucks, but the problem is, Trump's tariffs are making all of that more expensive.

He is raising the cost of trucks. Remember, there was like a \$20,000 hike after one of his first attempts at tariffs before he started flip-flopping. We never know where he is at, right?

His tariffs are raising the costs of housing. In New Mexico, the firing of Federal employees and the domino effects of the economic uncertainty because of his tariffs are making jobs harder to find.

Mr. Speaker, Trump promised to lower prices on day one. Instead, his tariffs are crashing our economy, making those trucks more expensive and houses more expensive. People are out of work. Retirement accounts are destroyed.

Under the Constitution, Congress has the power to regulate commerce with foreign nations and impose tariffs. It is Congress' duty to review whether what he is doing is accurate or not. Even though it is our review, this is another area where Republicans don't want to have the debate on this floor. They are hiding behind these things they stick in these rules.

They actually thought they stopped time. Republicans passed a rule that stops time for the purposes of voting

on whether or not we should have these tariffs. They actually passed a rule that said this: “Each day for the remainder of the first session of the 119th Congress shall not constitute a calendar day for the purposes of section 202 of the National Emergencies Act.”

Mr. Speaker, I offered an amendment last night. I offered an amendment last time we met in rules. We will keep offering amendments to say you can’t stop time. If you believe in these tariffs, be willing to debate them, to stand up on this floor and say we think the tariffs are good, we think the tariffs are bad. Make Trump defend those tariffs.

Why is he doing this to us? Why is he creating this disaster? This is a disaster of Trump’s own creation. We are seeking four Republicans to join us to stop this. They already have some Republicans over on the Senate side. We have some that might be moving here. Let’s stop this craziness of the tariffs.

Mr. Speaker, I yield 2 minutes to the gentlewoman from California (Ms. PELOSI), the Speaker emerita.

Ms. PELOSI. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentlewoman for yielding and for her extraordinary leadership in making the case.

Mr. Speaker, yes, we are talking about something being expensive. Don’t say clean air for our children to breathe is too expensive for us after all the things that the President has done to make things more expensive in our country.

Mr. Speaker, I rise in opposition to all of the Republican resolutions on the floor today, one of which takes away the right of California or any State to protect residents from dangerous pollution.

The illegal attack on the vital clean air protection set by California would choke our communities with smog. We are used to that. Over time, Californians have seen and felt the impact of smog on our lives. The gentleman even referenced it in his comments, and we will relentlessly defend our State’s right to protect the air our children breathe with robust fuel economy and pollution standards when Federal standards fall short.

With these resolutions, Republicans are exposing their cynical, special-interest agenda that endangers public health in every community in our country by dismantling our protections for clean air, clean air for our children to breathe.

They put the American peoples’ health, economic security, and futures under direct dire threat as Republicans and their donor-driven cronies funnel billions into the pockets of guess who? Big polluters. Today, they want us to favor big polluters over clean air for our children to breathe.

Democrats will never stop fighting to defend lifesaving protections for America’s clean air. For the children, Mr. Speaker, I urge a strong “no” on this resolution.

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Mr. ROY. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

I am always amazed when my colleagues on the other side of the aisle ignore the fact that these EVs require power. Somehow they get charged from the magic fairy dust of the magic energy tree? I mean, what are we talking about here?

How do you power up an electric vehicle? It is done by burning coal, burning gas, or the nuclear plants that we are not actually permitting or building in the United States, while China builds two coal-fired plants virtually every week. We are building none. Well, good for us.

The vast majority of the world is producing power with coal and natural gas, and it is growing exponentially. Meanwhile, we are crushing our grid, the reliability of American power, making it more expensive for the average American and doing really nothing about worldwide CO₂ production. That is the truth. China and India are pumping it out.

Meanwhile, my colleagues love to ignore the slave labor in China to produce the batteries that they drive around in their EVs while they pat themselves on the back and go to cocktail parties talking about how fantastic it is that they drive their EVs and how enlightened they are.

Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to include in the RECORD three articles: “‘Like slave and master’: DRC miners toil for 30p an hour to fuel electric cars” in the Guardian; “EV makers’ use of Chinese suppliers raises concerns about forced labor”; “U.S. says Chinese lithium-ion batteries are made with child labour as trade war spills into EVs.”

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Texas?

There was no objection.

[From the Guardian, Nov. 8, 2021]

‘LIKE SLAVE AND MASTER’: DRC MINERS TOIL FOR 30P AN HOUR TO FUEL ELECTRIC CARS

(By Pete Pattison in Kolwezi)

The names Tesla, Renault and Volvo mean nothing to Pierre*. He has never heard of an electric car. But as he heads out to work each morning in the bustling, dusty town of Fungurume, in the Democratic Republic of Congo’s southern mining belt, he is the first link in a supply chain that is fuelling the electric vehicle revolution and its promise of a decarbonised future.

Pierre is mining for cobalt, one of the world’s most sought-after minerals, and a key ingredient in the batteries that power most electric vehicles (EVs).

He says his basic wage is the equivalent of £2.60 (\$3.50) a day, but if he works through lunch and puts in hours of overtime, he can make up to about £3.70.

Not that lunch is worth waiting for: he claims he is given just two small bread rolls and a carton of juice.

“The salary is very, very small. It gives me a headache . . . The mine makes so much and we make so little,” he says.

If he takes a day off, he says money is deducted from his wages. If he is sick and misses more than two days in a month, more

money is cut. “You can’t even argue. If you do, you’ll be fired,” he says, squatting on the dirt floor of the bare brick shack he rents.

“The relationship between us and the [mine] is like a slave and a master,” says Pierre.

Stories of the harsh and dangerous working conditions endured by miners in the DRC’s informal, or artisanal, cobalt mines—of child labour and miners being buried alive as tunnels cave in—have provoked an international outcry in recent years, forcing the western technology and automotive brands that rely on the mineral to look for ways to source “clean” cobalt, free from human rights abuses.

Some companies in the cobalt supply chain have promised to stop sourcing from artisanal mines and instead get the mineral from large-scale industrial mines, which are seen as a safer option both for workers and corporate reputations.

Pierre is not working at an artisanal mine, however. He is employed, via a subcontractor, at Tenke Fungurume mine (TFM), one of the country’s biggest industrial mines, which is 80 percent owned by the Chinese company China Molybdenum (CMOC).

An investigation by the Guardian has found that some workers, often employed through subcontractors, allege they are victims of severe exploitation, including wages as low as 30p an hour, precarious employment with no contracts, and paltry food rations. In a number of mines run by Chinese companies, workers made allegations of discrimination and racism reminiscent of the colonial era.

The Guardian has tracked the cobalt supply chain from TFM and other industrial mines through a number of refiners and battery makers to some of the world’s leading electric car manufacturers, including Tesla, VW, Volvo, Renault and Mercedes-Benz.

While the cobalt supply chain is highly complex, all these car manufacturers identified by the Guardian can be linked to one or more of the industrial mines named by the Guardian through a small number of key refineries and battery makers.

Many EV brands have made public commitments to “responsible sourcing” of minerals, and some—notably Tesla—are using innovative ways to achieve this. Nevertheless, the Guardian’s findings suggest how far the sector still has to go to ensure the shift to clean energy is not tainted by claims of workers’ rights abuses.

As delegates meet at Cop26, the UN climate change conference in Glasgow, the transition from petrol to EVs is being talked about as a key step in reducing carbon emissions. Global sales of passenger EVs—excluding hybrids—are expected to soar from 3.3m in 2021 to 66m in 2040. In the UK, that growth will be driven by the government’s ban on the sale of petrol and diesel cars from 2030.

Last year, about 70 percent of the world’s cobalt came from the DRC and the vast majority of that—93,000 out of 100,000 tonnes, according to Benchmark Mineral Intelligence (BMI)—came from large-scale industrial mines.

Although some battery and car manufacturers have reduced the amount of cobalt in their batteries, BMI says the volume of sales of cobalt into the sector will rise four or fivefold over the coming decade. The World Bank estimates that demand for cobalt production will increase 585 percent by 2050.

That should be good news for people in southern DRC, where the majority of the cobalt mines are located, but a report launched today by UK-based corporate watchdog Raid and Congolese lawyers from the Centre d’Aide Juridico-Judiciaire, says many multinational mining companies—and the subcontractors they hire—create poorly paid jobs that keep workers in poverty.

“Cobalt is an essential mineral for the green transition, but we must not turn away from the abusive labour conditions that taint the lithium-ion batteries needed for millions of electric vehicles,” said Raid director Anneke Van Woudenberg.

Kolwezi is the DRC's cobalt capital, a city so defined by mining that some communities sit on the rim of the giant craters that have been excavated in search of copper and cobalt. It is mining on a massive scale, highly mechanised and dependent on cutting-edge technology but powered by thousands of workers—more than 10,000 at TFM—who, like Pierre, are employed as mineral processors, drivers, mechanics, welders, security guards and general workers.

In the last 15 years, Chinese companies have begun to enter the mining business, buying out North American and European companies so that they now control the majority of the cobalt and copper mines in southern DRC.

And with this change, Congolese workers say, has come abuse, discrimination and racism. They say they are insulted, in some cases beaten, and claim they are paid less than Chinese workers who do the same job. They allege that Chinese supervisors disregard their experience and put production before safety.

“We’re being treated in a very bad way by the Chinese. I’m a victim of assault myself. I was slapped across the face four times,” says Mutamba, another worker at TFM.

One Congolese worker at TFM described sitting through a two-hour meeting in Chinese, only to be given a two-minute translation at the end.

“We feel humiliated and embarrassed,” he says. “The way they are treating our people, you can’t believe. We are just expecting them to have respect for human life, instead of using people like slaves.”

Over the course of the investigation, workers interviewed by the Guardian said they deeply resented the way they were treated, but felt powerless to protest. “It’s a shocking situation, but I can’t leave the job because there is no other choice,” says one. “Where can I get another job?”

A spokesperson for CMOC, which majority owns TFM, said the company adheres to a number of international labour conventions and local labour laws. Since it acquired the mine in 2016, CMOC said it has contributed an average of £296m a year to the country’s revenue. “We are devoted to providing a safe, healthy and decent work environment to all employees and attach great importance to protecting the rights of employees,” the spokesperson said.

Mining for cobalt and copper is a vital source of income for DRC’s government and creates tens of thousands of jobs—with good wages for many—in a region with few other employment opportunities. But in some mines the majority of workers—almost 70 percent at TFM, for example—are hired through sub-contractors.

The use of subcontractors can leave workers in an extremely precarious position: often hired on short-term contracts, or no contract at all, with limited benefits, low pay and the threat of termination always hanging over them.

Josué Kashaal, a lawyer for Centre d’Aide Juridico-Judiciaire, a local organisation that represents miners, says the use of subcontractors can lead to the big mines being able to avoid accountability.

In his small office in Kolwezi, Kashaal shows the Guardian a list of what he claims are more than 50 subcontractors that have been used by the Kamoto Copper Company (KCC) mine, which is owned by the Swiss commodities and mining giant Glencore.

“Glencore is using many subcontracted workers, so employees depend on the subcon-

tractor, not Glencore. This way they don’t have responsibility and can end a contract at any time,” says Kashaal.

While some workers said they hoped to get hired directly by KCC, saying it offered better wages than other mines, 44 percent of KCC’s workers are employed through subcontractors. The price is paid by men like Luc. “I started on £80 a month while working as a security guard at KCC. Then KCC terminated the contract with the subcontractor and I suddenly lost my job, along with 600 other guards,” he says.

Luc was recently rehired by another security firm at the mine, but says he is still earning less than £140 a month. “The main companies are treating the subcontractors well, but the subcontractors don’t treat workers well. The mining companies are benefiting a lot, not the local people,” he says.

Glencore said KCC only uses subcontractors for specialist work or temporary contracts and monitors compliance with the terms of its contracts. “In 2021, KCC became aware that employees of a global contractor company, whose contract ceased due to the reduction of project activities during the Covid-19 pandemic, did not receive their wages to the end of their employment term. In this instance, KCC engaged with the contractor . . . and the employees received the correct payment,” a spokesperson said.

In June 2020, Tesla signed a long-term deal to source cobalt from Glencore for its new “giga-factories” in Berlin and Shanghai. Tesla did not respond to multiple requests for comment, but in its latest impact report, the company says it procures cobalt only from producers in the DRC that meet its responsible sourcing standards. To avoid its material being “contaminated” by cobalt from other sources as it passes along the supply chain, it is “stored in clearly marked, segregated areas of the plant and is toll processed on lines dedicated for Tesla”, the report says. Two mineral experts told the Guardian this process is likely to be rigorous.

Covid has compounded the already poor labour conditions endured by many workers. The community of Kawama stretches along one side of the main road south of Lubumbashi. On the other side stands the Congo Dongfang International Mining (CDM) mine and refinery.

When the pandemic started, many CDM workers were confined to the mine for three months until the Congolese government compelled the company to release them. Koffi, who worked at the mine as a security guard, told the Guardian he shared a hall with 80 others, with two workers sharing a mattress laid on a wooden board and propped up on bricks. “I felt like a prisoner. I didn’t have any freedom,” he says.

In interviews with the Guardian, some CDM workers say they are employed for as little as £88 a month. “Payslips” seen by the Guardian were written only in Chinese on a pencil-thin strip of paper.

CDM is wholly owned by Huayou Cobalt, a Chinese conglomerate with interests in every step of the cobalt supply chain, from mining to cathode production. Renault and Daimler, the parent company of Mercedes-Benz, name CDM among their suppliers.

Huayou Cobalt said CDM “adopted a policy of healthy and safe operation” at the outbreak of the coronavirus pandemic until the government put forward its own pandemic prevention policies. It said all workers were paid in line with local labour laws. CDM has made significant contributions to the local community, Huayou Cobalt said, including organising agricultural education, building and renovating schools, setting up medical clinics and providing water and electricity to local villages.

But there appears to be little sign of that in Kawama, a collection of red brick shacks with corrugated iron roofs held down by rocks. A woman heaves a bicycle laden with yellow water drums along a dry dirt track, a young boy helping to push from behind.

“There is no drinking water, no electricity, no school, no healthcare,” claims Koffi. “Our community is right next to CDM, but they don’t do anything for us.”

Renault, Volvo VW and Daimler, the parent company of Mercedes-Benz, responded saying they recognised the importance of responsible mineral sourcing, took the allegations seriously and would discuss the findings with their suppliers.

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EV MAKERS’ USE OF CHINESE SUPPLIERS RAISES CONCERNS ABOUT FORCED LABOR

(By Evan Halper)

Tesla boasts that its electric vehicles are a marvel not just of innovation but also ethics, pledging in annual reports that it will “not knowingly accept products or services from suppliers that include forced labour or human trafficking in any form.” The carmaker touts its teams of monitors that travel to mining operations around the world, and has pledged to mount a camera at an African mine to prevent the use of underage or slave labor.

But Tesla has been conspicuously silent when it comes to China, despite evidence that materials that go into its vehicles come from the Xinjiang region, where forced labor has been rampant. Firms that appear to undermine a U.S. ban on products made in Xinjiang emerge near the top of Tesla’s sprawling network of suppliers, according to a Washington Post examination of corporate records and Chinese media reports. Among them are companies that have openly complied with China’s quotas for moving minority Muslim Uyghurs out of rural villages and into factory towns through what Chinese authorities call “labor transfers” or “surplus labor employment.”

Tesla is among several EV companies that have suppliers with Xinjiang connections, records show. Ford has a deal with a battery maker that congressional investigators allege has ties to vast lithium mining and processing operations in Xinjiang, and Volkswagen operates a factory in the region with a Chinese partner.

Though not all labor in Xinjiang is forced, China’s lockdown on information flowing from the region led the U.S. government last year to bar the import of any Xinjiang-made parts and products out of a concern they could be made with coerced labor.

The companies’ kid-glove approach on China and potential violations of U.S. law come as the White House and powerful congressional committees scrutinize the EV industry, which is booming as automakers race to gain the upper hand in the transition to climate-friendly battery-powered engines. The situation in Xinjiang is a key point of tension in the strained relationship between China and the West, as the United States and allies step up enforcement of penalties on industries operating there.

EVs are widely considered vital for confronting climate change, and the companies that make them are at an inflection point. The contracts and accountability measures they lock in now could affect communities around the world for decades. Many experts warn that companies are failing to ensure that their supply chains are free of forced labor, washing their hands of responsibility for upstream suppliers they shrug off as out of their managerial reach.

“We know from every other industry there is that if we don’t fix this now, in the early

days of this transition, it will be a massive mistake,” said Duncan Jepson, a lawyer and supply-chain management expert. “But the auto companies are not giving much hope they are willing to do anything to make a difference.”

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U.S. SAYS CHINESE LITHIUM-ION BATTERIES ARE MADE WITH CHILD LABOUR AS TRADE WAR SPILLS INTO EVs

(By Naimul Karim)

The U.S. government's decision to tie a generous electric-vehicle subsidy to inputs from friendly countries was an obvious attempt to shift the EV supply chains away from China.

But the power of the purse isn't the only strategy available to Washington. The Biden administration in late September added lithium-ion batteries from China to the U.S. Labor Department's list of products derived from child and forced labour, a more subtle example of how the United States intends to offset Beijing's influence over a once-in-a-lifetime technological change, some industry insiders say.

The Labor Department said China imports almost 90 percent of its cobalt from the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC), where a significant amount of the mineral is produced through informal mines that employ children. The Asian powerhouse uses about 50 to 80 percent of its cobalt imports to make battery chemicals and components, justification enough for including Chinese batteries among items produced with child labour, the Labor Department said.

It's been known for years that child labour is prevalent among DRC's artisanal and small-scale mines, yet this is the first time the U.S. government has chosen to include Chinese batteries, which dominate the market. Companies that use products from the list are in no danger of prosecution, but they might face uncomfortable questions from customers, activists and politicians.

The compendium, which also linked solar cells from China and crude palm oil from Indonesia to forced labour, “can be considered a risk radar used to raise public awareness” on labour exploitation, said Christine Feroli, a spokesperson for the U.S. Labor Department.

The addition of lithium-ion batteries to the list comes at a time when the U.S. is looking to diversify its supply chain away from China, which has a strong grasp of the EV sector, and toward its allies, a trend known as “friendshoring.” In a speech in Washington, D.C., last week, Canada's deputy prime minister, Chrystia Freeland, also emphasized the practice, stressing the need to speed up the development of energy projects in Canada so that the nation can support allies in need.

“It feels like the latest chapter in the U.S. versus China trade war has spilled over into the EVs and lithium-ion batteries,” said Simon Moores, CEO of Benchmark Mineral Intelligence, a research group based in London, in an interview. “The U.S. will still rely on supply chains that pass through China for its lithium-ion batteries for some time, so it's a high risk strategy until the U.S. builds its own lithium-ion economy.”

Moores added that while DRC produces more than 70 per cent of the world's cobalt, “not all” of it is produced using illegal practices.

China leads the global EV Industry and last year accounted for about half of all EV sales, according to the International Energy Agency. It also dominates the supply of metals required to make batteries that drive EVs.

Washington appears intent on building a “lithium-ion economy,” which could benefit

Canada and other U.S. trading partners. In August, the U.S. passed the Inflation Reduction Act (IRA), which states that EVs containing batteries assembled in North America and made up of critical minerals sourced from the region could receive up to US \$7,500 worth of tax credits, which could offset some of China's advantages in the field.

According to Moores, steps like these could cause a “generational shift” and Canadian miners would have to be ready to take advantage because “Canada has the potential to be the gatekeeper for the North America electric vehicle boom, a key pillar of the Inflation Reduction Act,” he said.

In a similar vein, Theo Yameogo, head of mining and metals at global accounting firm Ernst & Young Global Ltd., said the latest step was taken due to “concern around security of the battery minerals supply chain.” However, the supply chain for minerals is “very complex” and focusing on cobalt alone would not solve the issue for the U.S., Yameogo said.

Troy Nazarewicz, a spokesperson for Fortune Minerals Ltd., a company that's closing in on beginning construction of a cobalt mine and a refinery in Canada, said the U.S. was taking steps to “diversify and reduce its reliance” on China. “It is basically to encourage and perhaps force companies to move away from Chinese sources of critical minerals,” he said of the Labor Department's decision to link Chinese batteries to child labour in Africa. Toronto-based Electra Battery Materials Corp.'s Joe Racanelli, however, said he doesn't think there's a “direct correlation” between the list and the geopolitical motives of the Inflation Reduction Act. He said that the industry has been trying to deal with the labour exploitation in DRC's informal mines for quite some time. “People want to make sure that as you are driving an electric vehicle where there is no child labour involved,” said Racanelli, Electra's vice president of investor relations.

Electra recently inked a deal to supply global lithium-ion battery maker LG Energy Solution Ltd. with 7,000 tonnes of cobalt from its Ontario refinery and will be importing feed for the mineral from DRC mines that meet global ethical standards.

Toronto-based Sherritt International Corp., which refines cobalt in Canada, echoed that sentiment. Lucy Chitilian, Sherritt's director of investor relations, said that while the step by the U.S. may provide “greater impetus” for Canada to build its own supply chain, the company doubts that “singling out” China as a consumer of cobalt mined by children is a move to push an agenda.

The demand for electric vehicles, which contain lithium-ion batteries, has been on the rise as countries look to accelerate their net-zero climate plans. The world will need more than 20 times the amount of lithium that was mined last year to meet demand by mid-century, due to growth in energy storage and electric vehicles, analysts from Benchmark Mineral Intelligence said on Oct. 13.

Freeland said last week in a speech at the Brookings Institution, a think-tank based in Washington, D.C., that democratic allies should embrace “friendshoring,” the practice of building supply chains through each other's economies.

“If we are to tie our economies even more closely together, we must be confident that we will all follow the rules in our trade with each other, even and especially when it would be easier not to,” said Freeland.

She added that Canada needed to show “generosity in fast-tracking” energy and mining projects for its allies that need to “heat their homes and to manufacture electric vehicles.”

“I cite these examples because, critically, friendshoring must be green. The curse of oil

is real, and so is the dependence of many of the world's democracies on the world's petrotyrants.”

Mr. ROY. Mr. Speaker, the fact of the matter is, my colleagues on the other side of the aisle want to parade around EV mandates like they are somehow going to magically create power out of thin air, ignoring the fact we are empowering China, ignoring the fact we are empowering Chinese child laborers while we destroy the cost of living for the average American family, take away choice, take away the ability of an American citizen to be able to go out into the market and buy a hybrid vehicle or another vehicle that they can use to travel long distances, do their job, whether they are a plumber, an electrician, or carrying goods and services in a truck, and then they wonder why the cost of goods and services go up. Then they want to blame tariffs when we are 90 days in, and we had massive and rampant inflation under the Biden administration as a direct consequence of the regulatory policies and the failed policies of the previous administration.

Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Ms. LEGER FERNANDEZ. Mr. Speaker, may I inquire how much time is remaining.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentlewoman from New Mexico has 8½ minutes remaining.

The gentleman from Texas has 10 minutes remaining.

Ms. LEGER FERNANDEZ. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, the gentleman asks where would we get this electricity. In New Mexico as well as in Texas, we have amazing wind power and amazing solar power. There are many ways of generating electricity. The problem is that with a policy of “drill, baby, drill,” they don't want to look at all of the opportunities, even though Americans know that looking at energy independence means looking at all of the beautiful ways in which we can generate power in the United States.

However, a more important question that is before us is: What is happening with Medicaid and SNAP? Mr. Speaker, if we defeat the previous question, I will offer an amendment to the rule to bring up H.R. 2753, the Hands Off Medicaid and SNAP Act, which will prevent the Republican budget from cutting Medicaid or SNAP benefits.

Mr. Speaker, this week Republicans are continuing full-speed ahead with their disastrous plan to cut the social safety net and blow up the deficit to give billionaires tax cuts. It is shameful. It is wrong. Under their plan, they will have to cut \$880 billion from Medicaid and \$230 billion in food assistance just to make the math work.

Mr. Speaker, what is worse is they continue to argue they are not doing that, but the math doesn't lie. They can't reach the levels of billionaire tax cuts they want without completely

gutting vital programs like Medicaid and SNAP, programs that the most vulnerable in our country rely on.

Republicans claim they won't make these cuts, so today I will give them a chance to put their money where their mouth is and vote to ensure those devastating cuts can't move forward in this House.

Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to insert the text of my amendment into the RECORD along with any extraneous material immediately prior to the vote on the previous question.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from New Mexico?

There was no objection.

Ms. LEGER FERNANDEZ. Mr. Speaker, I yield 2 minutes to the gentleman from California (Mr. CORREA) to discuss our proposal.

Mr. CORREA. Mr. Speaker, this past week, I had the honor to visit a number of senior centers in my district. I saw seniors having a meal at lunchtime paid for by SNAP, seniors that have relied on Social Security, Medicare, Medicaid, and SNAP, seniors that have worked all their lives to build America, and all they want to do is have a peaceful retirement.

I rise today because my colleagues across the aisle are looking to cut Medicaid and SNAP, programs that hundreds of millions of Americans rely on to keep food on their table and their families healthy.

My colleagues are targeting almost \$900 billion in cuts to Medicaid, threatening to take away healthcare for some 80 million Americans who rely on this program. That would strip away healthcare from millions, including children, seniors, people with disabilities, and veterans.

They are targeting SNAP, a vital food assistance program that provides food to 40 million people: seniors, children, and veterans.

I urge my colleagues to defeat the previous question so that we can bring up H.R. 2753, the Hands Off Medicaid and SNAP Act, to stop our colleagues from taking away healthcare from Americans and making a big mistake.

Mr. ROY. Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Ms. LEGER FERNANDEZ. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, I wanted to address this issue of the Clean Air Act and the fact that Republicans often say they believe in States' rights, but when a State like California actually chooses a policy they don't like, they throw that principle out the window.

When Congress passed the Clean Air Act, it gave States that had standards before 1966 the right to apply for a waiver. Congress decided that. For 50 years, California has used that waiver to clean up its air. It is not just California. Other States have chosen to adopt these standards, too.

Across America, we can breathe cleaner air. That is why our children

can go out and play in the park and can run around. They don't have to stay indoors like they have to in Beijing or New Delhi or other countries that are polluted from the cars that clog their cities.

Clean air isn't just about the environment. We heard the Speaker Emerita talking about the cost, the cost to the children, but it is also about economic prosperity. When people breathe the clean air, they miss fewer work and school days, companies are more productive, kids learn more, families save on healthcare costs because fewer people go to the hospital for asthma and heart disease.

It doesn't stop there. To meet California's emission standards, carmakers have built more fuel-efficient vehicles. That means we are saving money at the pump. Republicans love to talk about energy dominance, but for them, as I noted, it is just "drill, baby, drill." Improving fuel efficiency is cheaper, smarter, and better for the environment and economy.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to stop this political theater and focus on the real issues that matter to the American people. I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. ROY. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, I would note that with respect to wind energy, yes, Texas is one of the leaders in wind energy. I worked for Governor Perry when the Governor was embracing wind power, and the fact of the matter is, as it has become a larger percentage of the grid, the reliability of Texas' grid has suffered, and now the consequences of having embraced wind as a significant portion of the grid are now coming to roost.

We are now having to deal with what happens when these need to be shelved. Where do they go? They fill landfills. How much oil and gas goes into the production of said windmills? How do you get the power from the wind farms in west Texas to the various facilities where we are making power? How reliable is it during ice storms or during the heat of the summer? When you have a cloudy, windless day, how are you getting power? Who is making the parts for the solar panels? What happens to the solar panels in the environment when you are finished with the solar farm?

All of these questions get brushed aside in a quest to say that we can have magical "green, clean energy," when we have clean-burning natural gas in Texas and throughout this country that is producing a significant amount of economic benefit and power for our country and has done more to drive down CO₂ production and for clean air than virtually any other innovation we have had over the last century.

Yet, we are impeding the ability to have more reliable power by virtue of mandates. That is the whole point of the problem with the Inflation Reduc-

tion Act. That is the whole point of the problem with the rules and the rule-making done by the Biden administration that we are trying to reverse under these CRAs, so that we can make things more affordable for the American people. That is it. We are trying to help the average Texan, the average New Mexican, the average American be able to afford to live, trying to be able to figure out how to get power, get a vehicle that they can afford to be able to carry out their job. That is it.

On the issue of healthcare, the issue was raised, as is often the case by my colleagues on the other side of the aisle, to try to scare the American people that somehow raising questions about the inefficiency, the ineffectiveness, the waste, the fraud of a government healthcare solution, that somehow that is taking away benefits.

When you have a trillion dollars of improper payments, when you have the State of California openly and publicly stating that they are gaming the Medicaid system and the provider tax and the Federal match rate to provide funds to illegal aliens and for their general budget to game the system at what best can be called money laundering, as was editorialized in The Wall Street Journal last week. When that is what is happening, when you have people on Medicaid who are getting a higher subsidy than people on Medicare, who have paid into it their entire lives, into the tax on Medicare; when you have people who are able-bodied who are getting a higher subsidy than the vulnerable population for whom Medicaid was originally created, then someone explain to me why we don't have a duty to fix that.

That is what we are putting forward, to try to deliver healthcare that would actually have a doctor and a patient relationship rather than a corporate overlord or government bureaucrat telling you what your healthcare is. That is the system that has been created. That is the system that we are living with now under expanded ObamaCare. That is what that is, expanded ObamaCare. My colleagues on the other side of the aisle don't want to talk about that. They want to talk about the expansion of that population into the able-bodied who could be and should be working at a higher rate of return by the Federal Government than is going to the vulnerable population, while California games the system to give money to illegal aliens. That is expressly and openly being acknowledged by California leadership.

They don't want to have those conversations. They don't want to talk about how you manage that problem, how you get more people to be able to have affordable care instead of what they currently have, which is a broken system that insurance companies run, forcing individuals onto an exchange so they can get like my constituent who passed away last year from cancer, who wanted to go to M.D. Anderson and could not go because she was on an

ObamaCare plan and couldn't go to the best cancer hospital in the world because she was covered under ObamaCare.

The failure of our healthcare system cannot be overstated. Both parties need to step to the table to get government out of the way and to allow doctors and patients to be able to go get healthcare from a provider of their choice—not some insurance bureaucrat or government bureaucrat—in order to deliver outcomes that the American people want us to deliver.

Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Ms. LEGER FERNANDEZ. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself the balance of my time to close.

Mr. Speaker, the reality is, after 100 days of Trump, the verdict is clear: We are living through a campaign of economic chaos, constitutional contempt, and corporate greed. The American people see what is happening, and they are not fooled by the chaos. They are not happy with the chaos. They are watching this body to see who will fight for them and who will fold to Trump.

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Mr. Speaker, let's be honest. This administration isn't governing. It is looting. Trump's cronies are lighting the house on fire so their billionaire friends can sell the ashes for profit.

With this issue of cutting Medicaid and addressing healthcare, yes, our healthcare system is not working. We need to address some issues in Medicaid. Let's be honest. The CMS itself said that there is less than 1 percent of fraud in the system. It is an incredibly lean system. It pays out less than any other system.

Still, even with it as it is, 40 percent of pregnant women in the country rely on Medicaid so they can give birth to healthy babies. They would strip that away from those women. It is even higher in rural areas, and those hospitals in the rural areas rely on that.

With regards to prices, Trump's tariffs are raising prices. At the same time that prices are going up, they are slashing food assistance. At a food bank I went to last week, they have more people showing up and less food because Trump literally stopped the trucks from delivering the food that was in the trucks. How cruel is that?

They are wrecking our national parks, not out of necessity but to fund tax cuts for 759 of the richest people in America. They are bleeding rural hospitals, stripping students of opportunity, and polluting our air, all to line the pockets of the ultrarich.

This isn't policy. It is plunder. House Republicans won't stop it. I say we stop it by voting against this rule. Let's defeat this rule today.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to vote "no" on the rule, and I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. ROY. Mr. Speaker, may I inquire as to how much time is remaining.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman from Texas has 5 minutes remaining.

Mr. ROY. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself the balance of my time.

Mr. Speaker, number one, Congress has an important role to play in repealing the Biden-Harris administration's EV mandates and other rules that are damaging the lives of the American people.

When the administration transmits an action to the House and the Senate for review under the CRA, then it is Members of Congress, not the GAO and not the Parliamentarian, who decide whether and how we proceed under the CRA.

The fact here is California mandates, which is what we are dealing with here in several of these Congressional Review Act actions, effectively take away Americans' ability to buy new gas cars, a hybrid vehicle, or the vehicle of their choice. It raises their vehicle and transportation costs.

The gentlewoman from California (Ms. PELOSI), the former Speaker of the House, came down and described that somehow we are not factoring in the price of clean air. With the vehicles that we are producing today, the fact is we have the cleanest air we have ever had.

There is no problem with having EVs. It is the mandates that are the problem. It is mandating the American people must convert that is the problem. In fact, worldwide, the extent to which coal-fired plants in China, coal-fired plants in India, and other countries around the world are producing CO₂ and other particulate matter that is bad for the air is rising.

Why would we undermine our own economic well-being to pursue a negligible impact on the overall global emissions, while driving up the price of goods and services for the average American family? They have to live for today. They have to pay their bills today.

All the subsidies in the world aren't making those things economically viable for them. Whether you are talking about wind farms or EVs without the mandates, what is clear is the American people aren't buying these things because they are still not able to function and carry out their livelihoods effectively under the mandates.

Higher costs and fewer choices for consumers hit low-income and disadvantaged communities the hardest. There is a reason why, when I drive around Austin, Texas, I see it is the rich folk driving around in their Teslas. It is the rich folk who are getting their EV tax credits. I see it. They are not in east Austin. They are out in the rich parts of Austin.

Mr. Speaker, do you think that is an accident? Do you think the hard-working plumber I represent in San Marcos, Texas, in New Braunfels, Texas, or any other part of Texas is going to go out and get a battery-powered truck to drive across 10 counties

to carry out his job or his livelihood? As I said before, the average EV costs \$14,000 more than the average non-luxury vehicle.

Mandates disrupt the free market. We have talked about the impact these mandates can have on the reliability of our power grid.

Is the Nation's grid even up to the mandates we talk about? No, it is not because then there will be more mandates on what the grid has to look like. Suddenly, we are Spain. Suddenly, we are wondering why the grids are failing.

Importantly, California's move empowers China, which dominates the EV market and uses slave labor and coal-powered plants to produce EV batteries. That is just the truth.

Mr. Speaker, 77 percent of the world's electric vehicle batteries are manufactured in China. China owns 80 percent of the industrial cobalt mines in the Congo and controls 15 of 19 of the primary cobalt mines in the Congo. These mines are operated by trafficked child slaves. Since when do we not care about that?

The idea that California can do this unilaterally is preposterous. They are the only State allowed to seek waivers under a unique policy. They should not be able to determine policy for the State of Texas or any other place.

Mr. Speaker, I support this rule, and I urge my colleagues to support this rule.

The material previously referred to by Ms. LEGER FERNANDEZ is as follows:

AN AMENDMENT TO H. RES. 354 OFFERED BY
MS. LEGER FERNANDEZ OF NEW MEXICO

At the end of the resolution, add the following:

SEC. 6. Immediately upon adoption of this resolution, the House shall proceed to the consideration in the House of the bill (H.R. 2753) to amend the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 to provide for a point of order against reconciliation measures that cut benefits for Medicaid or the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, and for other purposes. All points of order against consideration of the bill are waived. The bill shall be considered as read. All points of order against provisions in the bill are waived. The previous question shall be considered as ordered on the bill and on any amendment thereto, to final passage without intervening motion except: (1) one hour of debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Rules or their respective designees; and (2) one motion to recommit.

SEC. 7. Clause 1(c) of rule XIX shall not apply to the consideration of H.R. 2753.

Mr. ROY. Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time, and I move the previous question on the resolution.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on ordering the previous question.

The question was taken; and the Speaker pro tempore announced that the ayes appeared to have it.

Ms. LEGER FERNANDEZ. Mr. Speaker, on that I demand the yeas and nays.

The yeas and nays were ordered.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, further proceedings on this question are postponed.

RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12(a) of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess for a period of less than 15 minutes.

Accordingly (at 1 o'clock and 22 minutes p.m.), the House stood in recess.

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AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. RUTHERFORD) at 1 o'clock and 30 minutes p.m.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Proceedings will resume on questions previously postponed. Votes will be taken in the following order:

Ordering the previous question on House Resolution 354;

Adoption of House Resolution 354, if ordered; and

The motion to suspend the rules and pass H.R. 1402.

The first electronic vote will be conducted as a 15-minute vote. Pursuant to clause 9 of rule XX, remaining electronic votes will be conducted as 5-minute votes.

PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.J. RES. 60, PROVIDING FOR CONGRESSIONAL DISAPPROVAL OF THE RULE SUBMITTED BY THE NATIONAL PARK SERVICE RELATING TO "GLEN CANYON NATIONAL RECREATION AREA: MOTOR VEHICLES"; PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.J. RES. 78, PROVIDING FOR CONGRESSIONAL DISAPPROVAL OF THE RULE SUBMITTED BY THE UNITED STATES FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE RELATING TO "ENDANGERED AND THREATENED WILDLIFE AND PLANTS; ENDANGERED SPECIES STATUS FOR THE SAN FRANCISCO BAY-DELTA DISTINCT POPULATION SEGMENT OF THE LONGFIN SMELT"; PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.J. RES. 87, PROVIDING CONGRESSIONAL DISAPPROVAL OF THE RULE SUBMITTED BY THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY RELATING TO "CALIFORNIA STATE MOTOR VEHICLE AND ENGINE POLLUTION CONTROL STANDARDS; HEAVY-DUTY VEHICLE AND ENGINE EMISSION WARRANTY AND MAINTENANCE PROVISIONS; ADVANCED CLEAN TRUCKS; ZERO EMISSION AIRPORT SHUTTLE; ZERO-EMISSION POWER TRAIN CERTIFICATION; WAIVER OF PREEMPTION; NOTICE OF DECISION"; PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.J. RES. 88, PROVIDING CONGRESSIONAL DISAPPROVAL OF THE RULE SUBMITTED BY THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY RELATING TO "CALIFORNIA STATE MOTOR VEHICLE AND ENGINE POLLUTION CONTROL STANDARDS; ADVANCED CLEAN CARS II; WAIVER OF PREEMPTION; NOTICE OF DECISION"; PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.J. RES. 89, PROVIDING CONGRESSIONAL DISAPPROVAL OF THE RULE SUBMITTED BY THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY RELATING TO "CALIFORNIA STATE MOTOR VEHICLE AND ENGINE POLLUTION CONTROL STANDARDS; THE 'OMNIBUS' LOW NO_x REGULATION; WAIVER OF PREEMPTION; NOTICE OF DECISION"; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, the unfinished business is the vote on ordering the previous question on the resolution (H. Res. 354) providing for consideration of the joint resolution (H.J. Res. 60) providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the National Park Service relating to "Glen Canyon National Recreation Area: Motor Vehicles"; providing for consideration of the joint resolution (H.J. Res. 78) providing for congressional disapproval under chap-

ter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the United States Fish and Wildlife Service relating to "Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Endangered Species Status for the San Francisco Bay-Delta Distinct Population Segment of the Longfin Smelt"; providing for consideration of the joint resolution (H.J. Res. 87) providing congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Environmental Protection Agency relating to "California State Motor Vehicle and Engine Pollution Control Standards; Heavy-Duty Vehicle and Engine Emission Warranty and Maintenance Provisions; Advanced Clean Trucks; Zero Emission Airport Shuttle; Zero-Emission Power Train Certification; Waiver of Preemption; Notice of Decision"; providing for consideration of the joint resolution (H.J. Res. 88) providing congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Environmental Protection Agency relating to "California State Motor Vehicle and Engine Pollution Control Standards; Advanced Clean Cars II; Waiver of Preemption; Notice of Decision"; providing for consideration of the joint resolution (H.J. Res. 89) providing congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Environmental Protection Agency relating to "California State Motor Vehicle and Engine and Nonroad Engine Pollution Control Standards; The 'Omnibus' Low NO_x Regulation; Waiver of Preemption; Notice of Decision"; and for other purposes, on which the yeas and nays were ordered.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on ordering the previous question.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 215, nays 206, not voting 11, as follows:

[Roll No. 105]

YEAS—215

Aderholt	Carter (TX)	Fleischmann
Alford	Ciscomani	Flood
Allen	Cline	Fong
Amodei (NV)	Cloud	Fox
Arrington	Cole	Franklin, Scott
Babin	Collins	Fry
Bacon	Comer	Fulcher
Baird	Crane	Garbarino
Balderson	Crank	Gill (TX)
Barr	Crawford	Gimenez
Barrett	Crenshaw	Goldman (TX)
Baumgartner	Davidson	Gonzales, Tony
Bean (FL)	DesJarlais	Gooden
Begich	Diaz-Balart	Gosar
Bentz	Donalds	Graves
Bergman	Downing	Green (TN)
Bice	Dunn (FL)	Greene (GA)
Biggs (AZ)	Edwards	Griffith
Biggs (SC)	Ellzey	Grothman
Bilirakis	Emmer	Guest
Bost	Estes	Guthrie
Brecheen	Evans (CO)	Hageman
Bresnahan	Ezell	Hamadeh (AZ)
Buchanan	Fallon	Haridopolos
Burchett	Fedorchak	Harrigan
Burlison	Feenstra	Harris (MD)
Calvert	Fine	Harris (NC)
Cammack	Finstad	Harshbarger
Carey	Fitzgerald	Hern (OK)
Carter (GA)	Fitzpatrick	Higgins (LA)

Hill (AR)

Hinson

Houchin

Hudson

Huizenga

Hunt

Hurd (CO)

Issa

Jack

Jackson (TX)

James

Johnson (SD)

Jordan

Joyce (OH)

Joyce (PA)

Kean

Kelly (MS)

Kelly (PA)

Kennedy (UT)

Kiggans (VA)

Kiley (CA)

Kim

Knott

Kustoff

LaHood

LaLota

LaMalfa

Langworthy

Latta

Lawler

Lee (FL)

Letlow

Loudermilk

Lucas

Luna

Luttrell

Mace

Mackenzie

Malliotakis

Maloy

Mann

Massie

Mast

McCaul

McClain

McClintock

McCormick

McDowell

McGuire

Messmer

Meuser

Miller (IL)

Miller (OH)

Miller (WV)

Miller-Meeks

Mills

Moolenaar

Moore (AL)

Moore (NC)

Moore (UT)

Moore (WV)

Moran

Murphy

Nehls

Newhouse

Norman

Nunn (IA)

Obernoite

Ogles

Onder

Owens

Palmer

Patronis

Perry

Pfuger

Reschenthaler

Rogers (AL)

Rogers (KY)

Rose

Rouzer

Roy

Rulli

Rutherford

Salazar

Scalise

Schmidt

Schweikert

Scott, Austin

Self

Sessions

Shreve

Simpson

Smith (MO)

Smith (NE)

Smith (NJ)

Smucker

Staubert

Stefanik

Steil

Steube

Strong

Stutzman

Taylor

Tenney

Thompson (PA)

Tiffany

Timmons

Turner (OH)

Valadao

Van Drew

Van Duyn

Van Orden

Wagner

Walberg

Weber (TX)

Webster (FL)

Westerman

Wied

Williams (TX)

Wilson (SC)

Wittman

Womack

Yakym

Zinke

Scholten

Schrier

Scott (VA)

Scott, David

Sewell

Sherman

Sherill

Simon

Smith (WA)

Sorensen

Soto

Stansbury

Stanton

Stevens

Strickland

Subramanyam

Suoizzi

Swalwell

Sykes

Takano

Thanedar

Thompson (CA)

Thompson (MS)

Titus

Tlaib

Tokuda

Tonko

Torres (CA)

Torres (NY)

Trahan

Tran

Underwood

Vargas

Vasquez

Veasey

Velazquez

Vindman

Wasserman

Schultz

Waters

Watson Coleman

Whitesides

Williams (GA)

Massie

Mast

McCaul

McClain

McClintock

McCormick

McDowell

McGuire

Messmer

Meuser

Miller (IL)

Miller (OH)

Miller (WV)

Miller-Meeks

Mills

Moolenaar

Moore (AL)

Moore (NC)

Moore (UT)

Moore (WV)

Moran

Murphy

Nehls

Newhouse

Norman

Nunn (IA)

Obernoite

Ogles

Owens

Palmer

Patronis

Perry

Pfuger

Reschenthaler

Rogers (AL)

Rogers (KY)

Rose

Rouzer

Roy

Rulli

Rutherford

Salazar

Stauber

Stefanik

Steil

Steube

Strong

Stutzman

Taylor

Tenney

Thompson (PA)

Tiffany

Timmons

Turner (OH)

Valadao

Van Duyn

Van Orden

Wagner

Walberg

Weber (TX)

Webster (FL)

Westerman

Wied

Williams (TX)

Wilson (SC)

Wittman

Womack

Yakym

Zinke

NOT VOTING—11

Boebert

Clyde

Cohen

Connolly

De La Cruz

Fischbach

Gottheimer

McGovern

Moore (WI)

Norcross

Wilson (FL)

□ 1357

Ms. GARCIA of Texas, Mr. GARAMENDI, and Ms. TITUS changed their vote from “yea” to “nay.”

So the previous question was ordered.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. BOST). The question is on the resolution.

The question was taken; and the Speaker pro tempore announced that the ayes appeared to have it.

RECORDED VOTE

Ms. LEGER FERNANDEZ. Mr. Speaker, I demand a recorded vote.

A recorded vote was ordered.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. This is a 5-minute vote.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—ayes 216, noes 208, not voting 9, as follows:

[Roll No. 106]

AYES—216

Aderholt

Alford

Allen

Amodei (NV)

Arrington

Babin

Bacon

Baird

Balderson

Barr

Barrett

Baumgartner

Bean (FL)

Begich

Bentz

Bergman

Bice

Biggs (AZ)

Biggs (SC)

Billirakis

Boebert

Bost

Brecheen

Bresnahan

Buchanan

Burchett

Burlison

Calvert

Cammack

Carey

Carter (GA)

Carter (TX)

Ciscomani

Cline

Cloud

Clyde

Cole

Collins

Comer

Crane

Crank

Crawford

Crenshaw

Davidson

DesJarlais

Diaz-Balart

Donalds

Downing

Dunn (FL)

Edwards

Ellzey

Emmer

Estes

Evans (CO)

Ezell

Fallon

Fedorchak

Feenstra

Fine

Finstad

Fischbach

Fitzgerald

Fitzpatrick

Fleischmann

Flood

Fong

Foxx

Franklin, Scott

Fry

Fulcher

Garbarino

Gill (TX)

Gimenez

Goldman (TX)

Gonzales, Tony

Gooden

Gosar

Graves

Green (TN)

Greene (GA)

Griffith

Grothman

Guest

Guthrie

Hageman

Hamadeh (AZ)

Haridopolos

Harrigan

Harris (MD)

Harris (NC)

Harshbarger

Hern (OK)

Higgins (LA)

Hill (AR)

Hinson

Houchin

Hudson

Huizenga

Hunt

Hurd (CO)

Issa

Jack

Jackson (TX)

James

Johnson (LA)

Johnson (SD)

Jordan

Joyce (OH)

Joyce (PA)

Kean

Kelly (MS)

Kelly (PA)

Kennedy (UT)

Kennedy (VA)

Kiley (CA)

Kim

Knott

Kustoff

LaHood

LaLota

LaMalfa

Langworthy

Latta

Lawler

Lee (FL)

Letlow

Loudermilk

Lucas

Luna

Luttrell

Mace

Mackenzie

Malliotakis

Maloy

Mann

McCormick

McCormick

McDowell

McGuire

Messmer

Meuser

Miller (IL)

Miller (OH)

Miller (WV)

Miller-Meeks

Mills

Moolenaar

Moore (AL)

Moore (NC)

Moore (UT)

Moore (WV)

Moran

Murphy

Nehls

Newhouse

Norman

Nunn (IA)

Obernoite

Gillen

Golden (ME)

Goldman (NY)

Gomez

Gonzalez, V.

Goodlander

Gray

Green, Al (TX)

Harder (CA)

Hayes

Himes

Horsford

Houlahan

Hoyer

Hoyle (OR)

Huffman

Ivey

Jackson (IL)

Jacobs

Jayapal

Jeffries

Johnson (GA)

Johnson (TX)

Kamlaager-Dove

Kaptur

Keating

Kelly (IL)

Kennedy (NY)

Khanna

Krishnamoorthi

Landsman

Larsen (WA)

Larson (WA)

Larson (CT)

Latimer

Lee (NV)

Lee (PA)

Leger Fernandez

Levin

Liccardo

Lieue

Moore (WI)

Morelle

Morrison

Moskowitz

Moulton

Mrvan

Mullin

Nadler

Neal

Neguse

Omar

Pallone

Panetta

Pappas

Pelosi

Perez

Peters

Pettersen

Pingree

Pocan

Pou

Pressley

Quigley

Ramirez

Randall

Raskin

Riley (NY)

Rivas

Ross

Ruiz

Ryan

Salinas

Sanchez

Scanlon

Schakowsky

Schneider

Scholten

Schrier

Scott (VA)

Scott, David

Sewell

Sherman

Sherill

Simon

Smith (WA)

Sorensen

Soto

Stansbury

Stanton

Stevens

Strickland

Subramanyam

Suoizzi

Swalwell

Sykes

Takano

Thanedar

Thompson (CA)

Thompson (MS)

Titus

Tlaib

Tokuda

Tonko

Torres (CA)

Torres (NY)

Trahan

Tran

Underwood

Vargas

Vasquez

Veasey

Velazquez

Vindman

Wasserman

Schultz

Waters

Watson Coleman

Whitesides

Williams (GA)

Wilson (FL)

NAYS—206

Adams

Aguiar

Amo

Ansari

Auchincloss

Balint

Barragan

Beatty

Bell

Bera

Beyer

Bishop

Bonamici

Boyle (PA)

Brown

Brownley

Budzinski

Bynum

Carbajal

Carson

Carter (LA)

Casar

Case

Casten

Castor (FL)

Castro (TX)

Cherfilus-

McCormick

Chu

Cisneros

Clark (MA)

Clarke (NY)

Cleaver

Clyburn

Conaway

Correa

Costa

Courtney

Craig

Crockett

Crow

Cuellar

Davids (KS)

Davis (IL)

Davis (NC)

Dean (PA)

DeGette

DeLauro

DelBene

Deluzio

DeSaulnier

Dexter

Dingell

Doggett

Elfreth

Escobar

Espallat

Evans (PA)

Fields

Figures

Fletcher

Foster

Foushee

Frankel, Lois

Friedman

Frost

Garamendi

Garcia (CA)

Garcia (IL)

Garcia (TX)

Gillen

Golden (ME)

Goldman (NY)

Gomez

Gonzalez, V.

Goodlander

Gray

Green, Al (TX)

Harder (CA)

Hayes

Himes

Horsford

Houlahan

Hoyer

Hoyle (OR)

Huffman

Ivey

Jackson (IL)

Jacobs

Jayapal

Jeffries

Johnson (GA)

Johnson (TX)

Kamlaager-Dove

Kaptur

Keating

Kelly (IL)

Kennedy (NY)

Khanna

Krishnamoorthi

Landsman

Larsen (WA)

Larson (CT)

Latimer

Lee (NV)

Lee (PA)

Leger Fernandez

Levin

Liccardo

Lieue

Lofgren

Lynch

Magaziner

Mannion

Matsui

McBath

McBride

McClain Delaney

McClellan

McCollum

McDonald Rivet

McGarvey

McIver

Meeks

Menendez

Meng

Mfume

Min

Morelle

Morrison

Moskowitz

Moulton

Mrvan

Mullin

Nadler

Neal

Neguse

Ocasio-Cortez

Olsewski

Omar

Pallone

Panetta

Pappas

Pelosi

Perez

Peters

Pettersen

Pingree

Pocan

Pou

Pressley

Quigley

Ramirez

Randall

Raskin

Riley (NY)

Rivas

Ross

Ruiz

Ryan

Salinas

Sanchez

Scanlon

Schakowsky

Schneider

Scholten

Schrier

Scott (VA)

Scott, David

Sewell

Sherman

Sherill

Simon

Smith (WA)

Sorensen

Soto

Stansbury

Stanton

Stevens

Strickland

Subramanyam

Suoizzi

Swalwell

Sykes

Takano

Thanedar

Thompson (CA)

Thompson (MS)

Titus

Tlaib

Tokuda

Tonko

Torres (CA)

Torres (NY)

Trahan

Tran

Underwood

Vargas

Vasquez

Veasey

Velazquez

Vindman

Wasserman

Schultz

Waters

Watson Coleman

Whitesides

Williams (GA)

Wilson (FL)

NOES—208

Adams

Aguiar

Amo

Ansari

Auchincloss

Balint

Barragan

Beatty

Bell

Bera

Beyer

Bishop

Bonamici

Boyle (PA)

Brown

Brownley

Budzinski

Bynum

Carbajal

Carson

Carter (LA)

Casar

Case

Casten

Castor (FL)

Castro (TX)

Cherfilus-

McCormick

Chu

Cisneros

Clark (MA)

Clarke (NY)

Cleaver

Clyburn

Conaway

Correa

Costa

Courtney

Craig

Crockett

Crow

Cuellar

Davids (KS)

Davis (IL)

Davis (NC)

Dean (PA)

DeGette

DeLauro

DelBene

Deluzio

DeSaulnier

Dexter

Dingell

Doggett

Elfreth

Gillen

Golden (ME)

Goldman (NY)

Gomez

Gonzalez, V.

Goodlander

Gray

Green, Al (TX)

Harder (CA)

Hayes

Himes

Horsford

Houlahan

Hoyer

Hoyle (OR)

Huffman

Ivey

Jackson (IL)

Jacobs

Jayapal

Jeffries

Johnson (GA)

Johnson (TX)

Kamlaager-Dove

Kaptur

Keating

Kelly (IL)

Kennedy (NY)

Khanna

Krishnamoorthi

Landsman

Larsen (WA)

Larson (CT)

Latimer

Lee (NV)

Lee (PA)

Leger Fernandez

Levin

Liccardo

Lieue

Moore (WI)

Morelle

Morrison

Moskowitz

Moulton

Mrvan

Mullin

Nadler

Neal

Neguse

Omar

Pallone

Panetta

Pappas

Pelosi

Perez

Peters

Pettersen

Pingree

Pocan

Pou

Pressley

Quigley

Ramirez

Randall

Raskin

Riley (NY)

Rivas

Ross

Ruiz

Ryan

Salinas

Sanchez

Scanlon

Schakowsky

Schneider

Scholten

Schrier

Scott (VA)

Scott, David

Sewell

Sherman

Sherill

Simon

Smith (WA)

Sorensen

Soto

Stansbury

Stanton

Stevens

Strickland

Subramanyam

Suoizzi

Swalwell

Sykes

Takano

Thanedar

Thompson (CA)

Thompson (MS)

Titus

Tlaib

Tokuda

Tonko

Torres (CA)

Torres (NY)

Trahan

Tran

Underwood

Vargas

Vasquez

Veasey

Velazquez

Vindman

Wasserman

Schultz

Waters

Watson Coleman

Whitesides

Williams (GA)

Wilson (FL)

NOT VOTING—9

Cohen
Connolly
De La Cruz

Gottheimer
McGovern
Norcross

Onder
Spartz
Van Drew

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (during the vote). There are 2 minutes remaining.

□ 1404

So the resolution was agreed to.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

TRANSPARENCY IN CHARGES FOR KEY EVENTS TICKETING ACT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, the unfinished business is the vote on the motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 1402) to require sellers of event tickets to disclose comprehensive information to consumers about ticket prices and related fees, and for other purposes, on which the yeas and nays were ordered.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Florida (Mr. BILIRAKIS) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill.

This is a 5-minute vote.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 409, nays 15, not voting 9, as follows:

[Roll No. 107]

YEAS—409

Adams	Carter (GA)	Dingell
Aderholt	Carter (LA)	Doggett
Aguiar	Carter (TX)	Donalds
Alford	Casar	Downing
Allen	Case	Dunn (FL)
Amo	Casten	Edwards
Amodei (NV)	Castor (FL)	Elfreth
Ansari	Castro (TX)	Ellzey
Arrington	Cherfilus	Emmer
Auchincloss	McCormick	Escobar
Babin	Chu	Espallat
Bacon	Ciscomani	Estes
Baird	Cisneros	Evans (CO)
Balderson	Clark (MA)	Evans (PA)
Balint	Clarke (NY)	Ezell
Barr	Cleaver	Fallon
Barragán	Cline	Fedorchak
Barrett	Cloud	Feenstra
Baumgartner	Clyburn	Fields
Bean (FL)	Cole	Figures
Beatty	Collins	Fine
Begich	Comer	Finstad
Bell	Conaway	Fischbach
Bentz	Correa	Fitzgerald
Bera	Costa	Fitzpatrick
Bergman	Courtney	Fleischmann
Beyer	Craig	Fletcher
Bice	Crank	Flood
Billirakis	Crawford	Fong
Bishop	Crenshaw	Foster
Boebert	Crockett	Foushee
Bonamici	Crow	Fox
Bost	Cuellar	Frankel, Lois
Boyle (PA)	Dauids (KS)	Friedman
Bresnahan	Davidson	Frost
Brown	Davis (IL)	Fulcher
Brownley	Davis (NC)	Garamendi
Buchanan	Dean (PA)	Garbarino
Budzinski	DeGette	Garcia (CA)
Burchett	DeLauro	Garcia (IL)
Bynum	DelBene	Garcia (TX)
Calvert	Deluzio	Gill (TX)
Cammack	DeSaulnier	Gillen
Carbajal	DesJarlais	Gimenez
Carey	Dexter	Golden (ME)
Carson	Diaz-Balart	Goldman (NY)

Goldman (TX)	Luttrell	Rulli
Gomez	Lynch	Rutherford
Gonzales, Tony	Mace	Ryan
Gonzalez, V.	Mackenzie	Salazar
Gooden	Magaziner	Salinas
Goodlander	Malliotakis	Sánchez
Graves	Maloy	Scalise
Gray	Mann	Scanlon
Green (TN)	Mannion	Schakowsky
Green, Al (TX)	Mast	Schmidt
Greene (GA)	Matsui	Schneider
Griffith	McBath	Scholten
Grothman	McBride	Schrier
Guest	McCaul	Schweikert
Guthrie	McClain	Scott (VA)
Hageman	McClain Delaney	Scott, Austin
Harder (CA)	McClellan	Scott, David
Haridopolos	McCollum	Sessions
Harrigan	McCormick	Sewell
Harris (MD)	McDonald Rivet	Sherman
Harris (NC)	McDowell	Sherrill
Harshbarger	McGarvey	Shreve
Hayes	McGuire	Simon
Hern (OK)	McIver	Simpson
Higgins (LA)	Meeks	Smith (MO)
Hill (AR)	Menendez	Smith (NE)
Himes	Meng	Smith (NJ)
Hinson	Messmer	Smith (WA)
Horsford	Meuser	Smucker
Houchin	Mfume	Sorensen
Houlahan	Miller (IL)	Soto
Hoyer	Miller (OH)	Spartz
Hoyle (OR)	Miller (WV)	Stansbury
Hudson	Miller-Meeks	Stanton
Huffman	Mills	Stauber
Huizenga	Min	Stefanik
Hunt	Moolenaar	Steil
Hurd (CO)	Moore (AL)	Stevens
Issa	Moore (NC)	Strickland
Ivey	Moore (UT)	Strong
Jack	Moore (WI)	Stutzman
Jackson (IL)	Moore (WV)	Subramanyam
Jackson (TX)	Moran	Suozi
Jacobs	Morelle	Swalwell
James	Morrison	Sykes
Jayapal	Moskowitz	Takano
Jeffries	Moulton	Taylor
Johnson (GA)	Mrvan	Tenney
Johnson (LA)	Mullin	Thanedar
Johnson (SD)	Murphy	Thompson (CA)
Johnson (TX)	Nadler	Thompson (MS)
Jordan	Neal	Thompson (PA)
Joyce (OH)	Neguse	Timmons
Joyce (PA)	Nehls	Titus
Kamlager-Dove	Newhouse	Tlaib
Kaptur	Nunn (IA)	Tokuda
Kean	Obernolte	Tonko
Keating	Ocasio-Cortez	Torres (CA)
Kelly (IL)	Ogles	Torres (NY)
Kelly (MS)	Olsewski	Trahan
Kelly (PA)	Omar	Tran
Kennedy (NY)	Onder	Turner (OH)
Kennedy (UT)	Owens	Underwood
Khanna	Pallone	Valadao
Kiggans (VA)	Palmer	Van Drew
Kiley (CA)	Panetta	Van Dwyne
Kim	Pappas	Van Orden
Knott	Patronis	Vargas
Krishnamoorthi	Pelosi	Vasquez
Kustoff	Perez	Veasey
LaHood	Perry	Velázquez
LaLota	Peters	Vindman
LaMalfa	Pettersen	Wagner
Landsman	Pfluger	Walberg
Langworthy	Pingree	Wasserman
Larsen (WA)	Pocan	Schultz
Larson (CT)	Pou	Waters
Latimer	Pressley	Watson Coleman
Latta	Quigley	Weber (TX)
Lawler	Ramirez	Webster (FL)
Lee (FL)	Randall	Westerman
Lee (NV)	Raskin	Whitesides
Lee (PA)	Reschenthaler	Wied
Leger Fernandez	Riley (NY)	Williams (GA)
Letlow	Rivas	Williams (TX)
Levin	Rogers (AL)	Wilson (FL)
Liccardo	Rogers (KY)	Wilson (SC)
Lieu	Rose	Wittman
Loudermilk	Ross	Womack
Lucas	Rouzer	Yakym
Luna	Ruiz	Zinke

NAYS—15

Biggs (AZ)	Crane
Biggs (SC)	Gosar
Brecheen	Hamadeh (AZ)
Burlison	Massie
Clyde	McClintock

Norman
Roy
Self
Steube
Tiffany

NOT VOTING—9

Cohen
Connolly
De La Cruz

Franklin, Scott
Fry
Gottheimer

Lofgren
McGovern
Norcross

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (during the vote). There are 2 minutes remaining.

□ 1411

Ms. DELAURO changed her vote from “nay” to “yea.”

So (two-thirds being in the affirmative) the rules were suspended and the bill was passed.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12(a) of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess subject to the call of the Chair.

Accordingly (at 2 o'clock and 13 minutes p.m.), the House stood in recess.

□ 1615

AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota) at 4 o'clock and 15 minutes p.m.

PROVIDING FOR CONGRESSIONAL DISAPPROVAL OF THE RULE SUBMITTED BY THE NATIONAL PARK SERVICE RELATING TO “GLEN CANYON NATIONAL RECREATION AREA: MOTOR VEHICLES”

Mr. WESTERMAN. Mr. Speaker, pursuant to House Resolution 354, I call up the joint resolution (H.J. Res. 60) providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the National Park Service relating to “Glen Canyon National Recreation Area: Motor Vehicles”, and ask for its immediate consideration in the House.

The Clerk read the title of the joint resolution.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to House Resolution 354, the joint resolution is considered read.

The text of the joint resolution is as follows:

H.J. RES. 60

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That Congress disapproves the rule submitted by the National Park Service of the Department of the Interior relating to “Glen Canyon National Recreation Area: Motor Vehicles” (90 Fed. Reg. 2621), and such rule shall have no force or effect.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The joint resolution shall be debatable for 1 hour equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Natural Resources or their respective designees.

The gentleman from Arkansas (Mr. WESTERMAN) and the gentleman from California (Mr. HUFFMAN) each will control 30 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Arkansas (Mr. WESTERMAN).

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. WESTERMAN. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days to revise and extend their remarks and to include extraneous material on H.J. Res. 60.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Arkansas?

There was no objection.

Mr. WESTERMAN. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of H.J. Res. 60, led by Representative MALOY. This is an important effort that will overturn an onerous and unnecessary regulation designed to restrict off-highway vehicle access and recreational use of the Glen Canyon National Recreation Area.

House Republicans are committed to pursuing a comprehensive approach to restoring multiple use and public access to our Federal lands, one that favors commonsense land management and prioritizes community buy-in over preservationist policies that are cooked up here in Washington, D.C.

As chairman of the Committee on Natural Resources, I have often said that some of our most meaningful work increasing access to our public lands will maybe never be a headline on FOX News or CNN, but it will make the front page of your local paper.

Established by Congress in 1972 to enhance public recreation, the Glen Canyon National Recreation Area is a premier tourist destination that offers world-class water-based, backcountry, and off-highway recreation opportunities. Off-highway vehicle recreation predates the recreation area's establishment and has allowed visitors for generations to explore some of the most remote and beautiful stretches of this remarkable landscape.

Consistent with this history, the National Park Service issued a rule in 2021 that expanded the permissible uses of off-road vehicles throughout Glen Canyon, but groups quickly sued, leading the Biden administration to enter into a hasty and secretive settlement against the wishes of local communities.

Under that agreement, the Park Service issued a revised rule in the waning days of the Biden administration that restricts motorized uses in Glen Canyon, overturning decades of precedent and severely restricting public access and recreation opportunities.

Under this new rule, dozens of miles of popular trails and shorelines are closed off to highway vehicles in what the State of Utah called de facto wilderness management. Even small road closures can have profound consequences for public access.

For example, the National Park Service effectively cut off access to the adjacent 1.45 million-acre Henry Mountains travel management area by closing just one-half mile of road in the new rule.

Some of the most popular trails in this area, including the Flint Trail and Poison Springs Loop that are pictured behind me, were also shut down under this rule. What is especially nonsensical about this is that these trails aren't even maintained by the National Park Service. The local county maintains them.

These restrictions are unnecessary and, frankly, lack common sense. Many of these routes are restricted to off-highway vehicles and remain open to conventional vehicles. This creates public safety concerns by incentivizing the use of vehicles that are not meant to handle rough terrain and rugged trails.

Restricting off-highway vehicles also disproportionately affects disabled individuals, who often rely on ATVs or side-by-sides to gain access to remote areas of our public lands. The State of Utah compared the decision to limit off-highway vehicles while still allowing for conventional vehicles as akin to designating parts of Lake Powell exclusively for yachts while restricting more accessible fishing boats and kayaks to less desirable sections of the lake.

In totality, this rule ensures that only the most able-bodied and wealthy will be able to have access to areas of Glen Canyon that used to be open and accessible to everyone. Utah boasts \$9.5 billion of outdoor recreation economy driven largely by motorized recreation. By shutting down some of the State's most popular motorized recreation trails, the National Park Service is shutting down a main engine of economic growth in some of the poorest, most rural counties.

Earlier this year, Congress passed the first-ever bipartisan, comprehensive recreation package aimed at growing, not restricting, our Nation's \$1.1 trillion outdoor recreation economy. The EXPLORE Act passed unanimously in both the House and Senate, a rare feat that demonstrates the overwhelming support for opening more of our public lands to outdoor recreation, not locking up our lands and throwing away the key.

In keeping with that, I strongly urge my colleagues to vote "yes" on this important joint resolution, which will restore off-highway vehicle access to treasured public lands. I again thank Congresswoman MALOY for her excellent work and leadership on this effort.

Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. HUFFMAN. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, this resolution would nullify a National Park Service rule that manages motor vehicle use within the Glen Canyon National Recreation Area. It is a commonsense rule that

this resolution targets, and it outlines where cars and off-road vehicles are allowed to travel within the boundaries of the national recreation area. It shouldn't be controversial. It shouldn't be political.

The Glen Canyon National Recreation Area is a very popular destination. It offers ample opportunities for backcountry exploration across 1.25 million acres of public land. To put that in perspective, this area is larger than the entire State of Rhode Island.

Now, the National Park Service is tasked with managing park units in a manner that balances public access and enjoyment while ensuring responsible stewardship of the natural environment. That is their job.

Achieving that balance can be a tall order under the best of circumstances. It has become even more difficult as the Trump administration works to dismantle the National Park Service. More than 12.5 percent of the entire workforce has left the agency since Donald Trump took office. It has only been a little more than 100 days, and we are already down 2,000 rangers and park employees.

House Republicans have stood by and watched, and now they are proposing a resolution that undermines national park management even further. As a reminder, this resolution would repeal a rule that manages all motorized vehicle access within Glen Canyon National Recreation Area, a unit of the Park Service that is home to very fragile ecosystems like the Orange Cliffs adjacent to Canyonlands National Park and countless cultural and archeological resources.

Initial planning started way back in 2007 and was not finalized until the first Trump administration published an overly permissive record of decision in 2018. A court determined that the 2018 version of the rule did not do enough to consider the environmental consequences of allowing off-road vehicles on certain roads, so the Park Service went back to work and they published a new rule that achieved a better balance.

The updated rule, which is being targeted today, balances visitor use and access with the long-term stewardship and management of park resources.

Despite some of the rhetoric that we may hear from the other side of the aisle, the Park Service did not shut off access to off-road vehicles. Nothing could be further from the truth. The rule allows off-road vehicles on 388 miles of road within the park, only closing access to approximately 6 percent of the existing roadways to protect sensitive resources.

Even those roads are still open to cars, jeeps, and other street-legal vehicles. They are just closed to vehicles that have the ability to travel off-road and cause severe damage in proposed wilderness and other sensitive landscapes.

That is 94 percent of the roads in this Park Service unit open to motor vehicles, including off-road vehicles, and

then just 6 percent where only street-legal vehicles are allowed. That is a very reasonable tradeoff that protects the park for future generations.

It is also worth noting that Congress has never used the Congressional Review Act in the way it is being used right now to repeal a Park Service decision of this nature. This is meddling and micromanaging at its worst, and it could have some unintended consequences as we will discuss in the course of this debate.

When Congress uses the CRA to repeal a rule, then the agency is prohibited by law from issuing a substantially similar rule on the same topic. The decision to repeal this rule could lead to some unintended consequences that would backfire on the very off-road vehicle community that my friends across the aisle are saying that they are trying to protect.

Park managers would be unable to change or alter access even if a proliferation of off-road vehicle use is damaging park resources. That is the downside from the environmental perspective, but even worse, from the perspective of these off-road vehicles, it could mean an end to all off-roading in Glen Canyon National Recreation Area.

Mr. Speaker, Park Service has to have a rule in place if they want to authorize any access. That is what this rule does. If Congress repeals it and the CRA says no replacement rule can be issued, that is how it works. It is like Cortez when he got to Mexico, he burned the boats so nobody would go back. That is how the CRA works.

You burn the bridge; you can't go back on that particular subject area. A court in the future may well decide that the absence of a rule means no off-roading. Period.

It is the kind of uncertainty that would be discussed and fleshed out if you took the time to have a hearing and have a little bit of deliberation instead of jamming a CRA like this, a blunt instrument, right on the House floor.

If the intent is truly about preserving access, there are better ways to do it. There are certainly much better ways for Congress to uplift and support our national parks; for example, standing up to Donald Trump and Elon Musk's gutting of the National Park Service.

I wish we spent more time talking about that rather than a very reckless use of the Congressional Review Act.

Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. WESTERMAN. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, I will point out that the idea that passing this Congressional Review Act would restrict all off-road vehicle access is just not right. That is not going to happen. There was a rule in place before the Biden administration put the new rule in place. We vetted this with the Congressional Re-

search Service. We would simply go back to the rule that was in place that was working fine before the Biden administration came in and put this onerous rule in place.

Also, the argument has been made that only 24 out of 388 miles have been restricted to off-road vehicle use, but as we all know, roads are networks. For instance, there is a half-mile section in this ruling under the Biden administration that blocks off access to over a million acres. You block off a half-mile of road, and you restrict the use to a million acres. I don't think that is what most people would call public access or would agree that it is the way that we should be managing our Federal lands, especially in an area that when it was established, part of its goal was to be able to provide off-road vehicles a place to recreate.

Mr. Speaker, I yield 5 minutes to the gentlewoman from Utah (Ms. MALOY), the lead sponsor of this legislation.

Ms. MALOY. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of this resolution, H.J. Res. 60, which provides congressional disapproval under the Congressional Review Act of the rules submitted by the National Park Service on the Glen Canyon National Recreation Area pertaining to motor vehicles.

The National Park Service finalized a rule that restricts off-road vehicles and all-terrain vehicles, ORVs and ATVs, to access certain areas within the Glen Canyon National Recreation Area in my district.

This would prohibit access to approximately 24 miles of road as the chairman said, including popular trails near the Orange Cliffs and segments of the Poison Springs Loop. I have spent a lot of time on the ground in these areas with local elected officials who, for years, have tried to generate a better experience for visitors to the Orange Cliffs, and this goes in the wrong direction.

Wayne and Garfield Counties are counties that struggle in a State that otherwise thrives. Utah has a really strong economy, but these rural counties have really weak economies. The reason the rural counties struggle is because almost all of the land in their counties is managed by the Federal Government. The Federal Government can make rules that restrict access to parts of their county over their objections.

□ 1630

These roads we are talking about are important to those residing in Wayne and Garfield Counties and the tourists who come here from all over the world. They have used these paths to get to places that are part of their history and part of their recreation for generations. These road restrictions reflect a pattern of access loss that characterizes the problems with having a distant Federal Government make local rules.

People from across the world come to experience the unique opportunities these trails offer. The rule threatens to

sever these connections, leaving communities to bear the brunt of its consequences. This is in a beautiful part of a gorgeous State, but it is not easy to get to. Keep in mind, this is a recreation area, not a preservation area.

Mr. Speaker, the people of Utah deserve better. They deserve a government that listens, that respects their traditions, and understands the importance of balancing conservation with access.

Glen Canyon National Recreation Area is very popular, as my colleague across the aisle pointed out. The Orange Cliffs area is not well traveled. Much like the rural counties are struggling in a State that is thriving, the Orange Cliffs area is tough to get to in a national recreation area where everybody goes to the lake.

It doesn't make sense to close roads and concentrate all those visitors in those small areas. These nonsensical rules that make bureaucrats feel better don't help Utahans and are a symptom of the problem of having a distant and disinterested landlord with an agenda.

That is why I introduced H.J. Res. 60, a resolution that leverages the Congressional Review Act to overturn this misguided rule. The resolution is not just about restoring access to trails. It is about standing up for the rights of my constituents, protecting local economies, and preserving freedoms that define our Nation.

Let us be clear: Conservation and access are not mutually exclusive. We can protect our natural heritage while ensuring that Americans can go see it and enjoy it.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in supporting this resolution. We should send a message that we stand with the people of Wayne and Garfield Counties, the people of Utah, and the people who like to recreate on our public lands.

We value their voices, and we won't allow bureaucratic overreach to dictate our way of life. Together, we can ensure that Glen Canyon remains a place of freedom, adventure, and opportunity for generations to come and isn't a hindrance to the local economies.

Mr. WESTERMAN. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

I appreciate the gentlewoman for her efforts on this legislation and for being a voice for her constituents. She talked about the county governments there that didn't have a voice when this rule was made. This is hurting their economy. It doesn't make sense, and it is kind of a bad example of having that distant landlord with an alternative agenda that lives many miles away managing the land where you live. I thank her for her efforts on behalf of her constituents and on all Americans who enjoy outdoor recreation.

Mr. Speaker, I am prepared to close and continue to reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. HUFFMAN. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself the balance of my time.

I stand by what I said a few minutes ago. Without the rule in place or a replacement rule, off-roading could very well be illegal in all of Glen Canyon.

I did expect that my colleagues across the aisle would state that they assume the Park Service would simply revert back to a previous rule. Now, I don't know for sure because Republicans didn't hold a hearing on the legislation to bring in a witness from the Park Service to answer any questions, but there are two problems with this assumption they seem to be proceeding under.

One, the current rule was issued under a settlement agreement to enforce compliance with environmental protection laws. Repealing that rule doesn't repeal those legal obligations, so whatever outdated rule the administration might try to revive will still have to comply with those laws, and a court is going to strike it down when it doesn't.

Two, as we keep having to remind our colleagues, using the CRA to repeal a rule doesn't just remove that rule, it also prohibits the agency from ever issuing a substantially similar rule on this same topic. That means any rule regarding off-road access in this park unit.

This repeal is practically inviting a court to strike down whatever fallback rule the administration tries reverting to, and when that litigation ensues and they comb through the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD to divine the intent of Congress, they will see pretty plainly that I warned you folks that that was the case right here on the record.

Now, since this information seems new to some of my colleagues, they may be thinking: Wait, that can't be right. Wouldn't this sort of thing have happened before?

The answer is no, because Congress has never used the CRA to micro-manage a park or a park-access rule this narrow in the way that is being proposed with this resolution. The entire scheme is untested, reckless, and ill-advised.

If my colleagues accidentally ban off-roading in Glen Canyon, I hope they are ready to explain that to their constituents, assuming they ever hold townhall meetings again.

Mr. Speaker, in closing, I urge my colleagues to vote "no" on this legislation. Last week was National Park Week, an annual tradition meant to honor our deep connection to national parks. President Trump carried on the tradition by issuing a proclamation to officially designate the week—this is one of the few noncontroversial actions in the first 100 days of this administration—because all Americans love and value and support national parks.

Unfortunately, the proclamation also highlighted how the administration is trying to use national parks to tell a myopic and narrow view of our history. This revisionist turn is exemplified by President Trump's decision to rename Mount Denali in Alaska despite over-

whelming criticism and concern from Alaska Native leaders and other voices in the State. It is clear the President is more interested in branding and flashy stunts than actually supporting our national parks and public lands.

House Republicans have stood by and watched as all of this happened. They did nothing as President Trump and Elon Musk decimated the land management workforce, shuttered critical buildings, and froze funding for critical grant programs designed to safeguard and restore our parks and our public lands.

Just since January, the Park Service has lost 1,700 rangers and Park Service staff, leaving parks understaffed and resources vulnerable just before the busiest time of the year. There have to be better ways to celebrate and cherish our national parks than to dismantle them.

We could be doing something to restore all the jobs that have been cut by this administration. We could debate proposals to create new parks or expand existing ones to honor our shared history and protect our most cherished landscapes. We could advance comprehensive and thoughtful appropriations bills that invest in the future of our parks and our public lands.

Instead of doing any of these productive and responsible actions, House Republicans decided to use some more precious floor time to overturn a narrow and specific rule at the Glen Canyon National Recreation Area. That is a disappointment, another missed opportunity, and a testament to the priorities of this Republican majority. Mr. Speaker, I again urge a "no" vote and yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. WESTERMAN. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself the balance of my time.

I just want to say that it is unfortunate that we are having to use a Congressional Review Act, but it is unfortunate that a former administration tried to legislate from the administrative branch.

That is the purpose of the Congressional Review Act. When bureaucrats overstep their bounds, we have this tool to rein them back in. It would not allow them to make this rule again. A clear reading of the Congressional Review Act, it is easy to see that the rule would go back to the rule that was in place before the Biden administration put the rule in place that we are doing the Congressional Review Act on. It is also common sense that that would happen, and it is clearly the intent of Congress, should this get signed into law, that it would go back to the original rule.

I again applaud Representative MALOY for her exceptional leadership in this effort and for looking out for her constituents. This is a necessary resolution that will allow for more recreation opportunities, greater public access, and growth within Utah's outdoor recreation economy. Whether it is hunting, fishing, hiking, or recreating on off-highway vehicles, our pub-

lic lands were meant to be enjoyed by all Americans, and this CRA allows just that.

Mr. Speaker, I urge the adoption of the joint resolution, and I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. All time for debate has expired.

Pursuant to House Resolution 354, the previous question is ordered on the joint resolution.

The question is on the engrossment and third reading of the joint resolution.

The joint resolution was ordered to be engrossed and read a third time, and was read the third time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on passage of the joint resolution.

The question was taken; and the Speaker pro tempore announced that the ayes appeared to have it.

Mr. HUFFMAN. Mr. Speaker, on that I demand the yeas and nays.

The yeas and nays were ordered.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, further proceedings on this question will be postponed.

RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12(a) of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess subject to the call of the Chair.

Accordingly (at 4 o'clock and 39 minutes p.m.), the House stood in recess.

□ 1700

AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. MURPHY) at 5 o'clock p.m.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Proceedings will resume on questions previously postponed. Votes will be taken in the following order:

Motions to suspend the rules and pass:

H.R. 1442; and,

H.R. 859; and,

Passage of H.J. Res. 60.

The first electronic vote will be conducted as a 15-minute vote. Pursuant to clause 9 of rule XX, remaining electronic votes will be conducted as 5-minute votes.

YOUTH POISONING PROTECTION ACT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, the unfinished business is the vote on the motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 1442) a bill to ban the sale of products with a high concentration of sodium nitrate to individuals, and for other purposes, as amended, on which the yeas and nays were ordered.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Florida (Mr. BILIRAKIS) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 378, nays 42, not voting 12, as follows:

[Roll No. 108]

YEAS—378

Adams	Diaz-Balart	Jackson (TX)
Aderholt	Dingell	Jacobs
Aguilar	Doggett	Jayapal
Alford	Donalds	Jeffries
Allen	Downing	Johnson (GA)
Amo	Dunn (FL)	Johnson (SD)
Amodei (NV)	Edwards	Johnson (TX)
Ansari	Elfreth	Jordan
Arrington	Ellzey	Joyce (OH)
Auchincloss	Emmer	Joyce (PA)
Babin	Escobar	Kamlager-Dove
Bacon	Espallat	Kaptur
Baird	Evans (CO)	Kean
Balderson	Evans (PA)	Keating
Balint	Ezell	Kelly (IL)
Barr	Fallon	Kelly (MS)
Barragán	Fedorchak	Kelly (PA)
Barrett	Feenstra	Kennedy (NY)
Baumgartner	Fields	Khanna
Bean (FL)	Figures	Kiggans (VA)
Beatty	Fine	Kiley (CA)
Begich	Finstad	Kim
Bell	Fischbach	Krishnamoorthi
Bentz	Fitzgerald	Kustoff
Bera	Fitzpatrick	LaHood
Bergman	Fleischmann	LaLota
Beyer	Fletcher	LaMalfa
Bice	Flood	Landsman
Bilirakis	Fong	Langworthy
Bishop	Foster	Larsen (WA)
Bonamici	Foushee	Larson (CT)
Bost	Fox	Latimer
Boyle (PA)	Frankel, Lois	Latta
Bresnahan	Franklin, Scott	Lawler
Brown	Friedman	Lee (FL)
Brownley	Frost	Lee (NV)
Buchanan	Fry	Lee (PA)
Budzinski	Garamendi	Leger Fernandez
Bynum	Garbarino	Letlow
Calvert	Garcia (CA)	Levin
Cammack	Garcia (IL)	Liccardo
Carbajal	Garcia (TX)	Lieu
Carey	Gillen	Lofgren
Carson	Gimenez	Lucas
Carter (GA)	Golden (ME)	Lynch
Carter (LA)	Goldman (NY)	Mace
Carter (TX)	Goldman (TX)	Mackenzie
Casar	Gomez	Magaziner
Case	Gonzales, Tony	Maloy
Casten	Gonzalez, V.	Mann
Castor (FL)	Gooden	Mannion
Castro (TX)	Goodlander	Mast
Cherfilus-	Graves	Matsui
McCormick	Gray	McBath
Chu	Green (TN)	McBride
Ciscomani	Green, Al (TX)	McCauley
Cisneros	Griffith	McClain
Clark (MA)	Grothman	McClain Delaney
Clarke (NY)	Guest	McClellan
Cleaver	Guthrie	McCollum
Clyburn	Hamadeh (AZ)	McDonald Rivet
Cole	Harder (CA)	McGarvey
Comer	Haridopolos	McIver
Conaway	Harris (NC)	Meeks
Correa	Harshbarger	Menendez
Costa	Hayes	Meng
Courtney	Hern (OK)	Messmer
Craig	Higgins (LA)	Meuser
Crawford	Hill (AR)	Mfume
Crenshaw	Himes	Miller (OH)
Crockett	Hinson	Miller (WV)
Crow	Horsford	Miller-Meeks
Cuellar	Houchin	Mills
Davids (KS)	Houlihan	Min
Davis (IL)	Hoyer	Moolenaar
Davis (NC)	Hudson	Moore (NC)
Dean (PA)	Huffman	Moore (UT)
DeGette	Huizenga	Moore (WI)
DeLauro	Hunt	Moran
DelBene	Hurd (CO)	Morelle
Deluzio	Issa	Morrison
DeSaulnier	Ivey	Moskowitz
DesJarlais	Jack	Moulton
Dexter	Jackson (IL)	Mrvan

Mullin	Salazar	Tenney
Murphy	Salinas	Thanedar
Nadler	Sánchez	Thompson (CA)
Neal	Scalise	Thompson (MS)
Neguse	Scanlon	Thompson (PA)
Nehls	Schakowsky	Timmons
Newhouse	Schmidt	Titus
Oberholte	Schneider	Tlaib
Ocasio-Cortez	Scholten	Tokuda
Olszewski	Schrier	Tonko
Omar	Schweikert	Torres (CA)
Onder	Scott (VA)	Torres (NY)
Owens	Scott, Austin	Trahan
Pallone	Scott, David	Tran
Palmer	Sessions	Turner (OH)
Panetta	Sewell	Underwood
Pappas	Sherman	Valadao
Patronis	Sherrill	Van Drew
Patoli	Shreve	Van Orden
Perez	Simon	Vargas
Peters	Simpson	Vasquez
Pettersen	Smith (MO)	Veasey
Pfleger	Smith (NE)	Velázquez
Pingree	Smith (NJ)	Vindman
Pocan	Smith (WA)	Wagner
Pou	Smucker	Walberg
Pressley	Sorensen	Wasserman
Quigley	Soto	Schultz
Ramirez	Spartz	Waters
Randall	Stanton	Watson Coleman
Raskin	Staubert	Weber (TX)
Reschenthaler	Stefanik	Webster (FL)
Riley (NY)	Steil	Westernman
Rivas	Stevens	Whitesides
Rogers (AL)	Strickland	Williams (GA)
Rogers (KY)	Strong	Williams (TX)
Rose	Stutzman	Wilson (FL)
Ross	Subramanyam	Wilson (SC)
Rouzer	Suozzi	Wittman
Ruiz	Swalwell	Womack
Rulli	Sykes	Yakym
Rutherford	Takano	Zinke
Ryan	Taylor	

NAYS—42

Biggs (AZ)	Gill (TX)	McDowell
Biggs (SC)	Gosar	McGuire
Boebert	Greene (GA)	Miller (IL)
Brecheen	Hageman	Moore (AL)
Burchett	Harrigan	Moore (WV)
Burlison	Harris (MD)	Norman
Cline	Kennedy (UT)	Ogles
Cloud	Knott	Perry
Clyde	Loudermilk	Roy
Collins	Luttrell	Self
Crane	Malliotakis	Steube
Crank	Massie	Tiffany
Estes	McClintock	Van Dyne
Fulcher	McCormick	Wied

NOT VOTING—12

Cohen	Gottheimer	McGovern
Connolly	Hoyle (OR)	Norcross
Davidson	James	Nunn (IA)
De La Cruz	Luna	Stansbury

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Messrs. MOORE of West Virginia and McDOWELL changed their vote from “yea” to “nay.”

Mr. PETERS and Ms. MOORE of Wisconsin changed their vote from “nay” to “yea.”

So (two-thirds being in the affirmative) the rules were suspended and the bill, as amended, was passed.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

The title of the bill was amended so as to read: “A bill to ban the sale of products with a high concentration of sodium nitrite to individuals, and for other purposes.”

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

Stated for:

Ms. STANSBURY. Mr. Speaker, had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 108.

INFORMING CONSUMERS ABOUT SMART DEVICES ACT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, the unfinished business is the vote on the motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 859) to require the disclosure of a camera or recording capability in certain internet-connected devices, on which the yeas and nays were ordered.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Florida (Mr. BILIRAKIS) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill.

This is a 5-minute vote.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 415, nays 9, not voting 8, as follows:

[Roll No. 109]

YEAS—415

Adams	Costa	Goldman (NY)
Aderholt	Courtney	Goldman (TX)
Aguilar	Craig	Gomez
Alford	Crane	Gonzales, Tony
Allen	Crank	Gonzalez, V.
Amo	Crawford	Gooden
Amodei (NV)	Crenshaw	Goodlander
Ansari	Crockett	Gosar
Arrington	Crow	Graves
Auchincloss	Cuellar	Gray
Babin	Davids (KS)	Green (TN)
Bacon	Davidson	Green, Al (TX)
Baird	Davis (IL)	Greene (GA)
Balderson	Davis (NC)	Griffith
Barr	Dean (PA)	Grothman
Barragán	DeGette	Guest
Barrett	DeLauro	Guthrie
Baumgartner	DelBene	Hageman
Bean (FL)	Deluzio	Hamadeh (AZ)
Beatty	DeSaulnier	Harder (CA)
Begich	DesJarlais	Haridopolos
Bell	Dexter	Harrigan
Bentz	Diaz-Balart	Harris (MD)
Bera	Dingell	Harris (NC)
Bergman	Doggett	Harshbarger
Beyer	Donalds	Hayes
Bice	Downing	Hern (OK)
Biggs (AZ)	Dunn (FL)	Higgins (LA)
Biggs (SC)	Edwards	Hill (AR)
Bilirakis	Elfreth	Himes
Bishop	Ellzey	Hinson
Boebert	Emmer	Horsford
Bonamici	Escobar	Houchin
Bost	Espallat	Houlihan
Boyle (PA)	Estes	Hoyer
Bresnahan	Evans (CO)	Hoyle (OR)
Brown	Evans (PA)	Hudson
Brownley	Ezell	Huffman
Buchanan	Fallon	Huizenga
Budzinski	Fedorchak	Hunt
Bynum	Feenstra	Hurd (CO)
Calvert	Fields	Issa
Cammack	Figures	Ivey
Carbajal	Fine	Jack
Carey	Finstad	Jackson (IL)
Carson	Fischbach	Jackson (TX)
Carter (GA)	Fitzgerald	Jacobs
Carter (LA)	Fitzpatrick	Jayapal
Carter (TX)	Fleischmann	Jeffries
Casar	Fletcher	Johnson (GA)
Case	Flood	Johnson (SD)
Casten	Fong	Johnson (TX)
Castor (FL)	Foster	Jordan
Castro (TX)	Foushee	Joyce (OH)
Cherfilus-	Fox	Joyce (PA)
McCormick	Frankel, Lois	Kamlager-Dove
Chu	Franklin, Scott	Kaptur
Ciscomani	Friedman	Kean
Cisneros	Frost	Keating
Clark (MA)	Fry	Kelly (IL)
Clarke (NY)	Fulcher	Kelly (MS)
Cleaver	Garamendi	Kelly (PA)
Cline	Garbarino	Kennedy (NY)
Cloud	Garcia (CA)	Kennedy (UT)
Clyburn	Garcia (IL)	Khanna
Cole	Garcia (TX)	Kiggans (VA)
Collins	Gill (TX)	Kiley (CA)
Comer	Gillen	Kim
Conaway	Gimenez	Knott
Correa	Golden (ME)	Krishnamoorthi

Kustoff	Moskowitz	Smith (MO)
LaHood	Moulton	Smith (NE)
LaLota	Mrvan	Smith (NJ)
LaMalfa	Mullin	Smith (WA)
Landsman	Murphy	Sorensen
Langworthy	Nadler	Soto
Larsen (WA)	Neal	Spartz
Larson (CT)	Neguse	Stansbury
Latimer	Nehls	Stanton
Latta	Newhouse	Stauber
Lawler	Nunn (IA)	Stefanik
Lee (FL)	Obernolte	Steil
Lee (NV)	Ocasio-Cortez	Steube
Lee (PA)	Ogles	Stevens
Leger Fernandez	Olzewski	Strickland
Letlow	Omar	Strong
Levin	Onder	Stutzman
Liccardo	Owens	Subramanyam
Lieu	Pallone	Suozi
Lofgren	Palmer	Swalwell
Loudermilk	Panetta	Sykes
Lucas	Pappas	Takano
Luna	Patronis	Taylor
Luttrell	Pelosi	Tenney
Lynch	Perez	Thanedar
Mace	Peters	Thompson (CA)
Mackenzie	Pettersen	Thompson (MS)
Magaziner	Pfuger	Thompson (PA)
Malliotakis	Pingree	Tiffany
Maloy	Pocan	Timmons
Mann	Pou	Titus
Mannion	Pressley	Tlaib
Mast	Quigley	Tokuda
Matsui	Ramirez	Tonko
McBath	Randall	Torres (CA)
McBride	Raskin	Torres (NY)
McCaul	Reschenthaler	Trahan
McClain	Riley (NY)	Tran
McClain Delaney	Rivas	Turner (OH)
McClellan	Rogers (AL)	Underwood
McClintock	Rogers (KY)	Valadao
McCormack	Rose	Van Drew
McDonald Rivet	Ross	Van Dwyne
McDowell	Rouzer	Van Orden
McGarvey	Ruiz	Vargas
McGuire	Rulli	Vasquez
McIver	Rutherford	Veasey
Meeks	Ryan	Velázquez
Menendez	Salazar	Vindman
Meng	Salinas	Wagner
Messmer	Sánchez	Walberg
Meuser	Scalise	Wasserman
Mfume	Scanlon	Schultz
Miller (IL)	Schakowsky	Waters
Miller (OH)	Schmidt	Watson Coleman
Miller (WV)	Schneider	Weber (TX)
Miller-Meeks	Scholten	Webster (FL)
Mills	Schrier	Westerman
Min	Schweikert	Whitesides
Moolenaar	Scott (VA)	Wied
Moore (AL)	Scott, Austin	Williams (GA)
Moore (NC)	Scott, David	Williams (TX)
Moore (UT)	Sessions	Wilson (FL)
Moore (WI)	Sewell	Wilson (SC)
Moore (WV)	Sherman	Wittman
Moran	Sherrill	Womack
Morelle	Shreve	Yakym
Morrison	Simon	Zinke
	Simpson	

NAYS—9

Brecheen	Clyde	Perry
Burchett	Massie	Roy
Burlison	Norman	Self

NOT VOTING—8

Balint	De La Cruz	McGovern
Cohen	Gottheimer	Norcross
Connolly	James	

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (during the vote). There are 2 minutes remaining.

□ 1734

So (two-thirds being in the affirmative) the rules were suspended and the bill was passed.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

PROVIDING FOR CONGRESSIONAL DISAPPROVAL OF THE RULE SUBMITTED BY THE NATIONAL PARK SERVICE RELATING TO “GLEN CANYON NATIONAL RECREATION AREA: MOTOR VEHICLES”

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, the unfinished business is the vote on passage of the joint resolution (H.J. Res. 60) providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the National Park Service relating to “Glen Canyon National Recreation Area: Motor Vehicles”, on which the yeas and nays were ordered.

The Clerk read the title of the joint resolution.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the passage of the joint resolution.

This is a 5-minute vote.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 219, nays 205, not voting 9, as follows:

[Roll No. 110]

YEAS—219

Aderholt	Fischbach	Latta
Alford	Fitzgerald	Lawler
Allen	Fitzpatrick	Lee (FL)
Amodei (NV)	Fleischmann	Letlow
Arrington	Flood	Loudermilk
Babin	Fong	Lucas
Bacon	Fox	Luna
Baird	Franklin, Scott	Luttrell
Balderson	Fry	Mace
Barr	Fulcher	Mackenzie
Barrett	Garbarino	Malliotakis
Baumgartner	Gill (TX)	Maloy
Bean (FL)	Gimenez	Mann
Begich	Goldman (TX)	Massie
Bentz	Gonzales, Tony	Mast
Bergman	Gooden	McCauley
Bice	Gosar	McClain
Biggs (AZ)	Graves	McClintock
Biggs (SC)	Green (TN)	McCormick
Bilirakis	Greene (GA)	McDowell
Boebert	Griffith	McGuire
Bost	Grothman	Messmer
Brecheen	Guest	Meuser
Bresnahan	Guthrie	Miller (OH)
Buchanan	Hageman	Miller (WV)
Burchett	Hamadeh (AZ)	Miller-Meeks
Burlison	Haridopolos	Mills
Calvert	Harrigan	Moolenaar
Cammack	Harris (MD)	Moore (AL)
Carey	Harris (NC)	Moore (NC)
Carter (GA)	Harshbarger	Moore (UT)
Carter (TX)	Hern (OK)	Moore (WV)
Ciscomani	Higgins (LA)	Moran
Cline	Hill (AR)	Murphy
Cloud	Hinson	Nehls
Clyde	Houchin	Newhouse
Cole	Hudson	Norman
Collins	Huizenga	Nunn (IA)
Comer	Hunt	Obernolte
Crane	Hurd (CO)	Ogles
Crank	Issa	Onder
Crawford	Jack	Owens
Crenshaw	Jackson (TX)	Palmer
Davidson	Johnson (LA)	Patronis
Davis (NC)	Johnson (SD)	Perez
DesJarlais	Jordan	Perry
Diaz-Balart	Joyce (OH)	Pfuger
Donalds	Joyce (PA)	Reschenthaler
Downing	Kean	Rogers (AL)
Dunn (FL)	Kelly (MS)	Rogers (KY)
Edwards	Kelly (PA)	Rose
Ellzey	Kennedy (UT)	Rouzer
Emmer	Kiggans (VA)	Roy
Estes	Kiley (CA)	Rulli
Evans (CO)	Kim	Rutherford
Ezell	Knott	Salazar
Fallon	Kustoff	Scalise
Fedorchak	LaHood	Schmidt
Feenstra	LaLota	Schweikert
Fine	LaMalfa	Scott, Austin
Finstad	Langworthy	Self

Sessions	Strong
Shreve	Stutzman
Simpson	Taylor
Smith (MO)	Tenney
Smith (NE)	Thompson (PA)
Smith (NJ)	Tiffany
Smucker	Timmons
Spartz	Turner (OH)
Stauber	Valadao
Stefanik	Van Drew
Steil	Van Dwyne
Steube	Van Orden

NAYS—205

Adams	Golden (ME)	Omar
Aguilar	Goldman (NY)	Pallone
Amo	Gomez	Panetta
Ansari	Gonzalez, V.	Pappas
Auchincloss	Goodlander	Pelosi
Barragan	Gray	Peters
Beatty	Green, Al (TX)	Pettersen
Bell	Harder (CA)	Pingree
Bera	Hayes	Pocan
Beyer	Himes	Pou
Bishop	Horsford	Pressley
Bonamici	Houlahan	Quigley
Boyle (PA)	Hoyer	Ramirez
Brown	Hoyle (OR)	Randall
Brownley	Huffman	Raskin
Budzinski	Ivey	Riley (NY)
Bynum	Jackson (IL)	Rivas
Carbajal	Jacobs	Ross
Carson	Jayapal	Ruiz
Carter (LA)	Jeffries	Ryan
Casas	Johnson (GA)	Salinas
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Casten	Kamlager-Dove	Scanlon
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Castro (TX)	Keating	Schneider
Cherfilus-	Kelly (IL)	Scholten
McCormick	Kennedy (NY)	Schrier
Chu	Khanna	Scott (VA)
Cisneros	Krishnamoorthi	Scott, David
Clark (MA)	Landsman	Sewell
Clarke (NY)	Larsen (WA)	Sherman
Cleaver	Larson (CT)	Sherrill
Clyburn	Latimer	Simon
Conaway	Lee (NV)	Smith (WA)
Correa	Lee (PA)	Sorensen
Costa	Leger Fernandez	Soto
Courtney	Levin	Stansbury
Craig	Liccardo	Stanton
Crockett	Lieu	Stevens
Crow	Lofgren	Strickland
Cuellar	Lynch	Subramanyam
Davids (KS)	Magaziner	Suozi
Davis (IL)	Mannion	Swalwell
Dean (PA)	Matsui	Sykes
DeGette	McBath	Takano
DeLauro	McBride	Thanedar
DelBene	McClain Delaney	Thompson (CA)
Deluzio	McClellan	Thompson (MS)
DeSaulnier	McCollum	Titus
Dexter	McDonald Rivet	Tlaib
Dingell	McGarvey	Tokuda
Doggett	McIver	Tonko
Elfreth	Meeks	Torres (CA)
Escobar	Menendez	Torres (NY)
Espallat	Meng	Trahan
Evans (PA)	Mfume	Tran
Fields	Min	Underwood
Figures	Moore (WI)	Vargas
Fletcher	Morelle	Vasquez
Foster	Morrison	Veasey
Foushee	Moskowitz	Velázquez
Frankel, Lois	Moulton	Vindman
Friedman	Mrvan	Wasserman
Frost	Mullin	Schultz
Garamendi	Nadler	Waters
Garcia (CA)	Neal	Watson Coleman
Garcia (IL)	Neguse	Whitesides
Garcia (TX)	Ocasio-Cortez	Williams (GA)
Gillen	Olzewski	Wilson (FL)

NOT VOTING—9

Balint	De La Cruz	McGovern
Cohen	Gottheimer	Miller (IL)
Connolly	James	Norcross

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (during the vote). There are 2 minutes remaining.

□ 1740

Ms. WATERS changed her vote from “yea” to “nay.”

So the joint resolution was passed.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

REMOVAL OF NAME OF MEMBER AS COSPONSOR OF H. RES. 353

Mr. NADLER. Mr. Speaker, I hereby remove my name as cosponsor of H. Res. 353.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman's request is granted.

REMOVAL OF NAME OF MEMBER AS COSPONSOR OF H.R. 2111

Mr. CARTER of Louisiana. Mr. Speaker, I hereby remove my name as cosponsor of H.R. 2111.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman's request is granted.

REMOVAL OF NAME OF MEMBER AS COSPONSOR OF H. RES. 353

Mr. MFUME. Mr. Speaker, I hereby remove my name as cosponsor of H. Res. 353.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman's request is granted.

REMOVAL OF NAME OF MEMBER AS COSPONSOR OF H. RES. 353.

Ms. KELLY of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I hereby remove my name as cosponsor of H. Res. 353.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentlewoman's request is granted.

□ 1745

HONORING THE LIFE OF JOHN THOMAS WELCHEL

(Mr. CARTER of Georgia asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of John Thomas Welch.

Tom was a devoted husband, father, grandfather, attorney, and community leader. He was born in Adel, Georgia, in 1935 and spent his childhood in Moultrie, Georgia.

He attended the University of Georgia, where he joined Phi Delta Theta and served as president of the Interfraternity Council. Tom then went on to earn his law degree from the Lumpkin School of Law in 1959 and moved to Brunswick to begin a legal career that would span over the course of six decades.

He served as county attorney for Glynn County and was president of the local bar association. He was also a fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers, a national recognition for excellence in the courtroom.

Outside of law, Tom was active in his community by serving on the Frederica Academy Board, helping launch the First Bank of Brunswick.

Tom found great joy in being a pilot, which paved the way for his early partnership in Golden Isles Aviation.

Above all, Tom was a devoted husband and a proud father and grandfather. His legacy lives on through the family he cherished, the community he served, and the lives he touched.

HONORING THE LIFE OF CHARLOTTE Y. PRICE

(Mrs. BEATTY asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Mrs. BEATTY. Mr. Speaker, as the senior member from Ohio, it gives me great pleasure to rise today to honor and celebrate the life and legacy of Charlotte Y. Price, a beloved wife of the Honorable Elder Larry Price, a devoted mother to Dr. Angela Price, a proud member of Delta Sigma Theta, Incorporated, a member of Triedstone Missionary Baptist Church, and a dedicated Columbus Public Schools educator. She taught for over 25 years, specializing in special education.

She was one of the Nation's few teachers to earn National Board Certification.

She continued tutoring long after her retirement, and she believed deeply in every child's potential, including students in the juvenile justice system.

Mrs. Price was a pillar of faith, service, and hope for our community. Charlotte Y. Price fought a good fight, finished the race, and kept the faith.

Mr. Speaker, today, to my district and to all watching, we celebrate Charlotte Y. Price.

ELECTRIC VEHICLE MANDATES

(Mr. LAMALFA asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. LAMALFA. Mr. Speaker, my home State of California's vehicle sales mandate removes consumer choice.

Americans are not choosing electric vehicles. They still prefer and rely on internal combustion engine-powered cars.

In most States, EV sales aren't even close to the mandate.

New York, for example, is supposed to reach 35 percent electric vehicle sales by 2026, but they are barely at 10 percent today.

The Biden-Harris EPA granted these waivers after they lost the election in a clear attempt to lock in California's extreme electric vehicle requirements in their environmental agenda.

These mandates don't just affect California. Other States copy as well. They impact every State by raising vehicle prices and limiting what Americans can buy.

The policy threatens jobs across this country and forces companies to spend more to replace their fleets.

Our electric grid cannot handle the surge in demand for mass EV adoption.

Neighborhoods with three or more houses in the neighborhood that have these electric vehicle chargers, have to replace the wires and transformers on those poles in that neighborhood. The infrastructure is not there. The desire by the market isn't there, yet the government is trying to force this mandate on people.

H.J. Res. 88 restores fairness and protects Americans' right to choose the vehicles that work for them.

FIRST 100 DAYS

(Ms. BROWN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. BROWN. Mr. Speaker, it has been 100 days of broken promises, cuts, and chaos from the Trump administration.

The damage has been done from my district in Cleveland to rural America.

Here is how Trump has hurt the farm economy in just 100 days:

President Trump has fired critical staff at USDA and gutted key programs that support rural communities.

He has enacted tariff chaos, driving up the cost of fertilizer, fuel, and equipment.

He has launched a trade war, again putting farmers at risk of retaliatory tariffs that will dry up export markets.

He has slashed over a billion dollars from food programs that put fresh produce in school cafeterias and keep food banks stocked.

Meanwhile, Republicans are pushing to gut SNAP, a program that feeds 40 million Americans and delivers billions in revenue back to the farm country.

Working families in urban, suburban, and rural communities across America are footing the bill for Trump's chaos.

The bottom line is that Trump's broken economy isn't working for anyone.

RECOGNIZING CARTER BISIG

(Mr. TAYLOR asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. TAYLOR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Carter Bisig.

Carter is a junior at Wilmington High School in Wilmington, Ohio, and has earned the Eagle Scout Award, the highest possible achievement in the Boy Scout community.

To earn an Eagle Scout Award, Carter had to obtain 21 merit badges showcasing the skills he learned as a Scout and his commitment to the community. Thanks to the invaluable lessons taught to Scouts, Carter has become an expert in first aid, camping, fitness, communication, and citizenship.

Throughout our Nation's history, the Boy Scouts have played an invaluable role in teaching young people hands-on skills that make them better citizens and stewards of their communities. America is blessed to have an organization dedicated to helping our children become the best versions of themselves.

Southern Ohio is so proud of Carter's accomplishment and happy to call him one of our own. Since the Eagle Scout Award was first introduced in 1912, only about 4 percent of Boy Scouts have earned the award, making this achievement nothing short of extraordinary.

I look forward to seeing how Carter can continue to create positive change in Ohio's Second Congressional District.

I would also like to recognize Carter's parents and Scout leaders for their role in this process. Without them, this achievement would not have been possible.

I congratulate Carter.

RECOGNIZING SUPERINTENDENT JEFF WENDORF

(Mrs. SYKES asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Mrs. SYKES. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to congratulate and announce as our champion of the week North Canton City Schools Superintendent Jeff Wendorf on his retirement after a 40-year career serving the students of North Canton as a teacher, coach, and administrator.

Since he began serving as the superintendent in 2016, North Canton has consistently been ranked as one of the top school districts not just in Stark County but throughout the State of Ohio.

Just last year, the district received a 5-star rating, the highest, on its school report card from the Ohio Department of Education for the 2023-2024 school year.

Throughout his career, Superintendent Wendorf has led by example, demonstrating perseverance, compassion, and dedication for his community, all while supporting strong public schools.

For his outstanding devotion, he earned the respect and esteem of many students and educators alike. While his character and decisive leadership will be sorely missed, I am confident that his numerous contributions will serve as an inspiration for everyone in the wake of his departure.

Congratulations again to Superintendent Jeff Wendorf on his well-deserved retirement. He is a shining example of why this community is known as the "Birthplace of Champions," and I wish him many more years of happiness and prosperity.

ABREGO GARCIA

(Mr. BURCHETT asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. BURCHETT. Mr. Speaker, I rise this afternoon to speak to America about Abrego Garcia, the alleged MS-13 member and illegal alien who the Trump administration deported back home to El Salvador.

I would like to ask my Democrat colleagues this question: Where was your outrage when the Biden administration allowed millions of undocumented illegals into our country? Where was your outrage when my own constituents, the Corcoran family, were crying over the body of their child who was killed at the hands of an illegal? Where were you when Laken Riley and many other Americans were slaughtered by illegal aliens who were allowed into our country under your open-border policies?

Now you want to go on TV and act outraged about Abrego Garcia being deported? Give me a break.

Here are the facts. He was pulled over by the Tennessee Highway Patrol for speeding with an expired license. He was detained. He had folks in his vehicle that were apparently not American citizens. Then he was ordered by Biden's FBI to be released.

In court documents, his wife even said: "At this point, I am afraid to be close to him." She goes on to say: "I have multiple photos, videos of how violent he can be . . ."

When Democrats grandstand on the deportation of a wife-beating El Salvadorian, MS-13 gang member and chant "Bring him home," I have good news for you. He is home, and he will never be able to call America home.

CELEBRATING DORA WHITING

(Mr. VINDMAN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. VINDMAN. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to celebrate someone truly special, a person whose presence has touched so many lives at the University of Mary Washington.

After 30 years of dedicated service to the dining team, Dora Whiting is retiring.

I want to take a moment to recognize her immense impact on our community by naming her my "Constituent of the Week."

From her iconic "It's Friday!" moments to the joy she brings when students walk by Woodard Hall, her positive energy has made a lasting impression on all she meets.

Her compassion and unwavering support for students and faculty alike have helped create a welcoming environment that will be remembered for years to come.

I know the students at Mary Washington will certainly miss her constant presence, and I join them in celebrating her retirement and her legacy.

RECOGNIZING LEE IRWIN

(Mr. MCCORMICK asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. MCCORMICK. Mr. Speaker, it is my great honor to recognize Lee Irwin on the week of her 90th birthday.

She has lived an extraordinary life. Mr. Speaker, she has spent 90 years of serving the community, making tens of thousands of dresses and britches for those young people over in Africa that don't have very much, serving her community and the Methodist Church that she served as both a secretary and now a volunteer teaching accordion, and raising three lovely children, also known as my cousins.

Welcome to just a great woman here in the House to recognize a life well lived. Happy birthday. I love you, and God bless you.

ICE STEWART DETENTION CENTER

(Mr. DAVIS of North Carolina asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. DAVIS of North Carolina. Mr. Speaker, for far too long, Congress has kicked the can down the road on meaningful action on immigration reform, and there is still significant work to be done to secure our border.

Meanwhile, families in eastern North Carolina are facing dire consequences from illegal drugs and crime in communities. People back home want Congress to act.

Clearly, this isn't just an issue for border communities. It affects all of us.

With a decline in unlawful entries into our country, our attention has shifted to Immigration and Customs Enforcement.

Recently, I visited the ICE Detention Center servicing eastern North Carolina, followed by the Stewart Detention Center in Lumpkin, Georgia, where detainees from eastern North Carolina are transported. I also made a trip to Guantanamo Bay with members of the Armed Services Committee.

To be clear, we must not compromise public safety and we must adhere to the Constitution.

□ 1800

MEDICAID IS AMERICA'S HEALTHCARE SAFETY NET

(Mr. SUBRAMANYAM asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. SUBRAMANYAM. Mr. Speaker, \$880 billion, that is how much Medicaid funding is on the chopping block. Medicaid funding provides lifesaving care for millions of Americans.

Medicaid is America's healthcare safety net. Without it, hospitals operating on thin margins will close, medical debt will skyrocket, and kids across the country will suffer.

Americans on Medicaid are your grandparents, your neighbors, your friends, and they are at risk because of these cuts. Virginians, in particular, are vulnerable because even if 1 percent of Federal funding of Medicaid is cut, 600,000 Virginians will lose their

Medicaid expansion coverage. This means pregnant women, babies, kids with disabilities, and our most vulnerable neighbors will lose coverage.

These cuts will make us less healthy and they will make us less prosperous and less safe. Even if you are not on Medicaid, emergency rooms will be overwhelmed with uninsured patients and your premiums and healthcare costs will go up, as well.

Mr. Speaker, every American should speak out against these cuts to Medicaid.

HONORING STATE REPRESENTATIVE ABDELNASSER RASHID

(Mr. GARCÍA of Illinois asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. GARCÍA of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, as we approach the end of Arab American Heritage Month, I rise to honor my colleague and friend, State Representative Abdelnasser Rashid.

As the first Muslim elected in the Illinois General Assembly and the only Palestinian American to serve, he is not just making history; he is crafting it. He didn't step forward for titles or recognition. He stepped forward because families and communities like his have waited long enough for homegrown leaders who carry their hopes because they know their hardships.

His presence is a testament to perseverance, principle, and the strength to stay true to community. Abdelnasser carries the hopes of generations on his shoulders. He knows his work is bigger than any one person, and he does so with quiet courage, not seeking applause, but grounded in the belief that dignity and opportunity are rights, not privileges.

Representative Rashid isn't just honoring his heritage; he is building a future.

Mr. Speaker, today, we are proud to stand with him.

UNITED STATES HAS \$36 TRILLION IN FEDERAL DEBT

(Mr. HARRIS of Maryland asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. HARRIS of Maryland. Mr. Speaker, the United States has \$36 trillion in Federal debt. Our debt-to-GDP ratio is greater than Greece and Italy when they had their debt crisis, and we are incurring a deficit of \$2 trillion a year.

The most rapidly growing part of the Federal budget is Medicaid. You will have people come to the floor and they will talk about Medicaid cuts, but Mr. Speaker, only in Washington is a slight decrease in the increase in a program called a cut or slashing because that is not the way anybody's budget works at home, but that is the way it works in Washington.

The Medicaid budget has increased 40 percent over the last 5 years and is out

of control. We have to control the growth in it to preserve it for the future. A little known fact is that in many States, providers are paid more to take care of a Medicaid patient than a Medicare patient. That ought to scare every senior in this country when Medicare is going to be crowded out by an out-of-control Medicaid budget.

ONE HUNDRED DAYS OF CHAOS, DYSFUNCTION, AND ATTACKS

(Ms. STANSBURY asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. STANSBURY. Mr. Speaker, today marks the 100th day of this administration. One hundred days of chaos, dysfunction, and attacks. Attacks on our democracy, our communities, and our environment, rollback protections for climate and clean energy, for our air, land, water, and wildlife.

Here just 1 week after the 55th anniversary of Earth Day, my colleagues across the aisle are putting forth a set of resolutions to gut protections for clean air and public lands across the West, while they prepare a reconciliation package next week that would open our public lands to oil and gas drilling, selling them to the lowest bidder, and repealing historic investments in climate and clean energy.

To think that just 55 years ago, a historic bipartisan people's movement led the United States in leading the world to protect our air, land, and water. We are here today to say we are not going back and we will continue to fight for our planet and our communities.

ATTACKS AND THREATS ON DEMOCRACY AND RULE OF LAW

(Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 3, 2025, Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia was recognized for 60 minutes as the designee of the minority leader.)

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days in which to revise and extend their remarks and to submit extraneous material into the RECORD.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. TAYLOR). Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Georgia?

There was no objection.

Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, after Donald Trump and his co-president Elon Musk took office on January 20, Democrats in Congress realized that we were engaged in a multifaceted struggle to protect and defend everyday Americans from the harm being inflicted by this reckless and cruel administration.

It was an all-hands-on-deck moment with roles for Congress, the courts, and for we the people.

On February 10, House Democratic Party Minority Leader HAKEEM

JEFFRIES formally established the Rapid Response Task Force and Litigation Working Group, chaired by assistant leader JOE NEGUSE and co-chaired by Representatives ROSA DELAUNO, GERRY CONNOLLY, and JAMIE RASKIN.

The task force itself is also a multifaceted defense of our democracy with its 45 Members participating in various working groups. I participate in the Litigation Working Group that brainstorms ideas for amicus briefs where Congress' perspective would be especially important and useful to the courts such as when the Trump administration tramples upon Congress' constitutional powers by ignoring the will of Congress as expressed by legislation that directs that a certain thing be done.

When Congress passes legislation and that legislation is signed into law, then whoever is President is charged with the responsibility of taking care that that law is faithfully executed. The President does not have the power to nullify a law passed by Congress, but this President is willfully acting like a dictator and the Litigation Working Group is working to stop this President from acting unlawfully and unconstitutionally.

We are seeing great success in the courts, which is why this President is now attacking the judiciary and attacking judges, and we will talk about that later during this Special Order hour, which I have been asked to lead.

I also participate in a hearings working group that sets up hearings across the Nation to highlight how this administration's unlawful and unconstitutional actions are affecting everyday people. Importantly for tonight, I participate in the Special Order hour working group, where my fellow Representatives and I organize time to speak on topics of urgent importance so that the American public can be informed about the harm this administration is causing, our thoughts about it, and what we can do about it, both here in the Halls of Congress and in the courts as well as in the streets.

Tonight, the topic I feel most urgency around is illuminating the ways that the Trump administration is destroying democracy through its attack on the rule of law.

As a young man, I decided to become a lawyer. Actually, as a child, I was 4 years old when my hero, my mentor, my cousin—we called him Tokey, but his name was Archibald Hill—I was 4 years old when he graduated from law school and became a lawyer. When that happened, I decided at that tender age of 4 years old that I wanted to be just like him. I wanted to be an attorney also.

Archibald went out to Oklahoma and set up his homebase there in Oklahoma City, and he hung out his shingle as a solo practitioner and began to practice criminal defense law, and me, being his acolyte, his fan, wanted to be just like him. I decided I was going to open up my law firm and practice criminal defense law just like him.

I believed in due process. I believed that if government accused you of a crime, you had a right to a trial by a jury of your peers and the prosecutor had the burden of proving guilt beyond a reasonable doubt before the jury was authorized to convict. The government could not just accuse you of something without evidence, lock you up, and throw away the key without due process.

I believe in the rule of law and I believe in the Constitution, which undergirds the rule of law. I believe in equal protection under the law. As a lawyer, I fought for my clients in court, ensuring they received due process and equal protection under the law that they were entitled to.

I administered our system of justice as a magistrate court judge, upholding the law without fear or favor. That is the America that I love, one where everyone in this country feels secure enough in our rights to speak their mind and to live freely.

I am deeply disturbed about the devotion that I am seeing taking place right now in terms of the rule of law and justice in this country.

Unfortunately, this is what we are seeing under this Trump reign of terror. In only 100 days, there has been an onslaught of attacks on the judiciary and the rule of law. Trump is using the Department of Justice to carry out a campaign of terror, retribution, and vengeance.

Trump is perverting his Justice Department away from administering justice into an outfit that is only there to prosecute his personal vendettas, punish his enemies, and award his friends.

He has installed to do his bidding banana republic cronies like Attorney General Pam Bondi and FBI Director Kash Patel, who are more than willing to carry out Trump's abuse of the justice system. Under their reign, dozens of prosecutors were targeted, identified, and fired simply because they had worked on the January 6 insurrection cases.

The FBI turned over a list of 4,000 current and former FBI personnel who worked on the January 6 cases so that they too could be targeted for firing. When the pardon attorney refused to recommend restoring the gun rights of one of President Trump's supporters, who was also a convicted domestic violence perpetrator, guess what? She was fired too. When she was called to testify as a whistleblower about her termination, she was called by Democrats to Congress. Then the Friday night before the Monday she was to show up in Congress, armed law enforcement agents were directed to show up at her house on a Friday night, late, knocking on her door, and they tried to intimidate her out of testifying.

It didn't work, I am happy to report. The DOJ is also opening investigations to intimidate other whistleblowers from speaking up and to punish those who already have. The Department of Justice has opened investigations into

a lawyer who previously prosecuted Trump's friends. They are investigating a Governor who opposed Trump. They are investigating the New York attorney general, the New Jersey attorney general, and also United States Representatives and Senators who have spoken out against the Trump administration.

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Trump has directed the Department of Justice to investigate Chris Krebs because Chris Krebs told the truth that the 2020 election was safe and secure.

Just within the last week, the Attorney General issued legal guidelines that allowed the Justice Department to subpoena reporters' personal communications without notice and to criminally prosecute any government employees who are seen as undermining the administration's views.

The message is clear: If you say anything negative about the king, then you are not safe. This reign of terror is what we are talking about tonight.

Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentlewoman from New Mexico (Ms. STANSBURY), who I am glad has joined me this evening.

Ms. STANSBURY. Mr. Speaker, I thank my colleague for convening this Special Order hour.

Mr. Speaker, this week marks this administration's first 100 days in office. It has been 100 days of chaos, corruption, confusion, and absolute destruction of our Constitution and the norms that this great Nation was built on; 100 days of tearing apart our democracy, our families, our communities, the vital Federal programs that serve the people who make up our communities; thousands fired, agencies dismantled, and people's personal and private data stolen; self-dealing billions of dollars in Federal contracts, judges jailed, a Congress that refuses to act and to do its job, and the countless Americans who are living in fear.

Mr. Speaker, I have just wrapped up a townhall tour across my district. While my colleagues across the aisle are afraid to even face their constituents, we are showing up every day across our communities: 15 townhalls touching 15,000 New Mexicans across every county that we represent in 12 towns and communities and Tribal communities across our State.

Let me say this: Our people are afraid. Everywhere we go, across the aisle, we saw people who are afraid they are going to lose their Social Security, people who are afraid they are going to lose the healthcare that keeps them and their family members alive, people who are afraid that they are not going to be able to afford to put a roof over their head or food on the table, people who are afraid watching as their family members and friends are facing the threats of deportation, students who are afraid to show up to school because they don't know what will happen to themselves or their families.

This is the sign of an unhealthy democracy. This is the sign of an execu-

tive who has lost touch with the American people. This is the sign of an authoritarian and autocratic way of operating. This is the sign of a democracy that has lost its way. This is a sign that the American people need to continue to stand up, to speak out, to show up, to attend those townhalls, to call their Representatives, to continue marching, to continue making sure that we hold our elected officials to account.

All across my district, there is not a single family who has not been touched over the last 100 days: People who have lost their jobs, teachers and firefighters, people who work for the VA and the Forest Service, who work for our national security programs, scientists and engineers, people who just started their jobs and people who have been there for countless decades. These are real stories, real people, real lives that have been impacted every single day for the last 100 days.

What have my colleagues across the aisle done? Nothing. They have done nothing. They have failed to do their most basic constitutional duty of speaking up on behalf of the people that they represent, of holding the administration accountable, of saying something when they see something that is wrong.

Not only do they refuse to do their most basic job, but they are here in this building working on a tax package behind closed doors all around us that will further take away the rights of the American people, that will decimate basic programs that help people put food on the table and a roof over their heads.

All around us, our colleagues are refusing to say out loud the things they will say to us in private: that they, too, are frightened about what is happening; that they, too, have constituents and veterans and elderly people on Social Security and disability who are frightened for their lives right now.

What is happening in this country is not normal. We refuse to normalize it. We refuse to allow our democracy to be hijacked. We refuse to allow the silence that is deafening this country right now to continue. We must continue to speak up.

I say, Mr. Speaker, the time to act is now because if we do not, we will lose everything. We must restore accountability. We must restore our institutions. We must restore our norms. We must stand up. We must speak out. We need our colleagues across the aisle to join us before we lose our democracy.

Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentlewoman for those very thoughtful comments. The terror that inflicts my colleagues on the other side of the aisle so that they find it impossible to muster the courage to speak out when they see something wrong and hear something wrong and, you know, everything going against their morals—they know it is wrong, but yet they can't speak out—they are

victims of this reign of terror, although I don't absolve them of responsibility for having no courage.

They should have courage, just like the law firms that have been targeted by the Trump administration. Some of those law firms have protested, but others have yielded to the terror. He is threatening these very powerful and wealthy, corporate-representing law firms with investigations, with revocation of security clearances, with termination of government contracts or funding, with bans from accessing government buildings, and hiring bans.

Some of these law firms are standing up and suing the Trump administration for this unlawful behavior, law firms like Perkins Coie, Jenner & Block, Susman Godfrey, and WilmerHale; but a raft of other law firms, like Paul, Weiss, Skadden, and Latham, bent the knee and laid down because they were too afraid of this administration destroying their businesses.

I mean, here are a number of big, bad, powerful, wealthy law firms that can't even use the law to protect themselves, afraid to use the law to protect themselves. What makes their clients think that those law firms that bent a knee to Trump will represent their interests? I don't know. Only time will tell what happens to those firms that capitulated.

In the first Trump administration, law firms were part of the huge effort by the legal community to challenge unconstitutional policies of the Trump administration, like the Muslim ban, but this time around the Trump administration is going to make sure that that doesn't happen. That is why they are threatening these law firms and making them heel and forcing them to come to the table and capitulate and roll over and let him rub their soft bellies. They won't be involved in protecting the people against Trump's excesses this time around.

Not only that, but as part of their deal with Trump, these law firms promised nearly a billion dollars in pro bono work, but only for the causes that Trump cares about. Now, pro bono means "for the public good," but apparently Trump and the law firms that he has punked out think it just means free legal work for Trump. Trump has punked these big, powerful, and wealthy law firms into providing free labor to help him negotiate trade deals, to help him revive the coal industry, and to help his friend Elon Musk, the billionaire, as he wields a chainsaw through his position as head of the Department of Government Efficiency.

White House officials have said the pro bono work could be used toward representing Trump himself or his allies. Just last night, one of Trump's executive orders directed the Attorney General to use this private sector pro bono work that he has extracted to represent him so that they would defend law enforcement officers who are charged with offenses in the performance of their official duties.

Let me translate that. That means—okay, you remember George Floyd, who was murdered by an officer who wouldn't take his knee off of George Floyd's neck until he suffocated. You all remember that. You all remember Breonna Taylor, who was shot and killed in her bed after a botched, no-knock drug raid; or Tyre Nichols, who was beaten to death after a traffic stop.

Under the new Trump regime, the DOJ would conscript private law firms to, for free, represent those police officers against the families of the victims of police brutality. That is not the way the Department of Justice should work, and that is not the way that big, powerful law firms should work. They should choose the clients that they want to represent, not Donald Trump choosing their clients and causes for them.

Mr. Speaker, I now yield to the gentleman from New York (Mr. GOLDMAN), my good friend, a former prosecutor. He has some things that he wants to tell you.

Mr. GOLDMAN of New York. Mr. Speaker, I thank my colleague, Mr. JOHNSON, for organizing this incredibly important Special Order hour to highlight the absolutely unprecedented and devastating attacks on our democracy and on the rule of law.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today to sound the alarm that our democratic values and the rule of law are under attack. We all must open our eyes before we find ourselves in Vladimir Putin's Russia. In just 100 days, President Trump has engaged in a coordinated, premeditated, deliberate attempt to dismantle our government.

Let's be very clear: Donald Trump does not seek to lead us. He seeks to rule us, and we all must open our eyes. Since he first came into office, President Trump has persistently attacked the media to undermine the credibility of the messenger of news that he didn't like.

Then, during Special Counsel Mueller's investigation on Russia's interference in the 2016 election to benefit Donald Trump's campaign, President Trump attacked the FBI relentlessly, trying to undermine its credibility.

Rather than debate the facts or the evidence, which he knows he would lose, isn't it just a lot easier to simply shoot the messenger and claim that everything bad about you is just fake news?

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Mr. Speaker, while many, rightly, have been focusing on the arbitrary and devastating cuts to essential Federal programs or the disastrous and reckless tariffs that have increased prices and inflation and have tanked the economy, President Trump's first 100 days have also escalated this relentless assault on the checks and balances that have been the foundation of our great Nation.

On day one, he pardoned more than 1,500 criminals who stormed this very

building on January 6. Hundreds of them were convicted of violently assaulting law enforcement officers. It was a blatant and disgusting disregard for the rule of law and for our fine men and women in uniform.

Next, during his first week, he fired nearly 20 inspectors general, the independent watchdogs in the executive branch agencies. It is their responsibility to ensure that those agencies follow the law.

Then he went after the Department of Justice and the FBI. He fired prosecutors and special agents who investigated his criminal conduct. They simply did their job. He then turned to the Public Integrity Section, the renowned and venerable institution that was created after Watergate to be an independent investigative body of public officials.

He and his administration have also been firing and forcing out anyone who might not share his political views, even though these jobs are career, non-partisan, and apolitical jobs.

Next, he went after lawyers and law firms who tried to hold him accountable to the law. He continues to do so. He has signed several executive orders, trying to limit the ability of law firms to represent their clients, one of the fundamental hallmarks of our system of law.

He has gone after universities. These institutions form the bedrock foundation of the growth and innovation of our great country and underpin and form the foundation for the best global economy in the world. He is now threatening to withhold billions of dollars in Federal funding unless universities change their curriculum, change their admissions process, change their hiring process, and change other core parts of their mission that they, as educational institutions, decide in this democracy.

He is also waging a war against non-profit organizations, yanking grants away that have already been made and allocated. He is threatening to remove the tax-exempt status of any organization that may disagree with his opinions or support lawsuits that might actually enforce existing laws.

Mr. Speaker, you see where this is going. The media, the FBI, inspectors general, the Department of Justice, law firms, universities, and nonprofit organizations are all institutions that enforce our laws and that hold those in power accountable. This is his methodical way of undermining all forms of accountability in this government.

More recently, his attack on our Constitution has escalated. Before he even came into office in January, President Trump had completely submitted the Republican Conference of this body. They have abdicated their constitutional duty to be a check and balance on the executive branch.

The judiciary, the third branch of government, still remains in his way. How does he deal with the judiciary? He is openly and brazenly criticizing

and attacking judicial rulings that he doesn't like—including a number issued by Republican-appointed judges, including his own—and is openly defying court orders including Supreme Court orders.

The President and some of my Republican colleagues are threatening judges. They are trying to bully them into ruling in their favor and not ruling based on their interpretation of the law.

With the career folks removed from our executive branch agencies, he has put political lackeys in charge of our criminal justice system and our national security apparatus. He is ordering criminal investigations into individuals simply because they disagree with him.

That is the type of corruption that our country travels the world to root out. At its core, it is as antidemocratic as it gets. It is the stuff of dictators and strongmen and not of democracies.

Even worse, he is attacking our basic and fundamental right of due process. That is the right to have any allegation presented before a neutral arbiter who makes a final decision.

Like a king, Donald Trump thinks it is okay for him to get to decide what the law is. That is not how our system works. The Supreme Court and our judiciary decide what the law is. When a unanimous Supreme Court rules that he is not a king and that he must abide by our basic principles of due process, he then refuses.

Kilmar Abrego Garcia was deported to El Salvador, even though he had an order on him that would prohibit him from going to El Salvador. Donald Trump admits the mistake and refuses to bring him back to face due process.

Due process is the cornerstone of our country. It distinguishes us from an authoritarian dictatorship, and Donald Trump wants to destroy it. It is not optional, and court rulings are not simply suggestions. They are the backbone of American democracy. They are our final safeguard against the unchecked power of the executive.

When a President ignores the courts, he is not challenging policy. He is declaring war on the Constitution itself. Despite this laundry list of attacks on trying to undermine our democracy and our rule of law, my Republican colleagues remain absolutely silent and, in some cases, even supportive.

These alarm bells are deafening, but too many in this Chamber would rather enable Donald Trump's descent into dictatorship than to confront him. They have laid down the power of the purse, and now they are actively trying to forfeit their oversight authority.

They are silent as President Trump wages an all-out assault on our constitutional democracy. They are silent as he goes after the media, launches investigations into his political adversaries, and attacks our basic fundamental rights.

This is what dictators like Vladimir Putin do. They use repression, retaliation,

and the threat of violence to consolidate their own power, while doling out billions of dollars to other oligarchs who will support them.

Many countries have faced moments like this before, moments where the freedom and the openness of the democracy that they represent stand at a crossroads. I urge my Republican colleagues to please stand up for our Constitution. Stand up for our democracy. None of us want authoritarianism. We don't want a dictator.

Mr. Speaker, now is the time where the rubber meets the road, and my friends across the aisle will make their record for history.

Do they want a dictator or do they want a democracy?

Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman for his very prescient comments. He spoke of a reign of terror that has been inflicted upon our institutions and the people of this country.

As a lawyer, I never thought that I would ever live to see the Department of Justice being perverted to the point of turning its attention on prosecuting a State court judge for interfering with a deportation in her courtroom and in her courthouse. Even judges and courthouses in this Nation are not safe from the reign of terror of this President.

In Milwaukee, Judge Dugan, a State court judge, was arrested by the FBI for obstructing justice by allegedly directing a migrant out of her courtroom through a side door, as Federal agents waited to arrest him in the hallway. He was there for a hearing on charges unrelated to his immigration status.

Immigration and Customs Enforcement, ICE, did not even have a judicial warrant to arrest him. A judicial warrant is based on probable cause, is signed by a judge, and has the force of law. What the ICE agent had was only an administrative warrant. This type of warrant is just simply a piece of paper that somebody types up, saying that this person should be arrested. There is no probable cause, no nothing. It is just an administrative warrant.

The judge told the ICE agents that if they wanted to arrest someone in her courtroom, they needed a judicial warrant signed by a judge. They needed to speak with the chief judge of Milwaukee County. The chief judge told the agents that they could not make arrests inside courtrooms or other private locations in the courthouse.

That makes a lot of sense. If people know they will be picked up by ICE if they report to the courthouse, they will never show up for their State court proceedings. Mr. Speaker, it is impugning the ability of the courts of the States to administer justice according to State law.

Judge Dugan allegedly ushered the migrant out a side door. A week later, FBI agents show up at her courthouse. When she pulls up to the parking lot, they take her out of the car and put her in handcuffs. They perp walked her in a public manner that was meant to

send a message to any other judge who stood up for the rule of law.

This was clearly designed to make not just State court judges but all judges, including Federal judges, afraid of taking a position out of step with the Trump administration. It is meant to stop judges from doing their jobs and standing up for the communities they are empowered by and against the illegal abuses of the Trump administration.

This is even before the talk Trump has stirred up about impeaching Federal judges who have the temerity to rule against his administration when it violates the laws and the Constitution. Once again, Trump and his cronies are trying to bully and remove people who have the backbone to do their jobs and stand up for our democracy.

Mr. Speaker, I am now joined by my colleague from the great State of Georgia, Representative LUCY MCBATH.

Mr. Speaker, may I inquire as to how much time is remaining.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman from Georgia has 21 minutes remaining.

Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentlewoman from Georgia (Mrs. MCBATH).

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Mrs. MCBATH. Mr. Speaker, I thank my delegation colleague, Representative JOHNSON, for being the managing Member and for yielding to me this evening. I thank him for these moments tonight as we are in a very critical time, as my friend has been expressing before I came.

I thank Mr. JOHNSON's staff, as well, for taking the time and effort to put this together tonight and the Litigation Task Force for convening on the floor tonight.

I am proud to join my Democratic colleagues here to raise the alarm that this administration's actions are rapidly undermining our democracy and our justice system. However, Democrats continue to stand as the party of truth, the party of democracy, and the party of the American people.

While the Trump administration is emboldened to tear down foundational programs that keep Americans safe and gut the Department of Justice and our law enforcement, Democrats in Congress are holding this administration accountable and fighting so that our government works for every family, not just the richest in the world or the close friends and colleagues of the President.

I am here today not just as a public servant but as a mother who knows what it feels like to lose everything to gun violence, and I know this: Every family in America deserves the right to be safe at school, at the grocery store, and at home.

The Trump administration is making this much harder. This White House has worked to unwind the very protections that are designed to keep us safe. They have cut critical funding for gun

violence prevention programs at the Department of Justice and have weakened the ATF, making it easier for guns to fall into the wrong hands and for gun crimes to go unsolved. They even disbanded key initiatives that tracked domestic terrorism and hate crimes tied to gun violence.

These decisions are not just reckless. They are deadly, making it easier for violence to spread, for lives to be shattered, and for communities to keep on living in fear.

As a mother who lost her son to gun violence, let me be perfectly clear: The American people are crying out for the basic right to live safe from unnecessary gun violence. Americans want to send their children to school or to the mall without wondering if they will ever come home.

These egregious Trump administration cuts are a slap in the face to every family and every survivor of gun violence. In many cases, these rollbacks also make it more difficult for law enforcement to keep our communities safe.

Unfortunately, of all the disputes local officers are called to address, domestic violence incidents involving a gun are some of the most dangerous. The emotion and volatility during these incidents mean they can quickly turn deadly if a lethal weapon is present.

Instead of strengthening background checks and red flag laws to provide tools to our law enforcement, the Trump administration has weakened those crisis response tools that law enforcement depends on and drastically cut funding to police departments, putting our officers at risk.

I came to Congress to make our laws safer after I witnessed firsthand how fragile our justice system can be, and now I am determined, as we all should be, to protect our justice system so that perpetrators of crime and violence are actually held accountable.

There have been recent attacks on judges, as has been expressed by my colleague, Mr. JOHNSON. These attacks on our judges and the courts by the Trump administration should alarm every American. It will now become harder for families to seek accountability for crimes that are committed against them and for survivors to get the justice that they deserve.

Every American, no matter their background or the State that they live in, deserves to trust that when they walk into a courtroom, the law is fighting on their side. When our elected leaders belittle public-serving judges and bend the Department of Justice to serve their own interests, then they shatter that trust.

Families looking for answers, for protection, and for justice cannot afford to wait. Trust me, Mr. Speaker, I know. I have been one of those families. I know the stakes of receiving justice for a loved one, and they are just far too high.

I thank my colleagues for standing up. I thank Representative JOHNSON for

standing up for the integrity of our democracy on behalf of those who rely upon it every single day.

Mr. Speaker, for those who are watching at home, I say this to them: You are simply not alone. House Democrats are fighting for you, and we will not let this administration undermine the very ideals of America and the fabric of our democracy.

Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentlewoman for her passion, for her courage, and for her tenacity in representing the interests of those who have been adversely impacted by crime and who need the justice system to hold accountable those who would violate our laws. She stands for justice for all. I appreciate her comments.

It is not just big law firms and judges who are being targeted but also Department of Justice officials, FBI officials, government employees, and whistleblowers. The Department of Justice is now going after none other than ActBlue. What is ActBlue?

Trump has asked the Department of Justice to cut off funding to anyone who opposes him, and recently, he directed the Department of Justice, the DOJ, to target ActBlue.

What is ActBlue? It is a Democratic fundraising site that collects small-dollar donations from people across the country who fuel the Democratic Party's fundraising. ActBlue is a vehicle for everyday Americans to make small-dollar donations to the campaigns of people who are standing up to Donald Trump and fighting back against this administration. As a result of that, Donald Trump and his department of so-called justice are trying to shut them down.

There is zero evidence of any wrongdoing by ActBlue, unlike this President's own shady crypto businesses and his taking of unconstitutional emoluments during his first term, but because ActBlue provides a way or mechanism for small donors to fund those who oppose Trump, Trump is using his power over the Department of Justice to shut down ActBlue like the authoritarian dictator that he is trying to be.

Under rulings by the Supreme Court, it is big dark money donors who now dominate elections, and they donate heavily in favor of Republicans. Instead of putting some restrictions on those dark money donors, he wants to make them the only ones who are in place to be able to fund elections of Representatives.

In other words, he is persecuting and prosecuting, trying to prosecute a small-dollar donor network for the Democrats so that only the big dark money donors who participate in electing him and his MAGA cronies are the ones who are playing the game.

We cannot allow that to stand. Trump is actually going full MAGA out here with this, and his purpose is to Make America Great Again again. He wants to turn the country back to a time when the only people who had the

right to vote were the White male property owners.

In line with that, he is trying to destroy the Civil Rights Division at the Department of Justice. Under Trump, Pam Bondi and the Department of Justice are degrading the ability of civil rights lawyers to do their jobs on behalf of the American people. The Department of Justice has a storied Civil Rights Division, which was established by the enactment of the Civil Rights Act of 1957, which focused on fighting racial discrimination. The division has since been tasked with upholding the rights of all persons in the United States, particularly the most vulnerable.

When Trump took office, there were almost 400 attorneys in the division. Based on unofficial estimates, approximately 70 percent of the Justice Department's Civil Rights Division is expected to accept the second resignation offer, leaving fewer than 150 attorneys, as Trump has twisted the division into something unrecognizable, a unit that is bent on dismantling diversity, equity, and inclusion initiatives, reversing policies on transgender rights, rooting out so-called woke ideology, and other such nefarious goals.

Vanita Gupta, a former associate attorney general under President Biden, has said that the division has been turned on its head and that now it is being used as a weapon against the very communities it was established to protect.

Cases have been halted, and top managers from the voting rights section have been reassigned.

As devastating as this is now, it also means that that knowledge is being lost. If we have an election in 2028, which is not guaranteed with this President who is already selling merchandise proclaiming Trump 2028, but if we do have an election in 2028 and get a new President, we cannot snap our fingers instantly and rebuild an entire division that was demolished by this administration.

Major damage is being done to our institutions, and all my brothers and sisters can do on the other side of the aisle is cower in favor of what they know is wrong and unjust.

This is abuse of authority, and we cannot let it go unchecked. As much as Trump and his Department of Justice try to silence us, we must all speak up and speak out. Democracy is a fragile and precious thing. It lasts as long as we fight for it. That is because each time we let ourselves be cowed and each time we yield to fear, our rights narrow.

I have before me the Preamble of the Constitution. It says, "We the People of the United States, in order to form a more perfect Union, establish justice"—it is right up there at the top. This is why we wanted to "form a more perfect Union." It was to "establish justice, ensure domestic tranquility, provide for the common defense, promote the general welfare."

It was to establish justice. That premised everything else. Justice and the system of justice in this country are worth protecting, and we shall do so. We shall continue to do so.

I promise that I will be in the trenches fighting with you, We the People.

As John Lewis used to say, let's go make some good trouble.

Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Members are reminded to refrain from engaging in personalities toward the President.

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CELEBRATING FAITH MONTH

(Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 3, 2025, Mrs. MILLER of Illinois was recognized for 60 minutes as the designee of the majority leader.)

GENERAL LEAVE

Mrs. MILLER of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days in which to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material on the topic of this Special Order.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Illinois?

There was no objection.

Mrs. MILLER of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I rise tonight in recognition of Faith Month, a time that we set aside each year in this body to share the importance of our faith and how it inspires us in public service.

We just celebrated the greatest event in human history: the resurrection of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

When Christ ascended into Heaven from the Mount of Olives, he promised that the Holy Spirit would comfort and guide us. He also left us with Scripture that provides answers to every problem we face.

Our Founding Fathers acknowledged the importance of God's Word and the presence of the Holy Spirit in their lives.

In his "Notes on the State of Virginia," Thomas Jefferson wrote: "God, who gave us life, gave us liberty. And can the liberties of a Nation be thought secure when we have removed their only firm basis, a conviction in the minds of the people that these liberties are the gift of God? That they are not to be violated but with His wrath? Indeed, I tremble for my country when I reflect that God is just; that His justice cannot sleep forever."

Our first freedom, religious liberty, even finds its roots in Scripture in that God gives every man and woman the freedom to accept or reject His free gift of salvation.

Patrick Henry acknowledged that: "It cannot be emphasized too strongly or too often that this great Nation was founded not by religionists, but by Christians; not on religions, but on the Gospel of Jesus Christ. For this very reason, peoples of other faiths have

been afforded asylum, prosperity, and the freedom of worship here."

When the Constitutional Convention was about to fail, Benjamin Franklin called the delegates to prayer and declared: "I have lived, sir, a long time; and the longer I live, the more convincing proofs I see of this truth, that God governs in the affairs of men. And if a sparrow cannot fall to the ground without His notice, is it probable that an empire can rise without His aid? We have been assured, sir, in the sacred writings that 'except the Lord build the House, they labor in vain that build it.'"

"I firmly believe this; and I also believe, that without His concurring aid, we shall succeed in this political building no better than the builders of Babel."

You can't design a building without a firm foundation, and that is why our Founders made sure our Republic was founded on Judeo-Christian principles.

The Bible contains the answer to every major political issue we face, whether it be life, marriage, family, or the difference between a man and a woman.

The Bible gives warnings to nations, governments, and rulers on how to properly lead its citizens. The Bible teaches us how to treat each other with dignity and respect and provides the ultimate source of purpose and contentment: a life committed to Jesus Christ.

Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Texas (Mr. BABIN).

Mr. BABIN. Mr. Speaker, I sincerely thank my very good friend (Mrs. MILLER of Illinois), a very strong lady of faith, for this Special Order. We really appreciate this.

I rise today, Mr. Speaker, to recognize and to celebrate what we call Faith Month, a time when we proudly and openly give voice to the faith that strengthens and sustains so many of us who serve up here and all across this great Nation of ours, both here in Congress and, as I said, the United States of America that was built, as my good friend Mrs. MILLER said, based on the Judeo-Christian Bible and faith that we were handed by our forefathers.

America was built on this foundation, as she said, of religious liberty: the very first freedom enshrined in our Bill of Rights. Our Founders understood that faith was not just a private matter but a powerful force for good in public life.

I get so weary of hearing people say: Oh, we don't want to hear about politics in church or we don't want to hear about church in Congress. Well, politics in church has become something—if it has to do with morals and good and evil, then it is not politics, folks. That is church.

We will talk about this very thing. It says right there before us: "In God We Trust." We know where our Forefathers stood on this issue. Without a doubt, we are going to continue this great thing called the United States of America and what we were built on.

We will honor this tradition. We recognize that faith is not something to be hidden away but is something to be lived out boldly and with joy. The Scripture reminds us that we are called to be a light on a hill, not to hide this light under a basket but to let it shine for all to see.

Each of us comes from very different backgrounds here and with very different traditions, but the thread of faith that is woven through the fabric of our national story, we must always remember to honor that. Our Constitution, our Bill of Rights, and our Declaration of Independence are built on those principles, those Biblical principles.

From prayers whispered on battlefields long ago to hymns sung in chapels, from the simple faith of farmers to the heartfelt petitions of families, faith has carried America through many, many trials, through triumphs and every moment in between, win or lose. Sometimes we profit when we lose, because we learn and we make ourselves better people that way.

During this Faith Month, I am very proud to stand alongside my colleagues right here and speak of my Christian faith right on this very floor.

I encourage every other Member to please join us to lift up the faith that guides us, to celebrate the freedom that protects us, and to remember that enduring truth that has been proclaimed from generation to generation: "Blessed is the Nation whose God is the Lord."

May we never take our religious freedom for granted, may we steward it wisely, and may we always seek to lead, to serve, and to govern with humility, with conviction, and that unwavering faith.

Mrs. MILLER of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, our Founding Fathers, including George Washington, did not shy away from expressing their religious beliefs.

In 1854, Congress made the statement: "The great, vital and conservative element in our system is the belief of our people in the pure doctrines and the divine truths of the gospel of Jesus Christ." That is Congress, 1854.

Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Tennessee (Mrs. HARSHBARGER).

Mrs. HARSHBARGER. Mr. Speaker, I appreciate the opportunity to speak on faith tonight.

You know, the Bible so beautifully defines faith. In Hebrews 11:1, it says: "Faith is the assurance of things hoped for and the evidence of things not seen."

This Nation is in the midst of spiritual warfare—make no bones about it—for the soul of not only America but for the world. There is an assault on Christianity, and we have to be diligent in sharing our faith if we profess to be Christians.

As my colleague, Mr. BABIN, just quoted, Psalm 33:12 declares: "Blessed is the Nation whose God is the Lord." America is a Nation that is blessed, in

large part, because we are rooted in Judeo-Christian values.

I want to speak about faith as it pertains to politics. During the earliest beginnings of our Nation, it was abundantly evident that Christianity played a formative role in shaping our Nation's founding. Christian principles shaped the Founders' thinking in a profound way. They believed that humans are created in the image of God with an informed conscience of what is right and what is wrong. They believed that humans are inherently sinful, and because of that, we always would need laws and a system of checks and balances. They believed God is the source of moral standards and that legislation should be in agreement with the moral law. They believed that religious liberty is a God-given right and must be protected.

There was a British politician who served in the late 1700s, early 1800s. He was against the slave trade, and he devoted his life to promoting Christian values. His name was William Wilberforce. He wrote: "I am disturbed when I see the majority of so-called Christians having such little understanding of the real nature of the faith they profess. Faith is a subject of such importance that we should not ignore it because of the distractions or the hectic pace of our lives."

He goes on to say: "I would suggest that faith is everyone's business. The advance or decline of faith is so intimately connected to the welfare of a society that it should be a particular interest to a politician."

Being a Christian in a secular society is not an easy task, but we have examples who left benchmarks for not just our country to follow but for the world to follow.

This generation of leaders has a tremendous opportunity to leave a Christ-honoring legacy that can possibly change not only our country but the world. We should let our faith be the catalyst for every decision that we make.

I am thankful, as a Christian, I can share my faith from a platform that very few people will ever have the opportunity to share from, and that is right here in the House of Representatives.

Wilberforce's work is an example to generations going forward to integrate faith, reason and courage into our engagement with those we have been called to serve.

I am honored to be part of Faith Month "for such a time as this."

Mrs. MILLER of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, it is such a privilege to be able to meet with you and other legislators to pray for our Nation.

To quote another one of our Founding Fathers, Patrick Henry, Revolutionary general, legislator, the voice of liberty, ratifier of the U.S. Constitution, and Governor of Virginia. He said: "Righteousness alone can exalt America as a Nation. Whoever thou art, remember this and in thy sphere practice

virtue thyself, and encourage it in others."

One of the verses that I came to Washington, D.C., with to be a plumb line for me, to remind me, is II Corinthians 5:9: So whether we are at home or away—this is the Apostle Paul—we make it our aim to please Him, knowing that we are going to give an account for what we have done in our bodies whether for good or for evil.

Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Georgia (Mr. ALLEN), my good friend.

Mr. ALLEN. Mr. Speaker, I thank Mrs. MILLER for her outward expression of faith and for being such a light here in this body to all of us, for her leadership and also putting together this Special Order tonight recognizing Faith Month.

Today, we are not only connected through our positions as public servants but also by the moral fabric of our Nation. This fabric is our Christian faith which ties together the sacrifice of our Founding Fathers with the dedication of today's leaders.

Faith Month holds profound significance across this land, serving as an all-encompassing reminder of the spiritual guidance that shapes our lives and the variety of beliefs that enrich our Nation and our Nation's rich heritage.

□ 1915

I believe that our Constitution is God-breathed, and so I ask the question: Where is our Nation today?

I am a member of a ministry, The LEAD HOUSE, and we are reading through the scriptures for, I think, our fourth year in a row.

We are in Judges right now. When you read Judges, God appointed judges to bring about rule and obedience among Israel because, every time that a judge passed on, Israel turned from God. Every time they turned from God, they were attacked. In fact, it was so bad that the Mennonites actually hid in caves in the hills. Every time, they cried out to God. Of course, we are reading about Gideon this week.

Yet, the one thing that, I think, captures our faith is a story I heard on Easter Sunday from our pastor in our church, and that is the story of the crucifixion. After the crucifixion, there were 11 disciples who went away, and they feared for their lives. In fact, they hid in a room.

Resurrection was 3 days later. Jesus Christ was resurrected from the grave.

What that did for those 11 disciples was it gave them the power over death. They became fearless. They started a movement that the Roman Empire feared and were severely persecuted.

I tell you that, on Easter Sunday, over a third of the world celebrated the resurrection of Jesus Christ, and the Roman Empire no longer exists. That is the power of the resurrection, and that is the power of faith.

As I reflect on these timeless teachings of the Bible, I am reminded of the

divine wisdom in Exodus. In those sacred passages, God established laws and governance to uphold justice and righteousness. Just as Moses, the only full face here, looks down on this body today and as we look at the flag, In God We Trust, really?

Do our actions actually align with the purpose that God set before us of restraining evil and promoting good in our society? What this proves is our belief in God must be reflected and represented in our daily lives, not simply spoken.

We are a nation founded in the Judeo-Christian value of family. Joshua 18 is one of the greatest promises in the scriptures. God told Joshua, who, of course, followed Moses:

"Do not let this book of law depart from your lips. Be careful to do what it says, meditate on it night and day, and you will be prosperous and successful."

This is the first book in the Bible that I memorized, and I say it every day. What I have discovered in my time here in Congress and in business and whatnot is that, unlike when I grew up, we have become a Bible-illiterate culture.

Why do we meditate on God's Word? Like Abraham, whose faith was credited to him as righteousness, we must trust in God's promises. They are abundant throughout his scriptures, and we must live obediently to His Word, or America will end up like Rome.

Let us seek God's blessing and protection as we navigate through the complexities of governance, acknowledging his sovereignty over all things.

It is during this time of such division that I often lean on the words of Mark 3:24, reminding us that a kingdom divided against itself cannot stand. America is at a tipping point. It is through our collective faith and drawing near to the Word of God that we find the path to unity, truth, and freedom.

During this special month, we are reminded of the profound impact of our faith. It is the beacon of hope, guiding us through life's trials and triumphs, and it unites us in a bond stronger than any earthly tie.

I hope those watching me tonight will join with me and reaffirm our commitment to worship the Lord and to draw strength and inspiration by meditating on His Word morning and night and be careful to do what it says.

May God bless each of us abundantly and guide our Nation as we walk in faith and righteousness, and may we never forget that we are, in fact, one nation under God.

Mr. Speaker, may God's grace be with us all.

Mrs. MILLER of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I thank Representative ALLEN for his faithfulness to show up to pray together for our country and to always be bold to share his faith.

I also thank the gentleman for the compliment that I am a light out here, but I do say along with the First Book of Peter 2:9: "... proclaim the

excellencies of Him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.”

What is the darkness? The darkness is sin. It is what has afflicted mankind since the Garden of Eden, and it causes humans to be self-consumed, rebellious, and foolish. Yet, we should draw near to the Lord and come boldly to his throne in time of need.

Hebrews says: “Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.”

Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Wisconsin (Mr. GROTHMAN), my good friend.

Mr. GROTHMAN. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentlewoman for yielding. I am honored to be able to speak here and that Congresswoman MILLER has yielded me time to talk about Faith Month here.

When our country was founded, John Adams said that our country was made for a moral and religious people and totally unfit for every other kind.

We, therefore, must be especially concerned—and I realize there are many good people who do not go to church—that church attendance has fallen so overwhelmingly in the last 40 years, particularly in the last 20 years. I believe it has fallen 25 percent in a very short period of time.

I think we should be very concerned that the number of people who say that they don't believe in God of any sort has, from the statistics that I have seen in the Gallup poll, gone up by about 9 to 1 over the last 40 years.

Our country will be protected if we turn to God and ask for forgiveness. We will be given the wisdom and the good fortune to make our country the Bible-believing country that it has been through most of our history. We will get back to the moral country that we all envision the United States to be.

However, if we continue to go down the path of rejecting God and just thinking that all the wonderful blessings that we have are going to show up automatically, we will be in deep trouble.

I, like the other speakers tonight, ask the American people to ask for forgiveness and ask for God's wisdom and ask us to make the appropriate decisions that America again become the moral and religious country that John Adams wanted us to be.

Mrs. MILLER of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman for his comments.

Mr. Speaker, I remind everybody again that our Founding Fathers did not shy away from sharing their faith.

Benjamin Rush, signer of the Declaration of Independence, Surgeon General of the Continental Army, ratifier of the American Constitution, father of American medicine, Treasurer of the U.S. Mint, father of public schools under the Constitution, said: “By renouncing the Bible, philosophers swing from their moorings upon all moral subjects. It is the only correct map of the human heart that ever has been published.”

Daniel Webster said: “The Bible is a book . . . which teaches man his own individual responsibility, his own dignity, and his equality with his fellow man.”

“Whatever makes men good Christians, makes them good citizens.”

“The Christian religion—its general principles—must ever be regarded among us as the foundation of civil society.”

I conclude by saying that I begin almost every morning by reading Psalm 25, and I encourage us as a country to read that and pray over it. I have almost gotten it memorized.

Psalm 25 reads:

“To You, O Lord, I lift up my soul. O my God, in You I trust; let me not be put to shame; let not my enemies exult over me. Indeed, none who wait on You shall be put to shame; they shall be ashamed who are wantonly treacherous. Make me to know Your ways, O Lord; teach me Your paths. Lead me in Your truth and teach me, for You are the God of my salvation; for You, I wait all the day long.”

God's Word unites, and I believe this body would function a lot better if we took a little time each morning to pray and meditate on this Psalm. It is Psalm 25.

What a privilege that we get to share our faith on the floor of the United States House of Representatives.

Mr. Speaker, I thank each of my colleagues for participating in this year's Faith Month Special Order. I especially thank the ladies of Concerned Women for America for their work in sharing their faith across our great Nation.

Mr. Speaker, may God continue to bless our Nation, and I yield back the balance of my time.

ENDING OF DEI PROGRAMS THROUGH EXECUTIVE ORDER

(Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 3, 2025, Mr. FIELDS of Louisiana was recognized for 30 minutes.)

Mr. FIELDS. Mr. Speaker, I rise tonight to talk about something that happened on January 20.

On January 20, the President of the United States took the oath of office at this Capitol. Shortly thereafter, he signed several executive orders.

One executive order was Executive Order No. 14151. That executive order ended all DEI programs. The argument that DEI initiatives constitute reverse discrimination fundamentally misunderstands both the history and the purpose of these programs.

DEI initiatives emerged as thoughtful, evidence-based responses to documented inequities suffered by rural communities, minorities, women, the poor, and the disabled. These programs represent America at its best, acknowledging our Nation's shortcomings and tireless work to overcome them.

The ratification of the 14th Amendment in 1868 codified equal protection as a constitutional principle. Yet,

Americans soon discovered that simply declaring equal protection didn't automatically create it.

The real challenge was in translating these legal guarantees into everyday justice through their implementations. When the landmark Supreme Court decisions in 2023 and 2024 further restricted race-conscious university admissions and workplace policies, they accelerated a retreat from this understanding.

□ 1930

The history of DEI efforts in America is not some partisan agenda. It is part of our Nation's ongoing work to ensure that America's promise extends to every American. In 2025, as we face renewed attacks on these principles, we must renew our commitment to this work.

Let me be clear: Diversity, equity, and inclusion are not about guarantees and preferences; they are about removing barriers. They are not about lowering standards; they are about ensuring that the standards we apply don't inadvertently favor some groups while disadvantaging others who are equally qualified.

When our military, for example, embraced diversity and inclusion, it didn't become weaker. It became the most formidable fighting force in human history.

When our businesses embraced diverse talents and perspectives, they didn't become less competitive. They gained access to broader markets and built the strongest economy in the world.

When our universities created more inclusive learning environments, they didn't sacrifice excellence. Instead, they became global leaders in research and education.

The world is always watching us to see what we will accomplish, but now more than ever before, they are watching us to see who we will become.

I still believe in an America where a child's potential isn't limited to his ZIP Code, the color of his skin, their gender, or other factors beyond their control.

I believe in an America where we can acknowledge our imperfect past while working together toward a more perfect future.

Most of all, I believe in the fundamental goodness and fairness of the American people.

When we move beyond slogans, when we truly see each other as fellow citizens on one shared journey, we find that what unites us is far greater than what divides us.

While the temptation is great, we cannot let this moment divide us. We were never meant to be the divided States. We were created as and have thrived for over 250 years as the United States.

Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. JACKSON), the chairman of diversity, equity, and inclusion.

Mr. JACKSON of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I thank the Honorable Congressman

CLEO FIELDS from the Sixth District of the great State of Louisiana for yielding.

I would like to read for you, Mr. Speaker, a speech that the Honorable George W. Bush gave at the inauguration of the African American history museum. I was proud to be in attendance there, and I must say I was not a big fan of the Presidency of Mr. George Bush, but now, looking back over the times from which we have entered, I have to give him credit where credit is due. He gave a speech that day that I wish my Republican colleagues would take the time to listen to, and I will summarize it. Mr. Bush was the person who granted the land rights on behalf of African Americans.

He said: "This museum is an important addition to our country for many reasons. Here are three.

"First, it shows our commitment to truth. A great nation does not hide its history; it faces its flaws and corrects them. This museum tells the truth, that a country founded on the promise of liberty held millions in chains . . . that the price of our Union was America's original sin. From the beginning, some spoke the truth—John Adams called slavery 'an evil of colossal magnitude.' Their voices were not heeded, and often not heard, but they were always known to a power greater than any on Earth, one who loves His children and meant them to be free.

"Second, this museum shows America's capacity to change. For centuries, slavery and segregation seemed permanent parts of our national life—but not to Nat Turner or Frederick Douglass, Harriet Tubman, Rosa Parks, or Martin Luther King, Jr. All answered cruelty with courage and hope. In a society governed by the people, no wrong lasts forever. After struggle and sacrifice, the American people, acting through the most democratic of means, amended the Constitution that originally treated slaves"—Americans that had been enslaved—"as three-fifths of a person to guarantee equal protection of the laws. After decades of struggle, Civil Rights and Voting Rights Acts were finally enacted. Even today, the journey toward justice is still not complete, but this museum will inspire us to go farther and get there faster."

These are the words of George W. Bush.

"And finally, the museum showcases the talent of some of our finest Americans. The galleries celebrate not only African-American equality but African-American greatness. I can't help but note that a huge influence in my teenage years is honored here, the great Chuck Berry; or my baseball idol growing up in far West Texas, the great Willie Mays; and of course, something I never really mastered, the ability to give a good speech, but Thurgood Marshall sure could."

He concludes by saying: "Our country is better and more vibrant because of their contributions and the contributions of millions of African Amer-

icans. No telling of American history is neither complete nor accurate without acknowledging them. The lesson of this museum is that all Americans share a past and a future. By staying true to our principles, righting injustice, and encouraging the empowerment of all, we will be an even greater nation for generations to come. I congratulate all those who played a role in creating this wonderful museum."

These are the words of George W. Bush.

I thank Mr. Bush for having helped erect that magnificent museum now that the current administration is trying to take out its materials.

Earlier today, I wished Mr. Hegseth, our Secretary of Defense, could have shown the honor and the decency to come into the Capitol Visitor Center to acknowledge the women of Six Triple Eight. There, Speaker JOHNSON was present, and the leader of the Senate, Mr. THUNE, but notably absent was our Secretary of Defense.

Someone made the remarks, Mr. Speaker, today that people were hidden, there were hidden figures in American history. I know the message that they are sending, referring to the movie "Hidden Figures," the African-American women who did the math to put man on the moon but somehow were unceremoniously removed from all the accolades and all the parades, these women who were called human calculators. It came to my mind that they are really not hidden. Hidden is to be made inconvenient to the dominant narrative, shuffled to the footnotes or left on the cutting room floor of America's memory. It is dishonest, yes, but it leaves room for some discovery.

Erasure is more sinister. Erasure says that we were never here. Erasure digs into the archives with red ink and crosses out our lives, achievements, and sufferings. The women in Six Triple Eight have suffered erasure. It removes their names from the rolls and gravestones from the earth. It doesn't just forget. It forbids remembering.

These 885 women who put together 17 million pieces of mail that kept the morale of our troops high were given no recognition until today, after 80 years. I thank Speaker JOHNSON and Leader THUNE for their contribution.

When we talk about erasure, ask the descendants of Tulsa's Greenwood District, who for decades lived with silence where there should have been national mourning, and ask the generations denied their roots by a system that said their past wasn't worth recording.

We see it now in the battles over school curriculum, in sanitized histories where the enslaved become mere workers and civil rights are a footnote to a fabled color-blind dream.

When we allow erasure to masquerade as reform, we not only assault those who live the truth but endanger the consciousness of a nation already prone to moral amnesia.

To hide history is cowardice, I would say. To erase it is cruelty. America

must choose neither because when we forget what we were, we forfeit the right to know who we are.

Mr. Speaker, we are addressing the issue today of diversity, equity, and inclusion. I would like to speak on this matter because it is an urgent matter, one that touches the very soul of our Nation's promise and its founding ideals of equality, justice, and the pursuit of liberty.

We are at a crossroads, a critical juncture where the direction we choose will define the future of this Nation. I speak today about the persistent and harmful attacks on diversity, equity, and inclusion policies and how these attacks, particularly under the leadership of the President of the United States, are undermining the values upon which this Nation was built.

More profoundly, these attacks are not merely political, but they represent a direct assault on civil rights. Specifically, they started by targeting African Americans, and they threaten to undo the hard-fought progress that has been made over generations.

DEI, at its core, is not just a set of policies but an embodiment of American values, values that ensure every citizen, regardless of race, gender, or background, has the opportunity to thrive.

It reflects the notion that our strength as a nation lies in our diversity, that our success is drawn from the breadth of our collective experiences, and that our unity can be found not in the erasure of differences but in the celebration of them. Today, this fundamental belief is under siege.

When President Trump and his allies launched their attacks on DEI, they were not merely engaging in political rhetoric. They were dismantling policies designed to correct historical inequities and promote a more just and inclusive society.

These efforts, cloaked in the language of "merit" and "individual responsibility," are, in fact, a thinly veiled attempt to perpetuate a system that continues to privilege a select few while marginalizing the very communities that have fought the hardest for their rightful place in the American story. The deep scars of racism and inequality are not erased by wishful thinking or by policies that deny their existence.

The attack on DEI is an attack on civil rights, the idea of an egalitarian democracy, and the constitutional ideals that undergird the very idea of America.

This rhetoric is dangerous because it fundamentally misrepresents the mission of DEI and, in doing so, misrepresents the broadest civil rights movement that has shaped this Nation. It was, after all, the civil rights movement that won the battles to dismantle segregation, that fought for voting rights, and that created the foundation of a more inclusive society. The very principles of DEI stem from these victories.

When we attack diversity, equity, and inclusion, we erode the gains made through blood, sweat, and tears from the marches in Selma to the legislative victories in the sixties, seventies, eighties, nineties, and beyond.

To push to eliminate DEI policies is a dangerous step backward in this ongoing fight for justice and equality. It is no accident that this movement to undermine DEI coincides with the resurgence of racism and hatred, and this rhetoric and these policies are un-American.

These policies also coincide with the banning of books. I ask, when does a society move forward banning books? When we talk about restraining freedoms on women's bodies, when has that ever been good for society?

□ 1945

We talk about xenophobia when most people in this country have come from other lands. It is as if society has never moved forward. It is not a coincidence when I tell you, under the guise of fairness and colorblindness, these policies have disproportionately harmed the African American and the marginalized communities all while maintaining a status quo that favors the privileged few.

While it is true that the Black community created the pathway that led to greater diversity in America, the reality is that Black people are not the only community that benefits from it. Women are a part of DEI. Veterans are a part of DEI. People with different abilities are a part of DEI. American workers are a part of DEI. Even women and families that need IVF, in vitro fertilization to build strong American families, are all communities that benefit from DEI initiatives.

Here is a news flash: Diversity does not mean Black. Diversity can mean making sure people who use wheelchairs are not discriminated against and get equal consideration for housing and employment opportunities. It can mean making sure that senior citizens have the same protection as young people. To say nothing of the fact that ensuring the right of young people to be in leadership is what diversity and inclusion is all about.

The move to get rid of these policies is not theoretical; they are real. They are felt and they have consequences. Take, for example, the recent span of book bans across the Nation, particularly those targeting African-American authors, targeting our history, and targeting our lived experiences. Books like "The Hate U Give" by Angie Thomas, "Beloved" by Toni Morrison, "Between the World and Me" by Ta-Nehisi Coates have been removed from classrooms and libraries not because of their literary merit but because of the discomfort they cause to those who wish to ignore the brutal realities of race in America.

These bans are not merely an affront to academic freedom; they are an assault on Black identity and an attempt

to stifle the critical conversations necessary for a truly inclusive society.

Moreover, the policies that aim to ban discussions of race and racism in the classroom directly undermine the very spirit of education. It is no secret that Black students—especially those attending public schools in underserved communities—are already facing systemic barriers to educational opportunities. When DEI programs are eliminated, when history is whitewashed, and when Black experiences are rendered invisible, the message sent to our children is clear: Your history, your experience, and your potential does not matter.

These policies contribute to a culture of exclusion, a culture that denies the very existence of our humanity as a people, and by extension, the humanity of all people.

Mr. FIELDS. Mr. Speaker, one of the problems I think that many people have with DEI programs—which is one of the same problems they had with affirmative action, if you recall—they viewed it as two parallel lines, where you took a person who was less qualified and you elevated him to the level of somebody who was more qualified.

That is not DEI. That was not affirmative action. Instead, people should look at it as a circle and every single person within the circle are all qualified to do the job, but there is just one single problem: There are folks in the circle, although they are qualified, they never get chosen. There are women in the circle who never get chosen simply because they are female. Hispanics, Blacks in the circle don't get chosen simply because of the color of their skin. People need to view it as: Everybody in the circle is qualified, but DEI comes in and grabs people who are not chosen only because of the color of their skin or because of their sex.

Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. JACKSON) for the purpose of a colloquy.

Mr. JACKSON of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I find it interesting when we started this conversation about diversity, equity, and inclusion, I invited some of my other colleagues to participate. One person asked me: Is it legal for you to discuss DEI, diversity, equity, and inclusion?

As coequal branches of government, we do not work for the DOGE. We do not work for the Presidency. We fundamentally disagree with the way the Nation is going under the Presidency. Mr. Pete Hegseth, our Secretary of Defense, needs to understand, if he would take the time to read it, that diversity is legal according to the United States Supreme Court in the Students for Fair Admissions.

Mr. Speaker, the generals that have written the amicus brief said: "Growing and maintaining a highly qualified, diverse officer corps remains a U.S. national security imperative."

We had discussed this at one point. Further on, they go on to say: "The

U.S. military's commitment to diverse and inclusive leadership derives from decades of experience." This is exponential.

"The U.S. military's international presence and engagement abroad with foreign military and civilians requires diversity in this officers corps."

In part C, they say: "U.S. military diversity initiatives have led to significant progress in growing a highly qualified and racially diverse officer corps, but this work must continue."

"Invalidating universities' modest race-conscious admissions policies would seriously impair the military's efforts to maintain cohesion and effectiveness."

Mr. Speaker, Members can read the entirety of the amicus brief at the following link: <https://www.harvard.edu/admissionscase/wp-content/uploads/sites/6/2022/08/Amicus-Brief-Military-Brief72.pdf>.

When they say they are anti-DEI and then they take down the statues and remove the gravestones of Jackie Robinson, that does not help with military cohesion. If there is one of our colleagues that is watching us in the Chamber, we invite you down so we can have a debate, a discussion on DEI and stop the polarization and racializing this. They find it okay.

Mr. Pete Hegseth finds it okay to resurrect the name of Ku Klux Klansman General Bragg, Fort Bragg, but yet you take down the name of Jackie Robinson. And you are not done with improper ideology? Then you resurrect the names of so many others. There are six military bases that have some of these Confederate generals on there, but then you take down the names of Medgar Evers and Harriet Tubman? That is shameful and hypocritical.

Diversity makes the Nation stronger. Being committed to truth and justice about our paths only serves as a benefit. It doesn't take anything away. The false narrative that people are unqualified simply is not true. We know from these Halls of Congress right here that people whose parents have been here before can teach their children how to run for office, how to raise the funds, and you will see children of those that have been in power following in that tradition.

We are talking about creating an on-ramp for greater inclusiveness, for greater cohesion amongst the troops. Lastly, if it is good enough for the war room, isn't it good enough for the boardroom and classroom?

Mr. FIELDS. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman for his remarks.

What is interesting is when the President signed that executive order to do away with three words: diversity, equity, and inclusion, it sent universities in a tailspin. They didn't know what to do. In fact, the President himself ended a program—and I am glad the gentleman from Illinois serves on the Agriculture Committee. I am glad that you and others wrote letters and he restored the program that gave

young scholars scholarships to go to college, 1890 universities. He said that it was a DEI program, and then later he reversed it. It was a program where these kids had to score high scores on the ACT in order to qualify. They had to have high GPAs.

Not to mention the impact it has had on businesses. There are businesses that have ended their DEI programs simply because of that executive order.

Mr. JACKSON of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, if I could jump in on that for just a moment.

These are voluntary programs. These are aspirational programs, as you have shared with me. There is no DEI law. No DEI law has been passed by the Congress. How can you outlaw something that never was a law?

When we go into the Senate, just at the other end of this Chamber, you see “E Pluribus unum” over the Speaker, which means “out of many, one.” That is the call for diversity.

When we talk about equality in the 14th Amendment, equal protection under the law, we only had that once the Nation could confront its history and tell the truth. We wouldn’t have had to have the 13th Amendment abolishing slavery, and the 14th Amendment that was meant for equal protection for those Americans that had been enslaved for 246 years from 1619 to 1865. And it was 346 years from 1619 to 1965 before the Voting Rights Act was even passed. Then the 15th Amendment came around to make sure that everyone had equal access to the ballot, and that wasn’t fully enacted until 1965.

Yes, this has been a long journey and we cannot be cowards and not confront the history and the truth of our past.

Mr. FIELDS. Mr. Speaker, may I inquire as to the time remaining.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman from Louisiana has 2 minutes remaining.

Mr. FIELDS. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. JACKSON).

Mr. JACKSON of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I thank Congressman FIELDS for the privilege of standing here beside him. I thank him for his commitment to justice, for his commitment to the American way, and I thank him for making America better.

His case right now before the United States Supreme Court, *Louisiana v. Callais*, is taking into account, once again, the maxim of equal protection under the law. We want to make sure that America stays strong and America gets better.

I tell those that say “Make America Great Again,” I tell them that this is the greatest America has ever been. This body now has more female Senators, has more people of ethnicities, more diversity, and I am proud of the culture that this great country has.

I hope other people would step forward to find the courage to come and join us on this floor so we can have a conversation.

Do not live in fear of the President primarizing you. Do not live in fear of

the President taking words out of your mouth. You can be a major law firm. Don’t lose the ink in your pen because you have fear. You can be a major university. Don’t give up your academic freedom because of fear. You have a major corporation. You have the right to align yourself with the interests of your shareholders and the interests of your future marketplace. Hold on to the DEI.

Members of this body, as coequal branches of government and the United States, fundamentally disagree with President Donald J. Trump.

Mr. Speaker, I want Mr. Pete Hegseth to know that diversity is legal in the United States military. Colin Powell was an affirmative action general. We should tell the truth about it. He came through under the Carter administration.

Mr. Speaker, I thank Congressman FIELDS for this Special Order.

Mr. FIELDS. Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

ENROLLED JOINT RESOLUTION SIGNED

Kevin F. McCumber, Clerk of the House, reported and found truly an enrolled joint resolution of the House of the following title, which was thereupon signed by the Speaker:

H.J. Res. 20. Joint Resolution providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Department of Energy relating to “Energy Conservation Program: Energy Conservation Standards for Consumer Gas-Fired Instantaneous Water Heaters”.

SENATE ENROLLED JOINT RESOLUTIONS SIGNED

The Speaker announced his signature to enrolled joint resolutions of the Senate of the following titles:

S.J. Res. 18.—A joint resolution disapproving the rule submitted by the Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection relating to “Overdraft Lending: Very Large Financial Institutions”.

S.J. Res. 28.—A joint resolution disapproving the rule submitted by the Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection relating to “Defining Larger Participants of a Market for General-Use Digital Consumer Payment Applications”.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. FIELDS. Mr. Speaker, I move that the House do now adjourn.

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 7 o’clock and 57 minutes p.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until tomorrow, Wednesday, April 30, 2025, at 10 a.m. for morning-hour debate.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

Under clause 2 of rule XIV, executive communications were taken from the Speaker’s table and referred as follows:

EC-812. A letter from the Acting Chairman, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation,

transmitting the Corporation’s 2024 Merger Decisions Report; to the Committee on Financial Services.

EC-813. A letter from the Assistant General Counsel for Regulatory Affairs, Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation, transmitting the Corporation’s final rule — Allocation of Assets in Single-Employer Plans; Interest Assumptions for Valuing Benefits received April 17, 2025, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Education and Workforce.

EC-814. A letter from the Deputy Assistant Administrator, Diversion Control Division, Drug Enforcement Administration, Department of Justice, transmitting the Department’s temporary rule — Third Temporary Extension of COVID-19 Telemedicine Flexibilities for Prescription of Controlled Medications [Docket No.: DEA-407] (RIN: 1117-AB40, 1117-AB78, and 1117-ZA06) received April 24, 2025, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

EC-815. A letter from the Deputy Assistant Administrator, Diversion Control Division, Drug Enforcement Administration, Department of Justice, transmitting the Department’s final amendment — Schedules of Controlled Substances: Placement of Etodesnitazene, N-Pyrrolidino Etonitazene, and Protonitazene in Schedule I [Docket No.: DEA-900] received April 24, 2025, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

EC-816. A letter from the Deputy Assistant Administrator, Diversion Control Division, Drug Enforcement Administration, Department of Justice, transmitting the Department’s final amendment — Schedules of Controlled Substances: Placement of 2-Methyl AP-237 in Schedule I [Docket No.: DEA-1245] received April 24, 2025, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

EC-817. A letter from the Deputy Assistant Administrator, Diversion Control Division, Drug Enforcement Administration, Department of Justice, transmitting the Department’s temporary amendment — Schedules of Controlled Substances: Temporary Placement of N-Desethyl Isotonitazene and N-Piperidiny Etonitazene in Schedule I [Docket No.: DEA-1143] received April 24, 2025, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

EC-818. A letter from the Deputy Assistant Administrator, Diversion Control Division, Drug Enforcement Administration, Department of Justice, transmitting the Department’s final rule — Schedules of Controlled Substances: Placement of Zuranolone in Schedule IV [Docket No.: DEA1258] received April 24, 2025, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

EC-819. A letter from the Deputy Assistant Administrator, Diversion Control Division, Drug Enforcement Administration, Department of Justice, transmitting the Department’s final rule — Schedules of Controlled Substances: Placement of Ethylphenidate in Schedule I [Docket No.: DEA-1142] received April 24, 2025, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

EC-820. A letter from the Deputy Assistant Administrator, Diversion Control Division, Drug Enforcement Administration, Department of Justice, transmitting the Department’s final rule — Schedules of Controlled

Substances: Placement of Butonitazene, Flunitazene, and Metodesnitazene Substances in Schedule I [Docket No.: DEA-900N] received April 24, 2025, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

EC-821. A letter from the Deputy Assistant Administrator, Diversion Control Division, Drug Enforcement Administration, Department of Justice, transmitting the Department's temporary rule — Schedules of Controlled Substances: Extension of Temporary Placement of Butonitazene, Flunitazene, and Metodesnitazene in Schedule I of the Controlled Substances Act [Docket No.: DEA-900E] received April 24, 2025, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

EC-822. A letter from the Chief of Staff, Media Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule — Amendment of Section 73.622(j), Table of TV Allotments, Television Broadcast Stations (Price, Utah) [MB Docket No.: 25-6] (RM-11993) received April 28, 2025, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

EC-823. A letter from the Chief of Staff, Media Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule — Amendment of Section 73.622(j), Table of TV Allotments, Television Broadcast Stations (Monroe, Louisiana) [MB Docket No.: 25-14] (RM-11994) received April 17, 2025, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

EC-824. A letter from the Chief, Wireline Competition Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule — Incarcerated People's Communications Services; Implementation of the Martha Wright-Reed Act [WC Docket No.: 23-62]; Rates for Interstate Inmate Calling Services [WC Docket No.: 12-375] received April 17, 2025, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

EC-825. A letter from the General Counsel, Federal Retirement Thrift Investment Board, transmitting the Board's final rule — Breakage on Late Contributions, Makeup Contributions, and Loan Payments received April 17, 2025, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

EC-826. A letter from the Secretary, Department of the Treasury, transmitting a six-month periodic report on the national emergency with respect to the stabilization of Iraq that was Declared in Executive Order 13303 of May 22, 2003, pursuant to 50 U.S.C. 1641(c); Public Law 94-412, Sec. 401(c); (90 Stat. 1257) and 50 U.S.C. 1703(c); Public Law 95-223, Sec. 204(c); (91 Stat. 1627); to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

EC-827. A letter from the Secretary, Department of the Treasury, transmitting a six-month periodic report on the national emergency with respect to significant foreign narcotics traffickers centered in Colombia that was declared in Executive Order 12978 of October 21, 1995, pursuant to 50 U.S.C. 1641(c); Public Law 94-412, Sec. 401(c); (90 Stat. 1257) and 50 U.S.C. 1703(c); Public Law 95-223, Sec. 204(c); (91 Stat. 1627); to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

EC-828. A letter from the Senior Bureau Official, Bureau of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting Transmittal No. DDTC 25-004 Certification of Proposed Issuance of an Export License Pursuant to Sec 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

EC-829. A letter from the Secretary, Department of the Treasury, transmitting a six-month periodic report on the national emergency with respect to Yemen that was declared in Executive Order 13611 of May 16, 2012, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

EC-830. A letter from the Associate Administrator, Congressional and Intergovernmental Relations, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's FY 2024 FAST-41 Permitting Best Practices Annual Report to Congress, pursuant to 42 U.S.C. 4370m-7(a)(1); Public Law 114-94, Sec. 41008(a)(1) (as amended by Public Law 117-58, div. G, title VIII, Sec. 70801(f)); (135 Stat. 1293); to the Committee on Natural Resources.

EC-831. A letter from the Solicitor General, Department of Justice, transmitting a letter advising that the Department of Justice has decided not to file a petition for a writ of certiorari in *Range v. Attorney General United States*, No. 21-2835 (3rd Cir. 2024) (en bane), pursuant to 28 U.S.C. 530D(a)(1); Public Law 107-273, Sec. 202(a); (116 Stat. 1771); to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-832. A letter from the Manager, Legal Litigation and Support, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Amendment of Class E Airspace; Edenton, NC [Docket No.: FAA-2024-1983; Airspace Docket No.: 24-ASO-24] (RIN: 2120-AA66) received April 15, 2025, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

EC-833. A letter from the Manager, Legal Litigation and Support, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Airworthiness Directives; Airbus SAS Airplanes [Docket No.: FAA-2024-1701; Project Identifier MCAI-2024-00153-T; Amendment 39-22986; AD 2025-05-14] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received April 15, 2025, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

EC-834. A letter from the Manager, Legal Litigation and Support, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Airworthiness Directives; Airbus Helicopters [Docket No.: FAA-2025-0623; Project Identifier MCAI-2023-00878-R; Amendment 39-23017; AD 2025-08-04] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received April 21, 2025, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

EC-835. A letter from the Manager, Legal Litigation and Support, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Airworthiness Directives; Airbus Helicopters [Docket No.: FAA-2025-0622; Project Identifier MCAI-2023-00875-R; Amendment 39-23016; AD 2025-08-03] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received April 21, 2025, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

EC-836. A letter from the Manager, Legal Litigation and Support, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Airworthiness Directives; Airbus Helicopters [Docket No.: FAA-2025-0620; Project Identifier MCAI-2025-00020-R; Amendment 39-23015; AD 2025-08-02] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received April 21, 2025, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

EC-837. A letter from the Manager, Legal Litigation and Support, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Airworthiness Directives; General Electric Company Engines [Docket No.: FAA-2024-2417; Project Identifier

AD-2024-00336-E; Amendment 39-23012; AD 2025-07-10] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received April 21, 2025, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

EC-838. A letter from the Manager, Legal Litigation and Support, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Standard Instrument Approach Procedures, and Takeoff Minimums and Obstacle Departure Procedures; Miscellaneous Amendments [Docket No.: 31595; Amdt. No.: 4157] received April 15, 2025, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

EC-839. A letter from the Manager, Legal Litigation and Support, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Standard Instrument Approach Procedures, and Takeoff Minimums and Obstacle Departure Procedures; Miscellaneous Amendments [Docket No.: 31596; Amdt. No.: 4158] received April 15, 2025, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

EC-840. A letter from the Chairman, Federal Maritime Commission, transmitting the Commission's 63rd Annual Report for FY 2024, pursuant to 46 U.S.C. 46106(a); Public Law 109-304, Sec. 4; (120 Stat. 1489); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

EC-841. A letter from the Regulations Coordinator, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting the Department's Major final rule — Medicare and Medicaid Programs; Contract Year 2026 Policy and Technical Changes to the Medicare Advantage Program, Medicare Prescription Drug Benefit Program, Medicare Cost Plan Program, and Programs of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly [CMS-4208-F] (RIN: 0938-AV40) received April 17, 2025, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); jointly to the Committees on Energy and Commerce and Ways and Means.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES ON PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 2 of rule XIII, reports of committees were delivered to the Clerk for printing and reference to the proper calendar, as follows:

Mr. WALBERG: Committee on Education and Workforce. House Resolution 237. Resolution of inquiry requesting the President and directing the Secretary of Education to transmit, respectively, certain documents to the House of Representatives relating to the reduction in force and other downsizing measures at the Department of Education, adversely, with an amendment (Rept. 119-84). Referred to the House Calendar.

PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 2 of rule XII, public bills and resolutions of the following titles were introduced and severally referred, as follows:

By Mr. TAKANO (for himself, Ms. ADAMS, Mr. AGUILAR, Mr. AMO, Ms. ANSARI, Mr. AUCHINCLOSS, Ms. BALINT, Ms. BARRAGÁN, Mrs. BEATTY, Mr. BELL, Mr. BERA, Mr. BEYER, Mr. BISHOP, Ms. BONAMICI, Mr. BOYLE of Pennsylvania, Ms. BROWN, Ms. BROWNLEY, Ms. BUDZINSKI, Ms. BYNUM, Mr. CARBAJAL, Mr. CARSON, Mr. CARTER of Louisiana, Mr. CASAR,

Mr. CASE, Mr. CASTEN, Ms. CASTOR of Florida, Mr. CASTRO of Texas, Mrs. CHERFILUS-MCCORMICK, Ms. CHU, Mr. CISNEROS, Ms. CLARK of Massachusetts, Ms. CLARKE of New York, Mr. CLEAVER, Mr. CLYBURN, Mr. COHEN, Mr. CONAWAY, Mr. CONNOLLY, Mr. CORREA, Mr. COSTA, Mr. COURTNEY, Ms. CRAIG, Ms. CROCKETT, Mr. CROW, Ms. DAVIDS of Kansas, Mr. DAVIS of Illinois, Ms. DEAN of Pennsylvania, Ms. DEGETTE, Ms. DELAURO, Ms. DELBENE, Mr. DELUZIO, Mr. DESAULNIER, Ms. DEXTER, Mrs. DINGELL, Mr. DOGGETT, Ms. ELFRETH, Ms. ESCOBAR, Mr. ESPAILLAT, Mr. EVANS of Pennsylvania, Mr. FIELDS, Mr. FIGURES, Mrs. FLETCHER, Mr. POSTER, Mrs. FOUSHEE, Ms. LOIS FRANKEL of Florida, Ms. FRIEDMAN, Mr. FROST, Mr. GARAMENDI, Mr. GARCIA of California, Ms. GARCIA of Texas, Mr. GARCÍA of Illinois, Ms. GILLEN, Mr. GOLDEN of Maine, Mr. GOLDMAN of New York, Mr. GOMEZ, Mr. VICENTE GONZALEZ of Texas, Ms. GOODLANDER, Mr. GOTTHEIMER, Mr. GRAY, Mr. GREEN of Texas, Mr. HARDER of California, Mrs. HAYES, Mr. HERNÁNDEZ, Mr. HIMES, Mr. HORSFORD, Ms. HOULAHAN, Mr. HOYER, Ms. HOYLE of Oregon, Mr. HUFFMAN, Mr. IVEY, Mr. JACKSON of Illinois, Ms. JACOBS, Ms. JAYAPAL, Mr. JEFFRIES, Ms. JOHNSON of Texas, Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia, Ms. KAMLAGER-DOVE, Ms. KAPTUR, Mr. KEATING, Ms. KELLY of Illinois, Mr. KENNEDY of New York, Mr. KHANNA, Mr. KRISHNAMOORTHY, Mr. LANDSMAN, Mr. LARSEN of Washington, Mr. LARSON of Connecticut, Mr. LATIMER, Ms. LEE of Pennsylvania, Ms. LEE of Nevada, Ms. LEGER FERNANDEZ, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. LICCARDO, Mr. LIEU, Ms. LOFGREN, Mr. LYNCH, Mr. MAGAZINER, Mr. MANNION, Ms. MATSUI, Mrs. MCBATH, Ms. MCBRIDE, Mrs. MCCLAIN DELANEY, Ms. MCCLELLAN, Ms. MCCOLLUM, Ms. McDONALD RIVET, Mr. MCGARVEY, Mr. MCGOVERN, Mrs. MCIVER, Mr. MEEKS, Mr. MENENDEZ, Ms. MENG, Mr. MFUME, Mr. MIN, Ms. MOORE of Wisconsin, Mr. MORELLE, Ms. MORRISON, Mr. MOSKOWITZ, Mr. MOULTON, Mr. MRVAN, Mr. MULLIN, Mr. NADLER, Mr. NEAL, Mr. NEGUSE, Mr. NORCROSS, Ms. NORTON, Ms. OCASIO-CORTEZ, Mr. OLSZEWSKI, Ms. OMAR, Mr. PALLONE, Mr. PANETTA, Mr. PAPPAS, Ms. PELOSI, Ms. PEREZ, Mr. PETERS, Ms. PETTERSEN, Ms. PINGREE, Ms. PLASKETT, Mr. POCAN, Ms. POU, Ms. PRESSLEY, Mr. QUIGLEY, Mrs. RAMIREZ, Ms. RANDALL, Mr. RASKIN, Mr. RILEY of New York, Ms. RIVAS, Ms. ROSS, Mr. RUIZ, Mr. RYAN, Ms. SALINAS, Ms. SÁNCHEZ, Ms. SCANLON, Ms. SCHAKOWSKY, Mr. SCHNEIDER, Ms. SCHOLTEN, Ms. SCHRIER, Mr. SCOTT of Virginia, Mr. DAVID SCOTT of Georgia, Ms. SEWELL, Mr. SHERMAN, Ms. SHERRILL, Ms. SIMON, Mr. SMITH of Washington, Mr. SORENSEN, Mr. SOTO, Ms. STANSBURY, Mr. STANTON, Ms. STEVENS, Ms. STRICKLAND, Mr. SUBRAMANYAM, Mr. SUOZZI, Mr. SWALWELL, Mrs. SYKES, Mr. THANEDAR, Mr. THOMPSON of California, Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi, Ms. TITUS, Ms. TLAIB, Ms. TOKUDA, Mr. TONKO, Mr. TORRES of New York, Mrs. TORRES of California, Mrs. TRAHAN, Mr. TRAN, Ms. UNDERWOOD, Mr. VARGAS, Mr. VASQUEZ, Mr. VEASEY, Ms. VELÁZQUEZ, Mr. VINDMAN, Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ, Ms. WATERS, Mrs. WATSON COLEMAN,

Mr. WHITESIDES, Ms. WILLIAMS of Georgia, and Ms. WILSON of Florida); H.R. 15. A bill to prohibit discrimination on the basis of sex, gender identity, and sexual orientation, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary, and in addition to the Committees on Education and Workforce, Financial Services, House Administration, and Oversight and Government Reform, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Ms. MCCLELLAN (for herself, Ms. DELBENE, Ms. TLAIB, Ms. PINGREE, Ms. LEE of Pennsylvania, Ms. TOKUDA, Mr. THANEDAR, Ms. BONAMICI, Mr. TONKO, Ms. NORTON, Mrs. CHERFILUS-MCCORMICK, Mr. FROST, and Mr. POSTER):

H.R. 3054. A bill to require the Director of the Office of Science and Technology Policy to develop a consistent set of policy guidelines for Federal research agencies to address financial instability of graduate researchers and postdoctoral researchers, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology.

By Mr. BARRETT (for himself, Ms. SCHOLTEN, and Mr. BOST):

H.R. 3055. A bill to direct the Secretary of Transportation to develop an action plan on members of the Armed Forces eligible for pre-separation counseling and veterans becoming supply chain employees, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, and in addition to the Committees on Armed Services, and Veterans' Affairs, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. BARR:

H.R. 3056. A bill to redesignate Camp Nelson National Monument, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Natural Resources.

By Mr. BEAN of Florida (for himself, Mr. WEBSTER of Florida, Mr. CARSON, Mrs. LUNA, Mr. DIAZ-BALART, Mr. BUCHANAN, Mr. RUTHERFORD, and Mr. SCOTT FRANKLIN of Florida):

H.R. 3057. A bill to designate the POW/MIA Memorial and Museum in Jacksonville, Florida, as the National POW/MIA Memorial and Museum, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, and in addition to the Committee on Natural Resources, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mrs. CAMMACK:

H.R. 3058. A bill to amend chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, to provide for additional congressional review of agency rule-making, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary, and in addition to the Committee on Rules, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. CARTER of Georgia:

H.R. 3059. A bill to amend the Solid Waste Disposal Act to provide the owner or operator of a critical energy resource facility an interim permit under subtitle C that is subject to final approval by the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Ms. CLARKE of New York (for herself, Ms. PRESSLEY, and Ms. TLAIB):

H.R. 3060. A bill to prohibit the use of biometric recognition technology in certain fed-

erally assisted dwelling units, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Financial Services.

By Mr. EZELL (for himself, Mr. HIGGINS of Louisiana, Mr. WEBER of Texas, and Mr. CRENSHAW):

H.R. 3061. A bill to require the Secretary of the Interior to conduct certain offshore lease sales, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Natural Resources.

By Ms. FEDORCHAK:

H.R. 3062. A bill to establish a more uniform, transparent, and modern process to authorize the construction, connection, operation, and maintenance of international border-crossing facilities for the import and export of oil and natural gas and the transmission of electricity; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committees on Transportation and Infrastructure, and Natural Resources, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. FIGURES (for himself, Mr. JACK, and Ms. SEWELL):

H.R. 3063. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to authorize the Secretary of Health and Human Services to make grants to assist rural hospitals, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. TONY GONZALES of Texas:

H.R. 3064. A bill to include sexual assault and aggravated sexual violence in the definition of aggravated felonies under the Immigration and Nationality Act in order to expedite the removal of aliens convicted of such crimes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. TONY GONZALES of Texas (for himself, Mr. CRENSHAW, and Mr. GIMENEZ):

H.R. 3065. A bill to punish the distribution of fentanyl resulting in death as felony murder; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. HARRIGAN:

H.R. 3066. A bill to enhance financial oversight of commercial wire transfer companies and prevent illicit money transfers by criminal organizations, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Financial Services.

By Mr. HUFFMAN (for himself, Ms. BROWNLEY, Ms. DEGETTE, Mr. BEYER, Ms. CASTOR of Florida, Ms. NORTON, Ms. ADAMS, Ms. OCASIO-CORTEZ, Ms. TLAIB, Ms. STANSBURY, Ms. BONAMICI, Ms. KAMLAGER-DOVE, Ms. DAVIDS of Kansas, Ms. SCANLON, Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia, Mr. MULLIN, Mr. POSTER, Mr. RASKIN, Mr. KHANNA, Mr. MOSKOWITZ, Ms. JAYAPAL, Mr. CARBAJAL, Mr. NEGUSE, Ms. HOYLE of Oregon, Mr. SCHNEIDER, Ms. SÁNCHEZ, Mr. VARGAS, Mr. KRISHNAMOORTHY, Ms. DEAN of Pennsylvania, Ms. SCHAKOWSKY, Mrs. MCBATH, Mr. EVANS of Pennsylvania, Ms. VELÁZQUEZ, Mr. CARSON, Ms. SALINAS, Mr. NADLER, Ms. JACOBS, Ms. MCCOLLUM, Mr. SOTO, Mr. AUCHINCLOSS, Mrs. RAMIREZ, Ms. WATERS, Mr. OLSZEWSKI, Ms. ELFRETH, Ms. TOKUDA, Ms. CRAIG, Ms. OMAR, Mr. TAKANO, Mr. DAVIS of Illinois, Mr. RUIZ, Mrs. TRAHAN, Ms. MATSUI, Ms. SCHRIER, Mr. CONNOLLY, Mr. FROST, Mr. CASTEN, Ms. ANSARI, Ms. DEXTER, Ms. MORRISON, Mr. LATIMER, Mr. AMO, Mr. COHEN, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. GARCÍA of Illinois, Mr. SCOTT of Virginia, Ms. MENG, Ms. DELBENE, Ms. MCBRIDE, Ms. LEE of Pennsylvania, Ms. RANDALL, Mr. MIN, Mr. CISNEROS, Mr. SMITH of Washington, Mr. LARSEN of Washington, Mr. LIEU, Ms. CHU, Ms. PINGREE, Mr. CASE, Mr. MCGOVERN, Mr. BOYLE of Pennsylvania, Ms. BARRAGÁN, Ms.

BALINT, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. VASQUEZ, and Mrs. WATSON COLEMAN):

H.R. 3067. A bill to amend Public Law 115-97 (commonly known as the "Tax Cuts and Jobs Act") to repeal the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge oil and gas program, and to preserve the Arctic coastal plain of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge, Alaska, as wilderness in recognition of its extraordinary natural ecosystems and for the permanent good of present and future generations of Americans; to the Committee on Natural Resources.

By Mr. HUIZENGA (for himself and Mr. MCCAUL):

H.R. 3068. A bill to amend the Arms Export Control Act to modify certain provisions relating to AUKUS defense trade cooperation, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

By Ms. JAYAPAL (for herself, Mrs. DINGELL, Ms. ADAMS, Ms. ANSARI, Ms. BALINT, Ms. BARRAGAN, Mr. BELL, Mr. BEYER, Ms. BONAMICI, Mr. BOYLE of Pennsylvania, Ms. BROWN, Mr. CARBAJAL, Mr. CARSON, Mr. CARTER of Louisiana, Mr. CASAR, Mrs. CHERFILUS-MCCORMICK, Ms. CHU, Ms. CLARKE of New York, Mr. CLEAVER, Mr. COHEN, Ms. CROCKETT, Mr. DAVIS of Illinois, Ms. DEGETTE, Mr. DELUZZO, Mr. DESAULNIER, Ms. DEXTER, Mr. DOGGETT, Ms. ESCOBAR, Mr. ESPAILLAT, Mrs. FOUSHEE, Ms. LOIS FRANKEL of Florida, Ms. FRIEDMAN, Mr. FROST, Mr. GARAMENDI, Mr. GARCIA of California, Mr. GARCIA of Illinois, Mr. GOLDMAN of New York, Mr. GOMEZ, Mr. GREEN of Texas, Mrs. HAYES, Ms. HOYLE of Oregon, Mr. HUFFMAN, Mr. JACKSON of Illinois, Ms. JACOBS, Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia, Ms. KAMLAGER-DOVE, Mr. KEATING, Ms. KELLY of Illinois, Mr. KENNEDY of New York, Mr. KHANNA, Ms. LEE of Pennsylvania, Ms. LEGER FERNANDEZ, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. LIEU, Ms. LOFGREN, Ms. MCCOLLUM, Mr. MCGARVEY, Mr. MCGOVERN, Mrs. MCIVER, Mr. MEEKS, Ms. MENG, Mr. MFUME, Mr. MIN, Mr. MULLIN, Mr. NADLER, Mr. NEGUSE, Ms. NORTON, Ms. OCASIO-CORTEZ, Ms. OMAR, Mr. PALLONE, Mr. PANETTA, Ms. PINGREE, Mr. POCAN, Ms. PRESSLEY, Mr. QUIGLEY, Mrs. RAMIREZ, Ms. RANDALL, Mr. RASKIN, Ms. RIVAS, Ms. SALINAS, Ms. SANCHEZ, Ms. SCHAKOWSKY, Mr. SCOTT of Virginia, Mr. SHERMAN, Ms. SIMON, Mr. SMITH of Washington, Mr. STANSBURY, Mr. SWALWELL, Mr. TAKANO, Mr. THANEDAR, Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi, Mr. THOMPSON of California, Ms. TITUS, Ms. TLAIB, Ms. TOKUDA, Mr. TONKO, Mrs. TRAHAN, Mr. VARGAS, Ms. VELAZQUEZ, Ms. WATERS, Mrs. WATSON COLEMAN, Ms. WILLIAMS of Georgia, Ms. WILSON of Florida, Mr. HARDER of California, Mr. IVEY, and Mr. TORRES of New York):

H.R. 3069. A bill to establish an improved Medicare for All national health insurance program; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committees on Ways and Means, Education and Workforce, Rules, Oversight and Government Reform, Armed Services, and the Judiciary, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Ms. LEE of Florida (for herself, Ms. STEFANIK, Mr. STANTON, Mr. MORELLE, Mr. AMODEI of Nevada, Mr. BEAN of Florida, Mr. BERGMAN, Ms. SALAZAR, Mr. CARTER of Georgia, Ms.

WASSERMAN SCHULTZ, Mr. CISCOMANI, Mr. RUTHERFORD, and Mr. CALVERT):

H.R. 3070. A bill to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to authorize admission of Canadian retirees as long-term visitors for pleasure described in section 101(a)(15)(B) of such Act, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary, and in addition to the Committee on Ways and Means, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. LIEU (for himself, Ms. BROWNLEY, and Ms. BARRAGAN):

H.R. 3071. A bill to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to increase the civil and criminal penalties for oil spills, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

By Mrs. LUNA:

H.R. 3072. A bill to codify actions taken by the Department of Government Efficiency (commonly referred to as a DOGE), and for other purposes; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

By Ms. MALOY:

H.R. 3073. A bill to confer jurisdiction on the State of Utah with respect to civil causes of action arising on or within the Indian lands of the Shivwits Band of Paiutes, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Natural Resources.

By Mrs. MCCLAIN (for herself and Mr. GARCIA of California):

H.R. 3074. A bill to direct the Secretary of the Treasury to stop minting the penny, to require cash transactions to be rounded up or down to the nearest five cents, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Financial Services.

By Ms. MENG:

H.R. 3075. A bill to adjust the amount of monthly old-age, survivors, and disability insurance payments under title II of the Social Security Act based on locality-based comparability payment rates; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Ms. PINGREE (for herself and Mr. BAIRD):

H.R. 3076. A bill to amend the Poultry Products Inspection Act and the Federal Meat Inspection Act to support small and very small meat and poultry processing establishments, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture.

By Ms. PINGREE (for herself, Ms. JAYAPAL, Ms. BROWNLEY, Ms. TLAIB, Ms. STRICKLAND, Mr. KHANNA, Ms. PLASKETT, Mr. PANETTA, Mr. HUFFMAN, Mr. TONKO, Mr. MOULTON, Mr. FROST, Mr. KRISHNAMOORTHY, Mr. QUIGLEY, Ms. MCCOLLUM, Mr. CONNOLLY, and Ms. HOYLE of Oregon):

H.R. 3077. A bill to address the impact of climate change on agriculture, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture, and in addition to the Committees on Education and Workforce, Energy and Commerce, House Administration, and Oversight and Government Reform, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. RILEY of New York (for himself and Mr. NUNN of Iowa):

H.R. 3078. A bill to amend the Department of Energy Research and Innovation Act to direct the Secretary of Energy to coordinate with certain Federal officials to conduct research, development, testing, and evaluation of novel technologies to detect fentanyl vapor or particles in support of rapid screening of the mails, at prisons, at United States borders, and in other related use cases, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology.

By Mr. RULLI (for himself, Mr. VEASEY, and Mr. CAREY):

H.R. 3079. A bill to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to extend renewal periods for certain home and community-based services waivers and State plan amendments under the Medicaid program; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. SESSIONS:

H.R. 3080. A bill to ensure health care fairness and affordability for all Americans through universal access to equitable health insurance tax credits, reformed health savings accounts, and strengthened consumer protections, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committees on Ways and Means, and Education and Workforce, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Ms. TENNEY:

H.R. 3081. A bill to provide that jurisdictions with law enforcement cooperation restrictions are ineligible for certain Federal funds, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Ms. TITUS (for herself and Ms. OMAR):

H.R. 3082. A bill to repeal section 704(b)(12) of the Office of National Drug Control Policy Reauthorization Act of 1998, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, and in addition to the Committees on Energy and Commerce, and the Judiciary, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mrs. TORRES of California (for herself, Ms. STANSBURY, Ms. NORTON, Mr. LARSON of Connecticut, Ms. CLARKE of New York, Ms. SCHAKOWSKY, Ms. TLAIB, and Mrs. CHERFILUS-MCCORMICK):

H.R. 3083. A bill to encourage States to voluntarily pass laws to authorize civil damages and equitable relief for nonconsensual sexual protection barrier removal, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mrs. TORRES of California (for herself, Ms. STANSBURY, Ms. NORTON, Ms. CLARKE of New York, Ms. SCHAKOWSKY, Mr. LARSON of Connecticut, Ms. TLAIB, and Mrs. CHERFILUS-MCCORMICK):

H.R. 3084. A bill to create a civil action for non-consensual sexual protection barrier removal, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. VASQUEZ (for himself and Mr. MANN):

H.R. 3085. A bill to amend title 49, United States Code, to establish a program to provide assistance to underserved airports to improve passenger and flight capacity, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

By Ms. WATERS:

H.R. 3086. A bill to restore the fair housing mission of the Department of Housing and Urban Development, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary, and in addition to the Committee on Financial Services, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mrs. WATSON COLEMAN (for herself, Mr. LAWLER, and Mr. FITZPATRICK):

H.R. 3087. A bill to amend the Civil Rights Cold Case Records Collection Act of 2018 to strengthen the powers of the Civil Rights

Cold Case Records Review Board, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

By Mr. BURCHETT:

H.J. Res. 94. A joint resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States to limit the number of terms that a Member of Congress may serve; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. CASTRO of Texas:

H. Res. 357. A resolution of inquiry requesting the President and directing the Secretary of State to transmit to the House of Representatives any record created on or after January 20, 2025, under the control of the President or the Secretary, respectively, relating to international agreements between the United States of America and El Salvador and the removal of individuals from the United States to El Salvador and subsequent detentions of such individuals; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

By Mrs. KIGGANS of Virginia (for herself and Ms. TOKUDA):

H. Res. 358. A resolution a resolution seeking justice for the Japanese citizens abducted by North Korea; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

By Ms. PETTERSEN (for herself, Mr. FITZPATRICK, Mrs. TRAHAN, Mrs. MCCLAIN, Mr. NEGUSE, and Mr. McDOWELL):

H. Res. 359. A resolution supporting the mission and goals of National Fentanyl Awareness Day in 2025, including increasing individual and public awareness of the impact of fake or counterfeit fentanyl pills on families and young people; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on the Judiciary, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Ms. PLASKETT (for herself, Ms. DELBENE, Ms. BROWNLEY, Mr. DAVIS of North Carolina, Mrs. CHERFILUS-McCORMICK, Ms. SEWELL, Ms. STANSBURY, Ms. ADAMS, Ms. CLARKE of New York, Mr. DAVIS of Illinois, Ms. WILSON of Florida, and Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia):

H. Res. 360. A resolution expressing support for the designation of the last Tuesday of April each year as "APOLI-Mediated Kidney Disease (AMKD) Awareness Day"; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

CONSTITUTIONAL AUTHORITY STATEMENT

Pursuant to clause 7 of rule XII of the Rules of the House of Representatives, the following statements are submitted regarding the specific powers granted to Congress in the Constitution to enact the accompanying bill or joint resolution.

By Mr. TAKANO:

H.R. 15.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article 1, Section 8

By Ms. McCLELLAN:

H.R. 3054.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article 1, Section 8, U.S. Constitution

By Mr. BARRETT:

H.R. 3055.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8

By Mr. BARR:

H.R. 3056.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article 1, Section 8

By Mr. BEAN of Florida:

H.R. 3057.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article 1, Section 8

By Mrs. CAMMACK:

H.R. 3058.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8 of the Constitution

By Mr. CARTER of Georgia:

H.R. 3059.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article 1, Section 8 of the Constitution

By Ms. CLARKE of New York:

H.R. 3060.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Title 1, Section 8

By Mr. EZELL:

H.R. 3061.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article 1, Section 8, clause 3 of the United States Constitution

By Ms. FEDORCHAK:

H.R. 3062.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article 1, Section 8, Clause 3 of the United States Constitution.

By Mr. FIGURES:

H.R. 3063.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article 1, Section 8

By Mr. TONY GONZALES of Texas:

H.R. 3064.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8

By Mr. TONY GONZALES of Texas:

H.R. 3065.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8

By Mr. HARRIGAN:

H.R. 3066.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8 of the U.S. Constitution

By Mr. HUFFMAN:

H.R. 3067.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article 1, Section 8

By Mr. HUIZENGA:

H.R. 3068.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8, the Necessary and Proper Clause

By Ms. JAYAPAL:

H.R. 3069.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

This bill is enacted pursuant to the power granted to Congress under Article I of the United States Constitution and its subsequent amendments, and further clarified and interpreted by the Supreme Court of the United States.

By Ms. LEE of Florida:

H.R. 3070.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article 1, Section 8

By Mr. LIEU:

H.R. 3071.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article 1, Section 8

By Mrs. LUNA:

H.R. 3072.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8, Clause 18

By Ms. MALOY:

H.R. 3073.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article 1 Section 8

By Mrs. MCCLAIN:

H.R. 3074.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8, Clause 5

By Ms. MENG:

H.R. 3075.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8 of the U.S. Constitution [page H10170]

By Ms. PINGREE:

H.R. 3076.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I

By Ms. PINGREE:

H.R. 3077.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I

By Mr. RILEY of New York:

H.R. 3078.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I Section VIII

By Mr. RULLI:

H.R. 3079.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section VIII

By Mr. SESSIONS:

H.R. 3080.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8, clause 3 (Commerce Clause)

By Ms. TENNEY:

H.R. 3081.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I

By Ms. TITUS:

H.R. 3082.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8 of the U.S. Constitution

By Mrs. TORRES of California:

H.R. 3083.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

According to Article 1: Section 8: Clause 18: of the United States Constitution, seen below, this bill falls within the Constitutional Authority of the United States Congress.

Article 1: Section 8: Clause 18: To make all Laws which shall be necessary and proper for carrying into Execution the foregoing Powers, and all other Powers vested by this Constitution in the Government of the United States, or in any Department or Officer thereof.

By Mrs. TORRES of California:

H.R. 3084.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

According to Article 1: Section 8: Clause 18: of the United States Constitution, seen below, this bill falls within the Constitutional Authority of the United States Congress.

Article 1: Section 8: Clause 18: To make all Laws which shall be necessary and proper for carrying into Execution the foregoing Powers, and all other Powers vested by this Constitution in the Government of the United States, or in any Department or Officer thereof.

By Mr. VASQUEZ:

H.R. 3085.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article 1, section 8, Clauses 1 and 18 of the United State Constitution, to provide for the general welfare and make all laws necessary and proper to carry out the powers of the Congress.

By Ms. WATERS:

H.R. 3086.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article 1, Section 8, clause 3 provides Congress with the power to “regulate commerce with foreign nations, and among the several states, and with the Indian tribes.”

By Mrs. WATSON COLEMAN:

H.R. 3087.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article 1, Section 8, Clause 18: [The Congress shall have Power . . .] To make all Laws which shall be necessary and proper for carrying into Execution the foregoing Powers, and all other Powers vested by this Constitution in the Government of the United States, or in any Department or Officer thereof.

By Mr. BURCHETT:

H.J. Res. 94.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article 1, Section 8

ADDITIONAL SPONSORS

Under clause 7 of rule XII, sponsors were added to public bills and resolutions, as follows:

H.R. 247: Mr. LANDSMAN.
H.R. 323: Ms. STEFANIK.
H.R. 349: Mr. GOTTHEIMER.
H.R. 392: Ms. DAVIDS of Kansas.
H.R. 396: Mr. COURTNEY.
H.R. 407: Ms. ROSS.
H.R. 430: Mr. LEVIN.
H.R. 485: Mr. GOTTHEIMER.
H.R. 491: Mr. LAWLER, Ms. STANSBURY, and Mrs. FOUSHEE.
H.R. 492: Ms. OMAR and Ms. CRAIG.
H.R. 493: Mr. FIGURES and Mr. HOYER.
H.R. 516: Mr. ROGERS of Alabama and Ms. DAVIDS of Kansas.
H.R. 589: Mr. SMITH of New Jersey.
H.R. 712: Mr. PAPPAS.
H.R. 715: Mr. KHANNA.
H.R. 740: Mr. STAUBER.
H.R. 749: Mrs. LUNA.
H.R. 759: Ms. SCHRIER.
H.R. 833: Mr. TIFFANY.
H.R. 879: Mr. CROW, Mrs. MCCLAIN DELANEY, and Mr. HARIDOPOLOS.
H.R. 900: Mr. BELL.
H.R. 924: Ms. RANDALL.
H.R. 929: Mr. TORRES of New York and Ms. NORTON.
H.R. 945: Mr. LANDSMAN.
H.R. 959: Mrs. CHERFILUS-McCORMICK.
H.R. 979: Mr. SCOTT FRANKLIN of Florida.
H.R. 1041: Mr. GILL of Texas and Mr. HUIZENGA.
H.R. 1085: Mr. VAN DREW.
H.R. 1119: Mr. WEBSTER of Florida.
H.R. 1172: Mr. SMITH of Nebraska and Mr. MEUSER.
H.R. 1181: Mrs. MILLER of Illinois and Mrs. MCCLAIN.
H.R. 1207: Mr. GROTHMAN.
H.R. 1229: Mr. GILL of Texas and Mr. HUDSON.
H.R. 1260: Mr. BACON.
H.R. 1283: Mr. RUTHERFORD.
H.R. 1291: Ms. TOKUDA and Mr. HIMES.
H.R. 1307: Mr. GOTTHEIMER.

H.R. 1317: Mr. PAPPAS and Ms. TOKUDA.
H.R. 1329: Mr. PETERS.
H.R. 1330: Ms. SALINAS.
H.R. 1361: Ms. GILLEN.
H.R. 1379: Mr. KILEY of California.
H.R. 1383: Mr. ARRINGTON, Mrs. MCCLAIN DELANEY, Ms. STRICKLAND, and Mr. LANDSMAN.
H.R. 1410: Mr. LANDSMAN, Mr. THANEDAR, and Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi.
H.R. 1422: Mr. BEGICH and Mr. NORMAN.
H.R. 1484: Mr. GOTTHEIMER and Mr. CASE.
H.R. 1492: Mr. FLOOD, Mr. LATTI, and Mrs. CAMMACK.
H.R. 1520: Mr. CONNOLLY.
H.R. 1521: Mr. RUTHERFORD.
H.R. 1522: Mr. LYNCH, Ms. RANDALL, Mr. VAN DREW, Mr. LANGWORTHY, Mr. LAWLER, Mrs. FLETCHER, Mr. NEAL, Mr. BOST, Mr. CONAWAY, Ms. PETTERSEN, Mr. GRAY, Ms. SEWELL, Ms. KAPTUR, Mr. HARDER of California, Mr. CUELLAR, Mr. CASTRO of Texas, Mr. GREEN of Texas, and Mrs. FOUSHEE.
H.R. 1530: Mr. MEEKS.
H.R. 1559: Mrs. MCCLAIN DELANEY, Mr. LAWLER, Ms. STANSBURY, Ms. DELBENE, and Mr. COHEN.
H.R. 1560: Ms. CRAIG, Ms. STANSBURY, Ms. HOYLE of Oregon, Mr. COHEN, and Mr. LAWLER.
H.R. 1585: Mr. MURPHY.
H.R. 1616: Mr. PAPPAS and Mr. SMITH of Nebraska.
H.R. 1627: Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania.
H.R. 1651: Mr. SESSIONS.
H.R. 1657: Mr. HIMES.
H.R. 1681: Mr. VINDMAN.
H.R. 1871: Mr. NUNN of Iowa and Mr. RUIZ.
H.R. 1876: Ms. STANSBURY and Ms. BALINT.
H.R. 1877: Ms. STANSBURY and Ms. BALINT.
H.R. 1882: Ms. DE LA CRUZ.
H.R. 1909: Ms. NORTON and Ms. MOORE of Wisconsin.
H.R. 1939: Mr. PALLONE and Mr. CLEAVER.
H.R. 1940: Ms. VAN DUYN.
H.R. 1988: Mr. LANDSMAN.
H.R. 1990: Mr. VAN DREW and Mr. COURTNEY.
H.R. 2011: Ms. GILLEN and Mr. BUCHANAN.
H.R. 2021: Mrs. BEATTY.
H.R. 2028: Mr. RUTHERFORD, Ms. MOORE of Wisconsin, Mr. ROGERS of Alabama, and Ms. CASTOR of Florida.
H.R. 2033: Mr. RUTHERFORD and Ms. KELLY of Illinois.
H.R. 2068: Mr. HUIZENGA.
H.R. 2095: Ms. CRAIG and Ms. GILLEN.
H.R. 2102: Mr. OLSZEWSKI, Mr. MURPHY, Ms. DEXTER, Ms. CHU, and Mr. HILL of Arkansas.
H.R. 2118: Ms. PINGREE.
H.R. 2189: Mr. HARRIGAN.
H.R. 2200: Mr. BELL and Mr. FINSTAD.
H.R. 2232: Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania.
H.R. 2283: Mrs. RADEWAGEN.
H.R. 2288: Mr. PALMER.
H.R. 2311: Mr. CASTRO of Texas.
H.R. 2333: Mr. LANDSMAN.
H.R. 2346: Mr. BELL.
H.R. 2355: Mr. ROGERS of Alabama and Ms. CRAIG.
H.R. 2368: Mr. LANDSMAN.
H.R. 2381: Mr. CONNOLLY.
H.R. 2398: Mrs. MILLER of West Virginia.
H.R. 2464: Mr. MOSKOWITZ.
H.R. 2494: Mr. THANEDAR.
H.R. 2509: Mr. EVANS of Colorado.
H.R. 2548: Ms. PINGREE.
H.R. 2550: Ms. DAVIDS of Kansas, Mr. LEVIN, Ms. SCHOLTEN, Mr. FROST, Ms. OMAR, Mrs. BEATTY, Mr. VARGAS, and Mrs. FLETCHER.
H.R. 2551: Mr. MCGUIRE.
H.R. 2585: Ms. BUDZINSKI.
H.R. 2586: Mr. COHEN.
H.R. 2600: Mr. CRANK and Ms. GILLEN.

H.R. 2618: Mrs. FLETCHER, Mr. SUOZZI, and Mr. LATIMER.
H.R. 2643: Mr. McCORMICK.
H.R. 2672: Mr. MANN.
H.R. 2682: Ms. CRAIG.
H.R. 2683: Mr. BAUMGARTNER.
H.R. 2705: Mr. GILL of Texas.
H.R. 2736: Mr. SOTO.
H.R. 2743: Mr. LATIMER.
H.R. 2753: Ms. SIMON and Ms. VELÁZQUEZ.
H.R. 2756: Ms. HOULAHAN.
H.R. 2771: Ms. TOKUDA.
H.R. 2772: Ms. GILLEN.
H.R. 2788: Ms. GILLEN.
H.R. 2808: Mr. RUTHERFORD, Mr. ALFORD, Mr. MRVAN, and Mr. GROTHMAN.
H.R. 2814: Mr. GOODEN.
H.R. 2821: Ms. CHU, Ms. SCHOLTEN, Mr. SOTO, and Mr. GOLDMAN of Texas.
H.R. 2823: Mr. LYNCH, Mr. CLEAVER, Mr. HUFFMAN, Mr. MULLIN, Ms. ELFRETH, Mr. CARBAJAL, and Mr. CARSON.
H.R. 2831: Mr. SMITH of Washington, Mr. RILEY of New York, Mr. EVANS of Pennsylvania, Mr. DAVIS of North Carolina, and Ms. ROSS.
H.R. 2836: Mr. SCOTT FRANKLIN of Florida and Mr. BEAN of Florida.
H.R. 2854: Ms. CRAIG and Ms. MCCOLLUM.
H.R. 2868: Mr. FITZPATRICK and Mr. LATIMER.
H.R. 2872: Mr. PANETTA and Mr. CARTER of Louisiana.
H.R. 2913: Mr. SWALWELL and Ms. JOHNSON of Texas.
H.R. 2939: Mr. DAVIS of North Carolina and Mr. TURNER of Ohio.
H.R. 2941: Mr. BOYLE of Pennsylvania.
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H.R. 2964: Mr. RUTHERFORD.
H.R. 3009: Ms. DAVIDS of Kansas.
H.R. 3029: Ms. MCBRIDE.
H.R. 3033: Mr. COLLINS, Ms. VAN DUYN, and Mr. BIGGS of Arizona.
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H.J. Res. 89: Mr. KELLY of Pennsylvania.
H.J. Res. 91: Mr. MANNION and Ms. DAVIDS of Kansas.
H.J. Res. 93: Mr. WIED, Mr. MOORE of Alabama, and Mr. BIGGS of Arizona.
H. Res. 72: Mr. GOTTHEIMER.
H. Res. 100: Mrs. SYKES.
H. Res. 155: Mr. LANDSMAN.
H. Res. 166: Ms. PINGREE and Mrs. MCCLAIN DELANEY.
H. Res. 265: Ms. WILLIAMS of Georgia.
H. Res. 327: Ms. STANSBURY.
H. Res. 339: Mr. COLLINS.
H. Res. 344: Mr. MANNION.
H. Res. 353: Ms. SCHAKOWSKY.

DELETIONS OF SPONSORS FROM PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 7 of rule XII, sponsors were deleted from public bills and resolutions, as follows:

H.R. 2111: Mr. CARTER of Louisiana.
H. Res. 353: Mr. MFUME, Mr. NADLER, and Ms. KELLY of Illinois.



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The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the Senate will proceed to executive session and resume consideration of the following nomination, which the clerk will report.

The senior assistant executive clerk read the nomination of David Perdue, of Georgia, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the People's Republic of China.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Iowa.

TRUMP ADMINISTRATION FIRST 100 DAYS

Mr. GRASSLEY. Mr. President, today marks the 100th day of President Trump's return to the White House.

Trump 2.0 has hit Washington like a hurricane. By that, I mean President Trump is working hard to keep his promises, unleash America's golden age, and launch a revolution of common sense.

Let's take a look at some of these achievements.

First and foremost, President Trump secured the border. He did that by words he used at the joint session of Congress. All it took was a new President.

Today also marks Fentanyl Awareness Day. Fake pills laced with fentanyl are killing young people in the prime of their lives. President Trump is fighting tooth and nail to stop the flow of deadly fentanyl from China that is trafficked by dangerous drug cartels into our communities.

Here in the Senate, I led the passage of a bill that is entitled the HALT Fentanyl Act, but there is more work to do. Big Tech must be held accountable to protect young people from being targeted by drug traffickers on social media.

President Trump also promised to cut wasteful spending, unleash America's energy, bring back manufacturing

jobs, and get our trading partners to the negotiating table. And on that latter point, he is being very successful. The President is swinging for the fences, and he is running the bases.

Whichever political side of the fence you are on, one thing is for sure: President Trump ran on a platform, and he is serving on that platform. Promises made; promises kept. That is a refreshing change in this town. Seventy-seven million Americans voted for this President to get America roaring back to peace and prosperity. In these first 100 days, that is exactly what President Trump is doing, and we are just getting started.

Mr. President, I have time for other remarks that I would like to make at this point.

FBI

Mr. President, today I come to the floor to speak about the FBI and Arctic Frost. Arctic Frost was another political case against President Trump and also against whistleblowers.

Through records that I have already made public, the investigations' political origins are now firmly established. The case's origins are anti-Trump FBI Agent Thibault and his merry band of partisans—a partisanship that should never be present in our FBI. But I will show how it was present.

Partisan FBI agents and Department of Justice prosecutors led the charges as a tag team, causing political chaos to try and destroy President Trump. I have made these people's names public in document productions, and that is the way it should be.

We should let the American people know who threw our country into chaos to satisfy their very selfish political goals. We need to expose the political conspiracy that surrounded President Trump.

They hurt our country through several different processes. We call these Crossfire Hurricane, the Special Counsel Mueller's investigation of the "Russia, Russia Hoax," and, finally, Jack

PRAYER

The Chaplain, Dr. Barry C. Black, offered the following prayer:

Let us pray.

Almighty God, thank You for Your love, expressed in the beauty of the Earth and the glory of the skies.

Lord, use the Members of this body as instruments of Your providence. Where there is loneliness, let them bring community. Where there is sadness, let them bring joy. Where there is sickness, let them bring health. Where there is despair, let them bring hope.

Lord, as they seek to serve You, give them the peaceful satisfaction of knowing that they are pleasing You. Strengthen them to press on with the work of the day, alert to the reality that they are doing Your will.

We pray in Your strong Name. Amen.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The President pro tempore led the Pledge of Allegiance, as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

RESERVATION OF LEADER TIME

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. MORENO). Under the previous order, the leadership time is reserved.

CONCLUSION OF MORNING BUSINESS

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Morning business is closed.

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Smith's two cases against President Trump.

And now, added to this list is what I mentioned in my opening statement, Arctic Frost, which ultimately became one of Jack Smith's cases against President Trump.

FBI Agent Thibault violated the FBI's no self-approval rule. Literally, there is a rule on the books of the FBI called the no self-approval rule. That rule says that a supervisor isn't supposed to create a case and then approve that case for themselves.

The record shows—which Senator JOHNSON of Wisconsin and I made public, and which includes Thibault's emails—and proves that he did exactly what the no self-approval rule forbids. His bad conduct also exposed the cultural rot within the FBI and the DOJ's leadership.

"How?" you might ask. Because all of them eagerly approved of Thibault's case.

All of those alleged layers of review on the seventh floor of the FBI building turned out to be the Democratic National Committee's echo chamber. Our country suffered as a result and so have our government institutions. And now, President Trump and the American people have an opportunity to see the details of the political conspiracy that tried to take President Trump down.

Moreover, I questioned then-nominee Todd Blanche about whether Jack Smith provided all the emails that I made public to the Trump defense counsel. Blanche said that Biden prosecutors did not provide all the emails. Failing to provide these types of records and information to defense counsel prevents defense counsel from making a complete defense. It prevents them from full and complete questioning of all the witnesses.

It is pretty obvious that, if the defense team knew that partisan FBI agents had opened the case against Trump in breach of FBI rules, they would have been able to raise those issues and have a really strong defense. Talk about a miscarriage of justice. That is a perfect example of people in the FBI doing a miscarriage of justice.

By the way, I haven't heard a peep from my Democratic colleagues about Arctic Frost.

During Trump's first term, then-ranking member Senator Feinstein of California joined my investigation into the alleged Russian collusion, which we found such a collusion did not occur. No Democrats have asked me anything about Arctic Frost even though I have shown them and the entire public internal FBI emails proving political rot in our top law enforcement Agency.

If you are afraid to follow the facts and to follow the evidence in this town, if you don't ask questions, you will never have any credibility. The silence of my Democratic colleagues and the partisan media speaks volumes, and the American people won't long forget that.

I will end on this note: All of these internal FBI records about Arctic Frost that I made public—well, I didn't get them from this administration. I got them from heroic whistleblowers, people in the bowels of bureaucracy that know something is not right and they aren't getting the attention of the people that supervise them. They eventually end up coming to this Senator. Those whistleblowers have shown how the FBI and how the Department of Justice unfairly treated Trump and grasped at straws to build a case—any case—for their political gain.

So as my investigation work continues, let me be sure to thank these brave whistleblowers who have helped this Senator expose this political rot within our top law enforcement institutions—exposure that is necessary to bring to light that which must be fixed for the benefit of our country and reestablishing the credibility of our FBI.

I yield the floor.

I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The senior assistant executive clerk proceeded to call the roll.

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

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

RECOGNITION OF THE MAJORITY LEADER

The majority leader is recognized.

TRUMP ADMINISTRATION FIRST 100 DAYS

Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, it has been 100 days of the new Trump administration, and President Trump is delivering. Run down elements of the Republican agenda: securing our border, restoring American strength, extending tax relief for hard-working Americans, unleashing American energy, saving taxpayer dollars, and restoring common sense after an administration obsessed with imposing far-left, woke ideology—and President Trump has made progress on them all.

After 4 years of increasing energy instability under the Biden administration, on day one, President Trump declared a national emergency on energy and started moving to unleash American energy production.

He has ended President Biden's electric vehicle mandate, which was guaranteed to place vast new burdens on our already shaky electric grid, opened up oil and gas production, rescinded burdensome energy regulations, and a whole lot more.

His administration has restored common sense to Washington after the Biden administration's attempt to impose far-left, woke ideologies on the American people. Notably, President Trump issued an Executive order to prevent biological males from hijacking sports for women and girls.

Of course, the President has been working closely with the House and Senate on legislation to permanently extend the tax relief he signed into law during his first administration—tax relief to put more money in hard-working Americans' pockets.

We took a big step forward in that process with congressional passage of a budget resolution in April, and we are moving toward a final bill—a bill that will not only make tax relief permanent but will also deliver on other President Trump and Republican priorities. That includes investment in our military and restoring our national defense, securing our border, and reforming the way we spend taxpayer dollars.

Speaking of the border, at the top of any list of President Trump's accomplishments is the incredible progress the President has made when it comes to securing our border. I don't need to tell anyone what things were like at our southern border in the last administration. It flat-out was chaos. President Biden presided over 4 years of record-breaking illegal immigration at our southern border, with all the dangers that represents.

President Trump promised that he would put an end to the Biden border crisis and restore order and respect for the rule of law, and in just 100 days—100 days—he has delivered to an incredible degree.

U.S. Customs and Border Protection reported just 11,709 encounters at our southern border in February and just 11,017 in March—nothing short of a dizzying drop. To put those February and March numbers into perspective, during February 2024 and March 2024, under the Biden administration, encounters at our southern border numbered 189,913 in February and 189,359 in March. Think about that—189,000 down to 11,000 in a year. What a difference leadership makes—a 94-percent decrease in illegal crossings at our southern border. That is an incredible achievement, and America is safer because of it.

I have to say it is a reminder that had President Biden actually cared about border security, he could have secured the border at any time during his administration. President Trump has managed to do it in mere weeks.

I should also note that not only has President Trump drastically reduced attempted illegal entries, but he has also focused on rounding up dangerous illegal aliens who are resident in our country: gang members, individuals charged with murder, rape, theft, sexual crimes against children, and the list goes on and on.

The President has also taken steps, along with Congress, to stop the deadly cross-border trade in fentanyl, which affects communities around our country. I know those efforts are going to continue.

Open borders represent a real security threat, and I am incredibly grateful for the work President Trump has done to secure our borders and to protect our country.

One hundred days. If this is what President Trump has accomplished in his first 3 months, I can't wait to see what is to come.

I yield the floor.

I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The senior assistant executive clerk proceeded to call the roll.

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

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

RECOGNITION OF THE MINORITY LEADER

The Democratic leader is recognized.

TRUMP ADMINISTRATION FIRST 100 DAYS

Mr. SCHUMER. Mr. President, Donald Trump's first 100 days have been 100 days from hell. Over the past week, as I have thought about this 100-day mark, as I have met with people throughout my State—with business owners and nurses and seniors and veterans and many Republicans—I couldn't think of another way to describe the sentiment I felt back home. These 100 days have been 100 days from hell.

Donald Trump is not governing like a President of a democratic republic; he is acting like a King, a despot, a want-to-be dictator. Remember that during the campaign, he indicated that he would be a dictator just on day one, but everything we have seen so far shows he wants to be a dictator for much, much longer.

He is eating away at America's rule of law, America's norms, America's fundamental values, and people are scared, people are angry.

When seniors in Buffalo tell me they are legitimately worried about whether or not they will keep seeing their Social Security checks—and that is not just a political expression. They wonder how they are going to pay the rent, buy the food, buy the drugs next month if their Social Security check isn't there.

When doctors and health workers in Albany tell me they fear losing Medicaid funding for their hospitals and clinics, they are worried about caring for their patients, who desperately need help and may not get it, they are worried about their jobs.

When Republican businessowners on Long Island tell me they are losing sleep over Donald Trump's tariffs, it is because their businesses may go under. This is not just a political game. People are really worried, in ways that I haven't seen in a long time.

And when young people across New York tell me they are scared of being rounded up on the streets and sent to a prison in Louisiana because of the way they look or because of some blog post they may have shared a year ago or years ago, it is hard to fathom that this is all happening in America in 2025.

Mr. President, 100 days into this Presidency, there is a feeling of incompetence and indecision and chaos in the White House eating away at much of the country, emanating from the man who occupies the Oval Office.

Donald Trump promised a golden age on the first day he became President. What Americans got, instead, was

fool's gold. We knew Donald Trump was lying by the time he pardoned 1,600 insurrectionists a few hours later, pardoned outright criminals who beat up cops—so much for “Back the Blue”—pardoning lawbreakers who had an intent on disrupting the Congress as we counted electoral votes. What a disgrace. What kind of morals is he setting for this country? This will go down in history as one of the ways America has declined under Donald Trump.

So, this morning, let's talk about Donald Trump's so-called golden age. Democrats are going to hammer away at this topic all day long today, as we have done many days in the past. And tonight we will come to this Chamber and hold the floor until late tonight to mark these dismal 100 days by speaking the truth. Tonight, we will come to the floor and hold the Chamber to mark these dismal 100 days.

What is the truth? The truth is this: No President in modern history has promised more on day one and delivered less by day 100 than Donald Trump. In record time, the President has turned a golden promise into an economic ticking time bomb. It is getting worse every day, and he calls it progress.

Let's remember what Donald Trump said again and again on the campaign trail.

Starting on day one—

He said—

we will end inflation and make America affordable again.

A vote for Trump—

He said—

means your groceries will be cheaper.

We are going to get your energy prices down by 50 percent.

Well, the opposite is happening. The economic winds are pointing in the wrong direction and reaching hurricane speed. Americans are still paying more and more today for their groceries, their rent, their housing, their gas, their cars, auto parts, drugs, and household necessities. And Donald Trump's asinine trade war has made it all the worse.

And 44 percent of families now believe they will be worse off financially a year from now—a level of pessimism not even seen during the Great Depression or the 1970s' stagflation.

According to an AP-NORC poll, half of Americans are worried about a recession and expect inflation to keep going up. And these aren't just poll numbers. When I talk to New Yorkers, when I hear from Americans, that is exactly where they are at. Consumer sentiment is at a decades-long low. It has plunged by 30 percent. So the consumer is holding back. They are not spending. They are not planning that trip to see the grandkids. They are not thinking of buying the new car or new furniture because they are worried.

And then businesses—seeing that, hearing that—they hold back. I have heard from business after business,

large and small. Everything is on freeze. Everything is hold. And you know what that does? That leads to a recession.

In fact, Amazon announced that they will begin displaying how much tariffs contribute to the total price of products to consumers. I urge more companies—particularly national retailers that compete with Amazon—to adopt this practice. If Amazon has the courage to display why prices are going up because of tariffs, so should all of our other national retailers who compete with them, and I am calling on them to do it now.

To the large businesses that sell to consumers, I say: Show your customers how much tariffs are hurting their pocketbooks. People deserve to know the impact tariffs have on their finances. And certainly, when people hear it, they will let their Congressmen and Senators know. And businesses, then you will have a chance to get rid of these tariffs, which are so stultifying your ability to move forward.

And it is also small businesses. They don't want to get blamed for hiking prices when Donald Trump's tariffs have put them in a terrible position—in a position that says: Raise your prices or close your doors. They hate doing either.

And, finally, let's not forget Donald Trump's favorite measuring stick, the stock market, which he has conspicuously been silent about over the last few months. The Dow Jones is on track for its worst April since 1932.

Did you hear that, Donald Trump? Your beloved stock market is on track for the worst April since 1932, the last year of Herbert Hoover.

I ask this Chamber, Mr. President: Is this what the golden age looks like? Are we supposed to feel good that Donald Trump has singlehandedly pushed us to the brink of a recession? This President, who governs chaotically and reverses himself like a weather vane in a windstorm, is driving the robust American economy into a ditch.

I think if you asked Americans to pick one word that describes Donald Trump's economy and how he is handling it, it would be one word, a five-letter word: chaos, C-H-A-O-S. Another five-letter word is Trump, T-R-U-M-P. Chaos equals Trump; Trump equals chaos.

Are Americans supposed to just take it when Donald Trump says families should be OK with prices going up, with experiencing some pain and disturbance? That is what he says: It is OK if prices go up. You will get some pain and disturbance.

Pretty rich coming from a billionaire.

American consumers are not supposed to take it. There is precious little, if anything, on the economic front to feel good about 100 days into Trump 2.0.

And don't take it from me. Today, Donald Trump has lower approval ratings than he did at this point in 2017;

and, in fact, he has the lowest approval ratings of any President through 100 days in the last 80 years, when they started doing these polls. The only thing historic about Donald Trump's golden age is how fast public confidence in him has collapsed, faster than any other President in modern history.

Americans don't trust him on the economy, nor should they. They don't trust him on keeping America safe, nor should they. They don't trust him on his ability to fight for the interests of ordinary people because they know that the whole place is run by a small cadre of billionaires who don't really care about average folks at all. And we are only 100 days in.

And, finally, on a related subject, let me say this: As Donald Trump races to sabotage the American economy, he has likewise already inflicted lasting harm to the foundations of American democracy. When our Founders drafted the Constitution, they feared precisely a man like Donald Trump. They feared a man who sees rule of law as a nuisance, who considers the truth an inconvenience, who regards his fellow citizens as little more than subjects.

Either kiss the ring, bow before the throne, or watch your back: That is the ethos of Donald Trump. Kiss the ring, bow before the throne, or watch your back: the Trumpian ethos.

In 100 days, Donald Trump has moved with lightning speed to weaponize the Federal Government against anyone he thinks might oppose him. Plain and simple, Donald Trump does not believe in democracy or debate, nor do the people around him. He doesn't believe in honest disagreement. He simply wants to crush his opponents. And that is what dictators do.

He wiped the government clean of its independent watchdogs and rid the government of most measures of transparency. He has fired public workers by the tens of thousands and illegally paralyzed Agency after Agency that helps everyday Americans.

He has attacked the free press. He has attacked our education system. He has attacked our scientists. He is systematically attempting to weaken any political opposition, anyone who might hold him accountable.

In the name of security, which is a favorite justification for many of history's despots, Trump is arresting people with little due process and, in some cases, without even regard to immigration status. Last week—just look at last week—four American citizens, all of them children, two of them battling life-threatening cancers, were deported from the U.S., from their homeland—they are citizens like we are—and sent to places like Honduras.

Let me repeat: These are American citizens, Donald Trump.

If you thought something like this could never happen in America, then unfortunately you were wrong. It is happening right in front of us.

And what did Donald Trump have to say about the risk of deporting U.S. citizens? He said:

Let me tell you that nothing will ever be perfect in this world.

That is what he said. That is disgusting—just disgusting. If it was a member of his family trapped in such a calamity, would he say, "Tough luck; nothing is perfect"?

Donald Trump's inability to feel empathy for people who do not look like him is shocking to the core.

So as America marks 100 days of the worst President of our lifetimes, I ask America to look at this administration for what it is: a full frontal attack on the core elements of what has made America truly great—the rule of people over kings and oligarchs, the rule of law and not the dictates of an authoritarian, respect for the rights of all people, and a commitment to "promoting the general welfare" for the whole of society—not cruel, cheap, and lying scapegoating.

So let us commit ourselves, America. Let us commit ourselves to continue to struggle against this administration and to uphold the core values and principles of this great Nation.

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

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

Mr. BARRASSO. Mr. President, I just saw the minority leader of the U.S. Senate, the senior Senator from New York, on the floor talking about the 100 days of the Trump administration. He had his view. Let me give you the rest of the story—because President Trump took office 100 days ago today. That is when unified Republican government began.

The Republicans have been fighting every day for the American people. We have been fixing past failures. We are forging a bright future. We have a very bold agenda, and people are seeing historic results. Americans entrusted Republicans with the Senate, the House, and the White House, and we are addressing their priorities.

What do Americans want? Americans want secure borders. We are delivering them. Illegal crossings into the United States from Mexico—at an all-time low last month.

Americans want affordable energy. What is happening? We are making it a lot easier to produce American energy.

Americans want jobs. We have created nearly 450,000 jobs in the first 100 days.

Americans want affordable prices. That is what you see and that is what I see at home. Prices fell in March for the first time in years—in years.

Americans want peace through strength. Well, we are restoring it.

Just ask the Houthi rebels about the resolve of the American people.

Americans want common sense, and we are fighting for that as well.

After 100 days, one thing is clear: Republicans are keeping our promises. We are getting America back on track. Here is our record:

The Senate confirmed President Trump's Cabinet at lightning speed, record rates. His team carries out the agenda to get America back on track. That is what that team that we confirmed is doing.

We promised safety and prosperity, and we are delivering it.

Well, first, we are making our communities safer, and you are seeing that in all 50 States. President Trump quickly restored strong border policies. He ended the chaos. He reinstated "Remain in Mexico." He designated the cartels as "terrorists." He stopped Joe Biden's widespread abuse of parole authorities. And he is doing what he promised in terms of deporting criminal illegal immigrants. I applaud President Trump.

Secretary of Homeland Security Kristi Noem, border czar Tom Homan—they have made a significant difference to the safety and security of the American people. Illegal crossings have dropped 94 percent on their watch. I mean, think about it. Before, under Joe Biden's open border policies—let's take a look. In March of last year, they were having 7,000 illegal immigrants cross into this country each and every day. Now under President Trump, there were 7,000 for the entire month of March. Talk about a dramatic impact, a dramatic difference. That is it.

Immigration and Customs Enforcement reported there were over 100,000 deportations in the first 80 days of the administration. We have seen more ICE arrests of illegal immigrant criminals in the last 100 days under President Trump than we saw in all of 2024 under Joe Biden.

So the message is now clear: If you threaten our communities, you are out. No second chances. That is it.

This is progress, and it is promises kept.

Republicans in Congress—what do we do? We passed the Laken Riley Act. President Trump signed it into law. It was the first bill that he signed into law, the first serious immigration legislation in decades. It honors the memory of Laken Riley, a young nursing student who was murdered by an illegal immigrant in Georgia while she was out for a jog. It also honors the memory of Sarah Root. She was a young woman from Iowa. She was killed by an illegal alien who was driving while drunk. Senator JONI ERNST of Iowa championed Sarah's cause for years. The Laken Riley Act mandates illegal immigrants who break the law be detained, not just released into the community.

Republicans in Congress, compared to what we saw with the Democrats in the last 4 years, are committed to protecting American families. That is the

reason we continue to work with President Trump to give Border Patrol agents the tools and the resources they need—things we were never able to do under Joe Biden and the Democrats with their open border policies.

Our agenda puts us on a path to finish the wall. It will boost Border Patrol. It will provide the staffing that Immigration and Customs Enforcement needs. It will build more detention space for the lawbreakers. And think about who those lawbreakers are. Those are people who felt invited into our country by Joe Biden and Democrats with medical care, free food, free housing, free plane tickets—an open invitation and an open border policy. Those days are over. This is how we keep our communities safe.

Mr. President, I am going to switch to energy because we have a bold energy agenda as well. For far too long, restrictive regulations locked up our God-given resources—the energy we have in the ground—certainly in my home State of Wyoming but all across the United States.

The cost of energy for American citizens rose 34 percent in the last 4 years. Who can afford that? Well, we are reversing that trend.

President Trump, Secretary of the Interior Doug Burgum, Secretary of Energy Chris Wright, and Environmental Protection Agency head Lee Zeldin—to me, they are America's energy all-stars. They are showing it every day.

In 100 days, this administration, along with Congress, has taken over 50 actions to unleash America's energy potential, and we have a lot of it there.

I was at the White House recently when President Trump signed an Executive order for clean coal. Wyoming has—we are the Saudi Arabia of coal, and our energy workers are ready to lead the way because we are pursuing and need to continue to pursue an all-of-the-above energy strategy. We need it all.

President Trump opened up areas for drilling in Alaska and the Gulf of America. It is American energy. It is affordable energy.

Secretary of the Interior Doug Burgum announced his Department is working to increase oil production in the Gulf of America by 100,000 barrels each and every day. That is going to help lower costs.

President Trump has been so successful with streamlining burdensome requirements in terms of trying to build new energy infrastructure. He has lifted the Biden ban on liquefied natural gas exports. People around the world want what we have in America to sell, and they need it desperately.

We have abundant energy in this country. We want to use that energy to help our allies and to help drive down costs at home.

President Trump and Congress also cut costly Biden-era regulations on home appliances.

We are pioneering nuclear power that is safe and efficient.

These steps power America and will continue to power us as a nation into the future. They fuel our freedom. It is why energy is called the master resource. They are good for affordable prices and good for our national security.

We are an energy superpower in this country, and under President Trump, we are finally acting like it, not apologizing for it as we did in the last administration.

Within days of taking office, President Trump restored pressure on Iran. That is how we are protecting strength around the world and projecting it for the world to see. We are engaged in maximum pressure. It is a 180-degree turn from the weakness of the previous administration. It channels the strength and the resolve of President Ronald Reagan.

President Trump has committed time and time again and shown the world that he stands firmly with Israel.

Houthi terrorists attacked our servicemembers and our ships. President Trump struck back. America defends our military and our interests.

President Trump is also strengthening alliances around the world—Japan, South Korea, Australia, and India. They are partnering with us to counter China's global ambitions, and China is ambitious and active and aggressive.

New trade deals are going to bring supply chains back home to America, and this is going to end our dependence on communist China.

Under President Trump, America continues to stand tall. We are not going to be bullied. We are going to back our friends. We are going to confront our foes. This keeps America safe. Strength deters. Weakness invites, provokes.

Finally, Mr. President, we are returning to common sense. No more woke, leftwing policies that the American people strongly oppose. No more DEI mandates in Federal Agencies. A refocused military, focused on merit and readiness, not distractions; a military that is lethal, intimidating, and ready to fight.

In Congress, we are seeing Republicans cutting wasteful Washington spending—talk about common sense. Fiscal discipline is long overdue. This is bold, results-driven change.

So how can we build on it? What is next? Well, in the next 100 days, Republicans will continue to fulfill our promises. We are going to stop the Democrats' \$4 trillion tax hike. This protects families and small businesses from the largest tax increase in American history. We are going to cut crippling regulations. Businesses will be allowed to grow and innovate and thrive. We are going to strengthen our border by providing law enforcement the resources they need.

The Republican agenda puts America and Americans first. Our mission, our mandate is America first. Republicans have delivered in 100 days. We have

achieved so much. We are going to deliver even more because together we are going to get America back on track. America's future is bright.

I yield the floor.

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

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

The Democratic whip.

HONORING STAFF SERGEANT JOSE DUENEZ, JR., STAFF SERGEANT EDVIN F. FRANCO, STAFF SERGEANT TROY S. KNUTSON-COLLINS, AND PRIVATE FIRST CLASS DANTE D. TAITANO

Mr. DURBIN. Mr. President, I have come to the Senate floor before to talk about my connections with the country of Lithuania, where my mother was born. She came to the United States as an immigrant at the age of 2. It has been my good fortune to visit and revisit her homeland and to get to know the wonderful people who live in that nation.

During my time in Congress, I have tried to make sure Lithuania's heroic path to freedom, the EU, and NATO are strongly supported by their American allies in the U.S. Congress.

Now more than ever, we need to support our Baltic allies. They are critical frontline NATO partners with clear memories of Russian tyranny and a key reason the United States has troops serving in former Soviet-occupied countries like Lithuania, Poland, and Romania.

Sadly, last month, four American soldiers stationed in Lithuania died tragically while on a mission to recover a vehicle immobilized during a training exercise. I want to take a moment to tell you about these four brave men, one of whom was from my home State of Illinois, and the amazing efforts that were made to recover them.

SSG Jose Duenez, Jr., was from Joliet, IL. He, along with SSG Edvin F. Franco, PFC Dante Taitano, and SSG Troy Knutson-Collins, was part of the 1st Armored Brigade, 3rd Infantry Division.

Stationed in Lithuania at a military base that I personally visited, they were called on March 25 to retrieve a tactical vehicle mired in dangerously deep mud. Sadly, these soldiers never returned. Then search efforts were initiated to locate them, and they couldn't find them.

They were in a tracked vehicle, a 70-ton tracked vehicle, and they disappeared. It took days before they finally found some tracks that led to an area, which was not very large, that looked like a puddle, but it was much more serious. The effort to find the soldiers eventually required hundreds of people from other nations. The effort was nothing short of miraculous.

The soldiers' vehicle was thought to have sunk into a muddy bog, but it was

nearly impossible for the dive team to locate. They struggled to see through their masks and get enough air through their regulators. It was extremely dangerous.

It was soon clear that the mission would be one of recovery and not rescue.

Engineers were brought in to thin the concrete-like mud in an effort to drain the bog that swallowed this vehicle, but the water kept seeping in.

The recovery team grew by the hour, eventually reaching hundreds, comprised of 250 U.S. servicemembers, 160 Lithuanian soldiers and civilians, 50 Polish troops, and working canine teams from Estonia and Lithuania.

Soon, a team of U.S. Navy divers received urgent orders to fly from Spain to Lithuania to help connect cables to the sunken vehicle and pull it from the bog. It took hours of struggling through the thick sludge, but they secured the vehicle.

It was a mission fraught with extreme danger and challenges. It was met with ingenuity and a commitment to the underlying principle that every American servicemember must be brought home.

I spoke to the Lithuanian Ambassador to the United States and others in Lithuania who described these days as painful days when they first tried to discover what happened to the vehicle and then an even longer period of time when they tried to retrieve the vehicle and the bodies of our soldiers.

They told me that in Lithuania, virtually every newscast focused on this tragedy. People in Lithuania felt a personal attachment to our troops, as certainly we do today. The death of these four American soldiers is a tragedy, but the joint efforts to secure them show the gravity of our commitment to our allies.

We have American troops stationed in nations like Lithuania because we have a commitment to join our NATO allies in stopping Russian aggression.

These four American soldiers lost their lives safeguarding democracy, but we owe gratitude to our Lithuanian and other allies who dropped everything and faced great odds to help us, a reminder of the common defense underlying our alliance.

On April 3, the schools were closed, the schoolchildren and their families came out and stood in the streets in Vilnius, the capital of Lithuania—included in their ranks was the Lithuanian President—to pay their respects to our fallen American soldiers in their procession back to the United States.

It was a devastating episode, but it illustrated the power of international cooperation, friendship between allies, and solutions in the face of great challenges.

The loss of American servicemembers is always a tragedy. I particularly want to highlight my late constituent Sergeant Duenez. He jumped at the chance to volunteer for assignments, including the fateful mission to this

bog, which he went to support even though he was not on that crew. He was a model Illinoisan and American, and he leaves behind a wife and a little boy. We should all strive to be more like Sergeant Duenez, and we owe him and his family a great debt of gratitude.

In honor of these four servicemembers, who were living examples of American values, I will be introducing a resolution recognizing their service and sacrifice to our Nation and our NATO allies. And I urge my colleagues to join me in honoring the memories of these four great soldiers and the remarkable effort that went into their recovery by passing this resolution without delay.

I yield the floor.

I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. SHEEHY). The clerk will call the roll.

The senior assistant legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

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

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

The Senator from Massachusetts.

FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

Mr. MARKEY. Mr. President, I rise today to talk about a regime of censorship that is increasing by the day. It is the story of Donald Trump's relentless attacks on CBS and its flagship news program, "60 Minutes."

It is the story of how the Federal Communications Commission, an Agency with a storied history of protecting free speech—how it has been weaponized to pressure journalists to soften their coverage of President Trump.

It is a story of a campaign to turn our free press into a State-run media echo chamber, and make no mistake, it is a story that should alarm every single American, Democrat, and Republican alike.

Since leaving office and even before, Donald Trump has waged a nonstop war on the free press. He has called journalists the "enemy of the people." He has used his platform, Truth Social, to attack reporters, to smear respected news organizations, and to incite harassment and threats against those who dare to report the truth.

But recently, we have witnessed something even more dangerous, the merging of Trump's personal vendettas with the official powers of the government.

So let's start with the facts. Trump and his allies' hatred for CBS and "60 Minutes" is no secret.

Trump has repeatedly attacked "60 Minutes" on his Truth Social account. Just 2 weeks ago, for example, he said that CBS should lose its license over its reporting—even though CBS, as a network, doesn't have a license.

He then told FCC Chairman Brendan Carr to "impose the maximum fines and punishment on CBS." Earlier in February, Trump called for "60 Minutes" to be "terminated."

Around the same time, Elon Musk got in on the action. Just a few days before Vice President VANCE traveled to Germany to accuse Europe of censoring conservatives, Musk called "60 Minutes" the "biggest liars in the world" and said its journalists "deserve a long prison sentence."

So let me repeat that. The richest man in the world, with limitless authority over the Federal Government, said that "60 Minutes" journalists "deserve a long prison sentence" over their editorial decision making. That is a terrifying statement. These comments aren't idle threats. They create an environment of intimidation and fear. They send a signal: Criticize us, and you will face not just public smears but potential legal jeopardy.

The goal is clear. Trump and his allies want to turn the hard-hitting, fact-intensive journalism at "60 Minutes" into "FOX and Friends," and at the same time, as Trump and his allies have unleashed a torrent of attacks against "60 Minutes," CBS's parent company, Paramount, has been seeking regulatory approval from the FCC for an \$8 billion merger.

Although this deal has serious implications for the entertainment industry, Trump and his right-wing allies instead viewed it as a point of leverage against the news media.

For months, the Trump FCC has made clear that favorable merger treatment will come at a cost: favorable coverage or, more precisely, less critical coverage of Donald Trump.

Most notably, Chairman Carr has made clear that a frivolous, politically motivated complaint against CBS over its editorial decision-making would be a consideration in the Paramount merger review.

In fact, just yesterday, Chairman Carr said, cryptically, that "all options are on the table" in its investigation into that frivolous complaint.

It is not hard to read between the lines. CBS's news reporting—and its reporting on Donald Trump—would impact the FCC review of the Paramount merger.

It is a message intended to reverberate far beyond CBS and far beyond "60 Minutes." The FCC has become the "Federal Censorship Commission," and "Federal Censorship Commission" Chairman Carr is ready, eager, and willing to carry out Trump's crusade against the news media.

This is not regulatory oversight. This is regulatory blackmail, and it places Paramount and CBS in a difficult spot: Succumb to Trump's wishes and compromise CBS's journalism or stand strong and face the wrath of the "Federal Censorship Commission."

This position is already leading to upheaval within the companies. Last week, executive producer Bill Owens, who had worked at "60 Minutes" for over two decades, resigned, citing concerns about his ability to make independent decisions.

On Sunday night, just 2 nights ago, in a closing 1-minute statement, "60

Minutes" journalist Scott Pelley reported on Owens' resignation and called out Paramount directly. The full story inside Paramount, CBS, and "60 Minutes" remains unclear, and Pelley made clear that Paramount has not killed any "60 Minutes" stories.

But it is difficult to ignore the timing. This is how modern censorship creeps into newsrooms. It doesn't require book burning or secret raids. It requires weaponizing existing government authority to pressure the multinational corporations with diverse financial interests that run storied programs like "60 Minutes."

This is a five-alarm fire for democracy. The free press is not just another stakeholder in our public discourse; it is the check on power. And when government officials use their power to intimidate the press, to manipulate newsrooms, and silence dissent, they are not just committing an ethical breach; they are committing an assault upon the First Amendment.

So let me be absolutely clear: The FCC should never condition a merger on favorable news coverage. History teaches us that censorship rarely begins with overt tyranny. It begins with small concessions, subtle pressures, and self-censorship born of fear. But it always ends the same way: with a citizenry less informed, a democracy less vibrant, and a government less accountable.

We cannot allow that to happen in the United States of America. We must remember that freedom of the press is not a partisan issue; it is an American issue. And we must have—and always have to have—the courage to stand up, to speak out, and to say: In this country, no President will dictate the truth.

That is the promise of the First Amendment. That is the promise of our democracy. And that is the promise that we must keep.

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

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

NOMINATION OF WARREN STEPHENS

Mr. COTTON. Mr. President, today, I urge my colleagues to confirm Warren Stephens to be our next U.S. Ambassador to the United Kingdom. President Trump could not have chosen a more qualified or well-suited person to lead the special relationship between our two nations.

Warren Stephens is a family man, a businessman, a philanthropist, and a patriot who is a pillar of his community and his family-owned financial firm, Stephens Inc.

Founded on a handshake by his father Jack and his uncle Witt, Warren become president and CEO of Stephens

when he was only 29 years old. In the four decades since, Warren has built a global presence for Stephens, including in London, where he has spent a considerable amount of time.

Warren's signature style of cordial, interpersonal, and dedicated leadership won him friends across America and the Atlantic, and, of course, in our home State of Arkansas.

For many years, Warren and his wife Harriet have also served our Arkansas community with their time, talents, and generosity. They led a major, multiyear fundraising campaign that transformed the Arkansas Arts Center into the Arkansas Museum of Fine Arts. Because of their tireless efforts and dynamic vision, the museum is now a place for neighbors, friends, and families to gather, learn, and enjoy amazing works of art.

Warren is also an active advocate for young generations of American students and athletes. Warren generously supports numerous universities and schools, including his alma mater, Washington and Lee, and the Episcopal Collegiate School in Little Rock.

Additionally, he is the chairman and founder of the Jackson T. Stephens Cup, which showcases collegiate golfers from NCAA Division I schools, historically Black colleges and universities, and the U.S. service academies on the Nation's preeminent golf courses.

I have had the privilege to know Warren and his family for a long time, and I can tell you that Warren has always wanted to serve his country. After decades of serving others in our Arkansas community, Warren now has answered the call to serve our country as the next U.S. Ambassador to the United Kingdom.

He is the right person to lead our strong, special relationship with the United Kingdom. I am pleased to support his nomination, and I urge all of my colleagues to confirm Warren so he can get to work on this critical job.

WAIVING QUORUM CALLS

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Arkansas.

Mr. COTTON. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the mandatory quorum calls with respect to the Stephens and Barrack nominations be waived.

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

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Idaho.

NOMINATION OF DAVID PERDUE

Mr. RISCH. Mr. President, I come to the floor today in support of our friend David Perdue's nomination to be Ambassador to China. This is certainly one of the most important nominations and appointments that will come across this floor, and the President is to be commended for picking David Perdue for this position.

China, as we all know, is the largest, the most significant, probably the longest lasting foreign policy challenge that the United States of America has, and it is going to continue to be for some time.

Today, we have seen, over the last recent decades, China move from a third-world country to a near peer to the United States. Their economy is growing rapidly, and they have done it the old fashion way: They have stolen every good idea that we have and used it to their own devices, which has brought them to the challenging position they are in for the United States. And they are a very different country than the United States is.

The world, I think, is very quickly developing into a bipolar position, where, on the one hand, you have democracies and semi-democracies like the United States, made of up of free people, of capitalism, of free markets, of entrepreneurs, and of people who very much value human rights and value the individual way, ahead of the state. On the other hand, you have countries like China that are communist. They are socialists. They are not free market or capitalist motivated. And they have no regards for human rights. The best example of that is the genocide that they commit against the Uighur Muslims in China, and the world pretty much looks the other way while they do human rights abuses that are way over the top.

So, Senator Perdue—David—you have your work cut out for you. This is going to be a challenge as we go forward, particularly over the next 4 years.

In addition to that, China has done everything it can to infiltrate the United States. Most people in America have no understanding about the tremendous amount and the millions of dollars that the Chinese Government pumps into our colleges and universities here in the United States. I myself and others have long been trying to put a stop to this. No foreign government can come into our political system and use money to influence our political system, and yet a foreign government like China can go into our colleges and universities and pump in millions of dollars and use the influence of that money to influence the colleges and universities. We don't allow this in our political system because we don't want foreign influence in our political system, nor should we allow this kind of influence in the institutions that make up the education system for future Americans.

We need to put a stop to this, and all of us, I hope, will be glad to partner with our friend David Perdue as he confronts these issues from Beijing.

In this administration and in his first term, President Trump demonstrated that he will be tough on China. He has to be.

We need a strong leader like David Perdue at the front of our fight with the Chinese Government to execute on President Trump's vision, and I hope my colleagues will join me today in supporting Mr. Perdue to be Ambassador to China.

Mr. President, I would ask unanimous consent that we commence the vote on the nomination.

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

VOTE ON PERDUE NOMINATION

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

Ms. BALDWIN. 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 legislative clerk called the roll.

Mr. BARRASSO. The following Senators are necessarily absent: the Senator from Kentucky (Mr. McCONNELL) and the Senator from Kentucky (Mr. PAUL).

Further, if present and voting: the Senator from Kentucky (Mr. McCONNELL) would have voted "yea."

Mr. DURBIN. I announce that the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. BLUMENTHAL) and the Senator from Rhode Island (Mr. WHITEHOUSE) are necessarily absent.

The result was announced—yeas 67, nays 29, as follows:

[Rollcall Vote No. 215 Ex.]

YEAS—67

Banks	Graham	Mullin
Barrasso	Grassley	Murkowski
Blackburn	Hagerty	Peters
Booker	Hassan	Reed
Boozman	Hawley	Ricketts
Britt	Hoeven	Risch
Budd	Husted	Rosen
Capito	Hyde-Smith	Rounds
Cassidy	Johnson	Schmitt
Collins	Justice	Scott (FL)
Coons	Kaine	Scott (SC)
Cornyn	Kennedy	Shaheen
Cotton	Kim	Sheehy
Cramer	King	Slotkin
Crapo	Klobuchar	Sullivan
Cruz	Lankford	Thune
Curtis	Lee	Tillis
Daines	Lummis	Tuberville
Duckworth	Marshall	Warner
Ernst	McCormick	Wicker
Fetterman	Moody	Young
Fischer	Moran	
Gallego	Moreno	

NAYS—29

Alsobrooks	Hirono	Schatz
Baldwin	Kelly	Schiff
Bennet	Lujan	Schumer
Blunt Rochester	Markey	Smith
Cantwell	Merkley	Van Hollen
Cortez Masto	Murphy	Warnock
Durbin	Murray	Warren
Gillibrand	Ossoff	Welch
Heinrich	Padilla	Wyden
Hickenlooper	Sanders	

NOT VOTING—4

Blumenthal	Paul
McConnell	Whitehouse

The nomination was confirmed.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. CURTIS). 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 action.

CLOTURE MOTION

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Pursuant to rule XXII, the Chair lays before the Senate the pending cloture motion, which the clerk will state.

The senior assistant executive clerk read as follows:

CLOTURE MOTION

We, the undersigned Senators, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, do hereby move to bring to a close debate on the nomination of Executive Calendar No. 77, Warren Stephens, of Arkansas, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.

John Thune, Jim Justice, Ted Cruz, Bernie Moreno, Jon A. Husted, Steve Daines, John R. Curtis, Tommy Tuberville, Tim Sheehy, Pete Ricketts, Joni Ernst, James E. Risch, Mike Rounds, Tim Scott of South Carolina, Eric Schmitt, Katie Boyd Britt, John Barrasso.

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

The question is, Is it the sense of the Senate that debate on the nomination of Warren Stephens, of Arkansas, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, 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. DURBIN. I announce that the Senator from Vermont (Mr. SANDERS) and the Senator from Rhode Island (Mr. WHITEHOUSE) are necessarily absent.

The yeas and nays resulted—yeas 59, nays 39, as follows:

[Rollcall Vote No. 216 Ex.]

YEAS—59

Banks	Graham	Moreno
Barrasso	Grassley	Mullin
Blackburn	Hagerty	Murkowski
Boozman	Hassan	Paul
Britt	Hawley	Ricketts
Budd	Hoeven	Risch
Capito	Husted	Rounds
Cassidy	Hyde-Smith	Schmitt
Collins	Johnson	Scott (FL)
Cornyn	Justice	Scott (SC)
Cotton	Kaine	Shaheen
Cramer	Kennedy	Sheehy
Crapo	Lankford	Sullivan
Cruz	Lee	Thune
Curtis	Lummis	Tillis
Daines	Marshall	Tuberville
Ernst	McConnell	Warner
Fetterman	McCormick	Wicker
Fischer	Moody	Young
Gallego	Moran	

NAYS—39

Alsobrooks	Hickenlooper	Peters
Baldwin	Hirono	Reed
Bennet	Kelly	Rosen
Blumenthal	Kim	Schatz
Blunt Rochester	King	Schiff
Booker	Klobuchar	Schumer
Cantwell	Lujan	Slotkin
Coons	Markey	Smith
Cortez Masto	Merkley	Van Hollen
Duckworth	Murphy	Warnock
Durbin	Murray	Warren
Gillibrand	Ossoff	Welch
Heinrich	Padilla	Wyden

NOT VOTING—2

Sanders	Whitehouse
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The PRESIDING OFFICER. On this vote, the yeas are 59, the nays are 39.

The motion is agreed to.

EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the nomination.

The senior assistant legislative clerk read the nomination of Warren Stephens, of Arkansas, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.

RECESS

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the Senate stands in recess until 2:15 p.m.

Thereupon, the Senate, at 12:57 p.m., recessed until 2:15 p.m. and reassembled when called to order by the Presiding Officer (Mrs. BRITT).

EXECUTIVE CALENDAR—Continued

VOTE ON STEPHENS NOMINATION

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

Mr. CRUZ. 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 executive clerk called the roll.

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

The result was announced—yeas 59, nays 39, as follows:

[Rollcall Vote No. 217 Ex.]

YEAS—59

Banks	Graham	Moreno
Barrasso	Grassley	Mullin
Blackburn	Hagerty	Murkowski
Boozman	Hassan	Paul
Britt	Hawley	Ricketts
Budd	Hoeven	Risch
Capito	Husted	Rounds
Cassidy	Hyde-Smith	Schmitt
Collins	Johnson	Scott (FL)
Cornyn	Justice	Scott (SC)
Cotton	Kaine	Shaheen
Cramer	Kennedy	Sheehy
Crapo	Lankford	Sullivan
Cruz	Lee	Thune
Curtis	Lummis	Tillis
Daines	Marshall	Tuberville
Ernst	McConnell	Warner
Fetterman	McCormick	Wicker
Fischer	Moody	Young
Gallego	Moran	

NAYS—39

Alsobrooks	Hickenlooper	Peters
Baldwin	Hirono	Reed
Bennet	Kelly	Rosen
Blumenthal	Kim	Schatz
Blunt Rochester	King	Schiff
Booker	Klobuchar	Schumer
Cantwell	Lujan	Slotkin
Coons	Markey	Smith
Cortez Masto	Merkley	Van Hollen
Duckworth	Murphy	Warnock
Durbin	Murray	Warren
Gillibrand	Ossoff	Welch
Heinrich	Padilla	Wyden

NOT VOTING—2

Sanders	Whitehouse
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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 action.

CLOTURE MOTION

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Pursuant to rule XXII, the Chair lays before the Senate the pending cloture motion, which the clerk will state.

The senior assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

CLOTURE MOTION

We, the undersigned Senators, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, do hereby move to bring to a close debate on the nomination of Executive Calendar No. 78, Thomas Barrack, of Colorado, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of Turkey.

John Thune, Jim Justice, Ted Cruz, Bernie Moreno, Jon A. Husted, Steve Daines, John R. Curtis, Tommy Tuberville, Tim Sheehy, Pete Ricketts, Joni Ernst, James E. Risch, Mike Rounds, Tim Scott of South Carolina, Eric Schmitt, Katie Boyd Britt, John Barrasso

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

The question is, Is it the sense of the Senate that debate on the nomination of Thomas Barrack, of Colorado, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of Turkey, shall be brought to a close?

The yeas and nays are mandatory under the rule.

The clerk will call the roll.

The senior assistant legislative clerk called the roll.

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

The yeas and nays resulted—yeas 62, nays 36, as follows:

[Rollcall Vote No. 218 Ex.]

YEAS—62

Banks	Grassley	Moreno
Barrasso	Hagerty	Mullin
Bennet	Hassan	Murkowski
Blackburn	Hawley	Paul
Boozman	Hickenlooper	Ricketts
Britt	Hoeven	Risch
Budd	Husted	Rosen
Capito	Hyde-Smith	Rounds
Cassidy	Johnson	Schmitt
Collins	Justice	Scott (FL)
Coons	Kennedy	Scott (SC)
Cornyn	King	Shaheen
Cotton	Klobuchar	Sheehy
Cramer	Lankford	Sullivan
Crapo	Lee	Thune
Cruz	Lummis	Tillis
Curtis	Marshall	Tuberville
Daines	McConnell	Warner
Ernst	McCormick	Wicker
Fischer	Moody	Young
Graham	Moran	

NAYS—36

Alsobrooks	Booker	Durbin
Baldwin	Cantwell	Fetterman
Blumenthal	Cortez Masto	Gallago
Blunt Rochester	Duckworth	Gillibrand

Heinrich	Murphy	Schumer
Hirono	Murray	Slotkin
Kaine	Ossoff	Smith
Kelly	Padilla	Van Hollen
Kim	Peters	Warnock
Lujan	Reed	Warren
Markley	Schatz	Welch
Merkley	Schiff	Wyden

NOT VOTING—2

Sanders	Whitehouse
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The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. BANKS). On this vote, the yeas are 62, the nays are 36.

The motion is agreed to.

EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the nomination.

The legislative clerk read the nomination of Thomas Barrack, of Colorado, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of Turkey.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Kansas.

TRUMP ADMINISTRATION FIRST 100 DAYS

Mr. MARSHALL. Mr. President, this week, we honor and celebrate the 100th day of our 47th President, Donald J. Trump. I don't know about you, but it has been a blur to many of us, but I believe it has been a bold blur.

As I searched over the last week to think about the words to describe these first 100 days, I think of the word "consequential," that these first 100 days have been some of the most consequential we have ever seen in America's history. And I think about a vision. I think my vision is this big ship we call America, and she is slowly changing course back into the wind, and it is a good direction. At times, we have to tack into the wind, but the direction is positive. And it is exciting for me to see an 11-point surge in optimism in this country in January of this year alone.

But to sum it up, what I have seen in these first 100 days is a return to American greatness—a return to American greatness. And I think I see a theme of "promises made, promises kept" by this President.

You know, first and foremost, President Trump campaigned to secure our border. That was his top priority, to secure our border. Think about what has happened since he was sworn in. Under Joe Biden, we saw on days 10,000 people crossing our border illegally. Some days, it was 11,000. But under President Trump, we are now averaging less than 300 of those border crossings a day. We went from 10,000 a day to 300 a day. That is a promise made and a promise kept.

President Trump also campaigned that he would make your families safer and more secure. To that end, he has deported 130,000 violent criminal aliens. As I travel the State and talk to law enforcement officers, to a person, they tell me that the number of violent crimes is down, that fentanyl poisoning is down. Indeed, the President's plan of securing our border has led to the health and safety of our families.

President Trump promised that he would roll back regulations. To that end, of his 135 Executive orders, many have done just that—cutting redtape and saving American families some \$2,000 each. Another promise made and another promise kept.

President Trump said, "We are going to drill, baby, drill"—one of my favorite expressions from his campaign, "drill, baby, drill." Indeed, America once again is drilling. We have seen gasoline prices drop across America. It was common just a couple years ago under Joe Biden to see gasoline at over \$4 a gallon. Today, all across the State of Kansas, it is averaging under \$2.60 a gallon. So it has dropped from \$4 to \$2.60 a gallon. That is a promise made and a promise kept.

Well, what about groceries? you ask. Last month, we saw the smallest increase in the Consumer Price Index since the spring of 2020. Since COVID, since the start of COVID, this is the smallest increase in grocery prices we have seen.

Now, it would take 30 minutes, maybe an hour, for me to talk about all of the things that President Trump has accomplished in these first 100 days, but I want to just highlight a few more. He terminated the EV mandate. He has slowed the green energy transition. He has ended boys in girls sports. Under DOGE, he has cut over \$100 billion, saving American taxpayers money. He got America out of the World Health Organization and out of the Paris climate agreement, establishing once again that he is an American-first President.

But one thing I am really excited about is this economic boom we are starting to see that President Trump talked about, the \$7 trillion of investment into America that has been promised, and so much of that is going to lead to good-paying manufacturing jobs, jobs with benefits, and we are seeing that already across the State of Kansas.

These last 2 weeks, I was very purposeful, visiting several of our manufacturing companies, probably a dozen of them. To a company, each one was describing the increase in sales they are having, a big increase in the number of products that are wanted in the future. Why? Because they are American-made, because they are using American steel and American aluminum. I think that is what we can do with this Trump economy, is that his tariffs are bringing those manufacturing jobs back to this country, and, indeed, they are great jobs.

I want to take a second here and put up a poster, Mr. President.

You know, much has been made about the stock market the last week or two, but I think this chart of the Dow Jones Industrial Average over the last 100 years is another sign of American greatness. You know, there have been days that aren't as good, but the trend here is what? It is upward. And you look at just the last several days,

the last week here, there is a small little blip, a very small blip, but in relationship to what?

I would remind Americans that the Dow today is up 5 percent compared to a year ago. The NASDAQ is up almost 10 percent compared to a year ago. The trend is the right way. And I don't know about you, but I am betting on America. We have had 5 days in a row now of the Dow Jones increasing in value. That is the longest winning streak we have seen in almost a year. And who knows—maybe today will be the sixth day where we have seen the Dow go up as well. But, to me, this stock market is another example of American greatness, and I wouldn't bet against us.

Look, my belief is that President Trump has declared the apology tour is over with, that we are boldly putting America and Americans first. Gone is the despair of the Biden era. Today, families are safer, life is more affordable, and traditional family values are now thriving.

Young Americans now have a renewed hope that they can chase their own American dream. That dream was gone the last 4 or 5 years, but today, the American dream is alive and well. What does that American dream look like? Raising a family, owning a home, and building a brighter future.

I think a lot of this is due to President Trump's leadership because he is delivering strength, prosperity, and opportunity to Americans.

Again, 100 days—promises made, promises kept.

I yield the floor.

THE PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Rhode Island.

Mr. REED. Mr. President, if you look clearly at the facts as they are today, by any measure, Donald Trump's first 100 days have been disastrous—not a success—for regular Americans and our Constitution.

His administration has been marked by mismanagement, poor leadership, prickly egos, and policies that punch down rather than offer a hand up. In fact, that is reflected in the polls—not in January but today—where his approval rating is the lowest of any President at the 100-day mark, I believe, in the history of this country. And as a result of these policies, America's economy and our standing in the eyes of our allies have fallen significantly.

He has granted Elon Musk free reign to enter any Federal Agency and ferret through the data and files and personal information of every American citizen. And my impression of Mr. Musk: He doesn't do anything unless there is a profit connected to it.

Musk and DOGE are rifling through our IRS and Social Security records. Meanwhile, Americans can't get their questions answered about their Social Security benefits because Mr. Musk and DOGE and President Trump have cut staff and administrative funding. They have even tried to cut the phone

lines for basic services. And Trump officials just laugh it off.

Secretary of Commerce Howard Lutnick, a billionaire—which is not unusual in the Trump circuit—said on a podcast:

Let's say Social Security didn't send out their checks this month. My mother-in-law, who's 94, she wouldn't call and complain. She just wouldn't. She'd think something got messed up, and she'll get it next month. A fraudster always makes the loudest noise, screaming, yelling and complaining.

Well, that is very easy for a billionaire and his family to say: I don't think they would miss their Social Security check. But for working Americans who depend on Social Security, their retirement benefits, their disability benefits—just to make ends meet, to have food on the table—they would certainly miss the delay of a Social Security check.

And it is not just the Social Security Administration. We also know President Trump has purged Federal employees by the thousands, without regard for their job performance or the importance of their work—every agency, from the office that runs the LIHEAP program to the National Weather Service, to the National Nuclear Security Administration.

LIHEAP is essential to my constituents in the wintertime. That is how they stay warm. That is how they are able to live.

The National Weather Service is renowned for its incredibly accurate and detailed and scientifically based forecasts. In fact, we all depend upon it and, I am told, particularly farmers in the Midwest, because if you are trying to figure out the day to plant your crops, you better know what the temperature is going to be in the morning and at noontime and in the evening.

And the National Nuclear Security Administration is critical to protecting our nuclear weapons and developing them. I was in the airport in Providence, RI, and a young woman came up to me and said: Excuse me, Senator, but, 5 days ago, I was fired from the NNSA because I was a provisional worker. I got a call last night to get back as soon as possible—because the ability to protect and to develop our nuclear weapons could not be sustained without the presence of that lady and many others.

And yet, given all of these issues, he has populated his administration with leadership that, at best, is uninterested in the challenges facing average Americans and, too often, unqualified to do the jobs they were hired to perform.

He has withheld funding that was legally and constitutionally appropriated by Congress. He, in fact, has ignored the Constitution and Congress. One of his first acts was to fire the inspectors general throughout the government. Such a measure, by law, requires notice to Congress and 30 days' wait. He ignored that. And why? Well, if you are going to systematically break the law, you might as well get rid of those peo-

ple who are checking on whether the law is properly enforced.

He is defunding libraries and Head Start centers and halting critical medical research.

He has closed the Agency for International Development and even withheld funding to feed starving children here in America and across the globe, and he has done incredible damage to our standing in the world.

And as a result of his efforts to completely undermine the USAID, what is happening? Well, I will tell you what is happening: China is moving aggressively to take our place. And so, to people across the globe, when they look around and ask: Who is our friend? China?

That is not good for us, and that is not what we, as Americans, have done for many, many years.

He has also essentially extorted law firms to represent him and his causes for free.

He has attempted to dictate how our colleges and universities are run, whom they hire and what they teach, essentially changing a prosperous knowledge-based economy—that is what we were talking about. That is how we would compete in the world. We are the knowledge-based economy. We are the innovators. We are changing everything. When you destroy our university systems and our health research systems, you turn a knowledge-based economy into a failing, ignorance-based economy.

He has deported American citizens, threatened to annex Greenland, boosted Russia, and somehow found a way to alienate Canada, our neighbor and ally.

Each of these items on its own would be a cause for outrage, but Trump hopes that he will overwhelm Americans by "flooding the zone" with one stunt after another. But the inescapable fact is, his policies are hurting the American people, and they see it—not last January at the inauguration but today when they are looking at prices that are still too high; when they are evaluating his promise of ending inflation on the first day and solving the Ukrainian crisis on the first day. They see it in the prices they pay at the grocery store, in the cost of a new car or a new home.

Sadly, it looks like it is going to get worse for American families. Researchers at Yale University estimate that Donald Trump's current tariff regime—not including the tariffs he announced then backed away from—the current tariffs in place today will raise costs by \$4,900 for families this year while increasing inflation as high as 5.5 percent and cutting economic growth.

Other analysts project new car prices will rise by as much as \$12,000 and new home prices by more than \$9,000. I have spoken to multiple Rhode Island companies whose suppliers are already sending them higher quotes for their goods.

Goldman Sachs estimates that the President's baseline 10-percent tariff on

all imports would lead to fewer—not more—American jobs. Goldman estimates that this tariff will lead to roughly 400,000 fewer jobs nationwide.

Markets continue to move wildly as he erratically threatens schemes like doing away with the independence of the Federal Reserve, firing the Chairman of the Federal Reserve, and trying to seize the power to lower interest rates themselves, manipulating interest rates themselves and future tariffs. We are still in this uncertain period because he just suspended them for 90 days. If these future tariffs come back, it would rock the market again.

And by the way, when the market was collapsing after his grand announcement, where was he? He was in Florida at his golf course where the Saudis and others have sent millions of dollars to him so they could host a tournament, and he could play golf with them. That is not the definition of Presidential leadership.

Before Trump undertook his campaign of economic chaos, the economy was on a good trajectory. In fact, that chart illustrates the trajectory. These Trump tariffs have been a huge blunder. Instead of implementing a thoughtful policymaking process to boost key domestic manufacturing, the President has chosen a blunt, blanket-tariff approach. In doing so, he has treated allies like enemies and driven global partners into the arms of China.

What we are seeing now and what we will experience in the coming months: higher prices for families, fewer jobs, smaller retirement accounts, and a weaker economy. And it is entirely on the shoulders of the President. It is a self-inflicted wound on the economy and the American people.

But it appears that the President isn't done. He wants a "big, beautiful bill." And what is in that "big, beautiful bill?" Big cuts for Medicaid and SNAP, which feeds children and disabled Americans, and big giveaways to the donors who financed his campaign and populate his administration. The American people see it, and survey after survey proves they do.

The question is whether my colleagues, Senate Republicans, will go along with that. Will they listen to the people of America or will they still be under the thrall of Donald Trump?

Americans deserve better than cuts to Medicaid. They deserve an economy headed upward, not backward. And they deserve a President who respects the Constitution and the rule of law that made our society and our economy the "shining city on the hill," as President Reagan once said.

The first 100 days of chaos and self-inflicted damage must end. It is time for America's business leaders and congressional Republicans to stand up and join us all in saying enough is enough.

I yield the floor.

I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The bill clerk proceeded to call the roll.

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

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

WATER TREATY

Mr. CORNYN. Mr. President, I want to start my remarks today by thanking President Trump, Secretary Rollins, Secretary Rubio, and Deputy Secretary of State Landau for their efforts in securing a new agreement with the country of Mexico to send much needed water to South Texas.

This has been a longstanding problem. I remember years ago being in Mexico City when I was attorney general of Texas talking about getting the Mexican Government to live up to their responsibilities under this treaty, which requires them to deliver water to the United States on a regular basis. But their habit has been to delay the delivery of that water until the end of the 5-year period of the treaty. Obviously, in the interim, Mexican farmers have the water they need to grow the crops they need to grow and leave Texas agriculture high and dry.

But it is important that we get this water flowing again because Mexico has repeatedly refused to comply with the terms of the treaty in a timely manner.

We worked with the Biden administration. I remember talking to Secretary Blinken and introducing legislation, talking to my colleagues across the aisle about coming up with some carrots and sticks that we might be able to use to get Mexico to live up to its responsibilities, but the Biden administration really wasn't particularly interested in solving the problem.

I have been working here in the Congress, as have my colleagues both in the Senate and the House, particularly our Texas delegation in the House of Representatives, to get them to live up to their responsibilities, and I think we have come to realize that the current treaty, which was signed back in 1944, has become obsolete; that we need some interim measures and metrics to ensure that there are regular annual water deliveries for Texas and our agricultural industry. But yesterday's announcement was an important step forward doing just that. And, again, I thank the President, the Secretary of Agriculture, the Deputy Secretary of State, and the Secretary of State for their efforts to secure this important and long-overdue payment of water to south Texas.

CRITICAL MINERALS SECURITY ACT

Mr. President, we were all back home in our States during these last 2 weeks, and one visit I made during this trip back home was to visit the Fort Worth site of a company called MP Materials, a facility that has aptly been nicknamed "Independence."

This impressive plant is the Nation's first fully integrated rare earth metal alloy and magnet manufacturing facility. Not only is this the first of its kind in America, it is the largest producer

of rare earth minerals in the Western Hemisphere. Their mine is in California, but they actually process them in Texas and turn them into magnets.

You may wonder, What is the big deal? Why are magnets so important? Well, if you think about it, magnets are involved in almost every type of electric motor, whether it is for commercial applications or national security applications.

In particular, MP Materials produces these magnets for General Motors as well as essential components for various vehicles, drones, robotics, electronics, aerospace, and defense systems.

When we talk about critical minerals, there is a lot of confusion because it sounds pretty technical. But it has real-world impact on everyday Americans, on our economy, and on our national security. From our iPhones to the cars we drive, even our washing machines, without the magnets that these minerals produce, society would come to a screeching halt, as dependent as we are on electricity and everything driven by electricity.

Naturally, the work of this company, MP Materials, has implications not only for the Texas economy but for our entire Nation's national security. It reminds me a little bit of the epiphany we had post-COVID that we were almost completely dependent on Asia for advanced semiconductors and the fact that America once held a leading role in manufacturing these advanced semiconductors that basically ran everything with an off and on switch. But we have become almost entirely dependent on Taiwan and South Korea to produce these advanced semiconductors.

Again, COVID woke up a lot of us with regard to the vulnerability of our supply chains, and certainly advanced semiconductors was one of those. The rare earth mineral processing is another.

The ability to produce critical minerals and process them here at home is a critical step to safeguarding our supply chains from the Chinese Communist Party. There are risks from relying substantially on our greatest strategic adversary, China, for the production and manufacturing of these resources.

America used to have dominance in this area, not unlike semiconductors and quantum computing. In fact, we were, at one point, the largest producer of rare earth elements in the world, from the 1960s until about 1985. That was when China entered the picture and began ramping up their rare earth mining and processing capabilities.

As a result of a 40-year strategy that included both domestic investment and trade barriers, China has usurped our place as the global leader in producing rare earth elements.

But they didn't stop with domestic manufacturing. China has also been aggressively buying up critical mineral facilities in countries around the world

in order to increase their dominance in the market. By 2010, they had become the source of 85 percent of the global rare earth element supply and the source of 95 percent of the processed rare earth elements.

This is a storyline that has become all too familiar regarding a plethora of American industries that have been offshored to China and has done nothing to make us safer and more prosperous. In fact, the opposite is true; it has made us less safe and threatened our economy as well as our national security.

At this time, China is involved in what some might call old-fashioned mercantilism when it comes to these critical minerals. They will do anything to preserve their near-monopoly on processing these rare earth minerals that are vital to everything in modern life.

In my tour of the MP Materials factory, I learned that, basically, China will give away their product rather than have to compete on a level playing field, mainly to undermine any effort for us to establish an alternative processing operation here in the United States.

But the good news is that this rather grim picture does not have to be where the story ends. The Trump administration has made securing our supply chains for critical minerals a top priority, and I am one of their strongest partners in this effort.

American companies, with Texas presences like MP Materials, have been a critical part of that strategy, and it is a step in establishing a stable and secure alternative to China to supply these minerals to industries and manufacturers across our Nation.

In fact, MP Materials has recently halted exports of rare earth concentrate to China and accelerated their production in the United States.

But here is where I think most people miss the real story. Yes, there has been a lot written about critical minerals, including rare earth elements, but the focus is not so much on mining these essential elements or materials, it is actually processing them that is turning them into functional units. And China does about 90 percent of that in the world.

I am grateful to the President for recognizing the importance of this issue. Last week, he signed an Executive order on unleashing America's offshore critical minerals and resources, which directs the Secretary of Commerce to expedite the reviewing and permitting process to mine in deep seabeds.

In addition, the order directs the Interior Secretary and the Energy Secretary to work together to identify new partnership opportunities with the private sector and allied nations to continue developing these critical mineral capabilities.

This Executive order will dovetail with legislative efforts that we are working on here in the Senate. I have

introduced legislation that would address this issue called, unsurprisingly, the Critical Minerals Security Act. This legislation would require the administration and subsequent administrations to create a process to assist U.S. companies wishing to divest from critical mineral operations in a foreign company to identify a purchaser who is not an adversary.

With China as eager as ever to buy up all the critical mineral operations in neighboring countries, if an American investor is looking to sell their interests in critical minerals, my legislation would help them avoid selling their assets to a foreign adversary, particularly to China.

This legislation also directs the Secretary of the Interior to create a strategy to collaborate with our allies and partners to advance mining refining, separation, and processing technologies as well as sharing our intellectual property.

We know there is one thing that China hates to do: It is to play by the rules. They refuse to do so. They are absolutely ruthless in stealing American ideas and technology whenever they can. This legislation will help direct our allies and partners to get ahead of them by working together to share resources and intellectual property to develop and process these critical minerals.

It is no secret that China poses the greatest strategic threat to the United States and indeed to world peace. They are working in concert with other adversaries of the United States today to try to undermine the West, including the United States.

It is imperative for the United States to ensure that our supply chains for rare earth minerals are secure.

From iPhones that allow us to send and receive emails and text messages to cars that we drive to work or take our children to school, even the drones that now increasingly deliver our "snail mail," rare earth minerals are critical to modern life—again, very analogous to what advanced semiconductors proved to be in recent years.

President Trump has brought this issue to the forefront of our national conversation, and I am eager to take up that conversation and to work with my colleagues here on both sides of the Capitol, on both sides of the aisle, to deal with this critical vulnerability.

I look forward to working with him and all of our colleagues to help make America great again by ensuring that America, once again, leads the world in not just the mining but the refining and processing of these critical minerals.

I yield the floor.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Maine.

TRUMP ADMINISTRATION FIRST 100 DAYS

Mr. KING. Mr. President, almost 75 years ago, the junior Senator from Maine rose in this Chamber to deliver a speech from her heart about a crisis

then facing our country, a crisis not arising from a foreign adversary but from within, a crisis that threatened the values and ideals at the base of the American experiment.

Senator Margaret Chase Smith's "Declaration of Conscience" turned out to be one of the most important speeches of the 20th century and defined her for the ages as a person of extraordinary courage and principle. And here she is with her famous red rose that she always wore on her lapel.

Now, I should admit upfront that I worked for Candidate Bill Hathaway, who defeated her in the election of 1972. But she and I made it up years later when I was producing a documentary on her life for Maine PBS. In fact, as we began the project, I was so worried that she might resent my having worked for her opponent, so I sent her a letter confessing my role in her last campaign.

Her response was pure Margaret Smith:

Dear Angus King, it is perfectly alright with me that you once worked for Mr. Hathaway. Yours sincerely, Margaret Chase Smith.

Simple as that.

In working together on the documentary, she shared some fascinating background on this famous speech, including that she drafted it by hand at her kitchen table in her hometown of Skowhegan, ME, on Memorial Day weekend of 1950.

After returning to Washington a couple of days later, she steeled her resolve and headed to the Senate floor. As luck would have it, when she got to the trolley from the Russell Building, there next to her sat Senator Joe McCarthy, who was the subject of the speech.

"Why are you looking so serious, Margaret," he asked her.

"Because I'm on the way to make a speech, Joe, and you're not going to like it."

She told me that she was so nervous about the speech and the breach that it would make in her relationship to the then-powerful Senator McCarthy—this was the height of the Red Scare in the 1950s, remember—she told her chief aide, Bill Lewis, who was up in the Press Gallery, not to hand out the copies of the speech until she started speaking on the floor because she was afraid she might lose her nerve. But she went through with it, and the rest is quite literally history.

Here is how Margaret Chase Smith began that speech:

Mr. President, I would like to speak briefly and simply about a serious national condition. It is a national feeling of fear and frustration that could result in national suicide and the end of everything that we Americans hold dear. It is a condition that comes from the lack of effective leadership either in the legislative branch or the executive branch of our government.

Remember, this is Margaret Chase Smith. These are her words, 75 years ago.

She continued:

I think that it is high time for the United States Senate and its members to do some real soul searching and to weigh our consciences as to the manner in which we are performing our duty to the people of America and the manner in which we are using or abusing our individual powers and privileges.

Later in the speech, here is one of her conclusions:

It is high time that we stopped thinking politically as Republicans and Democrats about elections and started thinking patriotically as Americans about national security based on individual freedom.

I think that is very important, Mr. President.

She said:

It is high time that we stopped thinking politically as Republicans and Democrats and started thinking patriotically as Americans about national security based on individual freedom. It is high time that we all stopped being tools and victims of totalitarian techniques—techniques that, if continued here unchecked, will surely end what we have come to cherish as the American way of life.

Senator SMITH's speech had plenty of criticism for the Democratic administration at the time, but the real focus of her urgent plea to her colleagues was the actions of Senator Joseph McCarthy, whom she never mentioned by name in the speech, by the way. But Joseph McCarthy had embarked upon an anticommunist crusade in a manner that threatened the principles of free speech and the rule of law embedded in our values as a nation and in our Constitution. In other words, it wasn't McCarthy's anticommunism she objected to; it was the manner in which he carried it out.

I fear that we are at a similar moment in history. While today's serious national condition is not involving the actions of one of our colleagues, it does involve those of the President of the United States.

Echoing Senator SMITH, today's crisis should not be viewed as a partisan issue. This is not about Democrats or Republicans or immigration or tax policy or even the next set of elections. Today's crisis threatens the idea of America and the system of government that has sustained us for more than two centuries.

Again, this is not about the President's agenda, although, yes, I do disagree with most of it; it is about the manner in which he is pursuing it, which includes ignoring the Constitution and the rule of law. And it is this roughshod nonprocess that endangers all of us—all of us—his detractors and his supporters alike.

What is at stake is simple and, in fact, was the driving force behind the basic design of our Constitution: the grave danger to any society of a concentration of power in one set of hands—the concentration of power in one set of hands.

The paradox at the heart of the structure of any democratic government is that power is given to the government to protect and serve the people, but at the same time, the people

must be protected from that same power being used against them.

Madison put it clearly in the 51st Federalist:

But what is government itself—

Madison said—

but the greatest of all reflections on human nature? If men were angels, no government would be necessary. If angels were to govern men, neither external nor internal controls on government would be necessary. In framing a government which is to be administered by men over men—

And, of course, it would now be men and women over men and women—

the great difficulty lies in this: you must first enable the government to control the governed; and in the next place oblige it to control itself.

A dependence on the people—

He was talking about elections—

is, no doubt, the primary control on the government; but experience has taught mankind the necessity of auxiliary precautions.

Precautions that go beyond regular elections. The most important of these "auxiliary precautions" is the explicit separation of powers between the Executive and the legislature, which is at the heart—at the heart, at the very heart—of our Constitution, better known as checks and balances.

My fear is this phrase "checks and balances" has become such a cliché that we don't recognize it as the fundamental premise of our constitutional system.

There is nothing new, by the way, about the recognition of the danger of concentrated power. The ancient Romans summed it up with a simple question: "Quis custodiet, ipsos custodes?" or "Who will guard the guardians?" How do we control the government that we have created to keep it from abusing the people?

Another way to define this danger is a universal principle of human nature: All power corrupts, and absolute power corrupts absolutely.

It is important to emphasize that the danger I am describing here isn't based upon institutional jealousy of Senators worrying about the President taking some of their power or a loss of the prerogatives of the Senate or the politics of Democrats and Republicans. It is about the violation of the very deliberate division of power between the legislature and the Executive, which is, as I said, at the heart of our Constitution. It is there for a reason: to see that the power is not concentrated in one set of hands. And this is the most important bulwark between our citizens and—let's call it what it is—tyranny.

Again, Madison warned us in no uncertain terms, this time in the 47th Federalist:

The accumulation of all powers, legislative, executive, and judiciary, in the same hands . . . may justly be pronounced the very definition of tyranny.

Madison's word, "tyranny."

Later in the same essay:

There can be no liberty where the legislative and executive powers are united in the same person.

"There can be no liberty where the legislative and executive powers are united in the same person," and yet this "accumulation of all powers"—the term that Madison used—is exactly what is happening today before our very eyes. Although many in this body, unfortunately, seem determined to ignore it, deliberately ignore it, the evidence is everywhere: from the elimination of congressionally established Agencies to the withholding of appropriated funds—an appropriations bill, Mr. President, by the way, is a law; it is not a suggestion to the Executive about where he or she should spend money, it is a law to be observed—to issuing Executive orders purporting to be law in place of legislation, to sidestepping, if not ignoring, court orders.

This President is engaged in the most direct assault on the Constitution in our history, and we in this body, at least thus far, are inert and therefore complicit.

It is worth pausing for a moment to look at the terms of article II, which outlines the powers and responsibilities of the President—article II of the Constitution. At the outset, we have to remember that the Declaration of Independence was directed specifically at the depredations of the British King, and later, the Framers had recently come through a brutal 8-year war against that same King. It is clear that a monarchy was exactly what the Framers were trying to avoid in the structure of the new government, and it explains the limited powers granted to the President in article II.

So let's look at article II. In light of this antimonarchical intent, article II only gives the President 1½ unilateral powers. The unilateral power is the power to issue pardons. That is something the President can do without any check or balance. The half unilateral power is the role as Commander in Chief of the Armed Forces in wartime, but even that is constrained by the reservation to the Congress of the power to declare war.

With these two exceptions, all the other powers in article II granted to the President—appointment of judges, Federal officials; making treaties with other countries; vetoing legislation—are all bounded in some respect by the requirement of congressional assent.

I want to repeat, article II is not a broad grant of authority to the President. It is anything but. It is a restriction on the powers of the President.

And here, I think, is the most important phrase in article II. The principal responsibility of the President is spelled out in the last paragraph of article II: The Chief Executive "shall take Care that the Laws be faithfully executed"—"shall take Care that the Laws be faithfully executed." It doesn't say only the laws he agrees with or that he has any power whatsoever to make laws. His job is to execute the laws passed by Congress without exception—a responsibility this President is spectacularly failing to meet,

to “take Care that the Laws be faithfully executed.”

While this is the most serious breach of our constitutional order, the administration has also taken a series of apparently unconnected actions which, taken together, spell out our rapid path toward one-man rule—or tyranny, as Madison would say.

In the style of the Declaration of Independence, here is a partial list—only, where the Declaration says “he,” it is referring to the King of England. “He” as used in my list refers to the President.

Here is the list:

He has enabled the random firing of personnel throughout the government without regard to the importance of the job or the qualifications of the individual, which has severely compromised the ability of the affected Agencies to carry out the purposes Congress intended—the very antithesis of faithfully executing the laws.

He has enabled the dismemberment of Agencies providing essential services to the American people, most particularly in the Social Security and Veterans’ Administrations, by people who literally don’t know what they are doing—again, in violation of his responsibility to faithfully execute the laws creating those Agencies and programs.

He has systematically—early in the administration—fired independent inspectors general throughout the government whose job it is to find fraud, corruption, and malfeasance in Agency programs, in clear violation of Federal law and apparent intent to govern without constraints.

He has used the power of the government to threaten, intimidate, and extort private law firms for the supposed offense of representing clients he doesn’t like—an exercise of governmental power nowhere found in the Constitution and a clear violation of the very structure of our legal system.

He has used the power of the government to threaten and intimidate former government officials based upon actions and statements with which he disagrees, thereby sending the message throughout the government that pleasing the President is more important than telling the truth.

Again, he has no such power over the Constitution, and the result of this abuse of his office is the opposite—the opposite—of faithfully executing the laws.

He has openly threatened media platforms, particularly television networks, with license revocation or other punishment for airing content he doesn’t like, in clear violation of the First Amendment, which is one of the fundamental bulwarks of our freedoms. For a President of the United States to threaten a media firm with revocation of their license or other kinds of punishment because they publish content he doesn’t like—that is the antithesis of the First Amendment.

By the way, the compromise of the free press has been a sign of incipient

despotism throughout history and right up to today.

He has used the power of the government, including the impoundment of congressionally appropriated funds and threatening tax-exempt status, to threaten and intimidate private universities in order to force them to adopt policies to his liking—again, a power found nowhere in the Constitution, nowhere in article II.

He has enabled a national program of arrest and deportation of individuals in this country with no due process whatsoever. And even when it is admitted that at least one such individual was sent to a foreign prison by mistake, he has refused to make any effort to return that person to his home, despite court orders—including a unanimous order of the United States Supreme Court—of him to do so.

This entire process is a violation of the 5th, 6th, 8th, and 14th Amendments. It certainly is not consistent with his obligation to faithfully execute the laws.

He has openly suggested the possibility of sending U.S. citizens to a foreign prison for undefined crimes, thereby placing them outside the reach of our criminal justice system, including the constitutionally guaranteed right to counsel.

He has abused the limited powers delegated to him by Congress in connection with tariffs and trade by declaring emergencies where none exist and singlehandedly plunging our economy into chaos and risk of inflation, unemployment, and possible recession—a perfect example of the dangers of one-man rule.

The Constitution specifically delegates to the Congress, in article I, section 8 clause 3, the power over trade and commerce among nations. Congress delegated that power to the President under certain limited circumstances, that of an emergency, not that the President can define an emergency however he wants.

I live in Maine. We are on the border of Canada. There is no emergency that justifies the imposition of tariffs with Canada. If he wants to propose a tariff against Canada or Britain or any other country, he should come here, because that is our responsibility. We should debate it; and chances are, we can come up with a more rational solution than the one that was presented to the country several weeks ago.

He has also attempted to cut off funds to a single State, my own, because he took personal umbrage at our Governor’s refusal to bend to his policy preference, which was inconsistent with the law of our State.

Our Governor’s position was not on the issue of trans athletes. It was on the issue of State and local control, which is the basic bedrock of our representative form of government.

Tellingly, during that exchange, he said something really amazing and revealing. The President of the United States said:

We are the law.

That is more fitting to a king than to a President. “We are the law.”

By the way, an Executive order is not law, despite what this President seems to think. An Executive order is not law. The Constitution does not give the power to the President to unilaterally decide what the law is. Again, his job is to faithfully execute the laws that are made here in this building.

This “we are the law” comment is a clear statement of an intent to govern as a sovereign without regard to the Constitution or the rule of law.

In a field that I have some specific knowledge of, he has compromised national security by dismantling those Agencies charged with defending our Nation against the clear and present danger of cyber attacks and firing many of the individuals—with no stated cause—who are best suited to mount that defense.

He has further compromised national security by alienating our allies with his unlawful and indiscriminate imposition of tariffs, which has severely undermined confidence in our country, again, acting far in excess of the limited power over trade delegated by Congress.

I have served for the past 12 years on the Intelligence and Armed Services Committees, and I have come to realize that our asymmetric advantage in the world is allies. China has customers. We have allies. To alienate our allies without good reason, with no emergency, with no consultation with Congress, with no consultation with the Foreign Affairs Committee, with no consultation with much of anybody, that I can tell, is a serious compromise of our national security, both in terms of our intelligence capability but also who will come to our aid in a time of trouble.

This is not a complete list. It does, though, present a disturbing and dangerous pattern. This President is attempting to govern as a monarch, unbound by constitutional restraint or by law, not as a President subject to the constraints of the Constitution or the rule of law.

Again, this isn’t about his policies, whether they be mass deportation or trans athletes, trade and tariffs, or the appropriate levels of staffing of the Federal Government. Reasonable people can discuss those, work out policies, and find what the law should be. It is not unilaterally in the hands of the President to make those decisions.

No. The issue before us we can no longer avoid is the manner in which he is pursuing those policies, which violates both the spirit and expressed terms of our founding document.

Again, this isn’t about observing the boundaries prescribed by the Constitution just to check the appropriate boxes. This is about preserving boundaries to protect ourselves and our people from the abuse that inevitably—invariably—flows from the unbridled concentration of power.

To those who like the policies of the President and are, therefore, willing to ignore the constitutional means of effectuating them, I and history can only say: Watch out. Today, the target may be the undocumented or Federal workers, but tomorrow, perhaps, under a different king President, could be you.

Once this power is concentrated into one set of hands, it is going to be very difficult to get it back, and it could turn that power against anybody who displeases the monarch.

So what can we do? What are the guardrails? How can we buttress? It is important. The first guardrail is the Congress itself, the part of our government actually empowered to define policy, appropriate funds, oversee the actions of the Executive. But, unfortunately, the majority in Congress has thus far wholly abdicated these fundamental responsibilities and thus far shown little inclination to even recognize the danger, let alone take action to confront it.

We could reclaim our power, however, by pulling back the trade authority—there is a bill to do that—instituting vigorous oversight of the activities of DOGE to determine to what extent their actions compromise the congressional intent, or holding the President's nominees and his prized tax bill until he seizes his attempts to make policy unilaterally, including compounding Congressionally authorized and appropriated funds.

You know, do our job. That is the simple solution. Do our job.

The second guardrail is the courts, which are generally holding up their end of the constitutional bargain. But they read the press just as we do, and they need to know we are ready to re-assume our powers and responsibilities. As easy as it may be for us to rely entirely on the courts to save us, that is a copout. Reclaiming power must be a joint project.

The final guardrail is the people, who more and more are speaking up in rallies, in correspondence with us, in town meetings, and in conversations at the grocery store. But their only real power, the midterm elections, don't happen for 19 months. And in the meantime, the burden falls back on us.

I don't think we have 19 months, given what has happened in the first 100 days. We need to act now before the awesome power of the United States Government is consolidated into one set of hands. When that happens, there may be no going back.

No. We here in this body can't escape the responsibility of our oath. Each of us swore, mind you, to "support and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic" and that we would "bear true faith and allegiance to the same." The "same" being the Constitution.

Clearly, the Framers knew that someday, there might be domestic enemies of the Constitution and made it our literally sacred obligation to defend the Constitution from those domestic enemies.

I should mention that Joe McCarthy primaried Senator Margaret Chase Smith a few years after her speech as punishment to standing up to him, but to no avail. She crushed her opposition and won going away.

With thanks to Margaret Chase Smith for her example and inspiration, this is my "Declaration of Conscience."

I don't relish this moment, but I feel I have no choice but to call out the clear implications and dangers of what is happening—what is happening day by day—before our eyes.

To do otherwise, to keep silent, would be to compromise what I believed about our country since my first civics class in high school and at about the same time when I watched my dad risk his career to fight for justice and the rule of law.

So here I stand.

Abraham Lincoln came to the Congress in the midst of the Civil War at a time when our forebearers—like us—were reluctant to face the responsibilities that had been thrust upon them. At that critical moment, this is what Abraham Lincoln said:

Fellow-citizens, we cannot escape history. We of this Congress and this Administration, will be remembered in spite of ourselves. No personal significance, or insignificance, can spare one or another of us. The fiery trial through which we pass, will light us down, in honor or dishonor, to the latest generation.

"The fiery trial through which we pass, will light us down, in honor or dishonor, to the latest generation."

Mr. President, I deeply hope that in the midst of our fiery trial, we will choose honor and the Constitution.

I yield the floor.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Connecticut.

Mr. MURPHY. Mr. President, my colleagues, you are going to hear a lot of stories about the first 100 days of President Trump's second Presidency, and, indeed, there are a lot of stories.

There is a story of incompetence. We are dealing with multiple measles outbreaks all across the country.

There is a story about abdicating our responsibility to lead around the world. Vladimir Putin is laughing at us as Trump goes about the business of handing Ukraine to a brutal Kremlin dictator.

There is a story of transferring wealth from the poor and the middle class, through massive cuts to Medicaid, to the very, very wealthy, who are asking for another massive tax cut.

But I would argue that the most important story to tell is a story of corruption—a story of mind-blowing, massive, scalable corruption. That story is important because we are watching the theft of taxpayer money by the decision of the Republican Party to look the other way as Donald Trump essentially monetizes, at scale, the White House and the powers given to him by the Constitution and the American people in order to enrich himself and his friends.

And if we don't tell this story and if we don't mount a national, bipartisan, apolitical resistance to this thievery, to this corruption, and it becomes normalized as just a part of doing business in America, a normal facet of residence in the White House, then shame on us because our democracy will not survive this level of corruption, graft, and graft.

So I am going to try to tell the story really quickly. I have got two charts, and this is hard to read. These words are really small because, you know, over the course of 100 days, there are 40, 50, 60 different individual acts of precedent-breaking corruption.

And that is intentional, because what President Trump is trying to do is engage in so much public corruption that you just become normalized to it, that you stop paying attention to the corruption because is it—can it be—corruption if it is just playing out in public? He is trying to make you think that this stuff happens all the time behind the scenes, and, now, all that is different is that you are seeing it publicly.

But that is not true. This is not, actually, how government works, and I refuse to accept that, just because the corruption is happening in public, in front of the cameras for everybody to see, we should accept it.

OK, I am going to try to do this: I am going to try to do this as quickly as possible. I am just going to highlight for you maybe the 40 most egregious examples of corruption in the first 100 days, but this is just the tip of the iceberg.

So, on January 6—this is before Trump is even sworn in—Amazon, which has a ton of business before the incoming Trump White House, pays \$40 million to the Trump family to license a documentary, a series, about Melania Trump—just a cash payment from a company that has huge interests before the incoming White House to the Trump family.

On January 17, a few days before Trump is sworn in, maybe the most corrupt act in the history of the White House: This is the creation of the Trump meme coin. This is just a backdoor way for anybody with business before the Trump administration to send him millions of dollars in total secret.

Trump doesn't disclose who buys the coin. He launders his income from the coin through an unregulated Chinese exchange. He promotes the coin on his social media feeds.

In the first minute of trading, one buyer—and what we know is, this was likely a Chinese individual—purchases 6 million coins, sending the price through the roof and immediately making a ton of money for Trump, who makes money off of every transaction. Trump knows who this person is, no doubt, but American citizens do not.

All right, on January 20, he is now sworn in, and he fulfills a campaign promise to the oil and gas industry. There is a report from the campaign

that said they came down to Mar-a-Lago, I think, and said: We will give you a billion dollars in campaign contributions.

This is not me alleging this. This is an open report.

The oil and gas industry says: We will give you a billion dollars in campaign contributions if you do what we want when you are sworn in.

And the day he is sworn in, Trump issues an Executive order gutting environmental rules so that the oil and gas industry can start making bigger amounts of money.

On January 25, Trump eliminates the inspectors general, the ethics officials in government, and whistleblower offices. It is a late-night purge; so you know it is fishy. On January 25, 17 inspectors general get fired, clearing the way for the President to engage in even more corruption—because that is what the inspectors general do: They sit in these Agencies, and they look for corruption.

Now, the inspectors general are gone. They are just gone. But that is not good enough because, on the same day, Trump fires the head of the Office of Special Counsel. Why would you do that? Well, that Office is an investigative and prosecutorial Office that works to end government and political corruption and protects government employees who become whistleblowers. That office is gone now, along with all of the whistleblowers.

Two days later, Trump illegally fires NLRB member Gwynne Wilcox. This effectively shuts down—illegally—the NLRB for a period of time. Why is that important? Because the guys who are standing behind Donald Trump on Inauguration Day, people like Elon Musk and Jeff Bezos, are being investigated at the moment by the NLRB for massive workplace violations. Now the NLRB is shut down—a big gift to the people who financed Donald Trump's inauguration and stood behind him to give him political endorsement and cover on his Inauguration Day.

On January 31, a trend begins. Enforcement actions are paused against Trump loyalists.

This is Representative ANDY OGLES from Tennessee. He was being investigated for illegal or potentially illegal loans made to his 2022 campaign. But right after Representative OGLES introduces a bill to amend the Constitution to allow Trump to serve for a third term, what happens? Trump makes the investigation go away. As you will see, Trump's justice system will often look the other way if you cheat or steal but you are a friend of Donald Trump's.

At the same time, another of Trump's friends, his IRS nominee, Billy Long, gets his donors—almost all of them have direct interest before the IRS—to pay off his six-figure campaign debt. It is a fabulously corrupt thing to do, but it is just all normal now. So when Trump is showing you the way, then the folks who work for him follow suit.

All right. We will jump to February now, February 4. We are into, what, week 2 of the Trump White House. Trump hauls the PGA and the Saudi Government into the White House to broker an agreement between the two rival golf leagues so that Trump can make more money hosting golf tournaments. He is in business with one of these entities, the Saudi-owned LIV league.

In a normal world, the President of the United States wouldn't be in business with any foreign government, but the President is. And not only is that OK, but it is also apparently OK for him to bring the golf league that he is in business with into the White House and pressure the other golf league, the rival golf league, to cut a deal. And guess what happens? The PGA, which had long said they were not going to host events at Trump's courses, after being hauled into the White House, looking the President of the United States in the eye—somebody they clearly have to do business with—they announce that they are going to start allowing their tournaments to be held at Trump courses—big benefit to Donald Trump's personal bottom line.

On February 6, 2 days later, Trump ends the criminal enforcement of the Foreign Agents Registration Act. Do you know what this is? You should. It requires people who are being paid by foreign governments to register. It is no longer going to be enforced. So now members of the Trump administration can get backdoor payments from foreign governments, and nobody is going to enforce the law.

This isn't theoretical. There were people who got arrested for doing this exact same thing—getting paid by foreign governments while working for the Trump administration in term one. He wants to make sure it is not a problem in term two, so he pauses enforcement of the actual act.

Four days later, Trump eliminates the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau. This is just a magnificent present to all of his billionaire enablers because this is the Agency that stops big businesses—banks, other financial firms—from ripping off consumers, and now it is just shut down.

The same day, DOJ drops charges against Eric Adams in a mind-blowingly public and brazen quid pro quo. Adams says he will pledge loyalty to Trump. He is going to support Trump's political priorities in New York City. Trump drops the corruption charges against Adams.

Just like the Ogles case, the door is now wide open to engage in corruption or criminality as long as you support Donald Trump.

The thing that makes this one so egregious is that Adams and the White House go on TV to announce the corrupt deal, and they don't hide it. They just say that Adams is now supporting Donald Trump, and we are now going to drop the charges against him. And everybody gets the message: There is a

lot of stuff I can get away with as a corrupt official as long as I am in bed politically with Donald Trump.

On the same day, February 10, DOJ pauses enforcement of the Foreign Corrupt Practices Act. This is the law that stops American companies from bribing foreign governments in order to get business. On February 10, Trump suspends enforcement of an antibribery statute, paving the way for his friends in corporate America to start bribing foreign governments again.

Two days later, the State Department forecasts that they are going to dramatically upscale the amount of money that they are going to send to Tesla. This is the first time that Elon Musk shows up in this story. By February 12, Elon Musk is pretty well embedded in the White House, and, guess what, the State Department is now going to spend \$400 million for armored Teslas—its largest expected contract in the upcoming year.

On February 12, the same day, Musk infiltrates the Department of Labor and OSHA, giving him exclusive, secret access to labor law violation data against him and his competitors. It is unethical and corrupt, but this stuff is happening every single day.

A few days later, on February 15 and 16, Musk now starts really testing the limits of what his boss will let him get away with. He fires a specific set of regulators at the FDA that are reviewing one of his medical products, Neuralink. The message is clear: You got to do right by my applications or you risk getting the ax too.

Three days later, on February 19, Trump's new U.S. attorney for Washington, DC, Ed Martin, starts to use his government power to harass Trump's critics. He launches something called Operation Whirlwind, and he is pretty unapologetic about the fact that this is going to be an enforcement operation against anybody who just seeks to get in the way of DOGE. He doesn't say it is going after people who are acting illegally; he says anybody who tries to stop or protest or harass DOGE's work is now going to be the subject of Operation Whirlwind. He starts trolling critics of DOGE online. The U.S. attorney for DC is now just trolling DOGE critics online, obviously threatening criminal enforcement.

See what is happening here? We are 30 days into the administration, and everybody in Trump's world, including the supposedly independent U.S. attorneys, are getting the message that it is now part of your job if you work for Trump to use your government powers to either enrich yourself or Trump or to help Trump politically.

On February 21, 2 days later, the FCC drops a major investigation into a company called Robinhood. Why does this matter? You guessed it—this firm donated \$2 million to Trump's inauguration fund. Thirty days later, the SEC drops an investigation into that firm. Put a pin in that because you are going to hear stories like it over and over again.

Throughout February, we watched the rich guys that are surrounding Trump come up with new ways to monetize their positions.

Kash Patel is a perfect example. He is the nominee to head the FBI—maybe the most important independent Bureau of the Federal Government—and while he is going through that process, he is selling merchandise online, ranging from T-shirts to playing cards, with the proceeds supposedly going to whistleblowers' education and defamation cases.

On February 26, news breaks that the FAA is considering giving a \$2.4 billion contract to Elon Musk's Starlink. But it is not like a regular contract that is up for bid; it is a contract that was already awarded to one of Musk's competitors, Verizon, and word leaks that the White House is thinking of just ripping the contract away from Verizon because Verizon is not a political supporter of Donald Trump in the way that Elon Musk is, and just giving it to Elon Musk.

Now, that doesn't happen as reported. The contract has not been canceled yet. But there are regular reports of the administration still relentlessly attacking Verizon in a clear attempt to try to undermine their contract.

On February 27, the next day, Trump drops a lawsuit against Capital One. Why does this matter? Capitol One donated \$1 million to Trump's inauguration fund.

It is now just kind of automatic—you donate a big amount of money to Trump's inauguration, and you can ask him for something.

We are not done. That same day, the FCC drops a lawsuit against Coinbase. You have the story now. Coinbase donated \$1 million to Trump's inauguration fund. They are now told that it is OK to keep cheating consumers.

We are not done. On February 28, a day later, the DOJ announces that it would drop a complaint against SpaceX, Elon Musk's SpaceX, for labor discrimination.

Elon is like: Wait a second. All of these other big donors to your inauguration are getting out of jail free. I want my get-out-of-jail-free card as well.

He gets it from DOJ.

We are now into March. On March 1, a report breaks—this is maybe second to Coinbase, the most stunning act of corruption—on March 1, word breaks that Trump is selling meetings at Mar-a-Lago. On at least one occasion, Trump has charged guests \$1 million to dine with him at Mar-a-Lago.

According to the same report, business leaders can secure a one-on-one meeting with the President of the United States for a \$5 million payment to Donald Trump. If you were mayor of a medium-sized town and it was reported that you were selling meetings for like \$200, you would be arrested. You would be run out of town. But not Donald Trump. He is selling meetings for \$5 million, according to this report,

and because the corruption in this White House is daily and normal, he gets away with it.

On March 2, Trump launches the crypto reserve fund. This is going to involve government-taxpayer dollars purchasing and holding a variety of digital assets in a strategic reserve fund—a move that definitely inflates and protects Trump's investment portfolio, by now, you understand, very heavily dependent on crypto assets.

Now, this normally wouldn't be a problem because normally when somebody takes a high position like President or Governor or mayor, they divest from their own personal assets or they put it all in a blind fund. Trump does none of that. He is controlling his own assets and his family is controlling their own assets while he makes policy that benefits himself and his family financially.

On March 3, a really curious thing: DOJ intervenes in an obscure but open-and-shut 2020 Colorado elections case. This is the case of Tina Peters, who tampered with voting machines on Trump's behalf in Mesa County, CO. She was convicted by a jury of her peers, open and shut, but because Peters is a MAGA loyalist, now DOJ, on March 3, says it is going to step in and review the case because there are concerns about how it was prosecuted. This is just President Trump again clearly shielding those that violated the law to help him from consequences.

Same thing, different day—no, not even a different day. This is actually still March 3. Yuga Labs, a blockchain company, donated \$100,000 to Trump's inauguration fund. They now get in line. They get what everybody else is getting. The SEC closes an ongoing investigation into the company.

On March 4, DOGE lays off thousands of IRS employees. This is bad for a lot of reasons, but it certainly helps Trump's Mar-a-Lago friends because the IRS now cannot enforce the law against the big giant tax cheats in the ways that it could have when it had those personnel on the books. Mar-a-Lago is celebrating.

On March 4, the same day, word breaks that the Commerce Department is considering changes to a very specific rural broadband program and who is eligible. Why? Because Elon Musk wants to dominate that program. Under the program's original rules, Starlink was kind of capped at \$4.1 billion. This curious change now will allow Elon Musk's company Starlink to receive between \$10 billion and \$20 billion from the rural broadband program.

This is like a broken record, but 6 days later, the CFPB, which is basically shut down but exists in name only, drops a lawsuit against Bank of America and J.P. Morgan. Bank of America donated \$500,000 to the inauguration, and J.P. Morgan donated \$1 million to the inauguration.

On March 11, a day later, Trump and Musk hold this now very well-known

advertisement for Tesla on the White House lawn. This is just taxpayer dollars used to support the personnel at the White House and the White House being used to sell cars for Elon Musk. And the message, again, is pretty simple here: If you are loyal to me and you pay any kind of price for your loyalty to me, I will use government resources to help get you out of trouble, even including free advertising.

On March 19—we are 8 days later—the GEO Group donated \$500,000 to Trump's inauguration fund. This is a private prison company. The NLRB drops its investigation into this company.

I mean, it is really getting disgusting at this point. I mean, I don't know that there is anybody left that made a major donation to the inauguration fund that has not gotten their favor from Donald Trump.

On March 24, the Treasury Department guts something called the Corporate Transparency Act. This is the regulation that requires businesses to reveal their true owners to the government. These new rules now make it easier for billionaires to hide money, to avoid taxes, to engage in corruption—less accountability for corporations.

On March 25, a day later, the SEC reduces from \$125 million to \$50 million an existing fine. So this has already been litigated. This company, Ripple, a blockchain-based digital payment company, has been fined. Trump comes in and reduces the fine from \$125 million to \$50 million.

You know the story by now. These guys made a big investment in the inauguration. Most of these companies that got a "get out of jail free" or had their investigations terminated were giving \$500,000 or \$1 million. Ripple made sure they got it right. They made a \$5 million donation to Trump's inaugural fund, and they got their fine reduced by \$75 million.

On March 28, Trump pardons the founder of Nikola autos, one of his campaign megadonors. Again, this is a pardon for one of his major campaign contributors. When asked about the pardon, Trump said: They say the thing they did was wrong, but he was one of the first people who supported me for President.

He just tells you what he did. He said: Yes, they said what he did was wrong. He did something that was probably pretty wrong, but he supported me for President. So I am giving him a pardon.

I am not saying there hasn't been a lot of really bad stuff that has happened in the pardon program under Democratic and Republican Presidents, but let's just name it what Donald Trump named it.

April 8—we are into April. Trump issues an Executive order to expand coal mining, part of his downpayment on the promise he made to those oil executives. Shares of the company owned by Joseph Craft, the billionaire coal

magnate who helped lead those Trump fundraising efforts during the Presidential campaign, immediately shoot up.

On April 9, this really curious timeline of events plays out, which Trump posts on his social media:

THIS IS A GREAT TIME TO BUY!!!

A lot of his followers comply. They make investments in the market. There are reports and speculation that many of his inner circle might have done the same thing. A couple of hours later, he announces he is pausing most of his tariffs. The market shoots up. People who followed his directions online make a lot of money, and, potentially, other people who had access to that insider information might have made a lot of money as well.

On April 17, Musk steers billions of taxpayer dollars to something called the Golden Dome. Reuters, on April 17, reports that Elon Musk's rocket and satellite company, SpaceX, has emerged as the frontrunner to develop Trump's proposed Golden Dome. This is an ill-defined, technologically unproven defense system. It supposedly has a pricetag of hundreds of billions of dollars—money that now looks as if it will be funneled directly to Elon Musk. At this point, it is head-shaking.

On April 23—now he can do anything he wants. It is like he has just blown the lid off of any expectations about what a President can and cannot do to enrich himself. On April 23, a message appears on the homepage of the website for Trump's meme coin, declaring the top 220 meme coin holders would be invited for an exclusive dinner with Trump, and the top 25 coin holders—these are private investors in Donald Trump's financial empire—would get a "Special VIP Tour" of the White House.

After the message went up, the price of Trump's coin jumped by more than 50 percent. In the 2 days following the announcement of the "Special VIP Tour" in the "People's House"—the White House—Trump and his allies made nearly \$1 million in trading fees alone. They are just selling access to the White House out in the open.

On April 26, Trump's family—this is just last weekend—announces the launch of a private club called the Executive Branch, a new private club in Washington. The initiation fee is around a half-million dollars. It is advertised as a place where you can hold secret audiences with the Trump administration, as long as you pay Donald Trump's family and their financial backers over \$500,000 in membership fees. It has apparently already sold out.

This is not normal. None of this is normal. This is outlandish. This is illegal. This is unconstitutional, brazen corruption, and this is only the first 100 days.

I just detailed 40 instances of mind-blowing corruption in just 40 days, capped off by an attempt to just sell access to the White House to people

who put money in the pockets of Donald Trump's personal businesses.

Donald Trump wants to numb this country into believing that this is just how government works, that he is owed this, that every President is owed this—that the government has always been corrupt, and he is just doing it out in the open.

This is not how government works. This has been the story of his first 100 days, but it is our choice as a nation to allow it to be the story of the rest of his term. We need to expose what he is doing. We need to rally everybody, from the left to the right. Nobody in this country—whether you are a hardened conservative or a hardened progressive—should root for the President of the United States to be enriching himself off of this position. We need to rally this Nation against this corruption and bring it to an end because if Donald Trump gets what he wants and we just start allowing our government's leaders to openly steal from us during the first 100 days or for the rest of his term, then, I am telling you, American democracy is not going to survive.

I yield the floor.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. CURTIS). The Senator from Idaho.

NOMINATIONS OF THOMAS BARRACK AND TILMAN FERTITTA

Mr. RISCH. Mr. President, on a more credible note, I hope, I am here to speak on two noms that we have coming up. There is going to be a vote on confirmation of Thomas Barrack to be Ambassador for Türkiye and a vote on Tilman Fertitta for the nomination to be Ambassador for Italy.

I want to speak first to the nomination of Thomas Barrack for Ambassador to Türkiye. As you know—as everyone knows—Türkiye is a critical U.S. and NATO ally. I use that word ally judiciously. They have been the recalcitrant ally, from time to time, lately and have been difficult. Nonetheless, we have gotten through those things, but it has been far from lock-step with America in supporting our mutual interests.

While Türkiye hosts NATO and American forces and has supported efforts toward peace in Ukraine, it has troubling—troubling—ties to Russia and Hamas. Türkiye also has a difficult track record on human rights and has repressed dissent both in and outside of its borders.

Mr. Barrack is the right man to tackle this challenging post. He will help President Trump and Secretary Rubio protect national security interests from the many threats we face. I hope my colleagues will join me in supporting the confirmation of Thomas Barrack.

Next, I want to move to the nomination of Tillman Fertitta for Ambassador to Italy.

Italy remains a close ally, an important partner in Europe, and is a special place for a lot of Americans. While there are deep cultural ties, there re-

main a number of areas where significant improvement is needed.

On trade, U.S. producers have a hard time getting access to the Italian market, in part because of EU regulations—certainly, not the fault of Italy. But, nonetheless, the difficulty is there. There are also domestic industries that find creative barriers to keep U.S. products out.

In the security space, Italy remains below NATO's 2 percent spending requirement. This is really hard to understand, based on both the challenges Putin has created for European security but also due to the substantial security threats Italy faces from the Mediterranean and from North Africa.

I am confident that Mr. Fertitta will help address these issues and ensure the U.S.-Italian relationship only continues to grow stronger.

I encourage my colleagues to support his nomination. I know this nomination vote is going to be a bipartisan vote, and there are certainly Democrats that feel very strongly about Mr. Fertitta for good reason. He is a good man. He deserves the vote. I hope everyone will join us in voting for this confirmation.

I yield the floor.

WAIVING QUORUM CALL

Mr. RISCH. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent to waive the mandatory quorum call with respect to the Fertitta nomination.

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

VOTE ON BARRACK NOMINATION

Mr. RISCH. I ask unanimous consent that we move immediately to the vote on the two nominations.

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

The question is, Will the Senate advise and consent to the Barrack nomination?

Mr. RISCH. 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 legislative clerk called the roll.

Mr. DURBIN. I announce that the Senator from Colorado (Mr. HICKENLOOPER), the Senator from Maine (Mr. KING), the Senator from Vermont (Mr. SANDERS), and the Senator from Rhode Island (Mr. WHITEHOUSE) are necessarily absent.

The result was announced—60 yeas, 36 nays, as follows:

[Rollcall Vote No. 219 Ex.]

YEAS—60

Banks	Cotton	Hawley
Barrasso	Cramer	Hoeven
Bennet	Crapo	Husted
Blackburn	Cruz	Hyde-Smith
Boozman	Curtis	Johnson
Britt	Daines	Justice
Budd	Ernst	Kennedy
Capito	Fischer	Klobuchar
Cassidy	Graham	Lankford
Collins	Grassley	Lee
Coons	Hagerty	Lummis
Cornyn	Hassan	Marshall

McConnell	Ricketts	Sheehy
McCormick	Risch	Sullivan
Moody	Rosen	Thune
Moran	Rounds	Tillis
Moreno	Schmitt	Tuberville
Mullin	Scott (FL)	Warner
Murkowski	Scott (SC)	Wicker
Paul	Shaheen	Young

NAYS—36

Alsobrooks	Heinrich	Peters
Baldwin	Hirono	Reed
Blumenthal	Kaine	Schatz
Blunt Rochester	Kelly	Schiff
Booker	Kim	Schumer
Cantwell	Lujan	Slotkin
Cortez Masto	Markey	Smith
Duckworth	Merkley	Van Hollen
Durbin	Murphy	Warnock
Fetterman	Murray	Warren
Galleo	Ossoff	Welch
Gillibrand	Padilla	Wyden

NOT VOTING—4

Hickenlooper	Sanders
King	Whitehouse

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.

CLOTURE MOTION

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Pursuant to rule XXII, the Chair lays before the Senate the pending cloture motion, which the clerk will state.

The bill clerk read as follows:

CLOTURE MOTION

We, the undersigned Senators, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, do hereby move to bring to a close debate on the nomination of Executive Calendar No. 79, Tilman Fertitta, of Texas, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Italian Republic, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of San Marino.

John Thune, Jim Justice, Ted Cruz, Bernie Moreno, Jon A. Husted, Steve Daines, John R. Curtis, Tommy Tuberville, Tim Sheehy, Pete Ricketts, Joni Ernst, James E. Risch, Mike Rounds, Tim Scott of South Carolina, Eric Schmitt, Katie Boyd Britt, John Barrasso.

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

The question is, Is it the sense of the Senate that debate on the nomination of Tilman Fertitta, of Texas, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Italian Republic, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of San Marino, 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. DURBIN. I announce that the Senator from Vermont (Mr. SANDERS), the Senator from Vermont (Mr. WELCH)

and the Senator from Rhode Island (Mr. WHITEHOUSE) are necessarily absent.

The yeas and nays resulted—yeas 84, nays 13, as follows:

[Rollcall Vote No. 220 Ex.]

YEAS—84

Baldwin	Gillibrand	Moreno
Banks	Graham	Mullin
Barrasso	Grassley	Murkowski
Bennet	Hagerty	Ossoff
Blackburn	Hassan	Padilla
Booker	Hawley	Paul
Boozman	Heinrich	Peters
Britt	Hickenlooper	Reed
Budd	Hoeven	Ricketts
Cantwell	Husted	Risch
Capito	Hyde-Smith	Rosen
Cassidy	Johnson	Rounds
Collins	Justice	Schiff
Coons	Kaine	Schmitt
Cornyn	Kelly	Scott (FL)
Cortez Masto	Kennedy	Scott (SC)
Cotton	Kim	Shaheen
Cramer	King	Sheehy
Crapo	Klobuchar	Slotkin
Cruz	Lankford	Sullivan
Curtis	Lee	Thune
Daines	Lujan	Tillis
Duckworth	Lummis	Tuberville
Durbin	Marshall	Warner
Ernst	McConnell	Warnock
Fetterman	McCormick	Wicker
Fischer	Moody	Wyden
Galleo	Moran	Young

NAYS—13

Alsobrooks	Merkley	Smith
Blumenthal	Murphy	Van Hollen
Blunt Rochester	Murray	Warren
Hirono	Schatz	
Markey	Schumer	

NOT VOTING—3

Sanders	Welch	Whitehouse
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The PRESIDING OFFICER. On this vote, the yeas are 84, the nays are 13.

The motion is agreed to.

EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the nomination.

The senior assistant legislative clerk read the nomination of Tilman Fertitta, of Texas, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Italian Republic, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of San Marino.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Wyoming.

TRUMP ADMINISTRATION FIRST 100 DAYS

Ms. LUMMIS. Mr. President, today, President Trump completes the first 100 days of his return to the White House, and it has been nothing short of transformational.

Under President Trump and Vice President VANCE's leadership, we are witnessing the rapid implementation of campaign promises that are already reshaping America's policy landscape. When I go home to Wyoming each weekend, people approach me everywhere, from restaurants to the feed store, eager to discuss the positive changes happening in Washington. The overwhelming sentiment is enthusiasm for what President Trump is accomplishing for everyday Americans.

For example, on day one, President Trump restored the dignity of men and women as biologically distinct sexes. It is hard to believe he had to do that, but, indeed, he did. One of the administration's first major actions was signing an Executive order directing Federal Agencies to recognize biological sex in athletic competition.

The left spent the past 4 years gaslighting Americans and making the failed argument that biological males should now be competing in women's sports in the name of fairness. Within a few weeks of taking office, President Trump tackled this issue and made it clear that this administration won't support the left's attack on female athletes. I believe this is the women's rights issue of our time, and I am grateful for President Trump's leadership.

For some people my age, we spent so many years trying to exercise our rights under title IX and other rights to recognize women's rights, only to have them swept under the rug and disregarded by the left, requiring that women not only compete against men but have them in their locker rooms in what were uncomfortable and, in some times, unsafe circumstances. President Trump recognized this and, thankfully, has put that issue to rest for a while.

President Trump is also delivering on his promise to unleash American energy dominance. A few weeks ago, I joined President Trump and some of my colleagues at the White House for his signing of an Executive order that starts to reverse the Biden and Obama administrations' anti-coal agenda. For energy States like Wyoming, the official lifting of the unconstitutional coal moratorium represents a significant economic opportunity for western States.

By removing unnecessary restrictions on energy extraction, the administration has signaled its commitment to blue collar jobs, cheaper energy for American families, and a new era of energy dominance.

Joe Biden and his administration didn't care about the impact their regulations have on working-class people. The Trump administration does care, and they are continuing to take action that will help Americans and our amazing energy communities.

Wyoming exports 12 times more energy than it consumes; and much of that is in the form of hydrocarbons. And each and every year, for years after the Clean Air Act passed, we were producing more energy and producing cleaner air. These things can happen simultaneously. And it is because of Yankee ingenuity and it is because we know how to do things better all the time, we don't have to accept the status quo when it comes to energy dominance.

But there were certain people in the Biden administration that forced something called environmental justice, an absolutely trumped-up, dreamed-up idea that we can't have clean energy

and abundant energy at the same time. That is a totally wrong-headed approach to what has always been a great American tradition of ingenuity and entrepreneurs who can take a problem and solve it.

There is such a thing as clean air that can be produced from coal and natural gas, in particular, and I am proud that my State is part of that. I am proud that President Trump recognizes it and that he has taken steps to restore our statutory ability to produce both clean air and abundant hydrocarbon energy simultaneously.

Perhaps the most dramatic turnaround has been at the southern border. Where the Biden administration created chaos, President Trump has restored order—through multiple Executive actions, signing the Laken Riley Act, ending catch-and-release, re-implementing “Remain in Mexico,” and more. We have seen border encounters plummet from nearly 380,000 in February and March last year to just 22,000, plus a few, during the same period this year.

The people of Wyoming are grateful to have a President who cares about securing our border and deporting those who are not here legally, especially those from gangs that are causing unsafe communities, horrible crimes perpetuated on the American people—all unnecessarily, if we only followed the laws that were in existence and the statutes that were in existence all along, those laws that President Biden ignored and that President Trump is following and implementing.

For decades, America's leaders have failed our country when it comes to fiscal responsibility, and we in this very Chamber are partly responsible for that. Our \$36 trillion national debt represents a real and present threat to America's future.

We all know it is unsustainable. And yet, after COVID, we never went back to pre-COVID spending levels. We have kept spending at post-COVID highs, even though the moneys spent during the COVID years is no longer necessary in our now more growing and robust post-COVID economy.

Most taxpayers don't realize their hard-earned dollars primarily service this massive debt through interest payments rather than funding national defense and essential services. That is why I strongly support President Trump's creation of the Department of Government Efficiency—DOGE. It was done through a provision in ObamaCare and its subsequent ability to gain efficiencies through efforts that computers can assist us with.

And nobody knows better how to do it than the people who have voluntarily participated through their expertise and ability to identify waste, fraud, and abuse, using the Department of Government Efficiency and their remarkable skills with computers to ferret out waste, fraud, and abuse.

Elon Musk and the DOGE team have already identified a huge number of

wasteful programs and abusive expenditures that don't benefit American families. All of us should be proud, in both parties, that the rhetoric that we have used over the years that we are going to pay for things by ferreting out waste, fraud, and abuse and then after elected, don't even try to find waste, fraud, and abuse, has finally come to an end.

Elon Musk and his team have found true waste, fraud, and abuse in government and is identifying it so Cabinet Secretaries can deal with it in their respective Agencies. That is exactly the kind of fiscal discipline that we value in Wyoming—that we all should value as Americans.

After years of the Biden administration's unbridled hostility toward digital assets and cryptocurrency, President Trump is fulfilling his promise to lead the most pro-digital asset administration in history. I could not be more proud. We know that we are moving into a digital future, a digital economy. It is something we should embrace. It is something we can include in a new, modern 21st century economy.

It is not something to fear. But it is something that cries for consumer protections, and our incredible ability that we have as Agencies to disclose matters that should be disclosed to investors and to allow innovation where it makes our ability to do business internationally, faster, cheaper, and more responsible. Through the ledgers, the blockchain's incredible ability to send money all over the world fast and inexpensively helps regular, everyday Americans avoid the tremendous friction that is in the banking system that costs taxpayers money and costs taxpayers time and allows us to do business all over the world in a much less expensive and a robust way.

What a blessing to have an administration that sees the future in this way, that understands the innovation that is at our fingertips and that we can use to go forward in a true 21st-century digital economy.

I am particularly pleased with President Trump's support of my strategic Bitcoin reserve initiative, which will address our national debt while securing America's position as the global leader in financial innovation.

As Bitcoin comes into more usage, its use makes the whole system more secure, more robust, and more capable of serving our needs all over the world. We should be the global leader with this fantastic, new, ledger-based asset that is in a digital format that is going to be transformative of the everyday economy and puts the everyday American—in fact, the everyday worker all over the world—in control of their own money. What a wonderful blessing for hard-working people all over the world to have this great, new technology and to have America lead the way in implementing this wonderful, wonderful innovation.

Here in the Senate, we have confirmed 54 of President Trump's Cabinet

and sub-Cabinet nominees. It has required some long hours—many in the middle of the night, much to our consternation. But our work is far from complete.

The Democrats' agenda threatens to impose crushing tax increases on hard-working Wyoming families and our local small businesses. If the tax cuts that were implemented under President Trump's first administration are allowed to expire, it will create the largest tax increase in history at a time when businesses need the innovation that allows our economy to grow. That can come through a robust, fair tax system. This is something that I look forward to assisting my colleagues in this body to implement in a permanent form and using our current standard practices.

Following years of punishing inflation under the Biden administration, our communities and working families cannot shoulder any additional financial strain, and keeping our Tax Code as is and making it permanent is yet another way of implementing advantages for local working economies.

It also just delights me that President Trump identified just real working Americans who are struggling to make ends meet, who are living paycheck to paycheck, and tried to identify ways to tax-advantage their lives—for example, no tax on tips, no tax on Social Security, no tax on overtime hours. These are things for regular, everyday, working people.

Some people allege that President Trump is trying to help his billionaire buddies. I am not seeing that at all. I am seeing a President who really gets the everyday working American and wants to make sure that as they live paycheck to paycheck and try to plan for their families, there is some relief in store for them with regard to his proposals for taxes.

These first 100 days of President Trump's return to office represent just the opening chapter of America's golden era. Already, his administration has made remarkable progress in securing our southern border, revitalizing American energy independence, cutting wasteful government spending, supporting innovative digital asset policies, and restoring America's rightful leadership position globally.

We know even today that as countries are renegotiating their trade policies and tariff policies with us, there is a newfound desire to find a level playing field, parity, and reciprocal trade agreements that allow for some of our products to go into their economies in ways that acknowledge that the United States has been globally at a trade disadvantage and to try to repair some of those long practices where the United States was participating in free trade and other countries were not. It is time to make it all fair trade. I applaud President Trump's desires to do that hopefully soon so we can get some of the turmoil associated with these important changes to our economy behind

us and restore stability in our economy and our everyday lives.

I anticipate the next 100 days will bring equally significant achievements, and I feel deeply privileged to work alongside this administration and this President.

I served 14 years in the Wyoming Legislature, all with Democrat Governors. I have served 12 years in the Congress, all with Democrat Presidents. This is the first time in my entire life that I have legislatively served with a President of my own party. It is refreshing, it is delightful, and it is even, on occasion, fun.

I feel so privileged to be here with a Republican President who is delivering meaningful results to the people of Wyoming and our great Nation.

I yield the floor.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Democratic whip.

Mr. DURBIN. Mr. President, the jury is in. At the end of 100 days, the major polling firms across the United States went out and asked the American people: So what do you think? What is your impression of this new President? What is your impression of the MAGA agenda?

The results that came back don't surprise me, but they might surprise some. Overwhelmingly, on every major issue that this administration has taken a position, the American people have said: We don't like it. We are not happy with what is happening in this country today.

After all the promises in the last political campaign about dealing with the cost of living for ordinary Americans, there is little or no progress to be shown for the 100 days of President Trump.

For 100 days, President Trump and his administration—mainly billionaire buddies like Elon Musk—have brought us chaos, wreaked havoc, and sowed division. President Trump has undermined the Constitution and our system of checks and balances and the rule of law. Through it all, I am sad to report that my Republican colleagues have remained silent.

I got a call several weeks ago, before the Easter break, from CEOs of major corporations, some in my State and some not. I had not heard from them before. Why they called me puzzled me a little bit. What it boiled down to was they were desperate for information about the policy decisions here in Washington. What did it mean that this President, Donald Trump, started a trade war and then announced he was going to put it on pause for 90 days? What were they supposed to do in terms of the future of their businesses? Were they to assume that the tariff tax war had begun, that in order to import key elements and parts to their production, they would have to pay tariffs of 10, 20, 30 percent? 100 percent? What did I know about it?

I couldn't answer because I didn't know the answer. I am not sure anyone knew the answer.

Somewhere in President Trump's mind is a theory of tariffs that he believes is going to make America stronger. These business leaders said just the opposite. Because of the uncertainty of these tariffs and the uncertainty of our trade relationships, they were going to hold back. They couldn't risk it. And that is the reality of what we face today.

When it comes to specific cases in this administration, it is hard to explain how we have reached this point.

When Kilmar Abrego Garcia, a father who was living legally in the State of Maryland with his family, was sent to a terrorist prison in El Salvador because of what was said in court to be an "administrative error," where was the outrage that this man was treated so unfairly, with no evidence except, perhaps, a tattoo that might be connected with a gang? There was no evidence that took this man out of the United States and put him in a prison in El Salvador.

Our colleague Senator CHRIS VAN HOLLEN went down to see him and the conditions he is being held in and never came back with a satisfactory answer of why this man was being charged with a crime.

Now, you remember how many times Donald Trump gave speeches at rallies, and he said that we are being overrun by murderers and rapists and terrorists and mentally ill people who came to this country and shouldn't be here, and as a consequence, they were going to change things when he was elected President.

What they changed was to take this Mr. Garcia, living legally in Maryland with his family, and, through an administrative error, threw him into a hopeless prison in El Salvador. Is that what America is all about now? Because he had a surname like "Garcia," we can ignore any reference to due process?

The President went so far as to suggest he would do the same thing to an American citizen. Now, of course, he says things which he later disavows, but it is outrageous to think a President of the United States would suggest that an American citizen, without due process, would be relegated to a terrorist prison in a foreign country. The American people don't care for that much, and neither do I, because it happens to offend this document: the Constitution of the United States.

Can you imagine an immigrant living here under a protected status torn from his home and family for no legally justifiable reason, and then the administration says it was an "administrative error"?

While the Trump administration continues to avoid facilitating the return of Mr. Abrego Garcia as the Supreme Court has ordered him to do, Republicans have remained silent.

It was about 6 weeks ago. There were several key appointees by the Trump administration to positions in the Department of Justice. They included a

Solicitor General and two other Deputy Attorneys General.

During the course of questioning, I asked these individuals a basic question: Do you believe that an executive official can defy a legally held court order? I thought the answer was clear: It is no, and it should be, whatever the President's party may be. Yet they struggled to come up with an answer that suggested maybe, in some cases, it was all right to defy a court order.

We have been through this in America. The case of *Brown v. Board of Education* in 1954 was an effort to integrate schools across America for the first time—an extremely controversial decision, and several other decisions followed from it. But there was a legal court order for that to happen. In order to move forward, you have to start by obedience to the court order. You can criticize it within the realm of ethics, and you can even appeal it, but you can't ignore it. Yet these officials headed for the Trump Department of Justice wanted to equivocate on the answer.

Who came to my rescue on my argument? A Republican Senator from Louisiana, JOHN KENNEDY, who came in and addressed the three nominees and said: Let me make it clear to you—I paraphrase him I think accurately—your options with a legal court order are to be critical within the bounds of ethics and to appeal the decision if you disagree with it, but you have to obey that order or resign your official position.

That was as clear an explanation as I have ever heard. But under the Trump administration, they believe they are above the law. Some do.

Or take Donald Trump's ill-conceived, mindless tariff tax war, which I mentioned earlier. Global markets plunged when he came out with his proposals in the beginning of April. It wiped out trillions of dollars of wealth from the stock market and will cause Americans to suffer from higher prices and smaller export markets.

The advice which many people are giving to those who are worried about their IRAs and 401(k)s is: Don't look at it. Don't look at the balance. You are going to be too depressed when you see it.

And it is because of the chaos in the Trump White House when it comes to our trade policy and economics. While their constituents saw their retirement funds drain and grocery bills skyrocket, sadly, my Republican colleagues remained silent.

Rinse and repeat the cycle. Donald Trump threatens to withhold Federal funds from higher education institutions to coerce them to give up their constitutional rights. It is hard to imagine—we are talking about modern America—that a President of the United States who is unhappy with what is being taught at a college or a university threatens to remove all of their Federal funding.

For God's sake, this is a democracy. Freedom of speech is part of what we

admire in this country so much and what is part of our future and our past. Yet, when it comes to President Trump, he has decided that if they want to teach something that he doesn't care for, whatever it may be, they are going to lose Federal funding. That is being tested in court.

The Secretary of Defense violates national security protocol and shares classified war plans in a Signal chat that mistakenly includes a journalist listening to the conversation. You would think that at least one hard-line Republican conservative, some hawk in their ranks, would stand up and say: That is wrong, regardless of who the President may be. But they didn't. The Republicans remain silent.

Unelected billionaire Elon Musk and his DOGE brothers gut the Federal Government, leading to cuts to life-saving medical research, Americans unable to get their Social Security benefits, and threats to Medicaid. What was the response from the Republican side to these outrageous developments under the Trump administration? Silence.

When our Nation's Founders began the lofty task of building our democracy, they created a system of checks and balances to ensure a stable government and prevent the abuse of power.

In 1788, James Madison wrote in *Federalist Paper 51*:

Ambition must be made to counteract ambition. In framing a government which is to be administered by men over men, the great difficulty lies in this: you must first enable the government to control the governed; and in the next place oblige it to control itself.

But it seems the ambition of the Republican-controlled legislative branch is all but absent as Donald Trump's government goes out of control. Never in our Nation's history has a coequal branch of government so willfully rolled over and ceded their power. It is, in fact, the silence of the lambs.

The President is testing—and violating—the bounds of our Constitution, amassing power for himself as the economy tanks, violating the rights of Americans, and destroying our image abroad. My congressional Republican colleagues have the power to join us in a bipartisan effort to stop it.

Has it ever happened in history? It did, very graphically, in history. Franklin Delano Roosevelt was upset with the Supreme Court and its rulings on New Deal programs. He went through a reelection cycle and was reelected by a large margin. He then came here to Washington and said: My first order of business is to increase the number of men—all men then—serving on the Supreme Court so that I can finally get the rulings that I am looking for on my key elements of the New Deal.

What was the reaction of the Democratic Congress to the Democratic President, Franklin Roosevelt, who wanted to pack the Court? The reaction was fierce and it was bipartisan in opposition to FDR and he had to drop

the plan. Both Democrats and Republicans in Congress realized that if a President can control the composition of the Supreme Court and its rulings, that we have lost a valuable part of the protection of our Constitution.

My congressional Republicans have the power to join us in a historic stand on so many areas that this President has violated. They have majorities in both Chambers of Congress, and in private moments many of them express outrage and horror at Trump's dangerous abandonment of law, norms, and the will of the American people. But as their constituents suffer, out of fear of retaliation, Republicans remain silent.

When we are elected Members of Congress, we swear an oath to the Constitution, not to any politician or any President. It is time both parties remembered that and lived accordingly. So I am coming to the floor regularly to highlight the President's latest outrage and the GOP's inevitable silence in the face of it. Until they start using the voices they were elected to raise, we are going to continue to have a pending constitutional crisis in this country.

I yield the floor.

THE PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Vermont.

MR. WELCH. Mr. President, I totally support the comments of the minority whip.

It is 100 days, and it is time to assess. Whatever you may say about President Trump and the stated goals, there is an obligation to act functionally to achieve those goals. Stating you want an outcome is a long way from implementing a plan and executing a plan to achieve it. And there is no plan. There is absolutely no plan.

Let's talk first about DOGE. DOGE is about, supposedly, getting rid of waste, fraud, and abuse. Now, there is not a single Member of this Congress who is in favor of waste, fraud, and abuse, but if you are going to do that, you look at a Department: What is its goal? How is it achieving it? Where is it coming up short? You do an assessment, and you do a plan.

What DOGE did was essentially get the personnel list and then send out emails to every fifth or sixth person saying: You are fired because you did a lousy job.

So it is not at all on the level. It is not at all on the level. And as a result, the real goal becomes revealed. It is not to eliminate waste, fraud, and abuse. It is, say, to eliminate USAID. It is to eliminate the Department of Education. It is to eliminate the Social Security response team. That is what is going on.

And the challenge for us—and this is bipartisan—is whether we, as an independent branch of government, want to look at what is before our very eyes and address it or simply ignore it.

Let's take the other so-called plan that is going to make us rich, more revenue than we can ever deal with. And that, of course, is the tariffs. The

tariffs are going to be seen by historians as the absolute worst economic blunder in the last 100 years.

Whether you are a farmer in Vermont or in Utah or in the Dakotas, these tariffs are hammering you. Most of our farmers in the northern part of the country, we import our fertilizer and we import, in many cases, grain to feed our animals from Canada. This tariff is going to hammer farmers who are already contending with what farmers every year have to contend with: very tight margins, the will of the weather. This is having a real impact on them.

In Vermont, we had roundtables with people from various industries and asked: How are these tariffs going to affect you?

No. 1, what tariffs? What are they today? Supposedly they were 25 percent yesterday. Then they are suspended. Then they are back on. They apply to this part but not that part. No possibility of anybody making a plan in order to run their business.

But across the board—and, by the way, these are folks who came in and are affected by the tariffs. They are not Republicans or Democrats or Independents; they are really folks just trying to make a living. And they may have their political preferences, but what they are talking about is the real-world impact of these crackpot tariffs that are on again and off again with the President.

But some of the folks who spoke: Small business owner Jason Levinthal, founder of J Skis, said:

This is essentially a tax on the consumer.

Something the administration won't acknowledge itself.

Mimi Bittenheim, President of Mad River Distillers:

Tariffs radically affect our manufacturing arm by raising the price of raw materials.

Jen Kimmich, cofounder of The Alchemist Brewery:

We don't know how they're going to affect us, we just know they're going to affect us.

John Lacy, CEO of Burton Snowboards, one of the global enterprises founded in Vermont by Jake Burton and Donna Carpenter:

How can you navigate the playbook if you don't know what the rules of the [road] are?

It is a fair question, and it is a question that the administration, President Trump, feels he has no obligation to answer.

So this goes on and on. You have got the economic issues, the tariffs. You have the attack on the institutions. USAID is a good example, and it is a vulnerable target because there is a lot of misinformation about USAID. A lot of folks think it is about 25 percent of our budget. And I see we have the ranking member of the Foreign Affairs Committee here who knows this better than anyone else. It is like 1 percent of our budget.

It creates, first of all, the alleviation of enormous suffering among many people who are absolutely starving,

among many people who need medicine, among many people who need water to help with agriculture, to be able to feed themselves. It is something that had bipartisan support in this Senate Chamber, with many of my Republican colleagues—your colleagues—leading the way for America to make a contribution as the greatest and most wealthy Nation in the world.

That was just shut down, literally. Notices went out: You are fired. Notices went out: Your program is terminated. Notices went out: Turn the ship around and bring the food back.

And the impact of this on these USAID workers who have dedicated their lives to being a representative of our country, doing something beneficial in other countries? They just got the termination notice that they haven't been doing a good job. Obviously, not on the level.

But when I think about the cruelty of the way in which this was done; that in those warehouses where food is stored, the local population who is hired and paid to take the food from the warehouse and deliver it to where those starving children needed the food were fired. And we literally have food rotting in warehouses rather than nourishing families' children.

The same is true with medicine. We won't deliver it. It is over there. It is where it is needed. It can be delivered. But the way in which the Trump administration, with Mr. Musk, is proceeding is to literally take that food away and take that medicine away rather than deliver it. So that is not at all on the level.

There is not, here, an effort to deal with waste, fraud, and abuse. There is an effort here, essentially, to destroy these institutions that have served this country. And I just want to state very clearly that those of us who are appalled by this conduct are all in favor of looking at every program, from SNAP to the Pentagon: How can we do it better? How can we get more for less? How can we get the most out of the folks who are serving in those organizations? But that is not what is going on.

Then there is the next step: the overreach of power; a lawless, in my view—absolutely lawless—abuse of Executive authority. You know, what business is it of Donald Trump what the hiring practices are of an individual private corporation or firm? It is the business to enforce the law, but it is not his business to be able to tell a law firm: We will take contracts away. It is not his business to be able to tell a law firm: Since you had somebody who represented the government in a case against Trump or some Trump person or ally, we are going to punish you and not allow you, in fact, into a court building or to get access to the secure information that is necessary to defend somebody who is in court.

This is a complete overreach and extension by the President, essentially to impose his own will—not enforce the

law—but to enforce his will as he arbitrarily wishes.

What sense does it make that because of his vendetta about higher education, that instead of addressing those concerns and having discussions, he literally takes away billions of dollars of research that has gone not just to Harvard, our oldest institution, but the University of Alabama, the University of North Carolina where you have people who, to our benefit, have dedicated their lives to scientific research; that because the United States Government has provided support for research and development—we have had cures for terrible diseases—but if they don't do what Donald Trump says, he will take away grants that actually have legally been transferred to these academic institutions—destroying research—destroying research and development.

It is this arbitrary use of power beyond enforcing the law but having the Trump vision of what he wants be the law. And this brings me to the point that the Minority Whip was making: You know, this is not just a question for each of us as a Member of the U.S. Senate to decide, When has the Executive overreached? It is about the obligation we have in both parties to uphold the constitutional system of checks and balances.

As many people have said, James Madison made the clear point that absolute power is the biggest threat. And if it is in any single branch, it has the capacity to bring down the entire structure of democracy.

Now why is that important? It is important not just because democracy is a form of government we are taught as young people to revere and to be proud of, that we have this oldest democracy in the world; it is because democracy is the tool by which the citizens in Utah and the citizens in Vermont who may have very different points of view on a whole number of important issues have that right to have a seat at the table to have a discussion about, How do you resolve these differences?

And if we don't stand up for that, it means there is going to be a small circle of well-connected people around President Trump who make all those decisions and make it from the framework of what is best for them as opposed to what is best for all of us. That is the real threat here. That is happening.

You know, the fact that the President won't acknowledge so many failures of just—for beginning the tariff policy, and what we are seeing in this economy that is now revolving around this question of tariffs and on whom will they be imposed—what you are seeing is that if you are Apple computer and you are at the inauguration, you can call up the Treasury Secretary, you can call up the President, and you can point out that these tariffs are going to have an enormously negative impact on Apple.

But if you are a farmer in Vermont, if you are a snowboard manufacturer in

Vermont and you don't have Secretary Bessent's telephone number on speed dial or the President's, you don't get to make that call, and you will have to live with that enormous impact on your cost structure and on what you have to charge customers and see your market evaporate.

It is as though the President is transforming the economy we have had that has been based on competition—you succeed if you have the best product and the best service—into an economy that is based on access.

Do you have the Treasury Secretary's telephone number so you can make your case? Do you have the President's number so you can make your case? And who knows what conditions the President imposes on whoever it is he is going to give the benefit of his capacity to make an exception for you or for your business.

That is called corruption. And the worst thing that we can do is to inject, as a material factor in the way the economy works, a corruption that is based on your ability to get special treatment because you have made campaign contributions, because you have made certain other concessions, because you looked the other way. That is what is happening right now.

You have got an administration that, in the name of waste, fraud, and abuse, is destroying institutions. You have got an administration that, based on an assertion that tariffs will make us rich, is causing inflation, causing enormous business uncertainty, and is, ultimately, going to lead us into a recession.

You have got an administration that has now weaponized the Justice Department, the FCC, governmental entities where, yes, they have a very important responsibility to enforce the rules and regulations but where their targets are cherry-picked for political reasons. And that is very damaging to the long-term well-being of our country and our democracy.

It is time for this Congress to make an assessment of our obligation to the citizens we represent. When is enough enough? When has the Executive gone too far? When is it that all of us should heed the pleas of the businesses, the enterprises in each of our States about this chaotic, very destructive tariff policy?

When is it we will say “no more” to an Executive pushing his weight around with private law firms, private employers, with our universities, and telling them unless they do it his way, they will pay an enormous price in lost governmental funding or access to things that they need?

Mr. President, in my view, 100 days of giving a lot of rope and a lot of license to the Executive is 100 days too many, but it is not too late for us, as Congress, to stand up for the separation of powers, the balance of powers, and the prerogatives of the United States Senate and the United States Congress.

I yield the floor.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from New Hampshire.

Mrs. SHAHEEN. Mr. President, 100 days ago, our Nation was safe and our economy was considered the envy of the world. We had disease surveillance programs that were in place to stop the spread of deadly viruses like Ebola, no matter where they broke out in the world, and the security contracts at detention camps that have been filled with ISIS fighters were still being paid.

And if our Nation was attacked by a foreign enemy or if we were thrown into a global pandemic or even a global economic crisis, our allies had our backs. They had our backs because they knew that in their darkest hour, the United States would stand with them.

Then, unfortunately, the Trump administration took over, and in 100 days, this administration has undone six decades of investments that have made the United States more respected and influential than any other nation.

The administration and the President have raised and lowered and raised and lowered tariffs against some of our closest allies and neighbors, spiking costs for Americans and hurting our manufacturers and the defense industry.

Instead of the promised golden age of America or golden age of prosperity and lower prices, of safety and security, of our enemies bowing to our demands, the resulting chaos has left us weaker and more vulnerable. From global financial markets to New Hampshire supermarkets, consumers and businesses aren't sure what to expect.

They are looking at higher prices, at layoffs, at longer wait times, and at uncertainty, which many businessowners I have talked to tell me it is just as bad as higher tariffs because they don't know what to expect, and they can't plan.

I recently met with a New Hampshire company called New Hampshire Ball Bearings. It is a company that makes bearings for the aerospace industry, and they do a lot of business with our Department of Defense.

They are concerned because once the tariffs were announced, their only domestic steel manufacturer has increased its cost to be equivalent to what out-of-state companies—out-of-country companies are charging.

But worse than that, they said that their lead time for steel that they use for the aerospace industry and for our Department of Defense has gone from 20 weeks to 2½ years. I mean, think about that. The lead time to get the steel they need to make the ball bearings has gone from 20 weeks—which is a long time in and of itself—but now it is 2½ years because of the tariffs.

And the administration's attacks against U.S. research and academic institutions, against our international students, have also caused serious damage to our reputation as a global hub for STEM talent, not to mention those students who are graduating from our

colleges and universities who we want to attract to stay in the United States because they are the next generation of talent.

The policies of this administration have left us more vulnerable to the spread of deadly diseases like Marburg and Ebola. They have crippled our response to disasters like hurricanes in the Caribbean, as we enter what is expected to be an active hurricane season.

And just today, the Secretary of Defense said he would end the Women, Peace, and Security program at the Department of Defense. Now, he mistakenly said this was a program that was put in place by the Biden administration. That is not true. He didn't even—he wasn't even concerned enough to go back and look at the history.

This is legislation, and it is a law—it is not a rule—it is a law that we passed in 2017 during the first Trump administration. I know because I sponsored it. The House sponsor was our current Secretary of Homeland Security Kristi Noem. It had support from our current National Security Adviser, former Congressman WALTZ, and it was bipartisan legislation.

It is not some DEI program—some program that is designed to provide women an advantage in the Department of Defense. What it is is a program that gives us a security advantage.

Every combatant commander who has come through my office has highlighted the strategic advantage that this program gives to our U.S. forward deployed forces, and it gives us that advantage because our adversaries don't have this kind of program.

One of the reasons we passed it in the first place is because what we know from the data is that when women are at the table in a negotiation to end conflict, that the negotiations that are agreed to have a better than 30-percent chance of lasting 15 years or longer because women are at the table.

It is an advantage that it gives us because China and Iran and North Korea and Russia don't have that role for women in their military. What Secretary Hegseth's action has done is not only showed his ignorance, but is now putting our military at a disadvantage because of that ignorance.

Now what these kind of actions do is to create opportunities for our adversaries to gain influence. It is not just giving Vladimir Putin the chance to keep stringing along American negotiators, to continue to play President Trump as he is trying to secure a Ukraine peace deal, but across the globe, China is stepping in everywhere the United States is retreating.

After the earthquake in Myanmar, the Chinese Embassy flooded social media with images of Chinese rescue workers responding to crises, instead of the United States because we weren't there at all because the three people we sent to assess the damage to see what we needed to do to help were fired

while they were in Myanmar trying to figure out what we can do to help that situation.

So China's image is being bolstered at our expense.

Across Africa and Latin America, Chinese Ambassadors are giving interviews focused on the unreliability of the United States as a partner. They are inviting local officials to all-expense-paid trips to Beijing to discuss further cooperation.

China is now replacing a canceled American program for child nutrition in Cambodia, and Beijing just announced an early childhood project in Rwanda, where the United States recently cut our program.

They are even moving in, picking up the PEPFAR Program that we have walked away from in Africa, after saving millions of lives. These cuts represent a serious strategic error on behalf of the United States because for less than 1 percent, about 1 percent of our annual budget, America has been able to build partnerships around the globe that have reduced the threat of illness and the spread of disease, including here at home, because thanks to these programs around the world, we have nearly eradicated polio, we have cut malaria deaths by half, and we have saved 25 million lives from HIV/AIDS. And these successes strengthen America's reputation on the global stage, they help counter our adversary's influence, and they help us here at home, because it means that diseases like bird flu don't reach America's shores, where they are now. It means that we can track those diseases.

So whether it is through its mismanaged trade war or deliberate weakening of U.S. standing overseas, the administration is facilitating China's global rise. That is why, as the ranking member of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, I am committed to working with my colleagues on both sides of the aisle to preserve the vital programs that we need to keep our country safe.

I am committed to speaking up for American families and small businesses that have been shouldering the burden of higher costs because of President Trump's trade wars.

So I know he is not listening, but I call on President Trump to reverse course, to spend the next 100 days fulfilling the promises that he made during his campaign—promises to make our Nation safer, to make it more secure, to make it more prosperous.

I yield the floor.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Connecticut.

Mr. BLUMENTHAL. Mr. President, I am honored to follow the ranking member on the Foreign Relations Committee and to be followed by another distinguished member of that same committee and to focus on these first 100 days.

The focus on the first 100 days of an administration, I think, comes from

the time of Franklin Roosevelt and his 100 days in the midst of deep depression, despondency, and despair on the part of the American people, and the whirlwind of activity that he brought to addressing our Nation's depression.

And there are dramatic differences between those 100 days and the 100 days we have seen from President Trump. First and foremost, our economy was at near full employment, at a time of solid prosperity, 100 days ago, and we are now sliding toward exactly the kind of economic downturn that F.D.R. helped to address.

Second, in those first 100 days of the Roosevelt administration, there was a whirlwind of congressional activity, inspired by the President, with his proposals for new Agencies and programs and investments. Congress was a partner. In this administration, President Trump has acted unilaterally by Executive order—illegally, unconstitutionally, and unchecked, except by courts that have been a bulwark.

In those first 100 days of the Roosevelt administration, F.D.R. appealed to our “better angels,” our willingness to give back, to be generous to our fellow Americans. He later inspired us with the call to “a rendezvous with destiny.” In this administration, which is plagued with corruption, crypto theft, and Musk exploitation of Agencies, it is a downward spiral, a race to the bottom in an appeal to self-indulgence and self-enrichment.

There are many, many other differences, but the whirlwind of activity here has produced chaos. That is the operative word: chaos. The turmoil and turbulence have produced confusion and, yes, anxiety, deep fear, and apprehension about the future of this country. And the poll numbers only reflect not only the downward spiral of our economy but of our confidence in the future.

This administration has been cruel, and it has been dumb. It is unmatched for its meanness and stupidity—the harm and hurt done to everyday Americans in real life and realtime; the harm in tariffs already having effect on the uncertainty of businesses about the future, their inability to plan, to invest in new manufacturing, and the fear of people that they will be jobless and lose the dignity of work and be hit with higher prices for everything from groceries to gasoline, to housing; the harm done in healthcare already, our federally qualified health centers deprived of funding, NIH research grants for curing cancer, for diabetes or hypertension canceled or frozen; in education, the uncertainty and loss of funding for special education and other programs that benefit children and the neediest and most vulnerable of our districts, in rural areas as well as urban; and, of course, the damage to our fundamental freedoms, women's reproductive freedoms, the suspension of title X grants, and the assault on women's healthcare—other freedoms: the basic due process of people who should

have a right to receive notice and the opportunity to be heard before they are deported, before they are detained, before they are imprisoned or put on a plane to be imprisoned out of the country.

Basic fairness and due process rights that involve also the President intimidating law firms with threats that they will be denied access to security clearances or even to go on to governmental property, and intimidation and threatening our universities, supposedly in the name of anti-Semitism—nobody hates anti-Semitism more than I do, but I despise using anti-Semitism as a pretext or a guise simply to attack people or institutions because they disagree with a public official.

We live in a time when the rule of law is under threat, perhaps as never before in my lifetime, and the cause of freedom, all around the world, is in jeopardy. Ukraine has been betrayed. This Nation has switched sides to the enduring and deep detriment of our standing in the world, our reliability as a partner and ally. The harm may be irreparable.

We must stand with Ukraine. We now have more than 60 cosponsors of a Russia sanctions bill that I have been proud to lead with Senator GRAHAM—it is bipartisan, evenly divided in cosponsorship—to send a message to Vladimir Putin: We are going to hit you, and we are going to hit you hard economically if you continue to stall and string along America, if you continue to play the President.

But Donald Trump has been a seemingly willing partner in being played by Vladimir Putin, his bro, his role model, perhaps.

Nobody has a stronger right to claim credit for preserving our freedoms in the past and now than our veterans, and they have been betrayed by this administration. For our veterans, it has been 100 days of chaos, of cruelty, stupidity, anxiety on their part, and apprehension, and 100 days of decisions made about their healthcare and their benefits. They were promised healthcare, and they were promised benefits. And now this administration is breaking those promises, not by coming to Congress and asking for a rescission or changing the PACT Act, which we passed in a bipartisan way, but simply by firing the people who were supposed to approve those claims for PACT Act benefits for veterans who have been exposed to toxic chemicals or burn pits.

And this is an administration that has fired already 2,500 of those dedicated VA employees, close to one-third of them veterans themselves, thousands from the Federal workforce, generally, close to 30 percent of them are veterans as well. And make no mistake, every one of these days has been a time of crisis for those veterans. Since day one, the administration has systematically shortchanged and betrayed veterans with its policies.

They have not only fired that 2,500 in reckless mass terminations of proba-

tionary employees—our young workforce, starting out on jobs, our VA future, and some of them dedicated multiyear employees who have just been promoted and, therefore, are in those new positions on a probationary basis. They have been promoted because they were good at their jobs and dedicated and hard-working, and they have been fired.

That is why I have proposed the Putting Veterans First Act, which would put those veterans back on the job—all of them from the VA—and put those veterans back on the job from the Federal workforce, and make sure that anybody who is terminated in the future gets a right to a personal, individual evaluation, and not just fired because Elon Musk wants to meet certain numbers or apply an algorithm or have his tech bros pick out randomly, arbitrarily names from the list.

There are 83,000 of those VA jobs on the chopping block. The approach of this Secretary of the VA, of Elon Musk, and Donald Trump is “Fire first, plan later”; “Fire first, evaluate later.”

I am disappointed that so many of my Republican colleagues are seeking to minimize or diminish the human impacts of these cuts, because I am hearing from veterans, just as I am from people in Connecticut and all around the country.

I went to Michigan just last week to talk to folks there. Those human impacts are heartbreaking because these actions are heartless, and they are impactful not only on the incomes of these people but on their self-worth, their sense of dignity. They have devoted their lives to caring for veterans, and now, with the sweep of a hand, they get the back of a hand from Elon Musk, who has never even thought about wearing the uniform of the U.S. military.

These human impacts include world-class researchers who are looking into how to predict stroke risk among veterans; enrollment of veterans into clinical trials for advanced cancer delayed because of the VA's hiring freeze; openings for new clinics that have been delayed because the VA can't hire the necessary staff to open their doors; the VA mental health staff forced to conduct counseling sessions in open cubicles without privacy, basic privacy, for the veterans who are talking about their innermost doubts and fears; service lines at VA hospitals and clinics that have been halted; beds in operating rooms at VA facilities that have been suspended. We are hearing about VA supply teams now understaffed and behind on placing critical supply requests for medication and equipment; support lines for caregivers that have been reduced; Veterans Crisis Line employees fired and, after a public backlash, maybe some rehired, as we heard today in a hearing of the Veterans Affairs' Committee. But the impact is enduring because suicide prevention has to be done in the moment, and suicide

prevention training sessions have been postponed or canceled.

Earlier this month, the Secretary announced he will be abruptly canceling the VA Servicing Purchase Program, known as VASP, on May 1. Now, I know very few of my colleagues have heard about VASP, but it is a program that enables veterans to get some very temporary, short-term help so they can avoid eviction from their homes and the homelessness that we are all ashamed to acknowledge continues to exist in the greatest country in the history of the world.

Our veterans are on the streets without shelter because they lack homes, and here is a program designed to keep them in their homes, and the Secretary is canceling it.

With housing more unaffordable than ever and veterans losing their jobs, I am at a loss—total, absolute loss—to understand how he can cancel a critical program that helps veterans undergoing financial hardship to stay in their homes.

I challenge the Secretary of the VA; I challenge the President of the United States; I challenge my colleagues across the aisle: Instead of saying yes blindly to Elon Musk, when he says “Slash and trash the VA, fire those thousands of people, and end those programs,” look at them not as waste but as an investment.

Yes, if there is waste, let’s eliminate it. But as the national commander of the VFW—Veterans of Foreign Wars—said to us in one of our hearings, when he was wounded in combat, the surgeon who took the shrapnel out of his arm did it with a scalpel; he did not cut the arm off with a chain saw. Let’s give up Elon Musk’s chain saw, and if there is waste, do it with a scalpel.

These first 100 days have been disgraceful and shameful, cruel and dumb, deeply un-American. These VA employees are the ones delivering healthcare to the people we love and revere.

To my colleagues across the aisle, I just want to remind you in closing that this is a moment that will define you, your career, your reputation. It is a moment of profound historic challenges that has been recognized with massive marches here in the Nation’s Capital, in Connecticut, around our State—New London, New Haven, Westport, New Britain. I have been to many of them.

Veterans are one of most powerful voices in our country, and I urge them to use those voices and their faces to say: We need the PACT Act. We need veterans’ healthcare. We need to fulfill our promises.

As VFW commander Al Lipphardt said at that hearing, apply pressure and stop the bleeding.

These heartless and heartbreaking cuts, firings, freezes are un-American. My Republican colleagues, who have been almost entirely silent, please do the right thing. Our country has made a sacred promise. Our duties as Members of Congress is to keep our promises.

I yield the floor.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Ms. LUMMIS). The Senator from Delaware.

Mr. COONS. Madam President, in 100 days, in 100 days, what can a President accomplish? In the last 100 days, President Trump has made Americans less safe, less prosperous, and less free. He has chosen to move us in a direction at home and abroad that is the opposite of what those who voted for him expected and that is aligned with what those of us who worked against him feared.

What I have heard my whole life, whether in business or in foreign policy, as a lawyer or in my community as a local elected official: Folks need trust, and they need predictability. Businesses say they need predictability in order to decide what to invest in, who to hire, where to grow. Other countries around the world say that they need to know they can trust us, that they can rely on us. And in the last 100 days, President Trump has shattered both of them.

I am going to speak for a few minutes about foreign policy because so many of my colleagues in my caucus have stood to talk about the disastrous cuts led by Elon Musk and DOGE and the ways they have impacted Americans all over the country. But if you think about our reputation globally, statement after statement and tweet after tweet by President Trump has puzzled, concerned, even alarmed our allies. He is going to invade Greenland, a NATO ally. He is going to take back the Panama Canal. He is going to take over the Gaza Strip and make it “Mara-Gaza.” He is going to turn Canada into the 51st State.

One of my Republican colleagues has said: Don’t pay so much attention to what he says; look at what he does.

Well, lots of our partners and allies have looked at what he has done by imposing tariffs on trusted allies and partners and recoiled.

An election in Canada last night where Trump was the issue elected a new Prime Minister, Mark Carney, who ran on a platform of standing up to America, of standing up to Donald Trump.

Look, folks, the actions he has taken in slashing foreign aid, in abandoning decades-old, bipartisan programs around the world that save lives and that help other countries to trust us and rely on us, have weakened us abroad and created openings for our pacing threat, the People’s Republic of China.

I was recently in the Philippines, a nation that faces more natural disasters every year than any other country on Earth—more typhoons, more earthquakes, more volcanos. For decades, they have relied on the United States and the help of USAID, volunteers, nonprofits coordinated through our government to respond to these disasters. It has built a long and close partnership of trust. Gone.

I was recently in Taiwan, a country looking to decide whether they can

rely on us should China make real their threats to reunite Taiwan with the mainland by force. Can they trust us?

Well, what I am going to say is that in 100 days, President Trump has shown weakness in Europe and created openings for China.

We have long relied on a global network of allies and partners to keep us safe and strong, to make us prosperous, and to build our role in the world. China doesn’t have that. They have nervous neighbors, client states, countries that can’t count on them and view them as predatory. Yet now, through the actions of President Trump, Elon Musk, and DOGE, and the silence and the collaboration of Republicans in this Chamber, even our closest, most trusted allies, like Canada, question whether they can count on us.

Back to the Reagan days, Republicans have talked about “peace through strength.” What we have seen from Donald Trump in 100 days is weakness through chaos.

One hundred days in, he is not stopping Putin; he is preparing to sell out Ukraine and Europe to Putin. One hundred days in, he is not deterring Xi Jinping; he is backing down every time he says he is going to stand up to him. At the end the day, these first 100 days have shown that we are weaker, the world is less stable, and Americans are less safe.

I have to say that 100 days is more than enough time for my Republican colleagues to have seen enough, to stand up to this President, and to restore the role of this Senate and return our position of strength to the world.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Democratic leader.

Mr. SCHUMER. Madam President, first, I thank my colleagues, the ones I have heard so far—Senator BLUMENTHAL, Senator COONS. I know Senator KLOBUCHAR will be great as always, as will Senator BALDWIN. But I thank them all for coming.

Democrats are holding the floor late tonight to expose the disaster of Donald Trump’s first 100 days in office. We will be speaking for several more hours.

This week marks the 100th day of Donald Trump’s second term as President of the United States. It has been 100 days from hell, and people are fed up.

One hundred days in, the legacy of Donald Trump’s second term is already set: chaos, corruption, costs. It is chaos, one fiasco after another. One minute, Donald Trump and his people say one thing, and then they say it is the opposite, and then they say something else entirely. Nobody ever seems to know which way is up, and many of them just lie outright to the American people.

It is corruption. Donald Trump, Elon Musk, and Republicans are highjacking the government, raiding the public’s piggy bank, and picking the pockets of the American people to enrich themselves. These billionaires are using the

government to even make more money. It is despicable. We have never seen anything like it, the level of corruption and self-dealing, in America before.

MAGA grifters are getting rich off meme coins, and the White House lawn has been turned into a Tesla dealership. It makes Americans cringe. This is not the American way. This has not been a hallmark of our history.

Maybe most of all, it has been 100 days of costs—costs going up and up and up because of tariffs; costs to working people because programs vital to them—Medicaid, Social Security, Medicare, veterans' benefits, housing, SNAP—are being threatened or even already taken away to some extent, and it will be a greater extent once we see their reconciliation bill.

So Donald Trump promised a golden age on the day he took the oath of office. What Americans are learning instead is it is fool's gold. Americans got corrosion, erosion, and rot—corrosion across this administration, erosion across this economy, and rot within the foundations of our democracy.

So tonight, Senate Democrats come to the floor to expose this administration for what it is: a full-frontal attack against the fabric of America, a full-frontal attack on our economy and on people's pocketbooks, and a full-frontal attack, finally, on working people in the middle class to take away people's Medicaid, their Social Security, veterans' care, healthcare, and more—all to give tax cuts to the very wealthy.

Another way to describe this administration: Billionaires win, American families lose.

There is a cabal of very greedy people who run the White House. They are rich. They have no understanding of what average Americans go through. And they plunder the government, then slash programs we so desperately need for average families—all for tax cuts for the rich.

And there is a second thing they are doing. They are destroying the guardrails of government. They are destroying every part of anything that opposes them, all so they can take more money away from working people and give it to themselves.

Let's talk about it. First and most urgently, maybe—they are all very urgent; that is the only reason I say "maybe." But the first 100 days of Donald Trump have meant 100 days of rising costs. For months before he became President, Trump promised that if elected, costs would go down, that America would be affordable again. Well, prices haven't gone down. Quite the opposite. Groceries up; gas and energy prices up; clothing, cars, homes up.

What about retirement savings? Down.

What about consumer confidence? Down. In fact, consumer expectations are at their lowest level in over a decade. The stock market is on pace for its worst 100 days of any Presidential term since Nixon.

What happened to Donald Trump bragging about the stock market like he always liked to do? There is not much to brag about these days.

No President in history has promised more on day one and delivered less by day 100 than Donald Trump. In record time, the President has turned his golden promise into an economic ticking time bomb. It gets worse every day. He is trying to call it progress. He says to people: Americans won't mind paying more. That is the arrogance of a billionaire—the arrogance of a billionaire.

Thanks to Donald Trump's stupid trade wars—which have failed to rein in countries like China—CEOs and small business owners are warning about rising prices, empty shelves, disrupted supply chains. We urge national retailers to be honest with their constituents, with their customers. I urge national retailers, when you post prices online for your products, show the consumer exactly how much tariffs are added to the total price. Cars would have been X dollars, but now they are X plus Y dollars.

Show it to the American people because it is hurting you, retailers. Don't let them blame you. They should be blaming Trump. Be honest with your customers. Show them exactly how Donald Trump's tariffs are making prices go up. Americans deserve to know who is picking their pockets.

And smaller businesses shouldn't take a downfall of Donald Trump either. His policies are forcing them to an impossible choice: hike your prices or risk shutting down your doors.

On Long Island, a small business owner told me she is losing sleep over tariffs. She proudly voted for Donald Trump but told me she is seeing her costs rise 30 percent. She is frustrated—frustrated that the President she supported put her whole business, which she put everything into, at risk.

Donald Trump's tariffs are a MAGA double whammy. Not only are they eating the people's bottom lines, his chaotic approach makes it harder for people in businesses to plan ahead at all. If you are a business, you don't know what he is going to do 2 weeks from now or 5 weeks from now, so you don't spend. You don't build a new plant. You don't hire the new worker. Small businesses have to cut back because they don't have a cushion. Every business is getting clobbered by Donald Trump's chaotic tariff policies.

And even if Donald Trump ended Trump's tariffs tomorrow, the damage is already done because leaders don't know what he is going to do next.

It is not just the tariffs, the prices, and recession. Americans are worried about the costs of cutting to their healthcare, cutting their Social Security, cutting Medicaid. They are going to slash Medicaid.

I was in six of the Republican districts in New York State last week. All six had Democrats, Republicans, Independents frightened to death about

what will happen if Medicaid is cut. They could lose their jobs. Elderly people could be kicked out of nursing homes. Healthcare would diminish for everybody.

And when they are cutting the healthcare of veterans, these people who served us are told: "Go away."

And the cruelty with which they are firing people in the VA and other Agencies—I know one woman who was a former veteran. She served our country, risked her life, got injured. She was helped by the VA, then decided to work there. She saw the good work they were doing. She loved her job. She didn't get paid that much, but she loved helping her fellow veterans.

One night, Friday night, she comes home and on her computer is: You are fired. Don't show up to the office until further notice.

This woman was distraught. Why was she fired? What did she do wrong? What of her services serving the veterans at the Buffalo VA home—what services were not needed, were superfluous, were waste? There were none. She was just cruelly fired.

Only an administration that exhibits a meanness—almost a viciousness—would do it. But that is what Trump, DOGE, and Musk and all their henchmen who work there are doing.

This is just a terrible, terrible 100 days for anyone who depends on Medicaid. And that is a huge number—tens of millions of people in America.

And there is also chaos in so many other places. Every single day, Donald Trump's administration lurches from one crisis to the next. For all their talk of bringing back meritocracy, their administration seems addicted to chaos and incompetence—hardly meritocratic. Every day, there is a new decision, new reversal, new course correction, only to give way the next day to whatever impulsive decision comes next.

Tariffs are a great example. One day he says yes to tariffs. The next day he says: No, I am negotiating with countries. Oh, no, maybe I am not. This tariff is going to stay in place. This one will be reduced. Then he flips it.

Again, no sound businessperson is going to plan ahead. That is why, not Democrats, but places like the big banks and big analysts say chances of a recession could be as high as 60 percent.

What does a recession mean to the average family? You could get laid off. If you need to find a job, it is harder. Costs go up. Stagflation is likely to occur. It is nasty, brutal to people.

So chaos is there; and chaos, of course, is in foreign policy. I was amazed last week on one day when Donald Trump was over at the Vatican, he says he had a great talk with Putin and acted like there was going to be a deal. Next day, he says: I had a terrible talk with Putin, and he didn't even talk to Putin in between. He makes it up. Whatever he thinks will appeal to people that moment, he says. And he

doesn't even know what appeals to people. It is really what appeals to his own ego, which seems to be governing this country more than any rational policies or caring.

The chaos makes Americans' heads spin—firing people who manage our nuclear arsenal, then saying: Never mind, oops. But, you know, when you fire people, they don't all come back. Of course, their morale is shaken. These are good people who worked so hard for so long.

The long and short of it is this: Donald Trump's 100 days is 100 days of corruption, cronyism, of higher costs—much higher costs to the American people. It really is awful. The poll numbers show it. But we don't need the poll numbers to tell us. We have all been back in our districts. We are hearing it. We are not just hearing it from Democrats. We are not just hearing it from people who are out on the streets protesting. We are hearing it from average folks who don't really care about politics but are getting hurt, and it is making them look at Donald Trump and say: Whoa, this is not what I bargained for.

And, of course, last but not least is the threat to our democratic republic. He is acting like a King, a mob boss, a wannabe dictator. He said he wanted to be a dictator on day one; it looks like he is extending it. Any quarter of opposition that might say something in our tradition of free speech and debate, he tries to crush—crush the law firms, crush the universities, go after the judges which have been a foundation of our Republic. The judges are independent and are able to stop an executive that is going too far.

When the Founders drafted our Constitution, they feared a man like Donald Trump who sees the rule of law as a nuisance, considers the truth an inconvenience, regards his fellow citizens as little more than subjects: Kiss the ring, bow before the throne, or watch your back. That is the ethos of Donald Trump.

He has moved with lightning speed to weaponize the Federal Government against anyone he thinks might oppose him. He doesn't believe in democracy, debate, or honest disagreement. He simply wants to crush his opponents. That is what dictators do.

What is so interesting, Madam President, Americans are as angry about that as they are about their higher costs because the roots, Donald Trump, of democracy go deep in the American people. And the American people will not tolerate—will not tolerate—your disruption, your threat, your trying to end, in a sense, our democracy.

Good news is this: Donald Trump's destructive agenda has one great weakness—the American people themselves. Most Americans vehemently reject the path which he is trying to take our country on costs, on chaos, on corruption, on democracy. The American people are not giving up. They are standing up. They are organizing. They are

resisting, and Democrats are standing with them shoulder to shoulder and with our country.

As America marks the first 100 days of the worst President of our lifetimes, I ask Americans to look at this administration for what it is—a full frontal attack on the core elements of what makes America truly great: The rule of people over kings and oligarchs; the rule of law, not the dictates of an authoritarian; respect for the rights of all people, respect for all people; and a commitment to promoting the general welfare for the whole, not cruel and cheap skate voting.

Let us commit ourselves, all of us—Democrats here in the Senate—against this administration and to uphold the core values and principles of this beautiful Nation which we must fight to preserve and protect.

I yield the floor.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Minnesota.

Ms. KLOBUCHAR. Madam President, it is 100 days since Donald Trump took office. I think back to the promises that were made, not just during the campaign but the first day. I think of my constituents who voted for me and voted for him—who actually believed he was going to bring costs down and put them first and do something about housing and do something about healthcare and do something about childcare.

Those were some of the main things they brought up to me. They were hoping that would happen. But, instead, we have seen the most divisive, chaotic Presidency.

Yes, chaos is up, corruption is up, costs are up, and, sadly, people's retirements are down. Americans are paying the price.

Trump's tariff taxes, which is especially concerning to those in the rural areas of my State who sometimes just get by on a margin—those tariff taxes, \$4,000 a family, \$200 in grocery costs—that is what is going to happen. That is what is happening now, and they know it. That is why you see these numbers. It is not like the American people haven't noticed.

In his 100 days, President Trump, sadly, has the worst approval rating of any President since polling began. Two-thirds of them don't like how he is handling the economy. Two-thirds of them, by multiple polls, don't like these tariff taxes.

I was just on a 19-county rural tour in my State. I visited farms and small businesses. Everywhere I went, I heard people—some of them quieter than others—and I think that is important to know. On TV and on social media, you see these big people yelling into a microphone. I don't blame them. They are mad; they are sad. That is all. They are showing how they feel.

But there is another group of people maybe a little quieter. Maybe they just tell us—maybe they tell people behind closed doors, maybe they show up. They don't know why the person next

to them has a sign that says "This is not normal."

I heard a farmer ask this woman: Why do you have that sign? She said: Because it is not normal. He said: I am normal. And she said: This is not normal.

They are showing up because they cannot believe what is happening.

Here is the problem. Some of the biggest entities, the big companies—Tim Cook, it is good for phones, good for Apple—he is able to call the President, go over there. My soybean farmer who relies on a market that is quickly dwindling—that already dwindled under the last Trump administration—he doesn't have that phone number. He can't get over there in the Oval Office. He can't get an exception. Or I doubt that the Treasury Secretary has heard about Beth Benike, who runs our "Minnesota Small Business Person of the Year" company, called Busy Baby, an online company that gets stuff that she makes into things for high chairs for babies—a successful small business. She is not going to make it. She wasn't invited by the Treasury Secretary to that secret JPMorgan investor meeting. She didn't get in the door. She doesn't know what the scoop is. She is just trying to get by.

Among other things that all my colleagues are hearing right now from individuals and people living on fixed incomes and seniors who are depending on Social Security and can't get through—one of my constituents, when their wife died, he couldn't even get through. He tries on email for days, tries to get through, just trying to figure out what he does when his wife has died, and he can't find one person to talk to in the government and has to call our office. Besides all of that horror show, what really people have to understand—people ask me: What is the worst thing no one is talking about? It is the small businesses, the small ranchers, the small farmers that are the roadkill here. They are the ones who do not have the margins.

In the case of farmers and ranchers, it may be because input costs are already difficult, or maybe because of the weather. Or in the case of our poultry producers, it may be because of the avian flu and the like. But this is just like the last straw that they can't handle. That is what is going on right now.

So if you wonder why these opinion polls are saying what our colleagues on the Democratic side here have been saying forever and asking our Republican colleagues to stop rubberstamping everything he does and to stand up, which did happen on the tariff vote that Senator Kaine and I and Senator Warner pushed forward when it comes to Canada—we are going to have another vote like that, which covers more countries when it comes to tariffs—they want people to stand up. They don't want any more rubberstamps.

And the thing that is really galling to them is, when you look at what

these tax breaks will do for the billions, and the thought that that is being paid for by—as the Congressional Budget Office has said when looking at the House numbers, it would be hundreds of billions of dollars of cuts to Medicaid or paid for from food assistance, with grocery prices up. And people need—and I tell you, they need them in the rural areas just as much as they need them in the urban areas. That is just the last straw. And from what I have heard, we are going to really see the worse of it when you start to not see those goods come in.

So I know that my businesses, big and small, are seeing this coming. They are stopping investing. You know what that means. When America was on this cusp of greatness and we had come from the pandemic—we were dealing with inflation; that is true. To me, we were going to the next level of problems, which is making sure we had a workforce for the jobs we had and that they had housing and that they had childcare. Instead, we are going backward.

We were on the cusp at NIH, with the research and with the combination of mapping the human genome and AI and all of these incredible innovations that are going on. And as long as we put some rules of the road in place, we were in the place to lead in the world on some incredible new things. But now we are going backward if we don't even have FDA people who can improve the new gadgets and the new medical devices. Or if we don't have any rules in place when it comes to AI, we are going to go backward, not forward.

So when I look at these 100 days, I wish for my constituents it wasn't so.

My State is fourth in the country for ag exports. We have 15 Fortune 500 companies. I know the differences in this economy and how hard it is anyway. But when I look at those people showing up at the rural smalltown townhalls or showing up at farmers' events and telling me what is going on, that is where I realize: This 100 days isn't just some campaign brochure. This 100 days isn't just sound bites on social media or a post. This is their lives, and we need to stand up for them.

I yield the floor.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Nevada.

Ms. CORTEZ MASTO. Madam President, listening to my colleagues, I am reflecting on last year, when President Trump was campaigning in—I want to say it was Bozeman, MT—and I remember he said: “Starting on day one,” in his administration, he said, “we will end inflation and make America affordable again, to bring down the prices of all goods.” That is what he said.

Well, it has been 100 days since he entered the White House, and here is what he has given us so far. His tariffs are increasing costs for the average family by more than \$4,000 a year. He has slashed billions from programs that everyday Americans rely on, in-

cluding \$1 billion for mental health care services. He has directed Elon Musk and his unqualified, loyalist DOGE team to fire more than 121,000 Federal employees who deliver essential services, including everyone from firefighters who should be fighting the fires that happened in the West to scientists researching cures to deadly diseases.

Donald Trump is pushing House and Senate Republicans to rubberstamp a plan to cut nearly \$1 trillion from Medicaid in order to give tax cuts to billionaires, and, on top of all of that, he has created endless chaos and uncertainty.

I can go on and on. That is just how much damage President Trump has caused to our country in his first 100 days in office. But I want to take some time to focus on the impact that his economic agenda is having on our small businesses.

I am from Nevada, where there are almost 300,000 small businesses. These are our mom-and-pop shops. They are entrepreneurs. They are the lifeblood of our economy and are part of the fabric of every community across this country. And it is these small businesses that are bearing the brunt of President Trump's destructive tariffs.

Now, don't get me wrong. I believe that targeted tariffs on our adversaries can be a useful tool to protect American jobs and our national security. But these blanket tariffs are just the opposite.

These last 2 weeks, while back home in Nevada, I got a firsthand account of what small businesses are dealing with because of these tariffs. I have heard concerns and visited with three small business owners in Las Vegas: Juanny, Santy, and Kristen—separate business owners. All three of these are women-owned shops that serve specialty drinks and incredible foods to Nevadans, from coffee and boba to tacos.

In Vegas, as you may know, travel and tourism are the backbone of our economy. When people come to Las Vegas, they don't just visit the Strip. They go to Chinatown. They go to the Arts District and all over the valley to patronize our small businesses. For many businessowners like Juanny, like Santy, and like Kristen, their margins are already razor-thin, and tourism is key to meeting their bottom line. But because of President Trump's blanket tariffs, we are already seeing a decline in visitors coming to Las Vegas.

Whether people are staying home because they don't have the room in their budgets for a vacation or international tourists are choosing other destinations, Trump's economic agenda is threatening to crater our \$2 trillion tourism economy. That hurts small businesses.

And when they can't keep up because costs are rising because they have fewer patrons or because of the higher cost of importing their supplies, these small businesses are forced to raise their prices. They don't want to have

to, but they are forced to raise prices and pass the burden on to customers, everyday Americans. It is just unsustainable.

The same sentiment is echoed in the northern part of our State. In Reno, I spoke to Mark. He is a small coffee shop owner who is already asking himself how he can continue to navigate everyday operations amid this uncertainty. He doesn't want to have to pass higher costs onto his customers. But if Trump's erratic tariff agenda continues, he may have no choice.

Trump says Americans must accept short-term pain for long-term gain. But what is there to be gained if hard-working Nevadans have to close the doors of their businesses?

I think to myself: If it has only been 100 days, how much damage is he going to potentially cause in the next 100 days, in the 1,361 days left in his term?

It has been 100 days, and small businesses across the country may soon be faced with having to close up shop. I think about what is going to happen to my small business owners, the ones I just talked about: Juanny, Mark, Santy, Kristen, and the others. Will they make it through the rest of Trump's term? I don't have the answer.

But I hope, and I ask my Republican colleagues to join me in protecting these small businesses and families from these harmful tariffs.

If I am hearing it in my State, I know, my colleagues, you are all hearing it in your States as well. So if there is an opportunity to work together, please don't rubberstamp Donald Trump's harmful agenda. Let's work together so we are actually working on behalf of American families and ensuring that these small businesses can keep their doors open.

I yield the floor.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Wisconsin.

Ms. BALDWIN. Madam President, I rise today to reflect on the last 100 days and the unimaginable amount of havoc and harm President Donald Trump has caused for Wisconsin.

Now, while on the campaign trail and even once in office, the President made a staggering number of promises: promises to end wars on day one, promises to lower costs at the grocery store on day one, promises to make healthcare more affordable. And the list goes on and on and on.

Look, I was on the campaign trail and listening to Wisconsinites at the same time as Donald Trump was. And, truly, I get why he was making some of these promises. Wisconsin families were facing high prices. Workers felt like they were being ripped off by their big-corporation employers. Democracy felt broken, as voters' voices were drowned out by special-interest money, and people were sick and tired of endless wars. Mr. Trump claimed he had the solution.

Well, so far, he has broken these promises and literally betrayed the American people.

Here is the kicker: Donald Trump not only broke these promises, but many of the things he promised to fix he has actually made worse. Grocery bills are up, and I have yet to see even a concept of a healthcare plan, while Medicaid coverage for 1 million-plus Wisconsinites is on the chopping block to pay for tax breaks for billionaires. Wars are raging in Ukraine and Gaza. Billionaires and big corporations have a friend in the White House who has their backs. It is one of the greatest bait and switches of our time. And, at the end of the day, it is Wisconsin families who are paying the price.

For the last 100 days, I have heard from constituents in all 72 Wisconsin counties who fear what this administration's actions will mean for them and their families.

I have heard from farmers like Linda in Vernon County, who barely survived Donald Trump's first trade war. Family farmers like her are scared that they will be put out of business entirely as punishing tariffs and new trade wars jack up costs of fertilizer and farming equipment, while cutting off access to markets.

I have heard from folks like Renee in Milwaukee. Renee has stage IV breast cancer. Renee is scared that cuts to Medicaid will force her and her husband to choose between protecting their life savings—their retirement savings—or getting the lifesaving cancer care that she needs to stay alive.

I have heard from veterans like James in southeastern Wisconsin who are out of a job because Donald Trump fired them from the only place that they have ever felt like they belonged in civilian life: helping their fellow veterans at the VA.

I have heard from so many small businesses, like Lakefront Brewery. There was a local roofing contractor in Milwaukee, small retailers, and an auto parts seller in Milwaukee who are all considering: Do we have to raise our prices? Will our customers be able to afford our prices? Or do we have to lay off workers because President Trump's trade war is tightening their margins and making it harder to plan for the future?

I have heard from families from Ozaukee County on Wisconsin's east coast to the St. Croix Valley on our western side who have had their childcare or food assistance threatened because this President is choosing to prioritize tax breaks for his wealthy friends over working families.

Dairy farmers saw millions in funding that they were promised to grow their businesses frozen, and Alzheimer's researchers at Wisconsin's universities are making do with less because of arbitrary cuts that threaten the next breakthrough that would serve our loved ones. Seniors accessing their hard-earned Social Security benefits have fewer places to turn as field offices shutter and staff is let go.

Public schools in Milwaukee with children in them who have been ex-

posed to lead paint in the schools have fewer resources because President Trump fired the very lead hazard experts they relied on at the CDC. Imagine that.

I hear it from constituents every day calling my office. Now, in ordinary times, my office would maybe get around 50 to 100 calls a day, but regularly, since January, we have passed 1,000 calls a day from Wisconsinites. There isn't a corner of our State that hasn't been impacted by this President's often illegal, sometimes unconstitutional overreach of his Presidential powers.

These Wisconsinites are not alone. Poll after poll is showing the same thing: This President is reaching historically low approval ratings. More Americans are giving him an F grade than any other grade.

It is hard to state all the ways that President Trump's second term is already impacting folks in Wisconsin. His actions have made things more expensive and the future far less certain, whether you are a Wisconsin farmer or small business owner, veteran, senior, or just a family looking to make ends meet.

In January, I said I would work with anyone to deliver for Wisconsin. I also promised that I would stand up to anyone who hurts Wisconsinites. Those things remain true, and right now our country is not on the right course. And Americans agree.

Wisconsinites want lower costs. Our veterans and farmers want to be respected and working families to have a fair shot. Donald Trump's chaos isn't delivering any of that, and it is about time Congress steps up and acts as a true check and balance on this President before it is too late for our economy, working families, and the future of our Nation.

I yield the floor.

VOTE ON FERTITTA NOMINATION

The PRESIDING OFFICER. All time has expired.

The question is, Will the Senate advise and consent to the Fertitta nomination?

Ms. DUCKWORTH. 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. BARRASSO. The following Senators are necessarily absent: the Senator from Missouri (Mr. HAWLEY) and the Senator from Oklahoma (Mr. MULLIN).

Mr. DURBIN. I announce that the Senator from Rhode Island (Mr. WHITEHOUSE) is necessarily absent.

The result was announced—yeas 83, nays 14, as follows:

[Rollcall Vote No. 221 Ex.]

YEAS—83

Baldwin	Gillibrand	Murkowski
Banks	Graham	Ossoff
Barrasso	Grassley	Padilla
Bennet	Hagerty	Paul
Blackburn	Hassan	Peters
Booker	Heinrich	Reed
Boozman	Hickenlooper	Ricketts
Britt	Hoeven	Risch
Budd	Husted	Rosen
Cantwell	Hyde-Smith	Rounds
Capito	Johnson	Schiff
Cassidy	Justice	Schmitt
Collins	Kaine	Scott (FL)
Coons	Kelly	Scott (SC)
Cornyn	Kennedy	Shaheen
Cortez Masto	Kim	Sheehy
Cotton	King	Slotkin
Cramer	Klobuchar	Sullivan
Crapo	Lankford	Thune
Cruz	Lee	Tillis
Curtis	Lujan	Tuberville
Daines	Lummis	Warner
Duckworth	Marshall	Warnock
Durbin	McConnell	Welch
Ernst	McCormick	Wicker
Fetterman	Moody	Wyden
Fischer	Moran	Young
Gallego	Moreno	

NAYS—14

Alsobrooks	Merkley	Schumer
Blumenthal	Murphy	Smith
Blunt Rochester	Murray	Van Hollen
Hirono	Sanders	Warren
Markey	Schatz	

NOT VOTING—3

Hawley	Mullin	Whitehouse
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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 action.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Mr. THUNE. Madam President, I move to proceed to legislative session.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The question is on agreeing to the motion. The motion was agreed to.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

Mr. THUNE. Madam President, I move to proceed to executive session to consider Calendar No. 60.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The question is on agreeing to the motion. The motion was agreed to.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the nomination.

The legislative clerk read the nomination of Frank Bisignano, of New Jersey, to be Commissioner of Social Security Administration for the term expiring January 19, 2031.

CLOTURE MOTION

Mr. THUNE. Madam President, I send a cloture motion to the desk.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The cloture motion having been presented under rule XXII, the Chair directs the clerk to read the motion.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

CLOTURE MOTION

We, the undersigned Senators, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the

Standing Rules of the Senate, do hereby move to bring to a close debate on the nomination of Executive Calendar No. 60, Frank Bisignano, of New Jersey, to be Commissioner of Social Security Administration for the term expiring January 19, 2031.

John Thune, Katie Boyd Britt, Dan Sullivan, Roger F. Wicker, Mike Crapo, Tommy Tuberville, James C. Justice, John Boozman, Roger Marshall, John Kennedy, Cindy Hyde-Smith, Rick Scott, Ted Budd, James Lankford, Mike Rounds, John Barrasso, Bernie Moreno.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Mr. THUNE. Madam President, I move to proceed to legislative session. The PRESIDING OFFICER. The question is on agreeing to the motion. The motion was agreed to.

PRISON STAFF SAFETY ENHANCEMENT ACT

Mr. THUNE. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on the Judiciary be discharged from further consideration of S. 307 and the Senate proceed to its immediate consideration.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the bill by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (S. 307) to address sexual harassment and sexual assault of Bureau of Prisons staff in prisons, and for other purposes.

There being no objection, the committee was discharged, and the Senate proceeded to consider the bill.

Mr. THUNE. I ask unanimous consent that the bill be considered read a third time and passed and the motion to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table.

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

The bill (S. 307) was ordered to be engrossed for a third reading, was read the third time, and passed as follows:

S. 307

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the “Prison Staff Safety Enhancement Act”.

SEC. 2. FINDINGS.

Congress finds the following:

(1) In 2023, the Office of the Inspector General of the Department of Justice released a report titled “Evaluation of the Federal Bureau of Prisons’ Efforts to Address Sexual Harassment and Sexual Assault Committed by Inmates Toward Staff” (in this section referred to as the “Inspector General report”).

(2) The Inspector General report examined all sanctioned inmate sexual incidents in the Bureau of Prisons (in this section referred to as the “Bureau”) between fiscal years 2015 and 2021, and found that inmate-on-staff sexual harassment and sexual assault is widespread.

(3) The Inspector General report further found that the Bureau does not collect adequate data on inmate-on-staff sexual harassment and sexual assault and that, because of the Bureau’s inadequate data, the Bureau has not been able to identify the full scope of inmate-on-staff sexual harassment and sexual assault.

(4) The Inspector General report further found that the Bureau does not have systems to evaluate the effectiveness of the Bureau’s strategies to mitigate inmate-on-staff sexual harassment and sexual assault.

(5) The Inspector General report made recommendations to the Bureau to address the failures in the Bureau’s data collection and mitigation efforts, but the Bureau has not implemented these recommendations.

SEC. 3. ADDRESSING SEXUAL HARASSMENT AND SEXUAL ASSAULT OF BUREAU OF PRISONS STAFF.

(a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

(1) BUREAU.—The term “Bureau” means the Bureau of Prisons.

(2) CORRECTIONAL OFFICER.—The term “correctional officer” has the meaning given the term in section 4051 of title 18, United States Code.

(3) INSPECTOR GENERAL.—The term “Inspector General” means the Inspector General of the Department of Justice.

(4) INCARCERATED INDIVIDUAL.—The term “incarcerated individual” has the meaning given the term “prisoner” in section 4051 of title 18, United States Code.

(5) SEXUAL ASSAULT.—The term “sexual assault” means an act described in subsection (b), (c), or (d) of section 920 of title 10, United States Code.

(6) SEXUAL HARASSMENT.—The term “sexual harassment” means unwelcome sexual advances, requests for sexual favors, or other verbal or physical conduct of a sexual nature that explicitly or implicitly affect an individual’s employment, unreasonably interfere with an individual’s work performance, or create an intimidating, hostile, or offensive work environment.

(b) IMPLEMENTATION OF RECOMMENDATIONS BY BUREAU.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 90 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the Bureau shall fully implement each recommendation in the report released by the Inspector General in 2023 titled “Evaluation of the Federal Bureau of Prisons’ Efforts to Address Sexual Harassment and Sexual Assault Committed by Inmates Toward Staff”.

(2) REPORT.—If the Bureau has not fully implemented each recommendation referenced in paragraph (1) by the deadline under that paragraph, the Bureau shall submit a report to Congress by that deadline that includes an explanation of the failure to fully implement each recommendation and a detailed timeline for full implementation.

(c) DATA ANALYSIS BY INSPECTOR GENERAL.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 1 year after the date as of which the Bureau has fully implemented each recommendation referenced in subsection (b)(1)—

(A) the Inspector General shall request from the Bureau, and the Bureau shall provide, updated data on the number and prevalence of sexual harassment and sexual assault incidents perpetrated by incarcerated individuals against a correctional officer or other employee of the Bureau during fiscal years 2022 through 2025;

(B) the Inspector General shall conduct an analysis of the data described in subparagraph (A); and

(C) the Inspector General shall provide Congress and the Attorney General with the analysis conducted under subparagraph (B) and any additional recommendations, including analysis of whether the Bureau has taken sufficient steps to identify the prevalence and scope of sexual harassment and sexual assault incidents perpetrated by incarcerated individuals against a correctional officer or other employee of the Bureau and to mitigate such incidents.

(2) ANALYSIS OF PUNISHMENTS.—The analysis required under paragraph (1)(C) shall in-

clude an analysis of punishments for sexual harassment and sexual assault as of the date of enactment of this Act in facilities controlled by the Bureau of Prisons, including data on the use of such punishments during the 5-year period preceding the date of enactment of this Act.

(d) RULEMAKING BY ATTORNEY GENERAL.—Not later than 1 year after receiving the analysis under subsection (c), the Attorney General shall promulgate a rule adopting national standards for prevention, reduction, and punishment of sexual harassment and sexual assault perpetrated by an incarcerated individual against a correctional officer or other employee of the Bureau.

RESOLUTIONS SUBMITTED TODAY

Mr. THUNE. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate now proceed to the en bloc consideration of the following resolutions, which are at the desk: S. Res. 184, S. Res. 185, S. Res. 186, and S. Res. 187.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the resolutions en bloc.

Mr. THUNE. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that the resolutions be agreed to, the preambles be agreed to, and the motions to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table, all en bloc.

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

The resolutions were agreed to.

The preambles were agreed to.

(The resolutions, with their preambles, are printed in today’s RECORD under “Submitted Resolutions.”)

ORDERS FOR WEDNESDAY, APRIL 30, 2025

Mr. THUNE. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it stand adjourned until 10 a.m. on Wednesday, April 30; that following the prayer and pledge, the Journal of proceedings be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, the time for the two leaders be reserved for their use later in the day, morning business be closed, and the Senate resume consideration of H.J. Res. 42 if the motion to proceed has been agreed to; further, that at 11:30 a.m., all debate time on H.J. Res. 42 be expired, the joint resolution be read a third time, and the Senate vote on passage of the joint resolution.

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

ORDER FOR ADJOURNMENT

Mr. THUNE. Madam President, if there is no further business to come before the Senate, I ask that it stand adjourned under the previous order following the vote on the motion to proceed to H.J. Res. 42 and the remarks of my colleagues.

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

PROVIDING FOR CONGRESSIONAL DISAPPROVAL UNDER CHAPTER 8 OF TITLE 5, UNITED STATES CODE, OF THE RULE SUBMITTED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY RELATING TO "ENERGY CONSERVATION PROGRAM FOR APPLIANCE STANDARDS: CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS, LABELING REQUIREMENTS, AND ENFORCEMENT PROVISIONS FOR CERTAIN CONSUMER PRODUCTS AND COMMERCIAL EQUIPMENT"—Motion to Proceed

Mr. THUNE. Madam President, I understand the Senate has received H.J. Res. 42 from the House.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator is correct.

Mr. THUNE. I move to proceed to H.J. Res. 42.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the motion.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

Motion to proceed to H.J. Res. 42, a joint resolution providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Department of Energy relating to "Energy Conservation Program for Appliance Standards: Certification Requirements, Labeling Requirements, and Enforcement Provisions for Certain Consumer Products and Commercial Equipment".

VOTE ON MOTION

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The question is on agreeing to the motion to proceed.

Mr. THUNE. 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 legislative clerk called the roll.

Mr. BARRASSO. The following Senator is necessarily absent: the Senator from Missouri (Mr. HAWLEY).

Mr. DURBIN. I announce that the Senator from Rhode Island (Mr. WHITEHOUSE) is necessarily absent.

The result was announced—yeas 52, nays 46, as follows:

[Rollcall Vote No. 222 Leg.]

YEAS—52

Banks	Graham	Mullin
Barrasso	Grassley	Murkowski
Blackburn	Hagerty	Paul
Boozman	Hoeben	Ricketts
Britt	Husted	Risch
Budd	Hyde-Smith	Rounds
Capito	Johnson	Schmitt
Cassidy	Justice	Scott (FL)
Collins	Kennedy	Scott (SC)
Cornyn	Lankford	Sheehy
Cotton	Lee	Sullivan
Cramer	Lummis	Thune
Crapo	Marshall	Tillis
Cruz	McConnell	Tuberville
Curtis	McCormick	Wicker
Daines	Moody	Young
Ernst	Moran	
Fischer	Moreno	

NAYS—46

Alsobrooks	Coons	Hassan
Baldwin	Cortez Masto	Heinrich
Bennet	Duckworth	Hickenlooper
Blumenthal	Durbin	Hirono
Blunt Rochester	Fetterman	Kaine
Booker	Gallego	Kelly
Cantwell	Gillibrand	Kim

King	Peters	Smith
Klobuchar	Reed	Van Hollen
Lujan	Rosen	Warner
Markey	Sanders	Warnock
Merkley	Schatz	Warren
Murphy	Schiff	Welch
Murray	Schumer	Wyden
Ossoff	Shaheen	
Padilla	Slotkin	

NOT VOTING—2

Hawley Whitehouse

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. MORENO). On this vote, the yeas are 52, the nays are 46.

The motion is agreed to.

PROVIDING FOR CONGRESSIONAL DISAPPROVAL UNDER CHAPTER 8 OF TITLE 5, UNITED STATES CODE, OF THE RULE SUBMITTED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY RELATING TO "ENERGY CONSERVATION PROGRAM FOR APPLIANCE STANDARDS: CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS, LABELING REQUIREMENTS, AND ENFORCEMENT PROVISIONS FOR CERTAIN CONSUMER PRODUCTS AND COMMERCIAL EQUIPMENT"

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report.

The bill clerk read as follows:

A joint resolution (H.J. Res. 42) providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Department of Energy relating to "Energy Conservation Program for Appliance Standards: Certification Requirements, Labeling Requirements, and Enforcement Provisions for Certain Consumer Products and Commercial Equipment".

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Hawaii.

TRUMP ADMINISTRATION FIRST 100 DAYS

Mr. SCHATZ. Mr. President, we are 100 days into Donald Trump's term, and it is time that we ask the most important question, the most obvious question, but it is a question, actually, that has not been asked enough—not "How is he doing?" not even "What is he doing?" That is important too. The most important question is "How are we doing under Donald Trump?" The answer is "Terrible." It is going very badly. In 3 months, we have become less safe, less secure, and less prosperous, and it comes down to Donald Trump.

People voted for him for all kinds of reasons, but as my friend Senator CHRIS MURPHY said, people took him seriously when he said he would lower costs and didn't take him seriously when he said he would act like a dictator. It turns out that the opposite is true. We are paying more for everything. We are paying more for everything. People's life savings and college plans for their kids are being gutted. Tens of thousands of jobs are getting cut.

Investors are looking for more stable places to invest their money. The hallmark of the U.S. financial system and economy is that we are the most stable place, the most predictable place, the best place for rule of law, to park your

money, for infrastructure, for higher education, and all of that has been lit on fire in 100 days.

Unfortunately, the worst is yet to come. Trump's approach to tariffs—one day they are on, and the next day they are gone—is starting to make everything from groceries, to clothes, to cars and homes more expensive. And people are understandably worried about a recession. Consumer confidence is at its lowest point in 5 years.

You will recall that there was a global pandemic that caused people to have a low level of consumer confidence. But this is not a global pandemic; this is a self-imposed recession by one person who has a very weird idea about economic policy and nobody willing to stand up to the mad King.

This is not what people voted for. And if you voted for Donald Trump—look, a lot of people voted for Donald Trump. Most people voted for Donald Trump. I am not here to scold anybody. But people thought that whatever his other faults, Trump was going to be good for the money side of things—he was going to be good for your money; he was going to be good for entrepreneurship; he was going to be good for your 401(k); he was going to be good for the stock market; he was going to be good for investments. Here we are, and the American economy is in a free fall, threatening to drag the entire world down with it.

But it is not just the economy that is hurting. Trump, aided by his band of rogue advisers, including Elon Musk and Russ Vought, has broken basically everything, forcing seniors and disabled people to wait for hours just to get help with the benefits they have already earned. Veterans are being laid off by the thousands and facing even longer delays in getting the care they need. Trash is piling up at national parks with fewer park rangers to look after them. Drastic cuts to medical research and staff mean fewer discoveries and potentially lifesaving treatments for conditions like cancer and Alzheimer's. The national parks, the VA, the NIH, the CDC—these are the kinds of American institutions that have made us strong for generations, and they are being trashed on purpose. A proposed downsizing at the Postal Service will keep people waiting longer to get their packages and their mail and their prescriptions and their bills, especially in rural and remote areas. And none of this is saving any money. It is absolutely making people's everyday lives harder.

OK, so the economy is not doing great, support services are being cut left and right, but are we at least safer and stronger and more respected globally? The answer is no. Since his first hours in office when he froze all foreign assistance, Trump has undermined our safety and national security at every single turn. He has picked fights with neighbors and allies, weakening longstanding partnerships and forcing the rest of the world to work against us rather than with us.

I was in Europe a couple of months ago, and it was kind of jarring when our allies—and I mean our allies, our closest allies, who have always been there with us, who have defense treaties with us, who have economic partnerships with us, who have people-to-people ties—came to us and said that the biggest destabilizing force on the planet is the President of the United States.

We used to be the good guys that would respond to disasters and treat diseases around the world, but Trump has decimated one of the most successful global health programs in history—PEPFAR—leaving an estimated 1 million newborns to contract HIV from their mothers—1 million newborns contracting HIV from their mothers. What possible purpose could there be behind that?

One note to my former colleague Secretary Rubio: There is not a waiver program in place that allows lifesaving aid to flow. These organizations that provide aid are absolutely shutting down.

I was just talking to a colleague who was in Africa over the recess period, and he said kids are on half rations. Kids are half the size they are supposed to be because of what America is doing—because of what America is doing.

An earthquake hit Myanmar, and the United States sent three aid workers to assist with the disaster response, who were then fired while they were on the ground. We have three people there to help people in Myanmar, where there was a catastrophic earthquake. The “United States” logo is on their armbands, and they are fired and told to come home.

Guess what happened next. China sent 600 workers and has committed to delivering close to \$14 million in supplies. I think that is catastrophic for humanitarian reasons. I think that is catastrophic for moral reasons. I think it is bad that the United States is causing death on purpose. But even if you don't care about that, we can at least see the geopolitical downside to vacating the scene when another country is in trouble and letting China go into the breach.

I have a friend of a friend who just texted me. They were doing good work in Fiji, and they were sent home. China came in within 2 weeks and is performing the same work. I cannot imagine anybody making the argument that that is good for the United States.

You do not counter China's growing regional influence or outcompete its economy by walking away from the world and insulting all of your friends. You don't bring peace to Gaza and Ukraine by making false promises and empty threats, nor do you win the future on issues like AI and clean energy by pretending that America, as strong and powerful as we are—and we are strong and powerful—that we can solve any of these global challenges alone.

A lot of Trump's failures, whether in domestic or foreign policy, boil down

to the simple fact that he and his people honestly don't know what they are doing. There is no grand strategy that we are all somehow missing. There is no brilliant, new way of looking at things. They are just kind of messing around in the most powerful positions on the planet—the Signal group chat, the forged DOGE savings receipts, the frantic firing and rehiring of nuclear weapons workers and disease detectives.

The people currently in charge of the most powerful Nation in human history, moving trillions of dollars around, are just winging it, and their response to the frequent mistakes, no matter how serious or costly, is “oops” or sometimes they pretend it was their plan all along.

Trump's ineptitude is matched only by his corruption. Just days before his inauguration, he launched his own meme coin, which he encouraged supporters to buy. For those of you who are not super up on all the crypto stuff, this is the equivalent of basically saying: I have a Swiss bank account in case anybody wants to deposit money into the President of the United States' pocket. That is what this meme coin does.

After he made close to \$100 million from it, the coin quickly lost most of its value. And then just last week, after Trump announced a dinner with the coin's top holders, complete with a “VIP White House tour”—let's be very clear. There are some things you absolutely can't do. One of them is to monetize the Presidency. The other thing is to use a government building, to use the White House as an inducement to pay the U.S. President is out-of-this-world corrupt. It is the kind of thing that if you are on the Foreign Relations Committee or the Defense Committee or whatever it is and you are traveling abroad, you will have in your talking points to scold some counterpart of yours about corruption. This is the kind of thing that, up until about 100 days ago, we went around the world trying to prevent, but now our leader is doing it.

While regular people are losing money every day because of Trump, he and his family continue to get richer—and worse, if Trump has his way with the tax bill, billionaires will get the biggest tax break in history while children, seniors, and families find it even harder to make ends meet because they can no longer get healthy meals or because they have been kicked off of Medicaid.

One final point: Whether it is withholding funds that were enacted by Congress and made into law or deporting people without due process, including a 2-year-old—a 2-year-old—American citizen with cancer last week, Trump is breaking the law on a daily basis. Everyone is afforded due process in our system, and with good reason—because the moment some people are not provided due process, there is no telling who is entitled to it and who is

not and, crucially, who decides who gets due process. It sure shouldn't be any individual elected official to determine whether you get due process.

This has been the worst start to a Presidency in the history of the United States. People had their own reasons for voting for Trump last fall. I have got friends who voted for Trump. I understand, for some, it was COVID. For some, it was Gaza. For some, it was the price of everything. For some, it was Biden's being too old. A lot of people had a lot of reasons, and I am not here to judge.

A good buddy of mine, a former Governor of Hawaii, used to say: You know, people vote for you for their reasons, not yours.

So I am not here to try to be vindicated. I am saying, for even those people who voted for him, all of the reasons that you voted for him, unless you were enthused about corruption, unless you were enthused about lawbreaking, unless you really hated Medicaid, unless you really wanted veterans to be laid off, unless you really wanted our standing in the world to be diminished by massive proportions in a super short period of time—unless you love that stuff, it is OK to say: This guy is not working out. He doesn't own your vote. He doesn't own your support. You cast a ballot, and he becomes the President of the United States. It went very badly. This is the worst 100 days of a Presidency in American history.

I yield the floor.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Maryland.

Ms. ALSOBROOKS. Mr. President, I would like to use my time tonight to talk, as well, about the first 100 days under this administration's leadership.

You have heard my colleague already speak, and I concur with his remarks. Simply put, it has been chaotic; it has been disorganized; it has been an unmitigated disaster. Quite frankly—and I know that I am not alone in this—we are absolutely sick of it.

This President and this administration rode in with promises of reducing costs for American families—families like the family I grew up in, with a father who worked through the night and into the morning as a newspaper delivery person and with a mother who worked as a receptionist. This President promised. He said, on day one, that he was going to reduce the cost to American families and improve their quality of life. Only, 100 days later, Americans have only seen reductions in the stock market, in their 401(k)s, and a lowered respect for the Constitution. What we have seen continue to rise, instead, are grocery prices. We are seeing the cost of living grow out of control as families experience freezes in critical funding that supports their households. We are seeing housing costs continue to skyrocket as well.

Again, we were promised the exact opposite, which is that this President knew and understood what it was for the average American family to struggle to afford the cost of housing. He

promised that he had the solution and that he was going to cause those costs to go down. Yet everyone from our children to our veterans has suffered under this administration and under this leadership. Not one promise that this administration made to everyday, hard-working, working-class families, made at the outset of this administration, has been met. In fact, they have not even come close.

And do you know what? What is worse is they don't seem to care. But do you know who does care? The American people care.

If you are a working-class American who had hopes that this administration would lower costs as they promised, I will bet you are feeling betrayed by now by the impact of the Trump tariffs.

If you spent your working life paying into Social Security, like so many of our seniors, in the hopes of having a reliable safety net in your later years, you are feeling helpless in listening to this administration's plans to raid Social Security.

If you get your healthcare through Medicaid and Medicare, you are feeling alarmed at this administration's intent to gut these essential programs.

If initiatives like SNAP and Head Start help keep your family's head above water during tough times, you are feeling frustrated that this administration is so out of touch that they would even consider eliminating this critical funding.

These emotions run deep nationally, and I have seen them felt locally. Somerset County, for example, is one of the poorest counties in my State, the State of Maryland. If that is not enough, its geography has contributed to awful flooding problems for decades. The city of Crisfield was depending on a Federal grant to finally help fix the problem. It was a funding plan that people had worked on for years and for such a long time, but this administration's rash decisions have now eliminated that plan.

These are the kinds of decisions that can leave you feeling hopeless, and when you see that your emotions and your struggles are being ignored by this President so that he can hand tax cuts to the billionaires around him who choose to grab for more money instead of holding on to some sense of morality, you feel angry. Resources may be in short supply for American families right now, but there is more than enough hurt and anger to go around. This administration is hurting Americans—the ones who voted for this President and Americans who didn't. They are hurting Americans who didn't vote and Americans who were too young to vote. They are hurting the business community, and they are hurting farmers. They are hurting cities, and they are hurting our rural areas. They are hurting law enforcement officers and factory workers. They are hurting teachers and students. They are hurting factory workers and union members. They are hurt-

ing doctors and medical professionals and researchers.

Across the political spectrum and across all demographics, the only thing we have to show for the first 100 days is losing, the kind of losing that will be felt in this Nation for years to come.

One hundred days in, look at how they have treated the very best of us—this Nation's civil servants, the Federal workers who serve with absolutely no political motivation. I have met them. I know them. Close to 160,000 of them live in the State of Maryland, and many of them have served for years under both Democratic administrations and Republican administrations, and they have one dedication, and that is to their fellow Americans. Our Federal workers keep our food safe. They explore the bounds of science to find cures to our most challenging diseases. They make sure that our veterans receive the benefits that they so richly deserve and that our seniors have access to resources that they set aside for the future.

Our civil servants do so much to boost our quality of life, and do you know what? This administration doesn't care. For the first 100 days, they have been subjected to spiteful, petty attacks. They have been caught in the crossfire of a political witch hunt. They have had their lives disrupted by these abrupt and improper firings.

My State has felt a significant impact from these firings. It is home to so many Federal workers—as I have mentioned, 160,000 of them—people who I am incredibly proud to represent. I have heard the calls from panicked workers who don't know what the future holds. I have met with distraught workers who fear that they won't be able to provide for their families.

All of this is the result of an administration claiming to prioritize efficiency. The majority of Americans is OK with finding efficiency. What they are not OK with is the cruelty that we are seeing. How you treat people matters, and this administration is more interested in celebrating cruelty than being cost-effective.

There is no better example of this administration's chaos and cruelty than HHS Secretary Kennedy. His Department and its Agencies are indispensable in the fight of keeping Americans safe and healthy. From keeping our food safe today to finding cures for disease, the mission of these Agencies and their workers is critical to our well-being. Yet Secretary Kennedy doesn't care. He has pledged to make America healthy again, but in reality, he has fired safety inspectors, eliminated food safety labels and labs, and revealed plans to take the Federal Government out of the role of keeping our food safe.

Our Nation has enjoyed progress due in no small part to our commitment to sustained research. The groundbreaking discoveries that our Nation's researchers have made have done so much for our society. At

Health and Human Services, that has meant eliminating diseases that used to ravage our communities and currently means working on solving health challenges that continue to puzzle us today.

The NIH is headquartered in my State, and I know firsthand the good work that they do. We know all too well the significant role that the NIH and other health and research Agencies play in developing and deploying vaccine treatments. Only recently emerging from a devastating public health crisis, we know firsthand how important their work is.

Secretary Kennedy either doesn't know or doesn't care what his Department's mission is. He is doing the administration's bidding to eliminate funding that goes toward finding cures for cancer, Alzheimer's, and rare diseases; and in the midst of outbreaks of measles—a disease that researchers had virtually eliminated—he has pressed forward with firing thousands of vital workers in our health Agencies. This is not efficient, and it is not a profile in competent leadership. What it is, instead, is absolutely dangerous, and it is putting sensitive information and decisions between life and death in the hands of grossly unqualified people.

Secretary Kennedy's pledge to make America healthy again is another promise that this administration is either unwilling or incapable of keeping. His idea to create a national registry for people with autism is an example of what happens when incompetent and incapable leadership is in place.

This administration is full of examples like this. The callous, heartless disregard for others comes right from the top, and it is mirrored in the people who have been nominated to run the government. So we can't join them in celebrating this milestone, because there is nothing that they can hold up as an accomplishment that they have achieved on behalf of everyday Americans.

One hundred days in, we have seen what this administration is. They are disinterested in the lives of working-class and middle-class Americans, uncaring about the futures of our veterans and our seniors, unmoved by the plight of the underprivileged, obsessed with attacking our civil servants and settling scores, unable to make good on the promises that they laid out when they took control, and they don't seem to care.

But Marylanders care; the American people care, and we are tired of seeing this administration tank our economy. We are tired of seeing out-of-touch leaders dismiss the sacrifices that families across the Nation make every single day, and we are already sick and tired of seeing billionaires win while the rest of us lose. We are sick of it, and we are fighting back.

I yield the floor.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Massachusetts.

Ms. WARREN. Mr. President, I want to say how much I appreciate the remarks of Senator ALSOBROOKS.

It is an honor to fight alongside you.

So here we are—100 days, 100 acts of corruption.

Today, I am reading into the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD 100 reports of corruption from Donald Trump's first 100 days in office.

Now, when he ran for office, Trump promised repeatedly—repeatedly—that he would lower costs “on day one.” But instead of following through on his promise, Trump and his Trump administration have paved the way for the President, his top officials, and his billionaire buddies to personally feed at the trough of government corruption.

So count with me. In just 100 days, Donald Trump, his family, and his administration have:

No. 1, turned the White House into a Tesla dealership.

No. 2, fired independent Commissioners at the Federal Trade Commission.

No. 3, punished former officials who opposed his 2020 election lies.

No. 4, paid for the White House Easter Egg Roll by soliciting corporate sponsors who have business pending before the government.

No. 5, helped Trump's son set up a club—pay \$500,000 for access to Trump's Cabinet.

No. 6, declared that there would be no tariff exceptions, then permitted Apple's CEO behind-the-scenes access, and, poof, iPhone tariffs were cut.

No. 7, created an opening for insider trading by reportedly giving Wall Street exclusive information about how trade talks were going.

No. 8, hosted million-dollar dinners between Big Pharma CEOs and their regulator, R.F.K., Jr.

No. 9, launched crypto meme coin right before the inauguration to make millions of dollars, then increased the value of those coins by signing Executive orders, making crypto a priority.

No. 10, launched a meme coin for Melania too.

No. 11, promised his “rich-as-hell” donors a giant tax handout and is working hard to deliver.

No. 12, weakened rules insulating government workers from politics.

No. 13, limited corporate foreign bribery investigations.

No. 14, halted enforcement of the Corporate Transparency Act—wouldn't want people to know what is going on.

No. 15, offered a private dinner with Trump himself and a special tour of the White House for the top 220 holders of his meme coin, permitting Trump and his family to profit both from the runup in the value of the coin and the increase in trading on the Trump platform.

No. 16, accepted \$40 million for First Lady Melania's documentary from Jeff Bezos—way above the market rate.

No. 17, pointed to Bezos's multi-million-dollar documentary payment as a model when Warner Bros. asked

Trump's team how to improve its own relationship with the White House.

No. 18, struck a deal with Amazon to stream Trump's old show, “The Apprentice,” which will mean more money for Trump, as Amazon is seeking tax breaks and other Federal benefits.

No. 19, coercing law firms to offer almost \$1 billion in free legal work in an arrangement that experts say could run afoul of anti-bribery laws.

No. 20, started undermining Medicare's ability to negotiate drug prices after Big Pharma gave millions to Trump's inauguration.

No. 21, filed a meritless lawsuit against “60 Minutes” and launched a baseless FCC investigation.

No. 22, tried to get the AP to bend the knee and kicked them out of the White House briefing room when they refused to bend the knee.

No. 23, hired Defense Secretary Hegseth's younger brother to serve in a key role.

No. 24, hired a longtime former partner of Don, Jr., to serve as Ambassador to Greece.

No. 25, nominated Jared Kushner's father to serve as Ambassador to France.

No. 26, selected Tiffany Trump's father-in-law to serve as an adviser.

No. 27, appointed an oil and gas executive to lead the Department of Energy.

No. 28, selected a Chief of Staff who was a big-time lobbyist for clients like tobacco and mining companies.

No. 29, named officials who had recently lobbied for oil and chemical giants to help write EPA rules. What could possibly go wrong?

No. 30, appointed Mehmet Oz, who had close ties to Medicare Advantage insurers—in fact, sold it on TV—to lead CMS to set payment rates and otherwise help out whom? Medicare Advantage insurers.

No. 31, appointed John Phelan, a major donor with no military or government experience, to lead the Navy and hand out Navy construction contracts.

No. 32, appointed Pam Bondi, a former lobbyist for a Federal detention contractor, to lead the DOJ.

No. 33, announced that the DOJ would stop prioritizing enforcement of restrictions on foreign lobbyists under the leadership of Bondi, who herself is a former foreign lobbyist for Qatar.

No. 34, appointed Howard Lutnick, who has billions invested in companies accused of illegally facilitating crypto money laundering, as the guy to lead the Commerce Department.

No. 35, appointed Marty Makary, the former executive of a company selling weight-loss drugs, to lead the FDA, which would be the Agency that would regulate his company.

No. 36, appointed Sean Duffy, who lobbied for the airline industry, to be the Transportation Secretary to regulate the airline industry.

No. 37, tapped Pete Hegseth, whose wife owns stock in large defense con-

tractors, to lead the Defense Department and help hand out those defense contracts.

No. 38, tapped Doug Burgum, who made money from leasing land to Big Oil, to lead the Interior Department and manage the leasing to oil companies.

No. 39, nominated a Big Oil lobbyist to run the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management.

No. 40, nominated as IRS head Billy Long, an aggressive salesman for a fraud-riddled tax credit who received donations after being nominated so he could clear out old campaign debts.

No. 41, tapped Paul Atkins, a former crypto lobbyist, to lead the SEC that will regulate crypto.

No. 42, appointed a former tax lobbyist to lead tax policy.

No. 43, appointed Robert F. Kennedy, Jr., who planned to get paid for antiviral lawsuits while he was heading up HHS and could affect the outcome of exactly those same lawsuits.

No. 44, appointed a top Pentagon official who led a firm investing in defense contractors and has directed DOD to outsource as much as possible to defense contractors.

No. 45, appointed someone who lobbied to privatize Medicare to lead OMB's healthcare budget.

No. 46, installed Steve Davis to effectively lead DOGE, while also leading another Musk company.

No. 47, installed another DOGE leader to control Treasury's payment system, while still holding down his day job, oh, as a software CEO.

No. 48, handed the power over crypto policy to a White House crypto czar, who leads a venture capital firm that heavily invests in crypto.

No. 49, selected a border czar, who led a firm that got tens of millions of dollars of Federal contracts for Homeland Security companies.

No. 50, appointed Treasury Secretary Bessent, who is gutting the IRS so that it can't audit rich tax cheats because he himself is a tax-dodging megamillionaire.

No. 51, pardoned Rod Blagojevich, the former Illinois Governor convicted for corruption after his vocal support for Trump.

No. 52, pardoned January 6 insurrectionists who tried to overturn an election that Trump lost.

No. 53, pardoned a Trump loyalist found guilty of wire fraud.

No. 54, pardoned the son of a longtime Republican donor.

No. 55, pardoned a corporation that had been fined \$100 million for money laundering.

No. 56, watched his own stablecoin while preparing to sign legislation that will help stablecoin and let Donald Trump oversee it.

No. 57, sold merch with Presidential branding.

No. 58, disbanded DOJ's crypto unit after business talks between Binance and a Trump-backed crypto company ramped up.

No. 59, halted SEC enforcement actions against crypto companies that enriched Trump personally.

No. 60, met with crypto executives who are asking Treasury to back off of oversight of their companies, all while simultaneously exploring a deal to list a Trump-linked crypto company's new stablecoin.

No. 61, maintain financial ties between Trump officials and Trump's media company that includes FBI Director Kash Patel, who was given a huge award of Trump media company stock.

No. 62, nominated Attorney General Bondi, who owned \$2 million in DJT shares.

No. 63, paid the Education Secretary almost \$1 million in Trump media company shares.

No. 64, nominated Intelligence Board nominees who have millions in Trump media company shares.

No. 65, selected a special envoy to the Middle East who wants to develop real estate in Gaza while running his own real estate firm while he is Special Envoy to the Middle East.

No. 66, appointed an FBI Director who consulted for the Qatari Government.

No. 67, picked that FBI Director, even though he also received millions of dollars from a Cayman Island holding company with ties to China.

No. 68, decided to cancel the Direct File Program. The cancellation of this program that lets taxpayers file their taxes online for free will help the bottom line of Intuit, which charges people for filing their taxes and that gave \$1 million to Trump's inauguration.

No. 69, took its largest inauguration donation from a poultry company that was under DOJ's scrutiny. After the donation, the SEC approved its parent company for the New York Stock Exchange.

No. 70, dropped a probe into sexual misconduct allegations against Trump's Education Secretary's husband.

No. 71, hosted dozens of foreign Federal and State officials at Mar-a-Lago, helping enrich Trump.

No. 72, hosted a GOP retreat at another one of Trump's resorts, for which Trump's resorts get paid.

No. 73, circumvented the normal contracting process to pick a company with close ties to Trump's former campaign manager.

No. 74, awarded a \$30 million ICE contract to Trump insider Peter Thiel.

No. 75, continued developing new Trump properties overseas, including in Saudi Arabia and the UAE.

No. 76, hatched a plan for the State Department to pay Tesla \$400 million.

No. 77, accepted a \$4 million inauguration donation from a GOP megadonor and then nominated him as UK Ambassador on the same day.

Did anyone miss the message here?

And Donald Trump took actions so that he could advance the personal interests of his "co-President," Elon

Musk. How? Well, he fired EEOC leaders that were investigating and suing Tesla. He illegally fired the NLRB Chair, which had filed a complaint against SpaceX, one of Musk's companies. He gutted the CFPB staff and fired the Director after they investigated complaints against Musk's companies. He gutted the Department of Labor office investigating Tesla and SpaceX and fired the USAID inspector general who launched a probe into satellite terminals made by Musk's Starlink.

No. 83, targeted the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration staff who were reportedly "a thorn in Tesla's side." That is enough to fire them.

No. 84, said Musk would self-police his conflicts of interest—yeah, right.

No. 85, pressured the Administrator of the FAA, which fined Musk's SpaceX, to resign.

And No. 86, permitted Musk to keep his financial disclosure hidden. And, by the way, I have a new bill to fix that one in particular.

No. 87, allowed Musk's Starlink to start working with the FAA after Musk criticized the FAA's air traffic telecom system.

No. 88, made Musk's SpaceX the frontrunner for a new, lucrative Golden Dome contract.

No. 89, stood by Musk when his X executives told an advertising firm to increase ad revenue, threatening that Musk could interfere with their pending merger if they didn't play along.

No. 90, permitted Musk to join Trump's interview with the Air Force Secretary nominee while SpaceX held billions of dollars in contracts with the Air Force.

No. 91, permitted the National Transportation Safety Board to share news related to the airplane crashes in Washington and Philadelphia only on Musk-owned X.

No. 92, permitted the Social Security Administration to share important public communication only on X.

No. 93, dropped the Department of Justice's anti-discrimination complaint against Musk's SpaceX.

No. 94, fired FDA staffers reviewing Elon Musk's Neuralink clinical trial applications—a lot of benefits for Elon Musk there.

And for our closing six moves that make every bit of this corruption even harder to root out, Trump got rid of the cops on the beat.

No. 95, fired 18 inspectors general who make sure that Federal Agencies follow the law.

No. 96, fired the head of the Office of Special Counsel, who protects whistleblowers and makes sure that civil service laws are followed.

No. 97, fired the head of the Office of Government Ethics, who watches to see that the President and his administration follow the laws on conflicts of interest, bribery, and other ethical issues. The guy is gone.

No. 98, fired DOJ prosecutors who worked on the January 6 investigations.

No. 99, sidelined DOJ's office that reviews the legality of Executive orders.

And No. 100, gutted DOJ's office that prosecutes misconduct by public officials.

That is 100 corrupt acts in 100 days. Americans deserve accountability. We need to fight back—all of us.

I yield the floor.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Oregon.

Mr. MERKLEY. Mr. President, I have a question for my colleague from Massachusetts, if she would yield for a question.

Ms. WARREN. Of course.

Mr. MERKLEY. In your knowledge of American history, has there ever been a Presidential first 100 days that showed this level of corruption that we are witnessing with this administration?

Ms. WARREN. I appreciate the question. I want to say here that I have never seen, anytime in American history, this level of corruption over 8 years in the White House, much less in just 100 days.

This level of corruption is everywhere, all the time, and it truly undermines the ability of our country to function. It undermines our economy. It undermines our position in the world. It undermines the economic stability of our families. And it undermines our entire democracy.

I thank the Senator for the question.

Mr. MERKLEY. Mr. President, I appreciate the Senator's speech in laying this out.

I am going to address another aspect of the first 100 days, which is about the phenomenal strategy of President Trump to undermine our Constitution; to undermine the separation of powers, the checks and balances, for the purpose of creating a strong-man state, which is also just an extraordinary, extraordinary experience to be living through.

The first 100 days of the Trump administration have plunged our Nation into a constitutional crisis unparalleled since the Civil War. How bad is it, and how will we respond? How will this Chamber respond? How will the House respond?

Our democratic Republic, with its separation of powers and checks and balances, is sliding into an unaccountable strong-man state.

To the first question—how bad is the constitutional crisis?—I summarize: worse than we could possibly have imagined. It is an authoritarian takeover, emboldened by a subservient majority in Congress, a deferential Supreme Court, and an aggressive, authoritarian President.

We all know that strong republics can slide into corrupt strong-man states. Witness Venezuela. Witness Türkiye. Witness Hungary. It can happen gradually. It can happen suddenly that Congress becomes a rubberstamp, that the courts defer to an aggressive Executive, the press softens its criticisms, and other institutions tread ever so carefully.

However often we have witnessed this happening elsewhere, however, we always thought that it could never happen here, not in the United States of America. It could never happen here because our commitment to the separation of powers is too secure, our 250 years of dedication to a democratic republic too established for it to ever happen here.

But the last 100 days have shown us that we were robbed. So tonight, I am ringing the alarm bells. The danger is clear. The danger is present. This crisis calls upon every patriot, every individual who cherishes a deliberative republic, every institution—whether it is Congress or the court or the people or the press or the university or the law firm—to use their heart and mind and sinew, their clout and their connections, to resist this authoritarian takeover and save our Republic.

In only 100 days, Trump has aggressively pursued five strategies to advance his authoritarian powers. The first strategy has been to willfully violate a host of Federal laws.

One hundred days ago, on January 20, I sat in the Rotunda of the Capitol, just down this hallway, halfway between here and the House of Representatives, for Donald Trump's inaugural address. It was not a traditional address. A traditional address is when the President lays out a vision and says: Here in our democracy, I will be working with Congress to pass laws to provide a foundation to implement that vision.

That is the way it works when power is divided between a court and an Executive and Congress. But instead, the speech that President Trump gave just down this hallway in the Rotunda didn't talk about working with Congress. It didn't talk about passing laws. He spoke only of governing by Executive order, as if he was already a King.

Well, governing by Executive order is exactly what he has done, with 26 Executive orders on that first day and over 130 Executive orders and counting as of now. And many of those Executive orders directly violate laws on the books.

He fired 17 inspectors general, violating a law that allows a President to fire an inspector general only for cause and with 30 days' notice to Congress.

He fired members of the Boards that lead independent Agencies, violating the law that provides these members with established terms and says that they can only be fired for cause.

Trump's targets have included Gwynne Wilcox of the National Labor Relations Board, Rebecca Slaughter of the Federal Trade Commission, and quite a few others.

Trump violated the Antideficiency Act when Elon Musk and DOGE sent the "fork in the road" email to 2 million Federal employees, offering a buyout with pay through September 30, committing funds beyond the March 15 deadline that the law allowed.

Trump violated the Privacy Act of 1974 when Trump, Musk, and DOGE

accessed sensitive personal information from the computers of the Social Security Administration.

Trump violated a 2018 law banning reductions in indirect costs covered by the National Institutes of Health research grants when he capped those rates at 15 percent.

The mastermind behind this strategy of deliberately, willfully breaking the law, time and time and time again, is one man. His name is Russ Vought.

Who is this man? He directed the Office of Management and Budget in the last year of Trump's first term. He is an architect of Project 2025, and he is leading the Office of Management and Budget for Trump's second term.

As the ranking Democrat on the Senate Budget Committee, I interviewed him in my office before his nomination hearing, and he was very clear, very direct about his viewpoint. He is a proponent of the fringe unitary executive theory that says the President has complete authority over every element of the executive branch. The President, he believes, can ignore any detail in law passed by Congress and perhaps ignore any order by the courts that constrains how the President manages the executive branch.

Vought anticipates that when Trump's lawbreaking reaches the Supreme Court, a deferential Court will legitimize his unitary executive theory and hand vast power to President Trump.

Mr. Vought's deliberate desire to break the law and violate the separation of powers caused me to label him the most dangerous man in America. He is a direct threat to the entire vision of our Constitution.

I led a 30-hour debate here in this Chamber on his nomination to put a spotlight on him and on his ideas, but it was a party-line vote. Every one of my colleagues across the aisle looked to their loyalty to President Trump over their loyalty to the U.S. Constitution.

The second Trump strategy to expand the power of the President—the authoritarian power of the President—is to usurp Congress's article I power of the purse by impounding the funds that Congress has dedicated in law and long passed in the Senate and passed the House and signed by the President, impounding funds in those laws for specific programs. This is illegal. It violates the law, and it is unconstitutional, and it violates the separation of powers.

You know, Nixon tried this. He impounded funds for the EPA for fiscal year 1973. The Supreme Court ruled, when this case finally reached it in *Train v. City of New York*, that impoundments violate article I of the Constitution, which so clearly—this Constitution so clearly gives the power of the purse to Congress.

And when Congress passed the law in 1996 that gave the President a line-item veto on program funding, the Supreme Court ruled again, in *Clinton v. City of*

New York, that Congress could not give to the President the power the Constitution reserves to this Chamber, to Congress.

It is worth noting that Trump had a choice. Instead of illegally impounding funds, he could have sent a legal rescission request to Congress. And there is a good possibility, perhaps a probability, that the Republican-led House and Senate would have passed that rescission. A rescission formally undoes a law by Congress reconsidering it. But he deliberately—he, being Trump—deliberately chose the illegal path of impoundments, the unconstitutional path of impoundments in order to put a case before the Supreme Court so the Supreme Court could rule—Trump and Russ Vought hope—for the unitary executive theory of power, the vision of a strong-man rule in our Nation rather than government by the people.

Note the parallel. Trump fired thousands and thousands of employees across this country. He could have done it legally through reductions in force, RIFs, but he chose to do it illegally. Why? To put a case before the Supreme Court so the Court could enhance the power of the President of the United States of America. It is that hope that they have for that deferential Court.

Trump and his team have impounded funds for so much now. There are so many cases in the courts. Court ruling after court ruling are saying: This is illegal. You cannot do this. This is unconstitutional.

But he just keeps doing it.

Electric vehicle charging stations, impounded. Security systems to Ukraine, impounded. Program funds for sanctuary cities, impounded. Immigration lawyers for 26,000 unaccompanied children, impounded.

But the most tragic example of impoundment is Trump's attack on the U.S. Agency for International Development.

On February 3, Elon Musk posted that he and DOGE had "spent the weekend feeding USAID into the wood chipper." Musk was bragging that he and Trump had destroyed an Agency in a single weekend, in violation of the law. They fired almost all of USAID's employees and canceled more than 5,000 contracts, crippling America's delivery of lifesaving aid around the world and, I might add, crippling relationships that create soft power for the United States of America to accompany the hard power of our military.

In February, a senior USAID official Nicholas Enrich estimated that a year-long pause in AID's programs could cause between 71,000 to 166,000 additional deaths just from malaria, with huge increases in deaths from tuberculosis and infectious diseases like Ebola. Shortly after making these estimates, Enrich was fired.

Speaking the truth in this administration is a cause to be fired because the truth scares Donald Trump. He doesn't want the truth. He just wants

his power and everyone to be in line behind it.

Another study estimates that shutting down USAID over 15 years could result in 25 million additional deaths worldwide. That is a hard number to digest—2 million more deaths from tuberculosis, 8 million more deaths from malaria, from malnutrition and other causes, and 15 million more deaths from AIDS, with PEPFAR shut down. And those 15 million deaths from AIDS generate 14 million additional orphans.

Just let that sink in. One illegal decision in one weekend by Musk and Trump putting AID in the wood chipper could result in millions of deaths. Illegal defunding and dismantlement, done in one weekend, to an Agency that constituted only one-third of 1 percent of our national spending in 2024 could result in more deaths than World War I.

Now you may say: Is this some crazy theory on the internet?

It was a study put together by prestigious medical organizations, groups like the London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine, the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health, the New York University Grossman School of Medicine—serious people, serious modeling, serious understanding of what USAID does around the world.

And do you know what else his decision did? It created an enormous opportunity for China to move in and say, “You can’t count on the United States of America, but you can count on China,” hugely undermining our standing and influence in the world.

That is what was done illegally in one weekend.

A third Trump strategy for amassing Executive power is to attack the constitutional power of the courts. The Founders gave the courts the power to address “all Cases, in Law and Equity, arising under this Constitution,” and that power includes the ability to strike down laws that violate the Constitution. It includes the ability to invalidate Executive actions that violate the laws or violate the Constitution. But for the court’s check—this crucial check on Executive misuse of power—to be effective, the President must follow the decisions of the court, and that is why the oath of office is so important. You are taking an oath to the Constitution that lays out this structure of accountability.

But President Trump is stiff-arming the court. He is not honoring the Constitution. He is not honoring his oath to the Constitution.

He ignored Federal Judge James Boasberg’s order not to deport Venezuelan immigrants to El Salvador, refusing to keep the planes on the ground or turn them around. He ignored the judge’s order to provide details regarding the flights to El Salvador. And in a stunning stiff-arm to the Supreme Court, he refused to facilitate, after a 9-to-0 Supreme Court decision saying he must do so, the return of Kilmar Abrego Garcia from El Salvador despite the Court’s order.

In yet another confrontation with the Supreme Court, Vice President Vance claimed in February that “judges aren’t allowed” to check Executive power.

Then, in March, Trump called for the impeachment of Judge Boasberg, calling him a “crooked” judge, a “troublemaker and agitator.”

What in Trump’s mind is a “crooked” judge? One who is actually ruling on the law because the last thing Trump wants is a judge who honestly rules on the law. He wants subservience.

This call for impeachment of a judge provoked a rebuke—a rare rebuke—from Chief Justice John Roberts, who said:

Impeachment is not an appropriate response to disagreement concerning a judicial decision. The normal appellate review process exists for that purpose.

Calm language to address a massive constitutional violation.

Over the last 100 days, Trump has brazenly signaled to the courts that they should not interfere with his management of the executive branch.

A fourth authoritarian strategy by Trump is to attack the free press and free speech. Benjamin Franklin wrote that “whoever would overthrow the liberty of a nation must begin by subduing the freeness of speech.” Apparently, President Trump was paying attention because he is seeking to overthrow the liberty of our Nation, and he is trying to subdue the freeness of speech.

One of his tactics is to intimidate the free press by suing them. He sued the Des Moines Register for an inaccurate poll predicting he would lose Iowa. He sued CBS News for \$10 million because he disliked its editing of an interview with then-Vice President Kamala Harris on “60 Minutes.” And he sued ABC News because George Stephanopoulos said on the air that Trump had been found liable for “rape” when, in fact, he had been found liable not for “rape” but for “sexual assault,” under the detail of the law, in the E. Jean Carroll lawsuit.

Trump hasn’t just launched suits; he is succeeding in compromising our free press. ABC bent the knee, agreeing after Trump won and fearing for how Trump might misuse Presidential power, to pay Trump that \$16 million to settle the case involving Stephanopoulos, even though Trump had, in the view of experts, little chance of prevailing in court.

And last week, Bill Owens, the executive director of “60 Minutes,” resigned, citing encroachment of his journalistic independence in the face of mounting pressure from Paramount, CBS’s parent company, again potentially for fear of the misuse of Executive power that would compromise the success of Paramount.

A reported possible source of that pressure is from Shari Redstone, Paramount’s controlling shareholder, who is reportedly eager to settle this issue to secure the Trump administra-

tion’s approval for the multibillion-dollar sale of Paramount to Skydance.

Trump further pressured the press by playing favorites with access to White House events, barring the Associated Press from the White House press pool for continuing to use the name Gulf of Mexico instead of Gulf of America. It is a style manual question, and Trump doesn’t like that a free press can choose its own style.

A judge ruled on April 8 that, under the First Amendment, if the government opens its doors to some journalist, it cannot shut those doors to other journalists because of their viewpoints. The Constitution, the court said, requires no less. But a week later, the White House was still excluding AP from the press pool.

In yet another action against the press, Trump has silenced the Voice of America. The Voice of America was created to counter propaganda from authoritarian governments in the Second World War. The Voice of America has grown to be a powerful check on disinformation from authoritarian governments. It broadcasted in 40 languages, bringing facts to bear against that propaganda from those strongman states.

But now Trump has canceled that powerful counter to authoritarian governments around the world.

He is attacking free speech as well as the free press. Like many of us here, I was in the House Chamber last month for Trump’s State of the Union Address when he claimed to have “brought free speech back to America.” That is completely wrong. The opposite is true. He has sought to end free speech in America, taking control of content at the Kennedy Center, the Smithsonian museums, canceling programs, firing employees, even scrubbing Federal websites simply because of words he doesn’t like.

But most egregiously, Secretary of State Marco Rubio is using a 1952 Red Scare law—a McCarthyist law—to strip students and others of their visas and deport them, students like Mahmoud Khalil at Columbia University or Rumeysa Ozturk of Tufts University. Neither was accused of a crime. Both had simply exercised free speech. I think every Member here would have assumed that a student has the right to express their opinion on an issue because we are here in the United States of America.

You know, many of us grew up hearing the phrase: I disagree with what you say, but I will defend to the death your right to say it. That is the conviction behind free speech. I don’t like what you say. What you say even makes me angry. But I defend your right to say it. I defend your right to have that opinion because we live here in the United States of America, where we honor free speech.

It is the freedom of the individual, and it is an important check on power that people can express it, can express it without having their documents canceled, without being arrested as they

leave a classroom, not being swept off to some prison halfway across the country because you say something the government doesn't like. But all that has changed here in the United States of America because students who are saying things the government doesn't like are being swept off the street and transported halfway across the country and held in prisons in preparation to deport them.

This particular 1952 Red Scare McCarthyist law being used by the Secretary of State says an alien can be excluded if "the Secretary of State personally determines that the alien's admission would compromise a compelling [U.S.] foreign policy interest."

"[A] compelling [U.S.] foreign policy interest."

How does a student expressing an opinion on a campus somewhere compromise a compelling U.S. foreign policy interest? Does it compromise our foreign policy interests when I say I disagree with some foreign policy venture? I have said it about Democratic Presidents, that I disagree with them. I have said it about Republican Presidents, that I disagree with them. So has virtually every single Member of this Chamber. That is freedom of speech. And we don't expect or believe that compromises the United States; we think it makes it stronger to have an actual debate of ideas, opinions expressed and hopefully considered.

It is an extraordinary law that came from another era where free speech was under attack. It is an extraordinary power to have vested in one person—the Secretary of State—that power to punish free speech. It is a chilling attempt to silence free speech that presents viewpoints out of favor with this administration, and it is wrong. It is wrong under our Constitution.

I would hope that every single Member of this Chamber would share the view that when they hear someone speaking with whom they disagree, they would still stand and defend that person's right to say it.

Note that there was no due process for students Rubio disfavored, just as there was no due process for the Venezuelan immigrants Trump sent to El Salvador.

"Due process"—those two words. What does it mean? And maybe it sounds like legal mumbo-jumbo. Due process is the guardian of our freedom. It means you cannot be grabbed by the government at their will, tossed into a van, and thrown into a prison because they cannot do so, they cannot take away our liberty or our rights without a fair, public process. That defends our freedom.

It is about freedom, but this administration isn't about freedom. They are about power, authoritarian power, about creating a strongman state. If we want to preserve freedom, we damn well better defend due process vigorously.

The fifth authoritarian strategy by Trump is to target other power centers

in our communities, including law firms and universities.

Trump has attacked a host of major law firms, in some cases hamstringing the firms by suspending their national security clearances and therefore making them unable to represent their clients in key cases. He has done this to punish their past association with individuals or cases that threatened his power or to sway them from using their skills, their legal skills, in new efforts that might threaten that power.

The attacks that Trump has launched on law firms have generated some results. Skadden, Arps and Paul, Weiss have capitulated, agreeing, among other concessions, to end diversity policies and contribute millions of dollars of pro bono work to conservative clients. It is extortion. That is what this administration is involved in. They are using the power of the Presidency to take away the ability of law firms to operate in order to extort them to contribute free services to causes the President favors.

Well, these law firms—Skadden, Arps and Paul, Weiss—are not alone. As of a month ago, nine firms had surrendered, nine firms had bent the knee, agreeing to provide \$1 billion in pro bono legal work for causes preferred by this administration. Again, it is extortion, and it is misuse of the President's power.

But some of the law firms actually believe in an America where a President cannot exercise this sort of extortion. Perkins Coie, Jenner & Block, and WilmerHale have fought back. They are challenging Trump's authority to do this. Impressively, more than 500 other firms have stood with them, signing briefs denouncing Trump's extortion.

Trump and his team have also pressed to reshape policies at universities by launching investigations of their practices and freezing millions or billions in their Federal grants—\$510 million in Federal grants frozen at Brown University; \$175 million in grants frozen at the University of Pennsylvania; \$210 million frozen at Princeton; \$2.2 billion in Federal grants frozen at Harvard University.

Some universities, like Columbia University, have capitulated. Others, like Harvard and Princeton, are fighting back.

A sincere compliment to Princeton President Christopher Eisgruber, who published an op-ed in *The Atlantic* when the first attack occurred on Columbia University. He called on presidents to "speak up and litigate forcefully to protect their rights." He said: This won't be the last university that is attacked. Not soon after, his own university was attacked. He noted that this attack on universities is "the greatest threat to American universities since the Red Scare of the 1950s."

Looking back on these 100 days and these five strategies to convert a robust Republic, our robust Republic, with its checks and balances, into a

strongman state, it raises a number of questions—questions that I hope folks will ponder.

First, Trump nominated a man, Pete Hegseth, to be Secretary of Defense who is fabulously unqualified for the position. He fired several highly capable, top-tier military leaders, including Chairman of the Joint Chiefs, CQ Brown, and the Chief of Naval Operations, ADM Lisa Franchetti. These firings make plain that Trump doesn't value these professionals' management—nonpartisan management of our Armed Forces.

Is Trump seeking to fill these top tiers of our military with loyalists? If that is what he is up to—replacing these highly professional, impartial managers of our military enterprise with loyalists—what additional authoritarian risks does this pose for our Republic?

Second, what has the Supreme Court unleashed through its *Trump v. United States* decision? Last summer, less than a year ago, at the beginning of July 2024, the Supreme Court found some invisible ink in the Constitution. Grab your Constitution. Take a read of it. Where does it say in here that the President is above the law?

Our Founders were terrified that a President would try to become a King. They had just escaped one King; they didn't want another. Instead, they had a theory of the world: Equal justice under law—equal. For the powerful and the nonpowerful, for the rich and the nonrich, equal justice under law.

It is carved into the stone above the pillars of the Supreme Court, which, if you go out the doors I am pointing out to my right and you continue down the hallway, there is another set of doors, another set of stairs, and you can see the Supreme Court straight across from here, and you can read "equal justice under law." That is the principle. But I will tell you what—that Supreme Court last year decided no equal justice under the law. In fact, the President has complete immunity from committing a crime as long as he calls it a government act.

It is invisible ink in here somewhere, but I will tell you, the Founders are rolling over in their graves at this betrayal of the Constitution by this majority in the Supreme Court. Think about what they have done. You take this immunity from being accountable under the law and you pair it with pardon power, and you now have an entire executive branch that considers itself immune from the law, which helps explain some of the items I went over before—how there are deliberate and willful violations of law by this administration.

Quite a challenge for the future of our democracy has been created by the Supreme Court, but the Supreme Court will have a chance to redeem itself. It never really considered how the combination of the new power they found in invisible ink that a President is above the law combined with pardon

power has completely destroyed the foundation of law in our Nation—an executive that considers itself not accountable.

A third issue is the stretching of laws that really don't even begin to convey the power that Trump has claimed.

We are all aware of the tariffs that he is setting and tearing down day after day. Tariffs are up. Tariffs are down. Tariffs over here. Exceptions over there. Oh, iPhones? Too important. Let's create an exception. Oh, cars are too expensive. Let's create an exception. Who knows? It is certainly not a foundation for companies to invest in America because it is chaos.

He is using the 1977 International Emergency Economic Powers Act as a legal basis to set tariffs. But read the act. It says nothing about powers of tariffs, nothing that gives the President the ability to raise and lower tariffs on one fiat after another. It provides power for sanctions and seizures, not tariffs. It has never been used by any other President to set tariffs.

There is no precedent for it, and there is no language in the law that serves it.

Or let's see him reaching further back into history, using the 1798 Alien Enemies Act. That act was passed when our early Members of Congress were afraid that France would invade the United States, and they wanted to be able to deport French citizens who might help the French invasion, should it occur.

But Trump is using that as the legal basis for deporting Venezuelans, saying: There is an invasion of Venezuelans.

Well, clearly there is no invasion by the Venezuelan Government. This act was used, shamefully, in World War II, in particular, to lock up Japanese-Americans in concentration camps, and it is being used shamefully and inappropriately now.

It raises the question: What other ancient law is the President and Russell Vought going to dust off and use in a way that was never intended?

Whatever emergency power law—and there are 25, several dozen laws that provide emergency power—is the President going to dust off and say this gives me some additional ability? How might those laws be used in ways to reinforce the strongman state and erode our Nation?

And might the President invoke the power in article II, section 3, a power that is in the Constitution that says that the President can adjourn Congress? Of course, it was never intended to undermine the ability of laws to be crafted here or Congress to serve as a check on Executive power. It has never been used, in fact, by a President ever, but what is this President going to do with that power? Might he—given how he is stretching other laws, misapplying them in situations for which they were never intended—deliberately adjourn Congress to advance his goal of the strongman state?

And let's ponder a few questions that are specific to our Congress. Will Trump's impoundments and rescissions destroy the congressional process for drafting bipartisan spending bills? For fiscal year 2025, the year that started last October 1, the Senate Appropriations Committee passed 11 of the 12 spending bills out of committee in an overwhelmingly bipartisan fashion. In fact, most of them were passed unanimously out of committee.

That was possible because compromises were struck. Compromises were the priorities of both parties, compromises for priorities of different regions of the Nation with different concerns.

Just think about the difference in types of natural disasters that strike different parts of our country. Some States endure hurricanes, others grapple with earthquakes. The Pacific Northwest, where I come from, battles wildfires. Different parts of the country have different needs. Different parts of the country have desires to have those needs met, resulting in compromises in these spending bills.

But if Trump is allowed to impound the funds for programs for the priorities of his political opponents of either party, then that destroys the foundation for these compromises since no Senator can be assured that the deal they are striking—you get what you need, but you agree to help me get what I need for my part of the country—no one can be assured that that compromise will be honored.

Second, what is the most effective way for Congress to confront Trump's authoritarian exercise of power? In the second week of March, just a month ago, with the authority for government spending set to run out on March 15, the Senate Democrats had the ability to reject the spending bill written by the House Republicans that created a massive slush fund for Trump to use as he pleases to reward or punish specific States or specific congressional districts.

Some on the Democratic side of the aisle here in the Senate argued Democrats should not block this bill because it posed a potential shutdown, and that shutdown had political and policy risks, given that Trump might love the opportunity to operate a shoestring government with the President deciding what constitutes essential services.

Others on the Democratic side of the aisle here in the Senate argued differently, believing that the risk to our Nation was much greater if we let Trump's authoritarian ambitions go unopposed and that history teaches us that the best time to confront an authoritarian is right away, before he amasses even more power.

Both of these arguments had some merit. We will face this decision again soon when the existing continuing resolution runs out on September 30. That will be a critical moment for Congress to confront the President and not hand him more power. We should be preparing for that moment now.

A third question specific to the operation of Congress: Over the next several months, the national policy debates are likely to be dominated by Republican pursuit of a reconciliation bill, a fancy term for a bill that has a special fast-track, simple majority, no filibuster path through the Senate. This bill is designed to cut \$2 trillion from programs families use to thrive—healthcare, housing, education, good-paying jobs—gifts \$2 trillion in tax breaks to the richest Americans. So families lose and billionaires, they win. That is the philosophy of this bill.

It also abandons the use of non-partisan calculations of how much a specific policy will cost and instead decides to engage in smoke and mirrors so the American public won't realize what is being done. And it will explode the national debt, adding 7 trillion of additional debt over 10 years and 52 trillion of additional debt over 30 years. Families lose; millionaires win. And America's future is deeply damaged, perhaps drowned in an ocean of red ink created by this bill.

You know, it was stunning at the inauguration, the one that happened just down this hallway in the Rotunda, to see President Trump with a lineup of billionaires standing behind him. Some countries would call this oligarchs—oligarchs standing behind him.

Will Congress really pass a bill that takes away 2 trillion from families to give 2 trillion in tax breaks to the very richest Americans to buy the support of oligarchs? Is that what we are headed to—a strongman state in which Congress acquiesces in buying the support of the oligarchs?

We saw this happen just yesterday and today. Amazon was going to put up honest impacts on its website saying how much Trump's tariffs would add to the cost of products so people could see why they were being charged so much for things that were much cheaper a little while ago, but Trump in this relationship with the oligarchs called up Jeff Bezos, the owner of Amazon, and said: That is bad for me. Don't do it.

Here is what is going on. Trump is doing what is good for the oligarchs, 2 trillion in tax breaks for the richest Americans, and then he is asking them to do his bidding, and that includes not being honest with the American people about the impact of his tariffs.

The first hundred days of Trump's administration has made clear that his quest for authoritarian power is a threat to the framework of our Constitution, to the separation of powers, to the checks and balances that must be fiercely resisted, fiercely resisted by Congress.

And I call my colleagues across the aisle: Remember your oath is to the Constitution. You did not take an oath to the President of the United States, not to one individual. That is what people do when they kneel to a King, and we are not a kingdom. We are a Republic, fiercely resisted by the courts, fiercely resisted by the people through

mass action. The press needs to channel AP, not CBS. The universities need to channel Harvard, which is resisting, not Columbia that bent the knee. The law firms need to channel Perkins Coie, not Paul, Weiss, which capitulated.

And to the American people across the country who are angry and disturbed by what is happening, who want to stop this authoritarian takeover, I have three suggestions:

Get off the couch. You can't help change the world curled up in a fetal position on your couch.

Second, fiercely hold your elected representatives accountable with your phone calls, with your mail, with your demonstrations outside their office. Hold your representatives accountable. That is what you get to do in a free nation.

And, third, join affinity groups. Being angry and frustrated alone is depressing. Being angry and organized with others is energizing and effective.

Next year, the United States of America will celebrate its 250th anniversary. Let it be a celebration of our determination and our effectiveness in confronting and turning back Trump's authoritarian assault, a celebration of the reenergization of our constitutional framework and the vision of government by the people, not by the powerful.

We are participants in a 250-year relay of democracy, where the responsibility to govern ourselves has been handed from one generation to the next. We inherited it from our parents and our grandparents. Let's pass it on to your children and our grandchildren.

When Ben Franklin was leaving the Constitutional Convention, he was asked: What type of government do we have?

He responded:

A republic, if you can keep it.

Let's keep it.

THE PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Minnesota.

Ms. KLOBUCHAR. Mr. President, we are closing things out here till midnight, but I do want to thank my colleague from Oregon for his passion for this country.

We all do dream of that world where, in fact, the people in this country can once more have a say in what is happening; that we do not have this chaos that is actually not what they bought into.

I just came back from a 19-county trip across my State, and people came up to me all the time and said: You know, I voted for you, and I voted for Donald Trump. But I voted for him because I thought he was going to bring costs down. That is not what is happening right now. Or I thought he was going to do something about housing because we don't have enough housing in rural Minnesota. Or I thought he was going to do something about childcare.

They actually, understandably, thought it because it was the stuff that

he talked about in the campaign. But that is not what has happened in these first 100 days. In fact, what do we have? We have got costs are up; ask anyone in the grocery aisles. Corruption is up; look at the budget being proposed, \$50 million in tax cuts for millionaires. And, yes, chaos is up.

Sadly, retirement savings are down. When you look at what has been happening with the market, we haven't seen this kind of decline in the first 100 days—I don't think it has been since Richard Nixon that we have seen this kind of a drop.

So in his campaign, the President promised "to lower prices on day one." Instead, Americans are paying more today than we did on January 20. And then you look at the tariff taxes: \$4,000, \$4,000 per family, \$200 of that an increase in groceries. That is what it is; it is a tariff tax.

At the pharmacy, prescription drugs will cost Americans an extra \$70 a year, and clothing prices will soar more than \$900 a year.

Look, Elon Musk is going to be able to afford that. Millionaires, billionaires, OK, they can afford this doubling of certain prescriptions. They can afford things going up at the grocery store. Agriculture prices going up like they were—they can afford that. But regular people, people who aren't in the Trump Cabinet, can't afford that.

When you talk to people out there—I am not talking about activists, as much as I am excited that they are showing up at things. I am just talking about people that maybe have never even gone to a townhall meeting before.

I had one case where a farmer was sitting next to a woman who had one of the signs that said "This is not normal." She is right, it is not normal, but he didn't know what that meant.

He said to her: I am normal. What do you mean?

She said: No, it is not normal.

Well, he wasn't an activist. He was just someone that is worried that his whole life's work is going to go to waste because he is a soybean farmer, and that market is going to dry up where he sells his soybeans in China because, guess what, they are going to look to buy from Brazil.

People are worried about costs and their own families. They are worried about healthcare access and the impact of Trump's tariff taxes on the economy; people who live on fixed incomes, and suddenly those costs are ballooning or they saved in a 401(k) or some other retirement savings, and that has gone down to where they didn't expect it. Then they try to call Social Security to figure out what they are going to get or they are getting or they have a spouse who died.

One man who I met with—I could not believe his story. He has worked with Social Security before. His wife died in January after a long illness, and he emailed, and they asked for his fingerprint. He couldn't do that online, but

he kept emailing. Then he called. Then he finally had to drive into Brainerd, MN, to get to the office. Then he finally ended up having to call our office, and we figured it out for him. That is happening now.

I think about the businesswoman Beth Benike from southern Minnesota. She is an Army veteran and the owner of a little company called Busy Baby and this year's Minnesota Small Business Person of the Year. She is feeling really good about that. She has a business where she gets mats for highchairs so these little babies can't throw things over. Many of us who are moms remember that. All of a sudden, in come those tariffs.

So some big businesses and their CEOs have a red carpet to the White House. You know, Tim Cook—I am glad he saved his phones. But he is able to make a call to the President at any time, and he can go in there. Beth Benike at Busy Baby doesn't know the President's number. She can't just waltz in there. She can't just go and make a call and make sure that they are going to take care and make an exemption for her Busy Baby gear.

Maybe the other ones got to go to that special, secret investment meeting at J.P. Morgan with the Treasury Secretary. That soybean farmer at the townhall meeting was not invited to that meeting. The owner of Busy Baby was not invited to that meeting. So they don't actually know. Maybe they revealed what countries are close to trade agreements.

Today, the Commerce Secretary claimed he has an agreement with a secret country—his words—secret agreement. But my constituents who are living on the margin, who, maybe because of input costs for their business or their farms or their ranches or because of a weather event for farmers or because of avian flu for some of our poultry producers—they are just on the edge. They are on the edge, and they just barely make it every year or maybe one year, they have a really good year.

But these tariffs for them came out of nowhere. They actually never would have believed that this would have been going on as long as it has.

You know, one of the problems is that even if it gets fixed, a lot of those markets may not come back because we have become undependable to other countries.

If we continue along this path, as we have already seen—the farmers told me: Sometimes, because we need consistency, we figure out what crop we are going to plant, what seeds we are going to plant. But we are really not sure. It is a guess for us now because we don't know about soybeans with China or ethanol—40 percent goes to Canada. But we don't know which ones we are going to get the trade agreement with.

They need consistency.

So what happens when they don't have that consistency? Well, they

freeze their investments. They don't buy new stock. They kind of keep what they have. Who loses out? Customers will lose out, yes, but the people that work there lose out. They start laying people off. That is what you are seeing. There are more announcements today about laying people off.

The supply chains get messed up. They don't know—one of my major manufacturers, about 20 percent of their parts come from China, but they employ nearly 10,000 people in America, and they put stuff together. They don't know which parts are going to be available or not because they probably don't get them directly from one company. They don't get them directly from China; they get them from someone in the middle who doesn't know if they are going to get them. There is an incredibly complex supply chain in this country.

We learned during the pandemic the hard way, the sad way, what happens when that supply chain gets messed up. If just one thing is missing, a piece of a part that goes on some furniture manufactured in North Carolina, but they need some parts from somewhere else, then you can't have it at the room and board in Minneapolis. That is what got messed up during that time with the supply chains.

Those were the simplest examples.

When you have this intricate supply chain, as leaders of this country, when we take out things like tariffs, we do it in a targeted fashion, but we also do it in a smart way, and the best way to do it is with trade agreements.

One of the things that always confused me about the President going after Canada the way he has—we congratulate Prime Minister Carney, who just won his election. One of the things that really confused me about these attacks on one of our biggest allies, the incredible country of Canada—the attack of calling it our 51st State—it was this country, Canada, that fought alongside our soldiers in two world wars; it was this country, Canada, that was there as the first ones on the ground outside of America after 9/11; it was this country, Canada, that, on their Embassy, had draped for years, when others sometimes didn't even want to admit they were America's friend, "friend, ally, partner." That is the country you are going to mess around with?

In my State, it is the top trading partner, and it actually eclipses the next three added together. This is the State—my State—that is the fourth biggest ag-exporting State in the country, that has multiple Fortune 500 companies but also has very successful small- and medium-size businesses.

So that is the messing around and the chaos we are talking about. That creates a situation where some of our best friends who love coming to America for vacations—they will go to Minnesota to go fishing even though they have a lot of lakes in Canada. They will go to Vegas. They will go to our na-

tional parks. They will go to New York City. They will go to see one of their Canadian hockey teams play an American hockey team. But do you know what is happening now? They are not just booing at those hockey games. What is happening now is they are canceling their trips, so they are not coming at all. It is viewed as a sign of patriotism because of what President Trump has been saying about the people in their country. They are predicting a 70-percent reduction in Canadians coming to America.

I was just up in a small town on the North Shore of Lake Superior in Minnesota. They have already seen like 15 percent down in just 1 month in border crossings. Average tourists, when they visit from another country, spend \$4,000 in our country. That is going to restaurants—waitresses, waiters, jobs, chefs. That is money spent on going to small community theaters or going to the Mall of America in Bloomington, MN. That has a huge number, in normal—normal—conditions, of Canadian visitors.

That is the mess just with one country. I could use similar examples with Mexico—40 percent of corn to Mexico. I could use examples from some of our best allies—Japan, South Korea, Europe—countries that have stood with us through thick and thin. But just slap a tariff on it, and say it is paused but keep it in place. What is this going to do to, yes, our national security but also to our relations with the rest of the world?

That is why, when you see these public opinion polls, two-thirds of Americans say they don't like these tariffs or tariff taxes across the board—so many polls in the last week assessing these 100 days. Americans say they don't like the way Donald Trump has handled this economy—nearly two-thirds of them say that. His approval rating is down to lower than any President in the last 80 years since they started to do polling. People have noticed. It is their livelihoods.

Unfortunately—I would love to tell them: Hey, that is going to turn around tomorrow. They have these secret deals. They are going to negotiate.

I don't actually believe that anymore. I never really did.

But then to compound everything, you have this billionaire budget going on. To pay for these tax cuts—I think it is \$37 trillion total in 30 years, but when you take out the tax cuts for people making under \$400,000—some of the ones that I strongly support—when you take those out, you are left with about \$25 trillion. You have \$25 trillion added debt in those 30 years.

What is it all about? How are we going to find ways they think will pay for these tax cuts for these millionaires and billionaires? Well, why not do it on the backs of working Americans? Because that is the proposal from over in the House, where they have suggested hundreds of millions of dollars—something like \$800 billion—\$800 billion. And

the way they have done it, the Congressional Budget Office has looked at it, and they say the only way this will work is if you make reductions to Medicaid. Eighty million Americans are on Medicaid. In my State, one out of two people in nursing homes is on Medicaid. One out of five people overall in our State is on Medicaid for their healthcare.

One constituent from Mora, MN, told me that Medicaid helps her afford a direct-support professional for one of her daughters who has a complex developmental disability. You have people who are in nursing homes.

This is what is interesting about this. It is not just our seniors who are on Medicaid; it is our family members. When my dad got sick late in his life—he lived into his nineties—he was in a nursing home. I knew exactly the day his savings were going to run out. We calculated it because we knew that the place he was staying didn't take Medicaid. I knew the exact day, the exact week, the exact month we were going to move him. We were going to move him to Catholic Charities. They said they would take him. It was about a year after he died that that date hit, but I knew that date. So many families know exactly what I am talking about. That is real—if we start messing around with Medicaid—the effect that is going to have on families.

Then there is food assistance, which is big-time on the chopping block. I think the farm bill estimates for the Senate bill would be about \$1 billion down, but in the House, it is \$230 billion. Food assistance for 42 million Americans, including 16 million children, 8 million seniors, and 1 million veterans is on the chopping block.

If you cut that in this reconciliation bill, if that gets cut under the Trump budget and it gets transferred to the States—Texas alone—let's say you have 20 percent. That is a number that was thrown out in the House. Texas would have to take out of the State budget over \$1 billion. This is in part because of the escalating costs of groceries—\$18 billion overall for the Nation.

When we talk about costs being up, we talk about real people, not just what is happening with Wall Street and the shock it meant to the market and the stocks going down. It is real people and their livelihoods.

What else is up? Chaos is up. Yes, the billionaires' budget is cruel, but so is the chaos that people are experiencing every day.

Social Security—I used that one example already. They proposed stopping phone service on a number of Social Security claims. There was so much pushback from AARP and seniors, I heard that they rolled it back some, but it still does not allow the phone answerers for certain things.

I mentioned the widower, the 79-year-old from Crosslake who couldn't get the Social Security benefits after his wife died. That is unacceptable.

They have also attacked food safety inspections, cutting medical research out there, of course, when all those probationary employees were fired and then, of course, brought back because of court orders because this wasn't legal, because we in Congress, Democrats and Republicans—a Republican-run House and a Democratic-run Senate—had actually authorized that money and put a budget together that passed the Congress and was signed into law.

Servicemembers, classified battle plans on unclassified Signal chats, releasing the address of a secret CIA facility, sharing the names of 200 CIA officers in an unclassified email, planning to lay off 80,000 employees from the Department of Veterans Affairs—that will, of course, increase wait times. You can't decimate this. You could—as a CEO would do, you could go in there and say: OK. How can I do more with less? Where do I want to move employees? What are my important priorities?

That is not what happened. DOGE came in there and did this before most of those Cabinet members were even in.

When our soldiers sign up to serve, when people in this country want to serve our country, there is not a waiting line; and when they come home to the United States of America and they need their benefits, they need a job, they need healthcare, they need a place to live, there should never be a waiting line in the United States of America.

But no amount of chaos has blinded Americans to this issue of corruption. There have been attacks on the rule of law, attacks on our Constitution, attacks on our system of checks and balances. Of course, as I have discussed before, one of the President's first acts was to pardon those who attacked law enforcement heroes, who defended our democracy and the Capitol on January 6. He has used our justice system to reward friends and punish who he considers his enemies. I have multiple examples of this.

I think of one guy Chris Krebs, who was running the Agency that made sure that our cyber was safe, that our elections were safe. He did this during the last Trump administration, and he did a good job. He worked with the military, and he came out of this and said after that election that, in fact, it was a safe election. It was exactly what Bill Barr, President Trump's Attorney General at the time, said—that it was safe. This made the President mad. He fired Chris Krebs. All of a sudden, just in the last month, he mentions Chris Krebs again—the guy who had the audacity to make sure that our elections were not broken into by a foreign country, that we didn't have data stolen—and he says he should be investigated.

Or how about the taking away of security clearances on people whom he doesn't like? Or how about just deciding “this university I am going to go after, not this one. I will go after that one. I will go after that one.” One of

the things I have seen that I believe we didn't see at the beginning of all of this that is worth noting is more and more other universities that aren't being targeted have come together, all signing a letter saying: No. This isn't right. Or law firms, the ones who aren't being targeted, saying: Wait a minute. This isn't the rule of law. You should be able to represent clients even if they are people you don't agree with.

I have been at law firms. I know what this is like. I may not agree with every client that our law firm represented. And I have also been in politics. I might not like a story that was written about me. I might not like what has happened in a certain race, but I don't go after the media and say that they are enemies of the state, which is what the President's FBI Director did.

The President has also—as you know, while the administration has agreed with some court orders—OK. Great. It is important for probably most of them—they just pick out ones they are not going to agree with here and there. That is not how the law works.

Access to personal financial data that was given to Elon Musk and illegally firing independent watchdogs from the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau and the Consumer Product Safety Commission to inspectors general, to the FTC. Why would you fire the very people who are rooting out the waste and fraud that you claim you want to root out? In 2023 alone—I will use the example of the FTC—the FTC returned more than \$330 million to consumers who lost money from scams and deceptive business practices.

We always had a Commission and Commissioners from both parties. They didn't always agree on everything, but it was actually a functioning Agency. They are actually the ones who are bringing that case against Meta right now, which was supported by both Republican and Democratic Commissioners. Unfortunately, the President fired the two Democratic Commissioners illegally. They are contesting it, but that happened.

Another example: Since it was established just 14 years ago, the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau has returned more than \$21 billion to Americans. Why would you want to get rid of that? President Trump is attacking these consumer watchdogs while giving Musk deals and while giving tax breaks and tariff exemptions to those who just happen to have a connection to be able to get them.

This is not what the American people voted for. The American people might disagree greatly on issues, but they did not vote for costs going up. That is for certain. They wanted costs to go down. They did not vote for someone who is engaging in: Hey, I am going to get rid of this person because I don't like him. I am going to cut off this grant because I don't like it. I don't like this program, even though Congress authorized it. Even though it is illegal to stop it, I am going to try.

They didn't vote for that, and they certainly didn't vote for this chaos. Life is hard enough right now without having this chaos.

So what is happening? The courts and the Congress are constituents. That is what is happening. So when you look at these court cases across the country, there have been over 200 so far. There have been over 100 instances where judges—and this is really important to know that there are major cases handled by judges appointed by President Trump himself where those judges said: No. This is wrong. Under our laws, this is wrong and under our Constitution.

There have been cases by Bush judges and, yes, Reagan judges, including a very recent one by Judge Wilkinson, who is a revered conservative judge on the circuit court, who upheld the district court's decision and said the district court judge had done the right thing under the law when it came to the wrongful deportation of a man who they have now admitted was a mistake. They have made very clear that he shouldn't have been deported, that it was a mistake. Then when they tell him that they should, in fact, remedy their mistake by bringing him back and U.S. Senator CHRIS VAN HOLLEN actually went to the country to get his constituent and was able to meet with him, it became very clear they could get that guy who was mistakenly deported back. That is called when you follow the law and you do the right thing, because, in America, the President is not King. The law is King.

How else do we hold them accountable? Congress. We are holding people accountable when we do oversight hearings, but now we just avoid it. We hold them accountable when we have votes, just like had happened on the Canada tariff bill that Senators KAINE and WARNER and I put forward. It basically said the President didn't have the authority to say there was an emergency at the Canadian border, because there wasn't. Four of our Republican colleagues stood up—Senators COLLINS and MURKOWSKI, whose States border with Canada, and then Senator RAND PAUL and Senator MITCH MCCONNELL, in Kentucky, which does a lot of ag. I know they have a lot of soybeans; they have a lot of exports; they also have bourbon that was being taken off the shelves, Kentucky bourbon, in the country of Canada. They understand that that is really hitting their constituents in a big way, and they stood up when it came to tariffs. It passed. Now it is sitting over there in the House of Representatives in the Speaker's freezer somewhere next to the frozen peas. I don't know, but nothing is happening right now on that, and it should, because we should actually have votes on this. Then if the President wants to veto it, go ahead. Then we could override his veto if people stood up, and this madness would stop about the Canadian tariffs. We could go

back. We are not saying we don't negotiate things. Negotiate them in the reauthorization of the USMCA, which was one of the President's crown jewels when he negotiated that. I supported it. But why not do it that way instead of rubberstamping everything that he does?

We are also doing this with our constituents by our side, and this means, to me, yes, some of the loudest voices in the room with the big townhalls and people at the microphone. Someone I ran into the other day who was not used to politics called them open mic events. Yeah, those are happening, but what is more important to me is some of the smaller ones in small towns of 1,000 people, in rural towns, with people showing up from local businesses, with people showing up from the Farmers Union, from the Farm Bureau, with people explaining what is going on in their lives in a real way, people telling the stories of trying to call Social Security. Or the two women I met who are in the middle of cancer trials that have been incredibly successful, and no one gave them a chance to live at the University of Minnesota, and they went through this cancer trial, and now they don't know what is going to happen because, while some of those cuts were put off, when you start threatening the universities, when you start threatening the funding that makes those cancer trials possible, when you have so much chaos and you want people to leave and you gave them all these buyouts and you say: Please go away, they are going to find other jobs, especially people in the medical profession where we know it is hard to keep people because they have other opportunities.

That word "opportunity" is really what people ask me about. What do you think we are not talking about enough when it comes to this chaos? You know, maybe we are not talking enough about what is going on in the world. I think people are starting to do that. But I think what people are not talking enough about is this opportunity that we are squandering away because of the mapping of the human genome.

Because of the investments Democrats and Republicans made together the last 11 years, every year we have increased funding to NIH—this incredible development of personalized medicine. So when you find out you have cancer, they can better figure out what your treatment should be and try to use the least invasive procedure possible, as happened to me, so that you can get through this with the breast cancer, with a lumpectomy, and you can get through it with just 5 days of radiation. You can be back at work that night. You may be a little tired, but you can.

That never would have happened 20 years ago. I don't know if I would even have been standing here. But because we invested as a country in the technology and in the work that had to be

done, we are where we are, and now we are on the cusp, thanks to that mapping of the human genome, the personalized medicine, all the information we are gathering, and, yes, AI, if done and used professionally and ethically. We are on the cusp of leading the world again when it comes to curing rare diseases and when it comes to the next great big thing.

But that is not going to happen if we suddenly pull back, and people start quitting all of our research facilities and go do their clinical trials in other countries because it is more dependable, which is what is happening right now. That is not going to happen if FDA inspectors—which it is very hard to get these doctors and medical professionals who can look at medical devices and make a decision. That is not all going to happen if they start leaving because of the negativity coming from the White House about their work, because of the forced departures, because the incentives put in place cannot keep them there, which is what we should be doing rather than incentivizing them to leave.

On the day of the inauguration, I had the opportunity to speak for, like, 4 minutes, and I picked every word really carefully. I knew it was an important event. I knew what my role was—I would have done it no matter who won—but on that day, I made three points, and I think they are still more relevant than ever. I wanted to pick three things that I thought would stand the test of time.

The first was that, before this and certainly now, our democracy has been a hot mess. There is a mess of division, and I think it has gotten much worse. But it is our job as citizens, especially as elected Representatives, to be the "shelter from the storm," to quote Bob Dylan, a great Minnesotan. A shelter from the storm—that is what our democracy should be: a place where people civilly debate things and come up with a compromise and get through all this, and it is still on all of us, especially in the U.S. Senate—what has been called the world's great deliberative body—to do that.

The second thing: In America, the inauguration is not held in a gilded palace. It is not held in an executive office building. It is held in the "People's House." It is held in the Congress for a reason because we have three equal branches of government. That means we have a court that decides the law. That means we have a Congress that should be able to show its weight. And all of these Representatives, duly elected in each State and each congressional district over in the House—and show its authority on behalf of the people whom we represent. That means taking on these tariffs and votes. That means making sure this is a fair budget for the people of this country.

And the third and final thing that I believe will stand the test of time is, remember that day in the Rotunda and there were all those powerful billion-

aires in that room and there were also the people's representatives in that room, but the thing that we had in common, from a freshman Member of the House of Representatives to the President of the United States that day, is the power did not come from within that room; the power came from outside of that room, from the people.

So what you are seeing right now in the form of, yes, townhalls, also in the form of rallies, yes, but also in the form of regular people writing our offices, burning up the phone lines, showing up at events, talking to you at a grocery store, talking to you on Main Street, and they are saying: This is not OK, Senator; this is not OK, Representative; I need you to do something about it. That is the power of the people from outside this building. That is the power of the people who gave us the honor of serving in this building.

So as we look at these first 100 days of this chaos, of these costs going up, of the retirement funds going down, we still have to remember why we are here. So instead of throwing our hands up in the air, either side, and saying: Oh, what can I do? This is our moment in the U.S. Senate to stand up, our moment to stand up on tariffs, our moment to stand up on this budget. All we need is, like, four Republicans in the House of Representatives to stand up and say "enough is enough" and listen to their constituents instead of rubberstamping what this President wants. This is truly our moment to do that.

With that, I yield the floor.

MORNING BUSINESS

REMEMBERING JAY BYERS

Mr. GRASSLEY. Mr. President, on Maundy Thursday, the Lord called home one of Iowa's best and brightest civic leaders and a beloved husband and father. A native son of northwest Iowa, Jay Byers passed away at age 54.

Maundy is derived from the Latin term *mandatum*, which means commandment. On the night before His betrayal and arrest, Jesus gave his disciples a "new commandment" to love one another as he had loved them, John 13:34. By all accounts, Jay's life was deeply rooted in servant leadership. He lived his life in service to his family and to others, sharing his outsized leadership gifts to make his community, his alma mater, and his State a better place.

I was honored to know Jay for several decades—first, as a congressional staffer to Congressman Leonard Boswell and later as he joined and eventually took the helm of the Greater Des Moines Partnership. In this leadership capacity, our paths would cross many times over the course of a decade to collaborate on issues important to the 11 counties and affiliated chambers for whom he spearheaded priorities, including the partnership's annual visit to Washington, DC.

Through these meetings, I was impressed by Jay's professionalism, energy, and ability to motivate others around him to find common ground for the common good. You might say he was a force of nature who lifted up others through sheer grit and determination. I could always spot him in a crowd wearing his signature bow tie. When he served as president and CEO of the Greater Des Moines Partnership, the organization experienced unprecedented growth, expanding to more than 6,500 members. That growth enabled Jay to flex political muscle and put in the work to achieve game-changing investment in the metropolitan area, including recreational amenities, job growth, and big-ticket infrastructure wins, including the new Des Moines International Airport terminal.

A couple of years ago, Jay took on a new challenge to become president of his alma mater Simpson College in Indianola. Once again, Jay brought the Midas touch and made an immediate impact with faculty, staff, students, and alumni. During his first year on the job, Simpson saw its largest first-year student enrollment in more than a decade and increased first-year student retention. I have no doubt that Jay's energy was contagious on campus. He leaned into the Wesleyan values of faith, learning, and service in his professional and personal life.

His character, work ethic, and loyalty were shaped from an early age. From his days as a musician and an athlete in high school to playing intramural games as a law student at the University of Iowa, to what probably seemed like herding cats in the capital city of Des Moines, Jay embodied the Lord's commandment: to see the goodness in others and to love one another.

His distinguished accomplishments and professional accolades were hard-earned and well-deserved. As the dean of the Iowa congressional delegation, I am proud to say Jay made Iowa a better place.

Barbara and I extend our sympathies to the Byers family and loved ones, including his wife Katie and daughters Sophie and Charlotte. May the ones he loved the most, and who are hurting the most with their loss, find peace in knowing this servant of the Lord is resting in Eternal peace.

VOTE EXPLANATION

Mr. BOOZMAN. Mr. President, had I been present and voting on rollcall vote No. 210, motion to invoke cloture on Executive Calendar No. 75, Lt. Gen. John D. Caine (Retired) to be Major General in the Air Force, I would have voted yea.

Had I been present and voting on rollcall vote No. 211, confirmation of Executive Calendar No. 75, Lt. Gen. John D. Caine (Retired) to be Major General in the Air Force, I would have voted yea.

Had I been present and voting on rollcall vote No. 212, motion to invoke

cloture on Executive Calendar No. 74, Lt. Gen. John D. Caine (Retired) to be General for appointment as Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, I would have voted yea.

Had I been present and voting on rollcall vote No. 213, confirmation of Executive Calendar No. 74, Lt. Gen. John D. Caine (Retired) to be General for appointment as Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, I would have voted yea.

VOTE EXPLANATION

Mr. BLUMENTHAL. Mr. President, earlier today, I was unable to vote on Executive Calendar No. 80, David Perdue to be Ambassador to the People's Republic of China, due to my attendance as ranking member at a Senate Veterans' Affairs Committee hearing on mental health care for veterans. I would have opposed Mr. Perdue's confirmation had I been present for the vote, rollcall vote No. 215.

RECOGNIZING APRIL 29 AS #ENDJEWHATRED DAY

Mr. SCOTT of Florida. Mr. President, I rise today to recognize #EndJewHatred Day and to affirm my unwavering support for the Jewish community in Florida, across the United States, and around the world. For millennia, the Jewish people have preserved their religious, cultural, and ethnic identity in the face of persecution, enslavement, genocide, discrimination, and unimaginable adversity. Since the arrival of the first Jewish immigrants to America in 1654, Jewish Americans have made extraordinary contributions to every facet of American life—strengthening our culture, economy, and society.

This alarming trend has inspired a growing grassroots civil rights movement, End Jew Hatred, dedicated to making antisemitism and Jew-hatred unacceptable in contemporary American society. This movement empowers Jews to live openly and proudly, celebrating their heritage without fear of discrimination or attack. On April 29, 2022, the first official #EndJewHatred Day was recognized, marking a national commitment to ending anti-Semitism and building a future free from hatred and bigotry.

Today, I join in that commitment. We must stand firmly against anti-Semitism in all its forms, affirm the inherent dignity of every individual, and ensure that the lessons of history are never forgotten. Therefore, I am proud to recognize April 29 as #EndJewHatred Day, and I call upon all Americans to condemn Jew-hatred, to speak out against anti-Semitism, and to work toward a future of respect, security, and freedom for the Jewish people.

TRIBUTE TO SENIOR MASTER SERGEANT MARTHA ADELAJA

Mr. HICKENLOOPER. Mr. President, I rise today to honor a great American and an exceptional member of the U.S. Air Force, SMSgt Martha Adelaja.

A true champion for our Nation and expert communicator, this New York native and Spelman College graduate brings 21 years of distinguished uniformed service. She has consistently demonstrated exemplary leadership and an unparalleled ability to navigate complex legislative landscapes in service to our country and the 116th, 117th, 118th, and 119th U.S. Congresses. She left an indelible mark as the first bicameral Department of the Air Force legislative liaison, providing that vital link between Congress and the Department as she effectively advocated for critical defense priorities. Throughout her military career, she has demonstrated exceptional and unrivaled airmanship and is the epitome of what a noncommissioned officer should be. As an Army combat veteran prior to her transition to the Air Force in 2007, her career spans two services in numerous of positions critical to U.S. defense and its national security interests worldwide.

As a legislative liaison and action officer in the Department of the Air Force's Senate liaison division, she advised Department senior leadership and helped develop strategic engagement opportunities to advance U.S. Air Force and U.S. Space Force priorities. Her leadership facilitated seamless collaboration on behalf of the Department of the Air Force across 62 congressional offices, serving as the principal Air Force liaison to 17 Senators and their respective staffs. She supported numerous engagements and delegations spanning 150 Senators, Congressmen, and staffers to showcase Department equities in the United States and abroad. Most notably, her strategic acumen was instrumental in navigating congressional concerns regarding the Air Force's divestment of 261 legacy aircraft and securing \$2.6 billion in cost savings, significantly strengthening the Air Force and Senate relations prior to congressional hearings. Her efforts synchronized nine Department of the Air Force directorates with 98 congressional staffers for modernization efforts and ensured the Department of the Air Force's support of the National Defense Strategy in our return to Great Power Competition.

Senior Master Sergeant Adelaja spearheaded international delegations of congressional members, showcasing critical Air Force capabilities and strengthening partnerships at key events like the bicameral Reagan National Defense Forum. Through her tireless efforts, Senior Master Sergeant Adelaja secured direct engagement between Members of Congress and key decision-makers, including the Secretary of the Air Force, resulting in successful advancements of critical Air Force initiatives. Drawing on her deep understanding of Space Force requirements,

Senior Master Sergeant Adelaja successfully championed the Department of the Air Force's position on future space-based missile warning capabilities, ensuring congressional alignment on this critical national security priority.

Finally, as the sole enlisted representative in the Department of the Air Force Senate liaison office, she effectively advocated for Department priorities. Collaborating with U.S. Space Command she arranged seven visits to Colorado Space Force bases in 2024 for key decision-makers, highlighting the quality-of-life concerns of guardians. Her efforts secured a significant \$42.9 billion investment in quality-of-life programs, including a 4.5-percent pay raise. Due to her direct involvement and stewardship, Members of Congress were able to make informed decisions and ensured the Department of the Air Force was properly resourced and funded.

After serving in this crucial role and becoming a fixture on Capitol Hill, SMSgt Martha Adelaja will move on to serve as the congressional liaison for the newly established Integrated Capabilities Command, Headquarters Air Force, Pentagon, Arlington, VA. She has sacrificed much in service to our Nation. I am thankful for Martha's service and her work with my office and the Senate over the past year on issues of vital importance to the defense of the United States. I salute this American patriot whose selfless service has kept our country safe and strong.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

TRIBUTE TO CAPTAIN SCOTT KRUEGER

• Mr. BANKS. Mr. President, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Captain Scott Krueger on the completion of his tenure as president of the Indiana State Police Alliance. As president, Captain Krueger represented over 1,200 active Indiana State Troopers.

Captain Krueger has proudly served the State of Indiana for 25 years, following in the footsteps of his father as a dedicated member of the Indiana State Police.

The Indiana State Police Alliance champions the values of integrity, superior quality, outstanding service, teamwork, mutual respect, and accountability. It is clear why Captain Krueger was chosen to lead this esteemed organization; he not only understands these values, he embodies them.

On behalf of a grateful State, I thank Captain Krueger for his service and leadership. Indiana is better and safer because of his dedication. I wish you the very best in your continued career.●

TRIBUTE TO LOUISE "SAMMIE" McCLELLAND

• Mr. CASSIDY. Mr. President, I celebrate Louise "Sammie" McClelland,

who turned 105 years old this month on April 14. She still lives on her own and spends her days reading, swimming, and attending mass. You would hardly guess she is Jefferson Davis Parish's oldest resident.

Her joy and adventurous spirit have not dimmed despite living through some of the most difficult periods in American history. During the Great Depression, Mrs. McClelland helped her family by sewing clothes, gardening, fishing, cooking, and caring for her younger siblings.

Mrs. McClelland later left home to pursue a degree at LSU and, subsequently, an impressive teaching career. She served her community for 35 years as a teacher, educating the next generation of Louisiana's leaders.

Now living in Elton, LA, Mrs. McClelland remains steadfast in her faith and thankful that the Lord continues to bless her with the things and people she needs to live well. Mrs. McClelland's fearlessness and hard work, combined with her deep faith in God, make her a true embodiment of what makes Louisiana so wonderful, and we could all learn from her example.

When asked the secret to her long life, she replied, "Eat right, follow God's rule, and exercise." What great advice.●

RECOGNIZING BLOOMSBURY FARM

• Ms. ERNST. Mr. President, as chair of the Senate Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship, each week I recognize an outstanding Iowa small business that exemplifies the American entrepreneurial spirit. This week, it is my privilege to recognize Bloomsbury Farm of Atkins, IA, as the Senate Small Business of the Week.

In 1995, Karen and Dave Petersen opened Bloomsbury Farm on their 2,000 acres, which has been in Dave's family since 1856. In addition to farming corn and soybeans, Karen expanded into floral and landscaping designs, and the couple repurposed a cattle shed on the farm to grow the business further. Early on, Bloomsbury Farms primarily sold floral arrangements for weddings, proms, and funerals. Then, in 1997, when their daughter Sammy's first-grade class visited the farm on a field trip, the family was inspired to transform their farm into an agritourism destination. When a devastating tornado tore through the town in 2004 leaving the greenhouse destroyed, the couple pivoted, offering the community a family-centered destination dedicated to agriculture, fun, and education.

Today, Bloomsbury Farm has become a leading agritourism venue, welcoming visitors from across Iowa and around the globe. Their calendar is packed with seasonal events, including Autumn Days, the Iowa Fall Festival, the Bunny Bash, the award-winning Scream Acres Haunted Attraction, and more. This year, Bloomsbury Farm

added another event, the Iowa Tulip Festival, to celebrate the bloom of over 200,000 tulips that the family planted the previous fall. To ensure top-tier experiences, the family regularly attends conferences nationwide to stay ahead in event technology. Through its commitment to innovation and customer experience, the farm now welcomes more than 75,000 visitors annually.

The family business is led by Dave and Karen alongside their daughters Sammy and Jessica, who became partners in January 2024 and manage everything from event coordination and bookkeeping to marketing and staffing. To meet the seasonal demands, Bloomsbury Farm employs around 140 part-time team members spanning all ages. In addition to community events, Bloomsbury Farm also offers private events, which can vary from intimate family gatherings to professional and corporate events of up to 2,500 people.

Bloomsbury Farm is very involved in its community. The company hosts a major event each year, supporting a designated nonprofit. Bloomsbury Farm works with organizations such as Big Brothers Big Sisters, HACAP Food Reservoir, and Four Oaks Family and Children's Services. They also collaborate with local schools by hosting field trips throughout the academic year. Bloomsbury Farm is a member of the Cedar Rapids Metro Economic Alliance, NAFDMA, an international agritourism association, as well as the Iowa Maize Group. Sammy is a member of the Benton County Farm Bureau Board and is set to assume the role of president in July 2025. This fall, Bloomsbury Farm looks forward to celebrating its 30th anniversary.

The entrepreneurial spirit and commitment to excellence demonstrated by Bloomsbury Farm are clear. I want to congratulate the Petersens and the entire team at Bloomsbury Farm for their hard work and dedication to enriching their community and providing exceptional products and experiences to families across Iowa and beyond. I look forward to seeing their continued growth and success.●

RECOGNIZING THE 160TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE JOYCE RANCH

• Mr. RISCH. Mr. President, I rise today to honor the 160th anniversary of the Joyce Ranch in Owyhee County, ID—an extraordinary milestone in the history of Gem State agriculture and a testament to the enduring strength of family.

Officially known as Joyce Livestock Company, Joyce Ranch proudly holds the title of Idaho's oldest family-owned ranch. Established by Matthew Joyce in 1865, the Joyce Ranch has flourished over five generations. For the Joyces, hard work, resilience, and family are not just a shared priority, but the key to success. Today, it comprises approximately 11,000 acres of deeded land and an additional 120,000 acres for grazing.

Joyce Ranch has been passed down by the same family since inception, a rarity in our rapidly changing world and a truly remarkable achievement. The legacy of Matthew Joyce and Idaho's rich agricultural history was carried on by his daughter Maggie Joyce Nettleton and her son Hubert, who played a pivotal role in maintaining the ranch through both challenges and triumphs.

As we celebrate this significant achievement, it is essential to recognize the commitment and sacrifices ranchers and their families make to keep operations like Joyce Ranch thriving. Hubert followed family tradition by passing the family ranch to his son Paul Nettleton. The current management of Joyce Ranch, Paul and his son Chad, represent the next generation—bringing with them fresh perspectives and modern approaches, while honoring the traditions that have defined their ranch for more than a century.

The Joyce family's stewardship of the land demonstrates their profound commitment to properly managing the resources for the future while meeting the demands of our agricultural landscape. The evolution of ranching reflects the broader changes in our society, as today's ranchers must embrace technology and data-driven methods to succeed. This adaptability is crucial for the longevity of family-owned ranching operations like Joyce Ranch.

I am honored to recognize the hard work and dedication that has sustained Joyce Ranch for 160 years and made it a cherished feature of the Owyhee County community. Their legacy, which symbolizes the spirit of Western ranching and our deep agricultural heritage, is truly remarkable.●

RECOGNIZING SCHUMACKER'S JEWELRY

● Mr. RISCH. Mr. President, as a member and former chairman of the Senate Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship, each month I recognize and celebrate the American entrepreneurial spirit by highlighting the success of a small business in my home State of Idaho. Today, I am pleased to honor Schumacker's Jewelry as the Idaho Small Business of the Month for April 2025.

Founded in 1947 by Herman and Eva Schumacker, Schumacker's Jewelry has been a cherished part of St. Maries for decades. Herman grew up in Moscow and farmed near Genesee before attending Bradley University. There, he received a degree in horology—the study of time and the art of measuring it—which proved useful in repairing and restoring timepieces and jewelry for the residents of North Idaho.

Herman created a neighborhood shop committed to making every customer feel at home with personalized services that ensure each jewelry buying experience is special. After 31 years, Herman sold Schumacker's Jewelry to his son

Richard but continued to work part-time until his passing in 2004. Richard and his wife Lana ran the store for the next 20 years. Today, the Schumacker Jewelry legacy is carried on by Richard and his daughter Carrie Schumacker Scott.

For 78 years, this third-generation family business has been a staple in north Idaho. The Schumackers are an integral part of the St. Maries community, consistently supporting local charities and volunteering for various causes.

Congratulations to the Schumackers and all the employees at Schumacker's Jewelry on their selection as the Idaho Small Business of the Month for April 2025. Thank you for serving Idaho as small business owners and entrepreneurs. You make our great State proud, and I look forward to your continued growth and success.●

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Mr. Hanley, one of his secretaries.

EXECUTIVE MESSAGES REFERRED

In executive session the Presiding Officer laid before the Senate messages from the President of the United States submitting sundry nominations which were referred to the appropriate committees.

(The messages received today are printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

At 11:10 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Alli, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bill, without amendment:

S. 146. An act to require covered platforms to remove nonconsensual intimate visual depictions, and for other purposes.

The message further announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 452. An act to award 3 Congressional Gold Medals to the members of the 1980 U.S. Olympic Men's Ice Hockey Team, in recognition of their extraordinary achievement at the 1980 Winter Olympics where, being comprised of amateur collegiate players, they defeated the dominant Soviet hockey team in the historic "Miracle on Ice", revitalizing American morale at the height of the Cold War, inspiring generations and transforming the sport of hockey in the United States.

H.R. 617. An act to amend the Visit America Act to promote music tourism, and for other purposes.

H.R. 866. An act to direct the Secretary of Commerce, acting through the Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Communications and Information, to conduct a study of the national security risks posed by consumer routers, modems, and devices that combine a modem and router, and for other purposes.

H.R. 906. An act to direct the Federal Communications Commission to publish a list of

entities that hold authorizations, licenses, or other grants of authority issued by the Commission and that have certain foreign ownership, and for other purposes.

H.R. 973. An act to establish consumer standards for lithium-ion batteries.

H.R. 1479. An act to prohibit unfair and deceptive advertising of prices for hotel rooms and other places of short-term lodging, and for other purposes.

H.R. 1721. An act to direct the Secretary of Commerce to conduct a study on the feasibility of manufacturing in the United States products for critical infrastructure sectors, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2399. An act to require the Federal Communications Commission to establish a vetting process for prospective applicants for high-cost universal service program funding.

H.R. 2444. An act to establish a critical supply chain resiliency and crisis response program in the Department of Commerce, and to secure American leadership in deploying emerging technologies, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2449. An act to direct the Federal Communications Commission to establish a task force to be known as the "6G Task Force", and for other purposes.

H.R. 2458. An act to amend the Secure and Trusted Communications Networks Act of 2019 to prohibit the Federal Communications Commission from granting a license or United States market access for a geostationary orbit satellite system or a non-geostationary orbit satellite system, or an authorization to use an individually licensed earth station or a blanket-licensed earth station, if the license, grant of market access, or authorization would be held or controlled by an entity that produces or provides any covered communications equipment or service or an affiliate of such an entity, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2480. An act to require SelectUSA to coordinate with State-level economic development organizations to increase foreign direct investment in semiconductor-related manufacturing and production.

H.R. 2482. An act to reauthorize the National Telecommunications and Information Administration, and for other purposes.

ENROLLED JOINT RESOLUTIONS SIGNED

At 12:38 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Alli, one of its reading clerks, announced that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled joint resolutions:

S.J. Res. 18. Joint resolution disapproving the rule submitted by the Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection relating to "Overdraft Lending: Very Large Financial Institutions".

S.J. Res. 28. Joint resolution disapproving the rule submitted by the Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection relating to "Defining Larger Participants of a Market for General-Use Digital Consumer Payment Applications".

H.J. Res. 20. Joint resolution providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Department of Energy relating to "Energy Conservation Program: Energy Conservation Standards for Consumer Gas-fired Instantaneous Water Heaters".

The enrolled joint resolutions were subsequently signed by the President pro tempore (Mr. GRASSLEY).

MEASURES REFERRED

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

H.R. 452. An act to award 3 Congressional Gold Medals to the members of the 1980 U.S. Olympic Men's Ice Hockey Team, in recognition of their extraordinary achievement at the 1980 Winter Olympics where, being comprised of amateur collegiate players, they defeated the dominant Soviet hockey team in the historic "Miracle on Ice", revitalizing American morale at the height of the Cold War, inspiring generations and transforming the sport of hockey in the United States; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

H.R. 906. An act to direct the Federal Communications Commission to publish a list of entities that hold authorizations, licenses, or other grants of authority issued by the Commission and that have certain foreign ownership, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

H.R. 1721. An act to direct the Secretary of Commerce to conduct a study on the feasibility of manufacturing in the United States products for critical infrastructure sectors, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

H.R. 2449. An act to direct the Federal Communications Commission to establish a task force to be known as the "6G Task Force", and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

H.R. 2458. An act to amend the Secure and Trusted Communications Networks Act of 2019 to prohibit the Federal Communications Commission from granting a license or United States market access for a geostationary orbit satellite system or a non-geostationary orbit satellite system, or an authorization to use an individually licensed earth station or a blanket-licensed earth station, if the license, grant of market access, or authorization would be held or controlled by an entity that produces or provides any covered communications equipment or service or an affiliate of such an entity, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

H.R. 2482. An act to reauthorize the National Telecommunications and Information Administration, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

MEASURES PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The following bills were read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and placed on the calendar:

H.R. 617. An act to amend the Visit America Act to promote music tourism, and for other purposes.

H.R. 1479. An act to prohibit unfair and deceptive advertising of prices for hotel rooms and other places of short-term lodging, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2399. An act to require the Federal Communications Commission to establish a vetting process for prospective applicants for high-cost universal service program funding.

H.R. 2444. An act to establish a critical supply chain resiliency and crisis response program in the Department of Commerce, and to secure American leadership in deploying emerging technologies, and for other purposes.

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

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

EC-789. A communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a six-month periodic report on the national emergency that was declared in Executive Order 13611 with respect to Yemen; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-790. A communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a six-month periodic report on the national emergency that was declared in Executive Order 13303 with respect to the stabilization of Iraq; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-791. A communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a six-month periodic report on the national emergency that was declared in Executive Order 12978 with respect to significant foreign narcotics traffickers centered in Colombia; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-792. A communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a six-month periodic report on the national emergency that was declared in Executive Order 13413 with respect to the Democratic Republic of the Congo; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-793. A communication from the Director of the Regulations Development Staff, Food Safety and Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Removal of Voluntary Ante-Mortem Inspection Regulations for Horses Vacated by Court" (RIN0583-AE00) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 28, 2025; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-794. communication from the Associate Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Reauthorization of Dairy Forward Pricing Program" ((RIN0581-AE37) (Docket No. AMS-DA-25-0001)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 28, 2025; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-795. A communication from the Attorney Advisor, Office of the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the position of Administrator, Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration, Department of Transportation, received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 15, 2025; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-796. A communication from the Attorney Advisor, Office of the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the position of Administrator, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, Department of Transportation, received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 15, 2025; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-797. A communication from the Attorney Advisor, Office of the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the position of Inspector General, Department of Transportation, received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 15, 2025; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-798. A communication from the Attorney Advisor, Office of the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the position of Administrator, Pipe-

line and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration, Department of Transportation, received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 15, 2025; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-799. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report of the continuation of the national emergency that was originally declared in Proclamation 10371 of April 21, 2022, with respect to the Russian Federation and the emergency authority relating to the regulation of the anchorage and movement of Russian-affiliated vessels to United States ports; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-800. A communication from the Chief of Staff, Media Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Television Broadcasting Services Silver City and Truth or Consequences, New Mexico" (MB Docket No. 25-84) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 23, 2025; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-801. A communication from the Deputy Managing Director, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of the Schedule of Application Fees Set Forth in Sections 1.1102 through 1.1109 of the Commission's Rules" (FCC 24-137) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 23, 2025; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-802. A communication from the Senior Bureau Official, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Conservation of Sea Turtles Certification" received in the Office of the President pro tempore; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-803. A communication from the Secretary of the Federal Trade Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Children's Online Privacy Protection Rule" (RIN3084-AB20) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 28, 2025; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-804. A communication from the Manager of Legal Litigation and Support, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Class E Airspace; Marysville, OH" ((RIN2120-AA66) (Docket No. FAA-2024-2114)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 23, 2025; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-805. A communication from the Manager of Legal Litigation and Support, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Modification and Establishment of Class E Airspace; Cortez Municipal Airport, Cortez, CO" ((RIN2120-AA66) (Docket No. FAA-2024-2455)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 23, 2025; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-806. A communication from the Manager of Legal Litigation and Support, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Modification of Class D and E Airspace; Bozeman Yellowstone International Airport, Bozeman, MT" ((RIN2120-AA66) (Docket No. FAA-2023-2423)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the

EC-828. A communication from the Manager of Legal Litigation and Support, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to

law, the report of a rule entitled “Airworthiness Directives; The Boeing Company Airplanes; Amendment 39-22982” ((RIN2120-AA64) (Docket No. FAA-2024-1287)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 15, 2025; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-829. A communication from the Manager of Legal Litigation and Support, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Airworthiness Directives; The Boeing Company Airplanes; Amendment 39-23004” ((RIN2120-AA64) (Docket No. FAA-2024-0028)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 15, 2025; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-830. A communication from the Manager of Legal Litigation and Support, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Airworthiness Directives; Thommen Aircraft Equipment AG Digital Air Data Computers; Amendment 39-23002” ((RIN2120-AA64) (Docket No. FAA-2025-2322)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 15, 2025; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-831. A communication from the Manager of Legal Litigation and Support, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Airworthiness Directives; Bell Textron Canada Limited Helicopters; Amendment 39-23007” ((RIN2120-AA64) (Docket No. FAA-2025-0486)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 15, 2025; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-832. A communication from the Manager of Legal Litigation and Support, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Airworthiness Directives; Airbus Helicopters; Amendment 39-23008” ((RIN2120-AA64) (Docket No. FAA-2025-0613)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 15, 2025; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-833. A communication from the Manager of Legal Litigation and Support, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Airworthiness Directives; Airbus Helicopters; Amendment 39-23010” ((RIN2120-AA64) (Docket No. FAA-2025-0614)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 15, 2025; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-834. A communication from the Manager of Legal Litigation and Support, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Airworthiness Directives; Airbus SAS Airplanes; Amendment 39-23006” ((RIN2120-AA64) (Docket No. FAA-2024-2320)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 15, 2025; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-835. A communication from the Manager of Legal Litigation and Support, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Airworthiness Directives; Airbus SAS Airplanes; Amendment 39-22986” ((RIN2120-AA64)

(Docket No. FAA-2024-1701)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 15, 2025; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-836. A communication from the Manager of Legal Litigation and Support, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Airworthiness Directives; Deutsche Aircraft GmbH (Type Certificate Previously Held by 328 Support Services GmbH; Avcraft Aerospace GmbH; Fairchild Dornier GmbH; Dornier Luftfahrt GmbH) Airplanes; Amendment 39-22996” ((RIN2120-AA64) (Docket No. FAA-2024-2714)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 15, 2025; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-837. A communication from the Chairman, Federal Maritime Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the 63rd Annual Report of the activities of the Federal Maritime Commission for fiscal year 2024; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-838. A communication from the Deputy Chief, National Forest System, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the final maps and perimeter boundary descriptions for the enclosed Wild and Scenic Rivers; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-839. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, Office of General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy for the position of Administrator, Federal Highway Administration, Department of Transportation, received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 15, 2025; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-840. A communication from the Associate Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Air Plan Approval; Kansas; Annual Emission Inventory and Fees” (FRL No. 11395-02-R7) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 28, 2025; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-841. A communication from the Associate Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Air Plan Approval; Pennsylvania; Redesignation of the Allegheny County Nonattainment Area to Attainment and Approval of the Area’s Maintenance Plan for the 2010 1-Hour Primary Sulfur Dioxide National Ambient Air Quality Standard” (FRL No. 11777-02-R3) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 28, 2025; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-842. A communication from the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Agency’s fiscal year 2023 Permitting Best Practices Annual Report to Congress under Title 41 of the Fixing America’s Surface Transportation Act; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-843. A communication from the Associate Director of Congressional Affairs, Office of Nuclear Regulatory Research, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Withdrawal of Regulatory Guide (RG) 3.65, ‘Standard Format and Content of Decommissioning Plans for Materials Licensees’” received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on

April 15, 2025; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-844. A communication from the Supervisor of Executive Services Branch, Executive and Employee Services Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, nineteen (19) reports relative to vacancies in the Environmental Protection Agency, received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 15, 2025; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-845. A communication from the Senior Attorney Advisor/Regulations Officer, Federal Highway Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “National Performance Management Measures; Assessing Performance of the National Highway System, Greenhouse Gas Emissions Measure” (RIN2125-AG16) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 23, 2025; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-846. A communication from the Associate Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Air Plan Approval; Ohio; Volatile Organic Compounds” (FRL No. 12089-02-R5) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 23, 2025; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-847. A communication from the Associate Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Air Plan Approval; Washington; Spokane Regional Clean Air Agency, General Air Quality Regulations” (FRL No. 12248-02-R10) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 23, 2025; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-848. A communication from the Associate Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Air Plan Approval; Connecticut; State Implementation Plan Revisions Required by the 2015 Ozone NAAQS” (FRL No. 12285-02-R1) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 23, 2025; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-849. A communication from the Associate Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Air Plan Approval; Wisconsin; Revised Format for Materials Incorporated by Reference” (FRL No. 12610-01-R5) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 23, 2025; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-850. A communication from the Section Chief, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Notice 2025-24: Limited Waiver of Penalties for Certain Disclosure Statements for Micro-captive Reportable Transactions” (Notice 2025-24) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 23, 2025; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-851. A communication from the Regulations Coordinator, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Medicare and Medicaid Programs; Contract Year 2026 Policy and Technical Changes to the

Medicare Advantage Program, Medicare Prescription Drug Benefit Program, Medicare Cost Plan Program, and Programs of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly" (RIN0938-AV40) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 23, 2025; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-852. A communication from the Senior Bureau Official, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Report Concerning the Operation of the Tropical Forest Facility for the Previous Calendar Year, 2024" received in the Office of the President pro tempore; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-853. A communication from the Senior Bureau Official, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Cuban Compliance with the Migration Accords" received in the Office of the President pro tempore; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-854. A communication from the Senior Bureau Official, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Implementation of Executive Order 12938 Concerning the Proliferation of Weapons of Mass Destruction" received in the Office of the President pro tempore; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-855. A communication from the Senior Bureau Official, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Secretary of State's intent to designate Viv Ansanm and Gran Grif as Foreign Terrorist Organizations received in the Office of the President pro tempore; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-856. A communication from the Senior Bureau Official, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to section 36(d) of the Arms Export Control Act, the certification of a proposed license amendment for the export of defense articles, including technical data, and defense services for the manufacture of significant military equipment abroad to Japan (Transmittal No. DDTC 24-093) received in the Office of the President pro tempore; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-857. A communication from the Senior Bureau Official, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act, the certification of a proposed license for the export of defense articles, including technical data, and defense services to Japan in the amount of \$100,000,000 or more (Transmittal No. DDTC 25-003) received in the Office of the President pro tempore; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-858. A communication from the Senior Bureau Official, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act, the certification of a proposed license for the export of defense articles, including technical data, and defense services to Brazil, Turkey, and the UK in the amount of \$50,000,000 or more (Transmittal No. DDTC 23-080) received in the Office of the President pro tempore; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-859. A communication from the Senior Bureau Official, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act, the certification of a proposed license for the export of defense articles, including technical data, and defense services to Ukraine in the amount of \$50,000,000 or more (Transmittal No. DDTC 25-027) received in the Office of the President pro tempore; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-860. A communication from the Senior Bureau Official, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act, the certification of a proposed license for the export of defense articles, including technical data, and defense services to Singapore in the amount of \$50,000,000 or more (Transmittal No. DDTC 24-094) received in the Office of the President pro tempore; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-861. A communication from the Senior Bureau Official, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act, the certification of a proposed license for the export of defense articles, including technical data, and defense services to Italy, the Netherlands, and the United Kingdom in the amount of \$100,000,000 or more (Transmittal No. DDTC 25-002) received in the Office of the President pro tempore; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-862. A communication from the Senior Bureau Official, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act, the certification of a proposed license for the export of defense articles, including technical data, and defense services to Denmark and the United Kingdom in the amount of \$100,000,000 or more (Transmittal No. DDTC 25-004) received in the Office of the President pro tempore; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. CRUZ, from the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, with amendments:

S. 281. A bill to require sellers of event tickets to disclose comprehensive information to consumers about ticket prices and related fees, to prohibit speculative ticketing, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 119-17).

EXECUTIVE REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following executive reports of nominations were submitted:

By Mr. CRAPO for the Committee on Finance.

*Kenneth Kies, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Treasury.

*William Kimmitt, of Virginia, to be Under Secretary of Commerce for International Trade.

By Mr. COTTON for the Select Committee on Intelligence.

*Joseph Kent, of Washington, to be Director of the National Counterterrorism Center, Office of the Director of National Intelligence.

*Aaron Lukas, of Arkansas, to be Principal Deputy Director of National Intelligence.

*Nomination was reported with recommendation that it be confirmed subject to the nominee's commitment to respond to requests to appear and testify before any duly constituted committee of the Senate.

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 Ms. ERNST (for herself, Mr. BUDD, Mrs. BRITT, Mr. CRUZ, Mr. LANKFORD, Mr. SCOTT of Florida, Mrs. HYDE-SMITH, and Mr. HAGERTY):

S. 1502. A bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to punish the distribution of fentanyl resulting in death as felony murder; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. MERKLEY (for himself, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. BOOKER, Ms. ALSOBROOKS, Mr. BENNET, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Ms. BLUNT ROCHESTER, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. COONS, Ms. CORTEZ MASTO, Ms. DUCKWORTH, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. FETTERMAN, Mr. GALLEG0, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Ms. HASSAN, Mr. HEINRICH, Mr. HICKENLOOPER, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. KAINE, Mr. KELLY, Mr. KIM, Mr. KING, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. LUJÁN, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. MURPHY, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. OSSOFF, Mr. PADILLA, Mr. PETERS, Mr. REED, Ms. ROSEN, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. SCHATZ, Mr. SCHIFF, Mr. SCHUMER, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Ms. SLOTKIN, Ms. SMITH, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, Mr. WARNER, Mr. WARNOCK, Ms. WARREN, Mr. WELCH, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, and Mr. WYDEN):

S. 1503. A bill to prohibit discrimination on the basis of sex, gender identity, and sexual orientation, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. CASSIDY (for himself, Mr. COONS, Ms. COLLINS, and Mr. KAINE):

S. 1504. A bill to require the Social Security Administration to make changes to the social security terminology used in the rules, regulation, guidance, or other materials of the Administration; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. CASSIDY (for himself, Mr. COONS, Ms. COLLINS, and Mr. KAINE):

S. 1505. A bill to ensure that Social Security beneficiaries receive regular statements from the Social Security Administration, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. SANDERS (for himself, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. BOOKER, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. HEINRICH, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. LUJÁN, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. MERKLEY, Mr. PADILLA, Mr. SCHATZ, Mr. SCHIFF, Ms. WARREN, Mr. WELCH, and Mr. WHITEHOUSE):

S. 1506. A bill to establish a Medicare-for-all national health insurance program; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. HEINRICH (for himself, Mr. MERKLEY, Mr. MURPHY, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. WELCH, Mr. SCHIFF, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Ms. SMITH, Mr. FETTERMAN, Mr. BOOKER, and Mr. MARKEY):

S. 1507. A bill to address the impact of climate change on agriculture, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mr. CURTIS:

S. 1508. A bill to confer jurisdiction on the State of Utah with respect to civil causes of action arising on or within the Indian lands of the Shivwits Band of Paiutes, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

By Mr. THUNE (for himself and Ms. SMITH):

S. 1509. A bill to amend the Poultry Products Inspection Act and the Federal Meat Inspection Act to support small and very small meat and poultry processing establishments, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mr. CRUZ (for himself and Mr. OSSOFF):

S. 1510. A bill to amend the Civil Rights Cold Case Records Collection Act of 2018 to strengthen the powers of the Civil Rights

Cold Case Records Review Board, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Ms. CORTEZ MASTO (for herself and Mr. CASSIDY):

S. 1511. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to expand housing investment with mortgage revenue bonds, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. CASSIDY (for himself and Ms. WARREN):

S. 1512. A bill to prohibit data brokers from selling, reselling, trading, licensing, or otherwise providing for consideration lists of military servicemembers to any covered nation or person controlled by a covered; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Ms. CANTWELL (for herself and Mrs. MURRAY):

S. 1513. A bill to take certain Federal land in the State of Washington into trust for the Lower Elwha Klallam Tribe, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

By Ms. CANTWELL (for herself and Mrs. MURRAY):

S. 1514. A bill to take certain land in the State of Washington into trust for the benefit of the Quinault Indian Nation, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

By Mr. YOUNG (for himself, Ms. CANTWELL, Mrs. BLACKBURN, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. CASSIDY, Mr. BENNET, Mr. TILLIS, Mr. WARNER, Mr. MARSHALL, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. BOOZMAN, Ms. HASSAN, Mrs. CAPITO, Ms. CORTEZ MASTO, Mr. CRAMER, Ms. SMITH, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. LUJÁN, Mrs. HYDE-SMITH, Mr. WARNOCK, Mr. JUSTICE, Mr. WELCH, Mr. MORAN, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. RICKETTS, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. ROUNDS, and Ms. KLOBUCHAR):

S. 1515. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to reform the low-income housing credit, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. DURBIN (for himself and Ms. DUCKWORTH):

S. 1516. A bill to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a special resource study of the Cahokia Mounds, Emerald Mounds, and Pulcher Mounds in the State of Illinois, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Ms. ERNST (for herself, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. CRAMER, Mr. JUSTICE, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. CRUZ, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. RISCH, Mr. MARSHALL, Mr. LEE, Mr. RICKETTS, Mr. LANKFORD, Mr. HAWLEY, Mr. SCOTT of South Carolina, and Mrs. HYDE-SMITH):

S. 1517. A bill to include sexual assault and aggravated sexual violence in the definition of aggravated felony under the Immigration and Nationality Act in order to expedite the removal of aliens convicted of any such crime; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mrs. GILLIBRAND:

S. 1518. A bill to redesignate the Saratoga National Historical Park as the "Saratoga National Battlefield Park"; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. MARKEY (for himself, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. BENNET, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. MERKLEY, Ms. BALDWIN, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. PADILLA, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, Mr. SCHIFF, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Ms. SMITH, Mr. LUJÁN, Mr. PETERS, Ms. WARREN, and Mr. BOOKER):

S. 1519. A bill to designate a portion of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge as wilderness; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mrs. BLACKBURN (for herself, Mr. BUDD, and Mr. RICKETTS):

S. 1520. A bill to establish the United States Investment Accelerator, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following concurrent resolutions and Senate resolutions were read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. CORNYN (for himself, Ms. BLUNT ROCHESTER, Mrs. BLACKBURN, Ms. HASSAN, and Mr. HICKENLOOPER):

S. Res. 184. A resolution expressing support for the designation of April 2025 as "National Child Abuse Prevention Month", and the goals and ideals of National Child Abuse Prevention Month; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. GRASSLEY (for himself and Mr. WARNER):

S. Res. 185. A resolution designating the week of April 21 through April 25, 2025, as "National Home Visiting Week"; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. GRASSLEY (for himself, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mr. McCONNELL, Mr. FETTERMAN, Mr. MCCORMICK, Ms. CORTEZ MASTO, Mr. DAINES, Mr. WARNOCK, Mr. CRAMER, Mr. GALLEGO, Mr. JUSTICE, Mr. LUJÁN, Mr. RISCH, Mr. KELLY, Mrs. CAPITO, Ms. ROSEN, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. YOUNG, Mrs. FISCHER, Mr. MORAN, Mr. HOEVEN, Mr. HAGERTY, Ms. ERNST, Mr. CASSIDY, Ms. COLLINS, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. SCOTT of Florida, Mr. BUDD, and Mr. RICKETTS):

S. Res. 186. A resolution supporting the mission and goals of National Fentanyl Awareness Day in 2025, including increasing individual and public awareness of the impact of fake or counterfeit fentanyl pills on families and young people; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. RISCH (for himself, Mr. KING, Mr. CRAPO, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Ms. SMITH, Mr. RICKETTS, and Ms. BALDWIN):

S. Res. 187. A resolution celebrating the 153rd anniversary of Arbor Day; considered and agreed to.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 51

At the request of Mr. VAN HOLLEN, the name of the Senator from Delaware (Ms. BLUNT ROCHESTER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 51, a bill to provide for the admission of the State of Washington, D.C. into the Union.

S. 107

At the request of Mr. TILLIS, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. MARKEY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 107, a bill to amend the Lumbee Act of 1956.

S. 163

At the request of Mr. CASSIDY, the names of the Senator from Nevada (Ms. ROSEN) and the Senator from New York (Mrs. GILLIBRAND) were added as cosponsors of S. 163, a bill to require institutions of higher education participating in Federal student aid programs to share information about title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, including a link to the webpage of the Office for Civil Rights where an individual can submit a complaint regarding discrimi-

nation in violation of such title, and for other purposes.

S. 213

At the request of Mr. DAINES, the name of the Senator from Maine (Ms. COLLINS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 213, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to make permanent the deduction for qualified business income.

S. 405

At the request of Mr. TUBERVILLE, the name of the Senator from Utah (Mr. LEE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 405, a bill to modify eligibility requirements for amateur sports governing organizations.

S. 410

At the request of Mr. MORAN, the name of the Senator from Maine (Ms. COLLINS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 410, a bill to amend titles 10 and 38, United States Code, to improve benefits and services for surviving spouses, and for other purposes.

S. 439

At the request of Mr. BUDD, the name of the Senator from North Carolina (Mr. TILLIS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 439, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to exclude from gross income gain from the sale of qualified real property interests acquired under the authority of the Readiness and Environmental Protection Integration (REPI) program administered by the Department of Defense pursuant to section 2684a of title 10, United States Code, and for other purposes.

S. 479

At the request of Mr. DAINES, the names of the Senator from South Carolina (Mr. SCOTT) and the Senator from Michigan (Mr. PETERS) were added as cosponsors of S. 479, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to permanently extend the new markets tax credit, and for other purposes.

S. 537

At the request of Mr. DAINES, the name of the Senator from South Carolina (Mr. GRAHAM) was added as a cosponsor of S. 537, a bill to prohibit the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture from prohibiting the use of lead ammunition or tackle on certain Federal land or water under the jurisdiction of the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture, and for other purposes.

S. 725

At the request of Ms. KLOBUCHAR, the name of the Senator from Washington (Ms. CANTWELL) was added as a cosponsor of S. 725, a bill to direct the Federal Communications Commission to issue reports after activation of the Disaster Information Reporting System and to make improvements to network outage reporting, to categorize public safety telecommunications as a protective service occupation under the Standard Occupational Classification system, and for other purposes.

S. 731

At the request of Mr. HAWLEY, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire (Ms. HASSAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 731, a bill to prohibit conflicts of interest among consulting firms that simultaneously contract with China or other covered foreign entities and the United States Government, and for other purposes.

S. 832

At the request of Mr. TILLIS, the names of the Senator from Kansas (Mr. MARSHALL) and the Senator from Indiana (Mr. BANKS) were added as cosponsors of S. 832, a bill to amend title XI of the Social Security Act to equalize the negotiation period between small-molecule and biologic candidates under the Drug Price Negotiation Program.

S. 901

At the request of Mr. TILLIS, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. FETTERMAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 901, a bill to amend the Small Business Act and the Small Business Investment Act of 1958 to increase the maximum loan amount for certain loans, and for other purposes.

S. 950

At the request of Mr. KELLY, the name of the Senator from Wisconsin (Ms. BALDWIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 950, a bill to ensure that the Forest Service is fully staffed, and for other purposes.

S. 951

At the request of Ms. SMITH, the name of the Senator from Colorado (Mr. BENNET) was added as a cosponsor of S. 951, a bill to revise sections 552, 1461, and 1462 of title 18, United States Code, and section 305 of the Tariff Act of 1930 (19 U.S.C. 1305), and for other purposes.

S. 978

At the request of Mrs. MOODY, the names of the Senator from Michigan (Ms. SLOTKIN) and the Senator from Alaska (Mr. SULLIVAN) were added as cosponsors of S. 978, a bill to amend the National Housing Act to establish a mortgage insurance program for first responders, and for other purposes.

S. 1101

At the request of Mr. WELCH, the name of the Senator from Maryland (Mr. VAN HOLLEN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1101, a bill to authorize the use of Federal Bureau of Investigation criminal history record information for administration of certain licenses.

S. 1183

At the request of Ms. CANTWELL, the name of the Senator from Nebraska (Mr. RICKETTS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1183, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to support upgrades at existing hydroelectric dams in order to increase clean energy production, improve the resiliency and reliability of the United States electric grid, enhance the health of the Nation's rivers and associated wildlife habitats, and for other purposes.

S. 1240

At the request of Mr. PADILLA, the name of the Senator from Hawaii (Mr. SCHATZ) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1240, a bill to repeal an executive order relating to Federal elections, and for other purposes.

S. 1241

At the request of Mr. GRAHAM, the names of the Senator from California (Mr. PADILLA), the Senator from Maine (Ms. COLLINS), the Senator from Mississippi (Mrs. HYDE-SMITH) and the Senator from Wisconsin (Ms. BALDWIN) were added as cosponsors of S. 1241, a bill to impose sanctions and other measures with respect to the Russian Federation if the Government of the Russian Federation refuses to negotiate a peace agreement with Ukraine, violates any such agreement, or initiates another military invasion of Ukraine, and for other purposes.

S. 1295

At the request of Mr. JUSTICE, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. MCCORMICK) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1295, a bill to require the Director of the Bureau of Prisons to develop and implement a strategy to interdict fentanyl and other synthetic drugs in the mail at Federal correctional facilities.

S. 1310

At the request of Mr. LUJÁN, the name of the Senator from Delaware (Ms. BLUNT ROCHESTER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1310, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to end the tax subsidy for employer efforts to influence their workers' exercise of their rights around labor organizations and engaging in collective actions.

S. 1318

At the request of Mr. MORAN, the name of the Senator from North Carolina (Mr. TILLIS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1318, a bill to direct the American Battle Monuments Commission to establish a program to identify American-Jewish servicemembers buried in United States military cemeteries overseas under markers that incorrectly represent their religion and heritage, and for other purposes.

S. 1329

At the request of Mr. KAINE, the name of the Senator from North Carolina (Mr. TILLIS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1329, a bill to address the behavioral health workforce shortages through support for peer support specialists, and for other purposes.

S. 1384

At the request of Mr. BANKS, the name of the Senator from Texas (Mr. CRUZ) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1384, a bill to require States to report information on Medicaid payments to abortion providers.

S. 1404

At the request of Mr. GRASSLEY, the name of the Senator from Ohio (Mr. MORENO) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1404, a bill to combat organized crime involving the illegal acquisition of re-

tail goods and cargo for the purpose of selling those illegally obtained goods through physical and online retail marketplaces.

S. 1423

At the request of Mrs. FISCHER, the name of the Senator from West Virginia (Mrs. CAPITO) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1423, a bill to provide authorization for nonpecuniary damages in an action resulting from a cruise ship voyage occurring on the high seas.

S. 1441

At the request of Mr. TILLIS, the name of the Senator from New York (Mr. SCHUMER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1441, a bill to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to award grants to nonprofit entities to assist such entities in carrying out programs to provide service dogs to eligible veterans, and for other purposes.

S. 1445

At the request of Mr. MERKLEY, the name of the Senator from Vermont (Mr. WELCH) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1445, a bill to prohibit drilling in the Arctic Ocean.

S. 1467

At the request of Mr. REED, the name of the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. HEINRICH) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1467, a bill to amend the Fair Credit Reporting Act to prevent consumer reporting agencies from furnishing consumer reports under certain circumstances, and for other purposes.

S.J. RES. 13

At the request of Mr. KENNEDY, the name of the Senator from Ohio (Mr. MORENO) was added as a cosponsor of S.J. Res. 13, a joint resolution providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency of the Department of the Treasury relating to the review of applications under the Bank Merger Act.

S.J. RES. 45

At the request of Mrs. CAPITO, the name of the Senator from Ohio (Mr. HUSTED) was added as a cosponsor of S.J. Res. 45, a joint resolution providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Environmental Protection Agency relating to "California State Motor Vehicle and Engine Pollution Control Standards; Advanced Clean Cars II; Waiver of Preemption; Notice of Decision".

S.J. RES. 47

At the request of Mr. MULLIN, the names of the Senator from Alaska (Mr. SULLIVAN), the Senator from North Dakota (Mr. CRAMER), the Senator from Nebraska (Mr. RICKETTS), the Senator from Louisiana (Mr. KENNEDY), the Senator from Alabama (Mr. TUBERVILLE) and the Senator from Utah (Mr. LEE) were added as cosponsors of S.J. Res. 47, a joint resolution providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United

States Code, of the rule submitted by the Environmental Protection Agency relating to “California State Motor Vehicle and Engine and Nonroad Engine Pollution Control Standards; The ‘Om-nibus’ Low NOx Regulation; Waiver of Preemption; Notice of Decision”.

S. CON. RES. 8

At the request of Mr. BARRASSO, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. MCCORMICK) was added as a cosponsor of S. Con. Res. 8, a concurrent resolution supporting the Local Radio Freedom Act.

S. RES. 98

At the request of Mr. RISCH, the names of the Senator from Tennessee (Mrs. BLACKBURN), the Senator from Indiana (Mr. YOUNG) and the Senator from Oregon (Mr. MERKLEY) were added as cosponsors of S. Res. 98, a resolution condemning Beijing’s destruction of Hong Kong’s democracy and rule of law.

S. RES. 150

At the request of Mr. TILLIS, the names of the Senator from Alabama (Mr. TUBERVILLE) and the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. BLUMENTHAL) were added as cosponsors of S. Res. 150, a resolution supporting the goals and ideals of “Countering International Parental Child Abduction Month” and expressing the sense of the Senate that Congress should raise awareness of the harm caused by international parental child abduction.

S. RES. 168

At the request of Mr. SCHATZ, the name of the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. MURPHY) was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 168, a resolution supporting the goals and ideals of the Rise Up for LGBTQI+ Youth in Schools Initiative, a call to action to communities across the United States to demand equal educational opportunity, basic civil rights protections, and freedom from erasure for all students, particularly LGBTQI+ young people, in K–12 schools.

S. RES. 169

At the request of Ms. HIRONO, the name of the Senator from Delaware (Ms. BLUNT ROCHESTER) was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 169, a resolution expressing support for the staff of public, school, academic, and special libraries in the United States and the essential services those libraries provide to communities, recognizing the need for funding commensurate with the broad scope of social service and community supports provided by libraries, preserving the right of all citizens of the United States to freely access information and resources in their communities, supporting a strong union voice for library workers, and defending the civil rights of library staff.

STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By Mr. THUNE (for himself and Ms. SMITH):

S. 1509. A bill to amend the Poultry Products Inspection Act and the Fed-

eral Meat Inspection Act to support small and very small meat and poultry processing establishments, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the text of the bill be printed in the RECORD.

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

S. 1509

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the “Strengthening Local Processing Act of 2025”.

SEC. 2. HACCP GUIDANCE AND RESOURCES FOR SMALLER AND VERY SMALL POULTRY AND MEAT ESTABLISHMENTS.

(a) POULTRY ESTABLISHMENTS.—The Poultry Products Inspection Act is amended by inserting after section 14 (21 U.S.C. 463) the following:

“SEC. 14A. SMALLER AND VERY SMALL ESTABLISHMENT GUIDANCE AND RESOURCES.

“(a) DEFINITIONS OF SMALLER ESTABLISHMENT AND VERY SMALL ESTABLISHMENT.—In this section, the terms ‘smaller establishment’ and ‘very small establishment’ have the meanings given those terms in the final rule entitled ‘Pathogen Reduction; Hazard Analysis and Critical Control Point (HACCP) Systems’ (61 Fed. Reg. 38806 (July 25, 1996)).

“(b) DATABASE OF STUDIES; MODEL PLANS.—Not later than 18 months after the date of enactment of this section, the Secretary shall—

“(1) establish a free, searchable database of approved peer-reviewed validation studies accessible to smaller establishments and very small establishments subject to inspection under this Act for use in developing a Hazard Analysis and Critical Control Points plan; and

“(2) publish online scale-appropriate model Hazard Analysis and Critical Control Points plans for smaller establishments and very small establishments, including model plans for—

“(A) slaughter-only establishments; “(B) processing-only establishments; and “(C) slaughter and processing establishments.

“(c) GUIDANCE.—Not later than 2 years after the date of enactment of this section, the Secretary shall publish a guidance document, after notice and an opportunity for public comment, providing information on the requirements that need to be met for smaller establishments and very small establishments to receive approval for a Hazard Analysis and Critical Control Points plan pursuant to this Act.

“(d) DATA CONFIDENTIALITY.—In carrying out subsections (b) and (c), the Secretary shall not publish confidential business information, including a Hazard Analysis and Critical Control Points plan of an establishment.”.

(b) MEAT ESTABLISHMENTS.—The Federal Meat Inspection Act is amended by inserting after section 25 (21 U.S.C. 625) the following:

“SEC. 26. SMALLER AND VERY SMALL ESTABLISHMENT GUIDANCE AND RESOURCES.

“(a) DEFINITIONS OF SMALLER ESTABLISHMENT AND VERY SMALL ESTABLISHMENT.—In this section, the terms ‘smaller establishment’ and ‘very small establishment’ have the meanings given those terms in the final rule entitled ‘Pathogen Reduction; Hazard Analysis and Critical Control Point (HACCP) Systems’ (61 Fed. Reg. 38806 (July 25, 1996)).

“(b) DATABASE OF STUDIES; MODEL PLANS.—Not later than 18 months after the date of enactment of this section, the Secretary shall—

“(1) establish a free, searchable database of approved peer-reviewed validation studies accessible to smaller establishments and very small establishments subject to inspection under this Act for use in developing a Hazard Analysis and Critical Control Points plan; and

“(2) publish online scale-appropriate model Hazard Analysis and Critical Control Points plans for smaller establishments and very small establishments, including model plans for—

“(A) slaughter-only establishments; “(B) processing-only establishments; and “(C) slaughter and processing establishments.

“(c) GUIDANCE.—Not later than 2 years after the date of enactment of this section, the Secretary shall publish a guidance document, after notice and an opportunity for public comment, providing information on the requirements that need to be met for smaller establishments and very small establishments to receive approval for a Hazard Analysis and Critical Control Points plan pursuant to this Act.

“(d) DATA CONFIDENTIALITY.—In carrying out subsections (b) and (c), the Secretary shall not publish confidential business information, including a Hazard Analysis and Critical Control Points plan of an establishment.”.

SEC. 3. INCREASING MAXIMUM FEDERAL SHARE FOR EXPENSES OF STATE INSPECTION.

(a) POULTRY PRODUCTS.—Section 5(a)(3) of the Poultry Products Inspection Act (21 U.S.C. 454(a)(3)) is amended in the second sentence by striking “50 per centum” and inserting “65 percent”.

(b) MEAT AND MEAT FOOD PRODUCTS.—Section 301(a)(3) of the Federal Meat Inspection Act (21 U.S.C. 661(a)(3)) is amended in the second sentence by striking “50 per centum” and inserting “65 percent”.

SEC. 4. COOPERATIVE INTERSTATE SHIPMENT OF POULTRY AND MEAT.

(a) POULTRY PRODUCTS.—Section 31 of the Poultry Products Inspection Act (21 U.S.C. 472) is amended—

(1) in subsection (b)—
(A) in paragraph (2), by striking “25 employees” each place it appears and inserting “50 employees”; and

(B) in paragraph (3)—
(i) in the paragraph heading, by striking “25” and inserting “50”;

(ii) in subparagraph (A), by striking “25” and inserting “50”; and

(iii) in subparagraph (B)—

(I) in clause (i), by striking “more than 25 employees but less than 35 employees” and inserting “more than 50 employees but less than 70 employees”; and

(II) in clause (ii), by striking “subsection (i)” and inserting “subsection (j)”;

(2) in subsection (c), by striking “60 percent” and inserting “80 percent”;

(3) in subsection (e)(1), by striking “subsection (i)” and inserting “subsection (j)”;

(4) by redesignating subsections (f) through (i) as subsections (g) through (j), respectively; and

(5) by inserting after subsection (e) the following:

“(f) FEDERAL OUTREACH.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—In each of fiscal years 2025 through 2030, for the purpose of State participation in the Cooperative Interstate Shipment program, the Secretary shall conduct outreach to, and, as appropriate, subsequent negotiation with, not fewer than 25 percent of the States that—

“(A) have a State poultry product inspection program pursuant to section 5; but

“(B) do not have a selected establishment.

“(2) REPORT.—At the conclusion of each of fiscal years 2025 through 2030, the Secretary shall submit a report detailing the activities and results of the outreach conducted during that fiscal year under paragraph (1) to—

“(A) the Committee on Agriculture of the House of Representatives;

“(B) the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry of the Senate;

“(C) the Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies of the Committee on Appropriations of the House of Representatives; and

“(D) the Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies of the Committee on Appropriations of the Senate.”.

(b) MEAT AND MEAT FOOD PRODUCTS.—Section 501 of the Federal Meat Inspection Act (21 U.S.C. 683) is amended—

(1) in subsection (b)—

(A) in paragraph (2), by striking “25 employees” each place it appears and inserting “50 employees”; and

(B) in paragraph (3)—

(i) in the paragraph heading, by striking “25” and inserting “50”; and

(ii) in subparagraph (A), by striking “25” and inserting “50”; and

(iii) in subparagraph (B)(i), by striking “more than 25 employees but less than 35 employees” and inserting “more than 50 employees but less than 70 employees”; and

(2) in subsection (c), by striking “60 percent” and inserting “80 percent”; and

(3) in subsection (f), by adding at the end the following:

“(3) FEDERAL OUTREACH.—

“(A) IN GENERAL.—In each of fiscal years 2025 through 2030, for the purpose of State participation in the Cooperative Interstate Shipment program, the Secretary shall conduct outreach to, and, as appropriate, subsequent negotiation with, not fewer than 25 percent of the States that—

“(i) have a State meat inspection program pursuant to section 301; but

“(ii) do not have a selected establishment.

“(B) REPORT.—At the conclusion of each of fiscal years 2025 through 2030, the Secretary shall submit a report detailing the activities and results of the outreach conducted during that fiscal year under subparagraph (A) to—

“(i) the Committee on Agriculture of the House of Representatives;

“(ii) the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry of the Senate;

“(iii) the Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies of the Committee on Appropriations of the House of Representatives; and

“(iv) the Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies of the Committee on Appropriations of the Senate.”.

SEC. 5. PROCESSING RESILIENCE GRANT PROGRAM.

Subtitle A of the Agricultural Marketing Act of 1946 (7 U.S.C. 1621 et seq.) is amended by adding at the end the following:

“SEC. 210B. PROCESSING RESILIENCE GRANT PROGRAM.

“(a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

“(1) ELIGIBLE ENTITY.—The term ‘eligible entity’ means—

“(A) a smaller establishment or very small establishment (as those terms are defined in the final rule entitled ‘Pathogen Reduction; Hazard Analysis and Critical Control Point (HACCP) Systems’ (61 Fed. Reg. 33806 (July 25, 1996)));

“(B) a slaughtering or processing establishment subject to—

“(i) a State meat inspection program pursuant to section 301 of the Federal Meat Inspection Act (21 U.S.C. 661); or

“(ii) a State poultry product inspection program pursuant to section 5 of the Poultry Products Inspection Act (21 U.S.C. 454);

“(C) a person engaging in custom operations that is exempt from inspection under—

“(i) section 23 of the Federal Meat Inspection Act (21 U.S.C. 623); or

“(ii) section 15 of the Poultry Products Inspection Act (21 U.S.C. 464); and

“(D) a person seeking—

“(i) to establish and operate an establishment described in subparagraph (A) or (B); or

“(ii) to engage in custom operations described in subparagraph (C).

“(2) SECRETARY.—The term ‘Secretary’ means the Secretary of Agriculture, acting through the Administrator of the Agricultural Marketing Service.

“(b) GRANTS.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 60 days after the date of enactment of this section, the Secretary shall award competitive grants to eligible entities for activities to increase resiliency and diversification of the meat processing system, including activities that—

“(A) support the health and safety of meat and poultry plant employees, suppliers, and customers;

“(B) support increased processing capacity; and

“(C) otherwise support the resilience of the small meat and poultry processing sector.

“(2) MAXIMUM AMOUNT.—The maximum amount of a grant awarded under this section shall not exceed \$500,000.

“(3) DURATION.—The term of a grant awarded under this section shall not exceed 3 years.

“(c) APPLICATIONS.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—An eligible entity desiring a grant under this section shall submit to the Secretary an application at such time, in such manner, and containing such information as the Secretary may require.

“(2) APPLICATIONS FOR SMALL GRANTS.—The Secretary shall establish a separate, simplified application process for eligible entities applying for a grant under this section of not more than \$100,000.

“(3) REQUIREMENTS.—The Secretary shall ensure that any application for a grant under this section is—

“(A) simple and practicable;

“(B) accessible online; and

“(C) available through local staff of the Department of Agriculture.

“(4) NOTICE.—Not later than 14 days before the date on which the Secretary begins to accept applications under paragraph (1), the Secretary shall publish a notice of funding opportunity with respect to the grants available under this section.

“(5) REAPPLICATION.—If an application of an eligible entity under this subsection is denied by the Secretary, the eligible entity may submit a revised application.

“(6) PRIORITY.—In reviewing applications submitted under this subsection, the Secretary shall give priority to proposals that will—

“(A) increase farmer and rancher access to animal slaughter options within a 200-mile radius of the location of the farmer or rancher; or

“(B) support an eligible entity described in subsection (a)(1)(A).

“(d) USE OF GRANT.—An eligible entity that receives a grant under this section shall use the grant funds to carry out activities in support of the purposes described in subsection (b)(1), including through—

“(1) the development and issuance of a Hazard Analysis and Critical Control Points

plan for the eligible entity, which may be developed by a consultant;

“(2) the purchase or establishment, as applicable, of facilities, equipment, processes, and operations necessary for the eligible entity to comply with applicable requirements under the Federal Meat Inspection Act (21 U.S.C. 601 et seq.) or the Poultry Products Inspection Act (21 U.S.C. 451 et seq.);

“(3) the purchase of cold storage, equipment, or transportation services;

“(4) the purchase of temperature screening supplies, testing for communicable diseases, disinfectant, sanitation systems, hand washing stations, and other sanitizing supplies;

“(5) the purchase and decontamination of personal protective equipment;

“(6) the construction or purchase of humane handling infrastructure, including holding space for livestock prior to slaughter, shade structures, and knock box structures;

“(7)(A) the purchase of software and computer equipment for record keeping, production data, and Hazard Analysis and Critical Control Points record review; and

“(B) the provision of guidelines and training relating to that software and computer equipment;

“(8) the provision of staff time and training for implementing and monitoring health and safety procedures;

“(9) the development of a feasibility study or business plan for, or the carrying out of any other activity associated with, establishing or expanding a small meat or poultry processing facility;

“(10) the purchase of equipment that enables the further use or value-added sale of coproducts or byproducts, such as organs, hides, and other relevant products; and

“(11) other activities associated with expanding or establishing an eligible entity described in subsection (a)(1)(A), as determined by the Secretary.

“(e) OUTREACH.—During the period beginning on the date on which the Secretary publishes the notice under subsection (c)(4) and ending on the date on which the Secretary begins to accept applications under subsection (c)(1), the Secretary shall perform outreach to States and eligible entities relating to grants under this section.

“(f) FEDERAL SHARE.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—Subject to paragraph (2), the Federal share of the activities carried out using a grant awarded under this section shall not exceed—

“(A) 90 percent in the case of a grant in the amount of \$100,000 or less; or

“(B) 75 percent in the case of a grant in an amount greater than \$100,000.

“(2) FISCAL YEARS 2025 AND 2026.—An eligible entity awarded a grant under this section during fiscal year 2025 or 2026 shall not be required to provide non-Federal matching funds with respect to the grant.

“(g) ADMINISTRATION.—The promulgation of regulations under, and administration of, this section shall be made without regard to—

“(1) the notice and comment provisions of section 553 of title 5, United States Code; and

“(2) chapter 35 of title 44, United States Code (commonly known as the ‘Paperwork Reduction Act’).

“(h) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There is authorized to be appropriated to the Secretary of Agriculture to carry out this section \$20,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2025 through 2030.”.

SEC. 6. PROCESSOR CAREER TRAINING PROGRAMS.

Title IV of the Agricultural Research, Extension, and Education Reform Act of 1998 is amended by inserting before section 404 (7 U.S.C. 7624) the following:

“SEC. 403. PROCESSOR CAREER TRAINING PROGRAMS.

“(a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

“(1) LAND-GRANT COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES.—The term ‘land-grant colleges and universities’ has the meaning given the term in section 1404 of the National Agricultural Research, Extension, and Teaching Policy Act of 1977 (7 U.S.C. 3103).

“(2) SMALLER ESTABLISHMENT; VERY SMALL ESTABLISHMENT.—The terms ‘smaller establishment’ and ‘very small establishment’ have the meanings given those terms in the final rule entitled ‘Pathogen Reduction; Hazard Analysis and Critical Control Point (HACCP) Systems’ (61 Fed. Reg. 38806 (July 25, 1996)).

“(3) STRUCTURED APPRENTICESHIP.—The term ‘structured apprenticeship’ means an apprenticeship program that—

“(A) provides most of the training on the job in a meat or poultry processing facility;

“(B) describes in detail—

“(i) all of the competencies necessary to work in a meat or poultry processing facility; and

“(ii) the competencies that are necessary to own and operate a meat or poultry processing facility that is a smaller establishment or a very small establishment;

“(C) describes the level of knowledge, skill, and ability the apprentice ought to attain in each competency;

“(D) includes a component for someone other than the trainer—

“(i) to assess competency attainment; and

“(ii) to assure that all competencies are being addressed during the apprenticeship;

“(E) includes an individualized plan for each apprentice that—

“(i) considers prior knowledge, skill, and ability; and

“(ii) allows for apprentices to opt out of competencies irrelevant to their career goals; and

“(F) focuses on individuals who will work in or operate meat or poultry processing facilities that are smaller establishments or very small establishments.

“(b) PROCESSOR CAREER TRAINING PROGRAMS.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall provide competitive grants to junior or community colleges, technical or vocational schools, nonprofit organizations, worker training centers, and land-grant colleges and universities to establish or expand career training programs, including for structured apprenticeships, relating to meat and poultry processing.

“(2) APPLICATIONS FOR SMALL GRANTS.—The Secretary shall establish a separate, simplified application and reporting process for entities described in paragraph (1) applying for a grant under this subsection of not more than \$100,000.

“(3) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There is authorized to be appropriated to the Secretary to carry out this subsection \$10,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2025 through 2030.”.

By Mr. DURBIN (for himself and Ms. DUCKWORTH):

S. 1516. A bill to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a special resource study of the Cahokia Mounds, Emerald Mounds, and Pulcher Mounds in the State of Illinois, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

Mr. DURBIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the text of the bill be printed in the RECORD.

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

S. 1516

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the “Cahokia Mounds Mississippian Culture Study Act”.

SEC. 2. FINDINGS.

Congress finds that—

(1) the city of Cahokia—

(A) was inhabited from approximately A.D. 700 to 1400; and

(B) at its peak from A.D. 1050 to 1200—

(i) covered nearly 6 square miles; and

(ii) was home to 10,000 to 20,000 people;

(2) more than 120 mounds were built over time at the site of the city of Cahokia;

(3) the site of the city of Cahokia is named for the Cahokia subtribe of the Illinois Confederation, who moved into the area in the 1600s;

(4) the city of Cahokia was the central hub and largest city of the Mississippian culture that ruled and traded across half of North America, more than 1,250,000 square miles;

(5) the city of Cahokia—

(A) was the first known organized urbanization and government north of Mexico; and

(B) at its peak, was larger than most European cities, including London;

(6) some of the Cahokia Mounds, which were built from A.D. 900 to 1400, still stand as earthen monuments and remnants of Mississippian culture, which is the greatest prehistoric ancient culture in North America, the people of which are ancestors to many of today’s First People and Nations; and

(7) the Cahokia Mounds are designated as—

(A) a National Historic Landmark;

(B) an Illinois State Historic Site; and

(C) a United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization World Heritage Site.

SEC. 3. DEFINITIONS.

In this Act:

(1) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means the Secretary of the Interior.

(2) STUDY AREA.—The term “Study Area” means—

(A) the Cahokia Mounds State Historic Site;

(B) the Emerald Mounds in St. Clair County, Illinois; and

(C) the Pulcher Mounds in Monroe and St. Clair Counties, Illinois.

SEC. 4. SPECIAL RESOURCE STUDY.

(a) STUDY.—The Secretary shall conduct a special resource study of the Study Area.

(b) CONTENTS.—In conducting the study under subsection (a), the Secretary shall—

(1) evaluate the national significance of the Study Area;

(2) determine the suitability and feasibility of designating the Study Area as a unit of the National Park System;

(3) consider other alternatives for preservation, protection, and interpretation of the Study Area by—

(A) Federal, State, or local governmental entities; or

(B) private and nonprofit organizations;

(4) consult with—

(A) interested entities of the Federal Government or State or local governmental entities;

(B) private and nonprofit organizations; or

(C) any other interested individuals; and

(5) identify cost estimates for any Federal acquisition, development, interpretation, operation, and maintenance associated with the alternatives considered under paragraph (3).

(c) APPLICABLE LAW.—The study required under subsection (a) shall be conducted in accordance with section 100507 of title 54, United States Code.

(d) REPORT.—Not later than 3 years after the date on which funds are first made available to conduct the study required under subsection (a), the Secretary shall submit to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources of the Senate and the Committee on Natural Resources of the House of Representatives a report containing—

- (1) the results of the study; and
- (2) any conclusions and recommendations of the Secretary.

SUBMITTED RESOLUTIONS

SENATE RESOLUTION 184—EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR THE DESIGNATION OF APRIL 2025 AS “NATIONAL CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH”, AND THE GOALS AND IDEALS OF NATIONAL CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH

Mr. CORNYN (for himself, Ms. BLUNT ROCHESSTER, Mrs. BLACKBURN, Ms. HASSAN, and Mr. HICKENLOOPER) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

S. RES. 184

Whereas children are fundamental to the success of the United States and will shape the future of the United States;

Whereas elected representatives and leaders in the communities of the United States must be ever vigilant and proactive in support of evidence-based means to prevent child abuse and neglect, and to support families;

Whereas adverse childhood experiences (referred to in this preamble as “ACEs”) are traumatic experiences that occur during childhood with lasting effects and include experiences of violence, abuse, or neglect;

Whereas at least 5 of the top 10 leading causes of death are associated with ACEs;

Whereas preventing ACEs could reduce many health conditions and long-term negative effects on life, opportunity, and well-being, including—

- (1) up to 21,000,000 cases of depression;
- (2) up to 1,900,000 cases of heart disease; and

- (3) up to 2,500,000 cases of overweight and obesity;

Whereas every child is filled with tremendous promise, and we all have a collective responsibility to prevent ACEs, foster the potential of every child, and promote positive childhood experiences;

Whereas preventing child abuse and neglect can reduce the costly lifetime economic burden associated with child maltreatment;

Whereas, in 2023, an estimated 7,782,000 children were referred to child protective services agencies, alleging maltreatment;

Whereas each year approximately 1 in 7 children in the United States experiences child abuse, neglect, or both;

Whereas reports indicate that 1 in 4 girls and 1 in 13 boys will become victims of child sexual abuse before their 18th birthday;

Whereas 93 percent of child sexual abuse victims are abused by a person they know and trust;

Whereas children who are sexually abused, especially when not provided appropriate treatment and support, often suffer lifelong consequences, such as physical and mental health challenges and higher risk of drug and alcohol misuse and suicide;

Whereas, in 2023, the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children’s

CyberTipline received nearly 36,200,000 reports of suspected online child sexual exploitation, a 12-percent increase from 2022, the highest number of reports ever received in 1 year;

Whereas education and awareness of possible signs of child abuse and neglect should be prioritized for purposes of prevention; and

Whereas, by intervening to prevent adversity and build resilience during the most critical years of development of a child, voluntary, evidence-based, home-visiting programs have shown positive impact on—

(1) reducing the recurrence of child abuse and neglect;

(2) decreasing the incidence of low-birth-weight babies;

(3) improved school readiness for children; and

(4) increased high school graduation rates: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) supports the designation of April 2025 as “National Child Abuse Prevention Month”;

(2) expresses support for the goals and ideals of National Child Abuse Prevention Month;

(3) recognizes that child abuse and neglect and child sexual abuse are preventable, and that a healthy and prosperous society depends on strong families and communities;

(4) supports efforts to increase the awareness of, and provide education for, the general public of the United States, with respect to preventing child abuse and neglect and building protective factors for families;

(5) supports the efforts to help survivors of childhood sexual abuse heal;

(6) supports justice for victims of childhood sexual abuse; and

(7) recognizes the need for prevention, healing, and justice efforts related to childhood abuse, neglect, and sexual abuse.

SENATE RESOLUTION 185—DESIGNATING THE WEEK OF APRIL 21 THROUGH APRIL 25, 2025, AS “NATIONAL HOME VISITING WEEK”

Mr. GRASSLEY (for himself and Mr. WARNER) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

S. RES. 185

Whereas every child deserves the opportunity to live up to his or her potential;

Whereas the early childhood years are the most active period for the developing brain and a stable, secure relationship with a nurturing, caring adult is a key factor in the development of young children;

Whereas home visiting programs help parents meet the unique needs of their children, promote healthy development, strengthen family relationships, and reduce the risk of abuse and neglect;

Whereas, in 2023, evidence-based home visiting was implemented in all 50 States, the District of Columbia, 5 territories, 21 Indigenous communities, and 51 percent of United States counties;

Whereas, in fiscal year 2023, the Federal Maternal, Infant, and Early Childhood Home Visiting Program served over 139,000 parents and children and provided over 919,000 home visits;

Whereas more than 280,000 families received evidence-based home visiting services in 2023, over the course of more than 2,800,000 home visits;

Whereas more than 20,000 home visitors and supervisors delivered evidence-based services nationwide in 2023; and

Whereas home visitors provide practical, emotional, and educational support that helps families thrive, promotes positive par-

enting practices, and ensures children have a strong foundation for a healthy, successful life: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate supports—

(1) the designation of the week of April 21 through April 25, 2025, as “National Home Visiting Week”;

(2) the goals and ideals of National Home Visiting Week.

SENATE RESOLUTION 186—SUPPORTING THE MISSION AND GOALS OF NATIONAL FENTANYL AWARENESS DAY IN 2025, INCLUDING INCREASING INDIVIDUAL AND PUBLIC AWARENESS OF THE IMPACT OF FAKE OR COUNTERFEIT FENTANYL PILLS ON FAMILIES AND YOUNG PEOPLE

Mr. GRASSLEY (for himself, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mr. MCCONNELL, Mr. FETTERMAN, Mr. MCCORMICK, Ms. CORTEZ MASTO, Mr. DAINES, Mr. WARNOCK, Mr. CRAMER, Mr. GALLEGO, Mr. JUSTICE, Mr. LUJÁN, Mr. RISCH, Mr. KELLY, Mrs. CAPITO, Ms. ROSEN, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. YOUNG, Mrs. FISCHER, Mr. MORAN, Mr. HOEVEN, Mr. HAGERTY, Ms. ERNST, Mr. CASSIDY, Ms. COLLINS, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. SCOTT of Florida, Mr. BUDD, and Mr. RICKETTS) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

S. RES. 186

Whereas drug traffickers are mass-producing fake or counterfeit pills and falsely marketing them as legitimate prescription pills to deceive the people of the United States;

Whereas many fake or counterfeit pills are made to look like prescription name-brand opioids, stimulants, or anxiety medications;

Whereas drug traffickers are using fake or counterfeit pills to exploit prescription drug misuse and the opioid crisis;

Whereas the Drug Enforcement Administration (referred to in this preamble as the “DEA”) has observed a dramatic rise in the number of counterfeit pills containing not less than 2 milligrams of fentanyl, which is considered a deadly dose;

Whereas 5 out of every 10 pills with fentanyl tested by the DEA contain a potentially lethal dose;

Whereas counterfeit pills may also contain fentanyl-related substances and methamphetamine;

Whereas the number of counterfeit pills with fentanyl seized by law enforcement agencies in 2024 was 60,000,000;

Whereas, including the nearly 8,000 pounds of fentanyl powder seized in 2024, total fentanyl seizures are equivalent to more than 377,000,000 lethal doses of fentanyl;

Whereas fake or counterfeit pills have been identified in all 50 States and the District of Columbia;

Whereas illicit fentanyl has also been detected in illicit drugs such as heroin, cocaine, MDMA (ecstasy and molly), and methamphetamine;

Whereas, for the 12-month period ending in October 2024, more than 84,000 individuals in the United States died of drug-induced deaths, and more than 58,000 of those deaths involved illicit fentanyl and other synthetic opioids;

Whereas, over the last 20 years, drug-induced deaths among individuals 15 to 35 years of age have increased 5-fold, largely driven by the increase in illicit fentanyl drugs;

Whereas, for the 12-month period ending in June 2023, illicit fentanyl was involved in more deaths of individuals 55 years of age and under than any single other cause;

Whereas fake counterfeit pills are easily accessible and often sold on social media and e-commerce platforms, making them accessible to teens and youth;

Whereas illicit fentanyl is involved in more deaths of youths than all other drug types combined;

Whereas, between 2019 and 2021, drug overdose and poisoning deaths for individuals 14 to 18 years of age increased by 128 percent, a rate of increase which was 77 percentage points higher than the national rate and higher than the rate for any other 5-year age group;

Whereas, between 2019 and 2021, the number of deaths involving illicit fentanyl in drug overdose and poisoning deaths for individuals 14 to 18 years of age increased by 236 percent, a rate of increase which was 141 percentage points higher than the national rate and higher than the rate for any other 5-year age group over the age of 15;

Whereas, since 2021, the annual number of drug overdose and poisoning deaths and those deaths involving illicit fentanyl in drug overdose and poisoning deaths for individuals 14 to 18 years of age has increased;

Whereas, in the 12-month period ending June 2023, illicit fentanyl was involved in 81 percent of drug-induced deaths of individuals between 14 and 23 years of age, compared to 70 percent of drug-induced deaths of individuals of all ages;

Whereas, in 2024, only 65 percent of youth and 55 percent of teens in the United States were aware that fentanyl is being used to create counterfeit pills;

Whereas, in 2024, only 55 percent of youth and 50 percent of teens considered themselves knowledgeable about fentanyl; and

Whereas, in 2024, there were 51,010 reported overdose deaths involving illicit fentanyl and other synthetic opioids: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) supports the recognition and goals of National Fentanyl Awareness Day, which include increasing individual and public awareness of the impact of fake or counterfeit fentanyl pills on families and young people;

(2) applauds the work of Federal, State, and local law enforcement agencies that work to combat the proliferation of counterfeit pills;

(3) encourages the use of existing authorities to proactively stop and prevent the spread of illicit counterfeit pills; and

(4) designates April 29, 2025, as “National Fentanyl Awareness Day”.

SENATE RESOLUTION 187—CELEBRATING THE 153RD ANNIVERSARY OF ARBOR DAY

Mr. RISCH (for himself, Mr. KING, Mr. CRAPO, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Ms. SMITH, Mr. RICKETTS, and Ms. BALDWIN) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

S. RES. 187

Whereas Arbor Day was founded on April 10, 1872, to recognize the importance of planting trees;

Whereas Arbor Day is a time to recognize the importance of trees and an opportunity for communities to gather and plant for a greener future;

Whereas Arbor Day is observed in all 50 States and across the world;

Whereas participating in Arbor Day activities promotes civic participation and highlights the importance of planting and caring for trees and vegetation;

Whereas Arbor Day activities provide an opportunity to convey to future generations the value of land and stewardship;

Whereas working forests have contributed to an increase in the number of trees planted in the United States and are sustainably managed, with less than 2 percent of working forests nationally harvested each year;

Whereas a key factor in preventing forest conversion and deforestation is keeping forests productive;

Whereas working forests are a critical part of a nature-based solution to climate change, and by providing a continuous cycle of growing, harvesting, and replanting, active forest management maximizes the ability to sequester and store carbon and improves forest resilience;

Whereas private forests play an important role in conserving at-risk and declining species, and collaborative conservation efforts can benefit species while also helping to keep forests as forests;

Whereas sustainably grown wood can be used in a wide variety of resilient infrastructure and building applications—from traditional timber framing to high-tech mass timber—and as a natural, renewable, and biodegradable material, the significant use of wood building materials in buildings and bridges helps decrease global carbon emissions;

Whereas the Arbor Day Foundation and the Tree City USA program have been committed to greening cities and towns across the country since 1976, and, in that time, more than 3,500 communities have made the commitment to becoming Tree City USA communities;

Whereas Tree City USA communities are home to more than 47 percent of individuals in the United States, who are dedicated to core standards of sound urban forestry management and who dedicate resources and time to urban forestry initiatives, which helps make their communities and our country a better place to live;

Whereas National Arbor Day is observed on the last Friday of April each year; and

Whereas April 25, 2025, marks the 153rd anniversary of Arbor Day: Now, therefore, be it *Resolved*, That the Senate—

(1) recognizes April 25, 2025, as “National Arbor Day”;

(2) celebrates the 153rd anniversary of Arbor Day;

(3) supports the goals and ideals of National Arbor Day; and

(4) encourages the people of the United States to participate in National Arbor Day activities.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

Mr. MARSHALL. Mr. President, I have five requests for committees to meet during today's session of the Senate. They have the approval of the Majority and Minority Leaders.

Pursuant to rule XXVI, paragraph 5(a), of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the following committees are authorized to meet during today's session of the Senate:

COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, NUTRITION, AND FORESTRY

The Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, April 29, 2025, at 3 p.m., to conduct a hearing.

COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES

The Committee on Armed Services is authorized to meet during the session

of the Senate on Tuesday, April 29, 2025, at 9:30 a.m., to meet in open session to consider nominations.

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

The Committee on Finance is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, April 29, 2025, at 10 a.m., to consider nominations.

COMMITTEE ON VETERANS' AFFAIRS

The Committee on Veterans' Affairs is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, April 29, 2025, at 10:30 a.m., to conduct a hearing.

SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE

The Select Committee on Intelligence is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, April 29, 2025, at 2:30 p.m., to conduct a closed business meeting and briefing.

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL WEDNESDAY, APRIL 30, 2025, AT 10 A.M.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the Senate stands adjourned until 10 a.m.

Thereupon, the Senate, at 12:01 a.m., adjourned until Wednesday, April 30, 2025, at 10 a.m.

NOMINATIONS

Executive nominations received by the Senate:

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

DAVID BECK, OF TENNESSEE, TO BE DEPUTY ADMINISTRATOR FOR DEFENSE PROGRAMS, NATIONAL NUCLEAR SECURITY ADMINISTRATION, VICE MARVIN L. ADAMS, RESIGNED.

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

MARK BRNOVICH, OF ARIZONA, TO BE AMBASSADOR EXTRAORDINARY AND PLENIPOTENTIARY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO THE REPUBLIC OF SERBIA.

DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

FRANCES BROOKE, OF VIRGINIA, TO BE AN ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY, VICE ALEXIA MARIE GABRIELLE LATORTUE, RESIGNED.

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

THOMAS GAISER, OF OHIO, TO BE AN ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL, VICE CHRISTOPHER CHARLES FONZONE, RESIGNED.

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

JOHN GIORDANO, OF PENNSYLVANIA, TO BE AMBASSADOR EXTRAORDINARY AND PLENIPOTENTIARY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO THE REPUBLIC OF NAMIBIA.

DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

JONATHAN GREENSTEIN, OF NEW YORK, TO BE A DEPUTY UNDER SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY, VICE BRENT NEIMAN, RESIGNED.

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

AMY HENNINGER, OF VIRGINIA, TO BE DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONAL TEST AND EVALUATION, DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE, VICE DOUGLAS CRAIG SCHMIDT, RESIGNED.

BRENT INGRAHAM, OF VIRGINIA, TO BE AN ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF THE ARMY, VICE DOUGLAS R. BUSH, RESIGNED.

DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

DONALD KORB, OF OHIO, TO BE CHIEF COUNSEL FOR THE INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE AND AN ASSISTANT GENERAL COUNSEL IN THE DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY, VICE MARJORIE A. ROLLINSON.

DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

ROBERT LAW, OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, TO BE UNDER SECRETARY FOR STRATEGY, POLICY, AND PLANS, DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY, VICE ROBERT PETER SILVERS, RESIGNED.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

DAVID PETERS, OF VIRGINIA, TO BE AN ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF COMMERCE, VICE MATTHEW S. AXELROD, RESIGNED.

EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

KEVIN RHODES, OF FLORIDA, TO BE ADMINISTRATOR FOR FEDERAL PROCUREMENT POLICY, VICE MICHAEL ERIC WOOTEN.

NATIONAL INDIAN GAMING COMMISSION

JOHN SIMERMMEYER, OF NORTH CAROLINA, TO BE CHAIRMAN OF THE NATIONAL INDIAN GAMING COMMISSION FOR THE TERM OF THREE YEARS, VICE E. SEQUOYAH SIMERMMEYER, TERM EXPIRED.

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

ANJANI SINHA, OF FLORIDA, TO BE AMBASSADOR EXTRAORDINARY AND PLENIPOTENTIARY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO THE REPUBLIC OF SINGAPORE.

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

PHILIP WEINBERG, OF VIRGINIA, TO BE AN ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF THE AIR FORCE, VICE KRISTYN E. JONES.

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

STANLEY WOODWARD, JR., OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, TO BE ASSOCIATE ATTORNEY GENERAL, VICE VANITA GUPTA.

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

CHARLES YOUNG III, OF WEST VIRGINIA, TO BE GENERAL COUNSEL OF THE DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY, VICE CARRIE FRANCES RICCI, RESIGNED.

IN THE AIR FORCE

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JUSTIN O. BAYSDEN
ANDREW S. BERGERIS
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SEAN S. BERTSCH
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CONFIRMATIONS

Executive nominations confirmed by
the Senate April 29, 2025:

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

WARREN STEPHENS, OF ARKANSAS, TO BE AMBASSADOR EXTRAORDINARY AND PLENIPOTENTIARY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO THE UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND.
THOMAS BARRACK, OF COLORADO, TO BE AMBASSADOR EXTRAORDINARY AND PLENIPOTENTIARY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO THE REPUBLIC OF TURKEY.

TILMAN FERTITTA, OF TEXAS, TO BE AMBASSADOR EXTRAORDINARY AND PLENIPOTENTIARY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO THE ITALIAN REPUBLIC , AND TO SERVE CONCURRENTLY AND WITHOUT ADDITIONAL	COMPENSATION AS AMBASSADOR EXTRAORDINARY AND PLENIPOTENTIARY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO THE REPUBLIC OF SAN MARINO.	DAVID PERDUE, OF GEORGIA, TO BE AMBASSADOR EXTRAORDINARY AND PLENIPOTENTIARY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA.
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EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

RECOGNIZING JOSE LUIS
GONZALEZ CHACON

HON. BRITTANY PETTERSEN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 29, 2025

Ms. PETTERSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Jose Luis Gonzalez Chacon for earning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth Award.

Jose has overcome many challenges along his journey to success, demonstrating perseverance at every step. Students who strive to make the most of their education, like Jose, develop crucial skills and a work ethic that will guide them for the rest of their lives. This award is a testament to Jose's hard work, determination, and perseverance at Jefferson Jr./Sr. High School and is clearly just the beginning of a bright and promising future.

It is my honor to congratulate Jose Luis Gonzalez Chacon on achieving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth Award.

HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY
OF MR. JAMES "JIM" KING

HON. NYDIA M. VELÁZQUEZ

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 29, 2025

Ms. VELÁZQUEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of Mr. James "Jim" King. Over the span of his career, Jim was instrumental in launching and leading the New York Small Business Development Center, where he served as Executive Director for 33 years.

Through his unwavering dedication, Jim advanced the mission of the NYSBDC by providing one-on-one advisement, training, and research to small business owners across New York State. His impact extended far beyond day-to-day operations, he was a steady force during moments of crisis, guiding NYSBDC's response to both local and national challenges. From playing a vital role in New York's economic recovery after the September 11th attacks, to helping small businesses rebuild following the devastation of Hurricane Sandy, Jim led with vision, and purpose. He was a pillar of our community and a champion for small business.

Jim will be remembered by the New York small business community as a true trailblazer whose dedication profoundly impacted the growth and success of countless entrepreneurs in our state. His legacy will live on in the hearts of those who were touched by his work and the businesses he was crucial to launching. My deepest condolences go out to his wife, his family, and all who had the privilege of knowing him. May he rest in peace.

HONORING LAKE BARRINGTON, IL-
LINOIS MAYOR KEVIN RICHARD-
SON

HON. MIKE QUIGLEY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 29, 2025

Mr. QUIGLEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to Kevin C. Richardson upon his retirement as the Mayor of the Village of Lake Barrington, Illinois.

Mayor Richardson has been a steadfast leader of Lake Barrington, since he was sworn into village office on May 4, 1999, both as a Village Trustee and as Mayor. During his time in office, Mayor Richardson oversaw vast economic growth, the expansion of affordable housing, the protection of public space, and the restoration of environmental habitats. Mayor Richardson has also been a strong partner in bringing federal money and resources to Lake Barrington.

Before his tenure as mayor, Kevin worked in and around politics at the national level, including as the Associate Counsel to the Subcommittee on Administrative Law of the U.S. House of Representatives' Judiciary Committee. During his time in Washington, D.C., Kevin met the love of his life, Lynne. Lynne and Kevin were married for 36 loving years, until she passed away last summer. Together, they raised two amazing daughters, Mary Ellen and Charlotte.

After 26 years of public service to the Village of Lake Barrington, Mayor Richardson is retiring on May 6, 2025. It is with immense respect that I honor Mayor Richardson for his service to Lake Barrington and our Nation. His leadership, compassion, and tireless work on behalf of others exemplify the ideals we strive for as Americans.

RECOGNIZING DIEGO MORENO

HON. BRITTANY PETTERSEN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 29, 2025

Ms. PETTERSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Diego Moreno for earning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth Award.

Diego has overcome many challenges along his journey to success, demonstrating perseverance at every step. Students who strive to make the most of their education, like Diego, develop crucial skills and a work ethic that will guide them for the rest of their lives. This award is a testament to Diego's hard work, determination, and perseverance at Jefferson Jr./Sr. High School and is clearly just the beginning of a bright and promising future.

It is my honor to congratulate Diego Moreno on achieving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth Award.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. BRAD KNOTT

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 29, 2025

Mr. KNOTT. Mr. Speaker, due to unforeseen circumstances, I was unable to cast my vote for S. 146, TAKE IT DOWN ACT.

Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 104.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JOSH GOTTHEIMER

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 29, 2025

Mr. GOTTHEIMER. Mr. Speaker, I missed the following votes. Had I been present, I would have voted: YES on Roll Call No. 103, and YES on Roll Call No. 104.

RECOGNIZING DIEGO ESTRADA
PONCE

HON. BRITTANY PETTERSEN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 29, 2025

Ms. PETTERSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Diego Estrada Ponce for earning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth Award.

Diego has overcome many challenges along his journey to success, demonstrating perseverance at every step. Students who strive to make the most of their education, like Diego, develop crucial skills and a work ethic that will guide them for the rest of their lives. This award is a testament to Diego's hard work, determination, and perseverance at Jefferson Jr./Sr. High School and is clearly just the beginning of a bright and promising future.

It is my honor to congratulate Diego Estrada Ponce on achieving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth Award.

CELEBRATING 75 YEARS OF
PURSUIT CENTER

HON. SYLVIA R. GARCIA

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 29, 2025

Ms. GARCIA of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Pursuit Center for 75 years of extraordinary service to the Houston community. Since its founding in 1950, Pursuit Center has been a leader in advancing inclusion, independence, and opportunity for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

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It all began with a group of determined parents who envisioned a future beyond institutionalization for their children. Their vision took root at the First Opportunity Center, housed in a small farmhouse on Bissonnet Street. From those humble beginnings, Pursuit Center grew into a beacon of hope—expanding to the historic Fondren Mansion and pioneering innovative educational, psychological, and therapeutic programs that laid the foundation for the comprehensive, lifelong support they offer today.

From the start, Pursuit Center's mission has been about empowerment, not just care. Today, they provide a full continuum of services—residential housing, adult day programs, mental health support, integrated healthcare, and vocational training—supporting individuals at every stage of life. Meaningful employment is a critical step toward independence, and Pursuit Center equips individuals with the skills, confidence, and opportunities to thrive in the workforce and lead self-directed lives.

The impact is undeniable. Last year alone, Pursuit Center supported more than 1,000 children and adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities, provided vocational services to over 340 individuals, and delivered residential care to 114 adults across 22 homes. Through their efforts, they have reshaped how Houston sees the disability community—shifting the conversation from limitations to possibilities.

Looking ahead, Pursuit Center is continuing to expand its reach. They are creating more inclusive job opportunities, championing affordable and dignified housing, and building a new East End campus that will serve as a hub for expanded services. Most importantly, they continue to foster a culture of belonging—where every individual is seen, valued, and celebrated.

The Pursuit Center's journey reminds us that when we invest in people—especially those too often overlooked—we strengthen our entire society. At a time when division too often runs deep, Pursuit Center leads with compassion, collaboration, and love.

Mr. Speaker, Pursuit Center embodies the very best of community, dignity, and heart. I ask my colleagues to join me in thanking them for their tireless service and congratulating them on this remarkable milestone.

HONORING GREG COLE AND BETH FAIRBAIRN

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 29, 2025

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Greg Cole and Beth Fairbairn, a husband-and-wife team who have played a critical role in shaping our Napa Valley restaurant scene. As the founders of the iconic Cole's Chop House, which celebrates its 25th anniversary this year, they have helped define fine dining in our region while making significant contributions to our community.

Mr. Cole, a Los Angeles native, graduated from the Culinary Institute of America at Hyde

Park in 1983. He began his career working at Jack in the Box and Carl's Jr. in Agoura Hills before moving to Napa Valley in 1985 to work for Chef Philippe Jeanty at the Domaine Chandon restaurant. His passion for food and wine led him to later work at Robert Sinskey Vineyards, where he gained experience in winemaking and wine promotion. He then traveled the country hosting food and wine pairing events, further developing his expertise. Mr. Cole has also hosted Today in the Wine Country on Napa's KVON 1440AM, covering food and wine trends, and was named "Best Local Chef" by KVON's Best of Napa and Sonoma Valley awards. He has appeared as a guest chef on Karen MacNeil's PBS series *Wine, Food, and Friends*.

Ms. Fairbairn, originally from Springfield, Missouri, is a graduate of St. Mary's College in Moraga and a registered nurse. She began her career at Sonoma Valley Hospital and Queen of the Valley Hospital before transitioning into private cardiology practice in Napa. In addition to her work in healthcare, she has been an active classroom volunteer and reading tutor.

In 1996, Mr. Cole and Ms. Fairbairn co-founded Celadon, one of Napa's first fine dining restaurants, bringing Chef Cole's "Global Comfort Food" concept to the city. The restaurant quickly gained national recognition, earning a three-star rating from the San Francisco Examiner and a four-star rating from the Santa Rosa Press Democrat. In 2000, USA TODAY named Celadon one of the "Ten Great Places to Dine at the Bar". While the couple operated Celadon, the Wine Spectator awarded Celadon's wine program the "Award of Excellence" for multiple years. In 2002, Celadon moved to the Historic Napa Mill, further cementing its place as a cornerstone of Napa's culinary scene.

Building on that success, Mr. Cole and Ms. Fairbairn opened Cole's Chop House in 2000, creating a steakhouse known for high-quality food and a top-tier wine program. The restaurant quickly became a local institution, earning Wine Spectator's "Award of Excellence" and Wine Enthusiast Magazine's "Award of Unique Distinction." It has been named San Francisco's top-rated steakhouse in the Zagat Survey and recognized as one of the "Top Five Steakhouses" in San Francisco Chronicle Magazine. Cole's Chop House has also been featured in *Gourmet*, *Food Arts*, *Bon Appétit*, and *Sunset Magazine*.

Mr. Cole and Ms. Fairbairn have demonstrated an unwavering commitment to their community. Through their restaurants, they have supported numerous charitable organizations, including the American Red Cross, Jewish Home of San Francisco, American Cancer Society, Queen of the Valley Hospital, Community Health Clinic Olé. Children's Hospital Oakland, Boys & Girls Club, and many local public and private schools. In recognition of their impact, the Napa Chamber of Commerce named Celadon and Cole's Chop House its 2005 Business of the Year.

In 2015 and 2016, Mr. Cole and Ms. Fairbairn sold Celadon to their general manager, Joel Tavizon, and Cole's Chop House to longtime employee Eric Keffer, allowing the couple to invest more time into giving back to our community and to pursue other ventures. The couple currently resides in Napa and are

devoted parents to Larsen and Sophia Cole, and loving grandparents to Abraham Cole Fishman.

Mr. Speaker, Greg Cole and Beth Fairbairn exemplify the values of leadership, generosity, and service. Their legacy in Napa's culinary world and their steadfast commitment to their community have left a lasting impact. As we celebrate the 25th anniversary of Cole's Chop House, it is fitting and proper that we recognize their remarkable contributions here today.

HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY
OF SALLYE RUTH MOORE

HON. MARC A. VEASEY

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 29, 2025

Mr. VEASEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the extraordinary life and legacy of a true Texas trailblazer, Mrs. Sallye Ruth Moore—a pioneering educator, a fierce advocate for equity, and a beloved pillar of the Grand Prairie community. Mrs. Moore passed away in 2025 at the age of 91, leaving behind a profound legacy that will continue to inspire generations.

Over the course of more than four decades, Mrs. Moore dedicated her life to uplifting children and advancing educational excellence. She made history as the first African American to serve as Associate Superintendent of the Grand Prairie Independent School District—shattering glass ceilings and opening doors for so many who followed in her footsteps.

Before her tenure in district leadership, Mrs. Moore served as a devoted teacher at Dalworth High School and Grand Prairie High School, later rising through the ranks as a counselor, instructional leader, and principal of Dalworth Elementary School. She was widely respected for her vision, discipline, and her deep love for students. As Assistant Superintendent of Instruction and later as Associate Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction, she led with clarity and compassion—setting high standards and helping multiple GPISD campuses earn the coveted "Exemplary" status under the Texas Accountability system.

But Mrs. Moore's contributions extended far beyond the classroom. She was a champion for justice and fairness—a tireless advocate who worked throughout Grand Prairie to ensure equal opportunity for all. She was honored with countless awards throughout her life, but remained grounded in grace, humility, and her enduring belief in the power of education. In 2001, her impact was forever immortalized when a school was named in her honor: Sallye Moore Elementary. Today, that name is not only etched on a building, but etched in the hearts of the many students, educators, and neighbors whose lives she forever changed.

Mrs. Moore is survived by a loving community that will carry forward her legacy. Congress joins me in remembering Sallye Ruth Moore—a giant in Texas education, a servant leader, and a beacon of hope and excellence. May her memory be a blessing, and may her legacy continue to inspire us all.

RECOGNIZING CRYSTAL LOZANO
GUTIERREZ

HON. BRITTANY PETTERSEN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 29, 2025

Ms. PETTERSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Crystal Lozano Gutierrez for earning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth Award.

Crystal has overcome many challenges along her journey to success, demonstrating perseverance at every step. Students who strive to make the most of their education, like Crystal, develop crucial skills and a work ethic that will guide them for the rest of their lives. This award is a testament to Crystal's hard work, determination, and perseverance at Jefferson Jr./Sr. High School and is clearly just the beginning of a bright and promising future.

It is my honor to congratulate Crystal Lozano Gutierrez on achieving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth Award.

RECOGNIZING THE SERVICE OF
DR. STEPHEN A. FERRARA

HON. GEORGE LATIMER

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 29, 2025

Mr. LATIMER. Mr. Speaker, it is with great appreciation that I rise to recognize Dr. Stephen A. Ferrara, DNP, FNP-BC, FAANP, FAAN of White Plains, New York for his outstanding leadership and contributions as President of the American Association of Nurse Practitioners (AANP).

Dr. Ferrara is a dedicated health care leader with over two decades of experience, including extensive work as a practicing nurse practitioner, health policy advocate, and academic leader. In addition to his role as President of AANP, he also currently serves as Associate Dean of Artificial Intelligence and Professor at the Columbia University School of Nursing where he has focused on health information technology and the implementation of evidence-based practice. Dr. Ferrara previously served as the Executive Director of the Nurse Practitioner Association New York State, where he played a key role in removing state barriers to NP practice. Dr. Ferrara has been recognized for his leadership as a Fellow of AANP, the American Academy of Nursing, the National Academies of Practice and the New York Academy of Medicine.

The American Association of Nurse Practitioner is the largest professional membership organization for nurse practitioners, representing the interest of the over 431,000 licensed nurse practitioners in the United States who are delivering care in nearly 1 billion patient visits per year. As President of AANP, Dr. Ferrara has played a pivotal role in amplifying the voice of nurse practitioners at the national level. He has worked to ensure that policymakers recognize the essential contributions of NPs in improving access to comprehensive, patient-centered care across all health care settings.

I urge my colleagues to join me in honoring Dr. Stephen Ferrara for his distinguished term

as President of the American Association of Nurse Practitioners and in expressing our gratitude for his exceptional service to patients, students and the nurse practitioner profession.

RECOGNIZING THE CAREER OF
JEFFERY RONALD BILLMAN

HON. RONNY JACKSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 29, 2025

Mr. JACKSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and express my deepest gratitude to my former Chief of Staff, Jeffery Ronald Billman of Irving, Texas, for his dedicated service, steadfast leadership, and unwavering commitment to the people of Texas' Thirteenth Congressional District. As my first Chief of Staff, Jeff played an instrumental role in helping me to become a better Member of Congress, advancing the interests of Texas Thirteen, and ensuring that my constituents received the representation they truly deserve.

Jeff, a native from Sacramento, California, found himself interested in American History and Politics, which brought him to the University of Dallas, where he received his bachelor's degree in history and a master's degrees in American studies. Following graduation, Jeff moved to Washington, D.C. and started his career in public service.

Throughout his time in Washington, Jeff's distinguished career included serving as a Special Assistant to the Chief Deputy Whip for Deputy Whip Peter Roskam, Legislative Assistant for Congressman Peter Roskam, Deputy Chief of Staff for Congressman Peter Roskam, Deputy Chief of Staff for Congressman KEVIN HERN, and Legislative Director and Deputy Chief of Staff for Ranking Member Kevin Brady before coming to Team Jackson as my Chief of Staff. His extensive experience, knowledge, and leadership in these roles have helped shape policy and governance at the highest levels.

During his tenure in my office, Jeff was instrumental in my success on the House Armed Services Committee, House Agriculture Committee, House Foreign Affairs Committee, and House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence. He provided key legislative guidance that strengthened our national security and helped assemble a top-tier team to serve the people of Texas Thirteen.

Currently, Jeff serves as Senior Vice President of Government Relations at AxAdvocacy, where he continues to use his vast expertise and experience to advocate for important issues that shape public policy.

While Jeff has moved on to new opportunities, his legacy of service will not be forgotten. I have no doubt that he will continue to excel and make a meaningful difference in whatever endeavors he pursues. On behalf of myself, my staff, and the people of the Thirteenth Congressional District of Texas, I extend my sincere appreciation to Jeff Billman for his years of hard work, dedication, and service to the state of Texas and our great Nation.

RECOGNIZING BRODY HAFER

HON. BRITTANY PETTERSEN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 29, 2025

Ms. PETTERSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Brody Hafer for earning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth Award.

Brody has overcome many challenges along his journey to success, demonstrating perseverance at every step. Students who strive to make the most of their education, like Brody, develop crucial skills and a work ethic that will guide them for the rest of their lives. This award is a testament to Brody's hard work, determination, and perseverance at Jefferson Jr./Sr. High School and is clearly just the beginning of a bright and promising future.

It is my honor to congratulate Brody Hafer on achieving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth Award.

RECOGNIZING NATIONAL PEO
WEEK

HON. ERIN HOUCHIN

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 29, 2025

Mrs. HOUCHIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate National PEO Week, which starts May 18 and ends May 24, 2025.

National PEO Week will celebrate the important contributions of the professional employer organization (PEO) industry, which provides payroll, employee benefits, compliance assistance and HR services to hundreds of thousands of small and mid-sized businesses that employ more than 4.5 million people.

PEOs help small businesses improve productivity and profitability, focus on their core mission and grow. Through a PEO, the employees of small businesses gain access to important employee benefits such as: 401(k) plans; health, dental, life and other insurance; dependent care; and other benefits they might not typically receive as employees of a small company.

PEOs also take over the back-office tasks that consume time, energy and resources, enabling small businesses working with a PEO to grow two times faster, have employee turnover that is 12 percent lower and a higher business survival rate.

I know the value that PEOs provide. Before coming to Congress, I worked for a PEO, and I saw firsthand the positive impact they had on small businesses in my home state of Indiana.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to congratulate the PEO industry for all they do to help our nation's small businesses, and their employees prosper.

COMMEMORATING APRIL 29 AS
#ENDJEWHATRED DAY

HON. DON BACON

OF NEBRASKA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 29, 2025

Mr. BACON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate April 29 as #EndJewHatred

Day to address the alarming rise of anti-semitism in our nation and express our unwavering support for Jewish communities everywhere.

Since October 7, we have witnessed an unprecedented 200 percent increase in antisemitic incidents across the United States and an even more disturbing 500 percent spike on our college campuses targeting Jewish students. This isn't just a series of statistics; these are real threats affecting the lives and safety of our fellow Americans. It's a matter that strikes at the very heart of our values as a nation.

The fight against antisemitism is not a Republican issue or a Democratic issue—it is fundamentally an American endeavor that requires our collective perseverance. This deep-seated hatred by some goes against the core values that unite us as a people. As Americans, we have a moral obligation to confront this challenge head-on. When we say, “never again,” we must ensure those words resonate with sincerity and are supported by our actions, our unity, and our steadfast resolve.

From my father's daily devotions, I learned early on that those who bless Israel will be blessed. This wisdom was reinforced during my first visit to Jerusalem as a fifteen-year-old and later through my service as a Colonel helping establish missile defenses in Israel. Throughout these formative experiences, I witnessed both the resilience of the Jewish people and the importance of standing against prejudice in all its forms. These experiences have shown me firsthand why we must remain vigilant against hatred in all its forms.

The antisemitism we see today is repugnant and has no place in our society, and the right to practice one's faith without fear is fundamental to who we are as Americans. We must stand firm with our Jewish communities as they rise with courage, proudly practicing their heritage with the full support and strength of American society.

Today, as we commemorate #EndJewHatred Day, I stand with Nebraska's Second District and our entire Jewish community in their resilient fight against discrimination and bigotry. Together, we reaffirm our commitment to unite across party lines and ensure that the horrors of the past remain firmly in the past and that hatred finds no sanctuary in our American society. When it comes to anti-semitism, I refuse to be a bystander.

RECOGNIZING ADEN CORDOVA RUBIO

HON. BRITTANY PETTERSEN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 29, 2025

Ms. PETTERSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Aden Cordova Rubio for earning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth Award.

Aden has overcome many challenges along his journey to success, demonstrating perseverance at every step. Students who strive to make the most of their education, like Aden, develop crucial skills and a work ethic that will guide them for the rest of their lives. This award is a testament to Aden's hard work, determination, and perseverance at Jefferson Jr./Sr. High School and is clearly just the beginning of a bright and promising future.

It is my honor to congratulate Aden Cordova Rubio on achieving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth Award.

RECOGNIZING VADA CARAWAN

HON. JENNIFER A. KIGGANS

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 29, 2025

Mrs. KIGGANS of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize a very brave young woman from Virginia's Second District. Vada Carawan is an 11-year-old Virginia Beach native who recently showed courage beyond her years when she saved her father's life. On November 23, 2024, Vada was spending time with her father, Clinton, when he started to experience what doctors later called “sudden cardiac death,” which comes with no warning. Just 11 days earlier, Clinton had driven Vada to girl scouts where she learned how to perform CPR. The moment Clinton started to experience the cardiac event, Vada told herself that she could cry once the EMT came, but before that she had to focus on saving her dad's life. Vada thinks she performed CPR for around 5 to 7 minutes, which doctors said was critical to saving her dad's life. For her heroism, Vada received the National Medal of Honor—Lifesaving Award from the Girl Scouts of the United States of America. Her bravery and quick action in a time of distress is truly remarkable. Virginia's Second District is truly lucky to have such a fearless and impressive member of the community and we are so thankful that her father is ok. Please join me in recognizing Vada for her heroism.

HONORING THE LIFE OF HELENA NICOLE RODRIGUEZ

HON. DARREN SOTO

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 29, 2025

Mr. SOTO. Mr. Speaker, from a young age, Helena Nicole Rodriguez displayed leadership and charisma. She lived a life of service in her church and helping the less fortunate in her community. Growing up, Nicole was a leader and mentor to the youth congregation in her church. While in high school at Gateway High School, she received awards and commendations for her academics. She was also a member of the Gateway High School Osceola County District Champion Swim team in 2015.

Following high school, Nicole majored in marketing at the University of Central Florida. While in college, she joined her father, Juan Jose Rodriguez, in the marketing department at Michael T. Gibson, P.A. There, she founded the firm's social media efforts and served as the director for social media marketing. While at UCF, Nicole was very active in politics, leading voter registration drives and organizing UCF students to vote. During this time, she also participated with her father on several charitable missions, including trips to Honduras, Ecuador, the Dominican Republic, and Mexico.

After graduation, Nicole was hired and worked for Marriott and Oracle, two Fortune 500 companies. These positions took her to

Hawaii and Austin, Texas. While with Oracle, Nicole was instrumental in having the company engage in charitable endeavors to help the less fortunate in her community. Prior to her passing, she left her position in management to dedicate more time to helping the less fortunate and volunteering at a homeless assistance program.

Nicole leaves a legacy of service and commitment to helping spread her faith and to helping the less fortunate. Although she left us at a young age, the impact of her efforts will last a lifetime. Many were touched by her kind spirit, her warm and affectionate smile, her deep faith in God, and her commitment to serving others. She was loved and cherished by her family and friends. While her life was short, her impact on this world was substantial. Nicole's memory will live on through her friends and family. Her contagious smile, her charisma, her personality, and her charitable heart will live on in our memories forever.

RECOGNIZING NAOMI KIARA CHUQUIHUCCHA MADUENO

HON. BRITTANY PETTERSEN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 29, 2025

Ms. PETTERSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Naomi Kiara Chuquihuccha Madueno for earning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth Award.

Naomi has overcome many challenges along her journey to success, demonstrating perseverance at every step. Students who strive to make the most of their education, like Naomi, develop crucial skills and a work ethic that will guide them for the rest of their lives. This award is a testament to Naomi's hard work, determination, and perseverance at Jefferson Jr./Sr. High School and is clearly just the beginning of a bright and promising future.

It is my honor to congratulate Naomi Kiara Chuquihuccha Madueno on achieving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth Award.

CELEBRATING 50 YEARS OF THE RAILROAD MUSEUM OF PENNSYLVANIA

HON. LLOYD SMUCKER

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 29, 2025

Mr. SMUCKER. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to congratulate and recognize the Railroad Museum of Pennsylvania for their 50th anniversary.

Originally created by an act of the Pennsylvania General Assembly, the Railroad Museum opened its doors 50 years ago in April 1975. The first structure in North America specifically built as a railroad museum, the Railroad Museum has since added building restorations, an education center, a museum store, and many new exhibits. The museum is affiliated with the Smithsonian and the Pennsylvania Historical & Museum Commission, and has received generous community support from an aptly named nonprofit, the Friends of the Railroad Museum of Pennsylvania.

Today, the Railroad Museum of Pennsylvania's world-class collection includes over 100 historic locomotives and railroad cars, a vast library with half a million photographs and documents, a working restoration shop, and 20,000 smaller items relating to Pennsylvania railroads.

As the Railroad Museum of Pennsylvania celebrates their golden anniversary year, I would like to thank the museum for the educational opportunities they provide and for their work in keeping not just our community's history, but Pennsylvania's history, alive.

PROCLAIMING THIS AND EVERY
APRIL 29TH AS #ENDJEWHATRED
DAY

HON. FEDERICA S. WILSON

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 29, 2025

Ms. WILSON of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise to include in the RECORD the following Proclamation in recognition of this and every April 29th as #EndJewHatred Day.

Whereas, for centuries, the Jewish people have sustained their shared religious, cultural, and ethnic identity and traditions in the face of enslavement, persecution, genocide, segregation and discrimination, and all manner of adversity; and

Whereas, since the first Jewish person set foot in America in 1654, members of the Jewish community have made indelible contributions to the state of Florida and to the United States of America, contributing to the vibrant cultural, historical, and social framework of American life; and

Whereas, the greatness in American democracy and the promise of liberty and opportunity have drawn countless Jewish individuals to these shores, including those escaping from oppressive regimes in Europe, survivors of the Holocaust, and those seeking a haven from persecution; and

Whereas, the Jewish community has been instrumental in advancing civil rights initiatives across America, fighting discrimination, and advocating for justice and inclusivity for all members of society; and

Whereas, despite notable progress toward social justice, the Jewish community continues to face antisemitism and Jew-hatred; and

Whereas, the reality of antisemitism has manifested itself in various forms, from microaggressions to violent attacks, targeting Jewish individuals for their identity and seeking to deny their shared identity; and

Whereas, the alarming increase in hate crimes against the Jewish community has catalyzed movements such as End Jew Hatred, which seeks to reshape public dialogue and create a society where Jew-hatred is intolerable, empowering individuals to embrace their Jewish heritage without fear of attack or persecution; and

Whereas, we all have a moral obligation to confront and reject Jew-hatred in all its forms; and

Whereas, the first official recognition of “#EndJewHatred Day” on April 29, 2022, exemplified a united stand against Jew-hatred, empowering collective action towards a future characterized by fighting racism and bigotry with understanding and equality; and

Whereas, it is imperative that we remain vigilant and proactive in opposing Jew-hatred to ensure that the painful history of the past is not forgotten or repeated;

Now, therefore, be it proclaimed, That I, Representative Frederica Wilson, in recognition of the urgent need to end Jew-hatred in this generation, hereby declare and proclaim every April 29 as “#EndJewHatred Day;” and

Be it further proclaimed, That I, Representative Frederica Wilson, affirm and proclaim that the 24th Congressional District of Florida stands united in condemning Jew-hatred in all its forms and remains steadfast in the commitment to end discrimination against, and persecution of, the Jewish community.

RECOGNIZING PERLA LOPEZ

HON. BRITTANY PETTERSEN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 29, 2025

Ms. PETTERSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Perla Lopez for earning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth Award.

Perla has overcome many challenges along her journey to success, demonstrating perseverance at every step. Students who strive to make the most of their education, like Perla, develop crucial skills and a work ethic that will guide them for the rest of their lives. This award is a testament to Perla's hard work, determination, and perseverance at Jefferson Jr./Sr. High School and is clearly just the beginning of a bright and promising future.

It is my honor to congratulate Perla Lopez on achieving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth Award.

COMMEMORATING COACH GREG HEIAR AND THE TRINITY VALLEY COMMUNITY COLLEGE MEN'S BASKETBALL TEAM ON THEIR HISTORIC NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP VICTORY

HON. LANCE GOODEN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 29, 2025

Mr. GOODEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the incredible accomplishment of the Trinity Valley Community College Men's Basketball Team, who, under the leadership of Coach Greg Heiar, secured their first-ever national championship in 2025.

In his first season as head coach, Coach Heiar led the Cardinals to a 69–61 victory over Connors State in the NJCAA D1 Men's Basketball National Championship in Hutchinson, Kansas. This victory concluded a dominant 34–3 season, marking the best in the program's history.

The Cardinals showed remarkable resilience, determination, and unity throughout the season. They embraced the tough, defense-first mentality instilled by their coach, and each player's commitment to the team's success played a critical role in bringing home this historic title.

I extend my heartfelt congratulations to Coach Heiar, his coaching staff, and the entire men's basketball team. Their hard work, dedication, and pride in their community have made this championship a lasting symbol of excellence for the Trinity Valley community.

IN REMEMBRANCE OF GERALD P. McDERMOTT

HON. DIANA DeGETTE

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 29, 2025

Ms. DeGETTE. Mr. Speaker. I rise today to honor the life and legacy of my dear friend and mentor, Gerald P. McDermott—a highly regarded trial attorney, advocate for justice, pillar of Denver's legal community, and revered family man.

Jerry's career was defined by an unwavering commitment to defending the rights of all Coloradans, no matter their circumstance or situation.

Jerry was a proud son of Pueblo, Colorado. He stayed in Colorado for his education, attending Colorado State University and the University of Denver School of Law, where he was a member of the law review.

After graduating from law school, Jerry established a legal career fighting for people who needed a strong advocate. He was associated with many preeminent trial firms in Colorado and founded his own firm, establishing the highest standards of trial excellence and ethics.

Jerry's lifelong love of politics was cemented when he was a reading clerk for the Colorado State Legislature during the 1965–66 session. Later, he was the point person for the rights of the injured in the 1985 tort reform legislative session and gained respect from legislators on both sides of the aisle. He consistently supported politicians who he believed met his standards and worked actively to help them get elected and succeed in office.

I saw this for myself. When I was a young member of the General Assembly, struggling to balance my law practice, service as a legislator, and raising two young daughters, Jerry took me in. He gave me an office in his firm and was always there to help me with a case or give advice about a tricky legal issue.

Jerry received many awards and accolades, but he would say that his biggest success was his family. He and Rosemarie were married for over 60 years, and they raised two sons, Sean and Brian. Over the years, Jerry spoke to me with such pride about the success of his boys. Truly, his family was the center of his life.

To scores of Colorado lawyers, Jerry was a guiding light and voice of reason. He gave us advice, set an example through his work, and showed us what it meant to fight for people who needed a strong advocate.

His dedication to fairness and justice had a lasting impact on generations of trial lawyers. I am proud to have known Jerry and to call him my friend.

Colorado's legal community mourns the loss of a giant.

RECOGNIZING RICKY MARTINEZ

HON. BRITTANY PETTERSEN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 29, 2025

Ms. PETTERSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Ricky Martinez for earning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth Award.

Ricky has overcome many challenges along his journey to success, demonstrating perseverance at every step. Students who strive to make the most of their education, like Ricky, develop crucial skills and a work ethic that will guide them for the rest of their lives. This award is a testament to Ricky's hard work, determination, and perseverance at Jefferson Jr./Sr. High School and is clearly just the beginning of a bright and promising future.

It is my honor to congratulate Ricky Martinez on achieving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth Award.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. MICHAEL A. RULLI

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 29, 2025

Mr. RULLI. Mr. Speaker, had I been present, I would have voted: YEA on Roll Call No. 104, and YEA on Roll Call No. 103.

HONORING THE LIFE OF DAVID J. MEYER

HON. MIKE QUIGLEY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 29, 2025

Mr. QUIGLEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the life and legacy of David John Meyer, Chicago Fire Department Captain.

In 1996, David joined the Chicago Fire Department and committed nearly three decades of his life to serving the city of Chicago. Before David rose through the ranks and became Captain of Truck 29, he was a Lieutenant on Truck 35, where he was not only known for his fearless leadership style, but also for his strong commitment to the Chicago Fire Department, the community he served, and his fellow firefighters. Chicago's firefighters put their lives on the line for us every single day and David spent his entire career protecting our property, communities, people, and city. He was described as a hero by his colleagues. I can only echo their sentiments and say that Chicago has lost one of our finest public servants. He leaves an unforgettable mark on the city of Chicago.

The passion David brought to his work protecting our city was also displayed in several

other aspects of his life—whether it was through entertaining his family and friends, the jokes that kept his friends and family laughing, or riding his Harley around the country. David also displayed his dedication as an avid carpenter and the proprietor of Meyer Builders, a family business. His remarkable carpentry was even featured on HGTV's *Windy City Rehab*.

David was a proud Chicagoan who loved cheering for hometown sports, including the Cubs, Bears, and Blackhawks. Most importantly, he was a family man. He met his wife of 30 years, Kristen, at Lane Tech College Prep High School at the age of 16. He is survived by his wife, three daughters, a son, and his parents.

The city of Chicago and the Chicago Fire Department have lost a true hero that will be dearly missed. His legacy will be remembered by his family, friends, loved ones, colleagues, and the many lives he touched. I am forever grateful to David for the work that he did to protect our city and could not be prouder to have him as my constituent.

HONORING JESSICA AROCHO

HON. NYDIA M. VELÁZQUEZ

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 29, 2025

Ms. VELÁZQUEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Jessica Arocho, an exceptional individual who has devoted her life to serving the North Brooklyn community. As the Director of Community Affairs at NYC Health + Hospitals/Woodhull, Jessica exemplifies the spirit of service that defines our community leaders.

Jessica is a true product of Williamsburg, following in the footsteps of her strong Puerto Rican mother, Dona Carmen Gines, and other influential community leaders. Her lifelong commitment to service began in her childhood, when she frequently accompanied her mother to Woodhull Hospital, their trusted medical home. It is also where her youngest daughter was born, and where Jessica began her career in the Youth Outreach program.

Since taking on the role as Director of Community Affairs in January 2020, Jessica has been instrumental in enhancing the hospital's outreach and building partnerships with local organizations. She advocates for good health and promotes positive energy within the community, ensuring that residents have access to essential health resources. Her leadership during the COVID-19 pandemic was particularly

noteworthy; she ensured that hospital staff received essential supplies, including meals and personal protective equipment. Additionally, she organized successful initiatives that provided thousands of coats, toys, backpacks, and school supplies to families in need.

Jessica's dedication extends beyond her professional responsibilities. She has served on the Community Advisory Board (CAB) for 16 years, including five years as Chair, and held the position of Vice Chair of the NYC Health + Hospitals Council of CABs. She has also been an integral part of Woodhull's leadership team, advocating for the hospital's funding and operational needs.

Her commitment to the community has been recognized, as she was named to Crain's "2021 Notable Hispanic Leaders and Executives" list, highlighting her role as a strong advocate for NYC Health + Hospitals/Woodhull. Her relentless efforts and steadfast dedication to the Williamsburg and Bushwick communities serve as an inspiration for future generations of leaders.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in recognizing Jessica Arocho for her exceptional contributions to our community. Her dedication, leadership, and service are truly commendable, and she represents the very best of Brooklyn.

RECOGNIZING VIOLETA MONSERRAT DIAZ MARTINEZ

HON. BRITTANY PETTERSEN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 29, 2025

Ms. PETTERSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Violeta Monserrat Diaz Martinez for earning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth Award.

Violeta has overcome many challenges along her journey to success, demonstrating perseverance at every step. Students who strive to make the most of their education, like Violeta, develop crucial skills and a work ethic that will guide them for the rest of their lives. This award is a testament to Violeta's hard work, determination, and perseverance at Jefferson Jr./Sr. High School and is clearly just the beginning of a bright and promising future.

It is my honor to congratulate Violeta Monserrat Diaz Martinez on achieving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth Award.

Daily Digest

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Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S2613–S2678

Measures Introduced: Nineteen bills and four resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 1502–1520, and S. Res. 184–187. **Pages S2663–64**

Measures Reported:

S. 281, to require sellers of event tickets to disclose comprehensive information to consumers about ticket prices and related fees, to prohibit speculative ticketing, with amendments. (S. Rept. No. 119–17) **Page S2663**

Measures Passed:

Prison Staff Safety Enhancement Act: Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. 307, to address sexual harassment and sexual assault of Bureau of Prisons staff in prisons, and the bill was then passed. **Page S2643**

National Child Abuse Prevention Month: Senate agreed to S. Res. 184, expressing support for the designation of April 2025 as “National Child Abuse Prevention Month”, and the goals and ideals of National Child Abuse Prevention Month. **Page S2643**

National Home Visiting Week: Senate agreed to S. Res. 185, designating the week of April 21 through April 25, 2025, as “National Home Visiting Week”. **Page S2643**

National Fentanyl Awareness Day: Senate agreed to S. Res. 186, supporting the mission and goals of National Fentanyl Awareness Day in 2025, including increasing individual and public awareness of the impact of fake or counterfeit fentanyl pills on families and young people. **Page S2643**

Arbor Day 153rd Anniversary: Senate agreed to S. Res. 187, celebrating the 153rd anniversary of Arbor Day. **Page S2643**

Measures Considered:

Energy Conservation Program For Appliance Standards—Agreement: Senate began consideration of H.J. Res. 42, providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Department of

Energy relating to “Energy Conservation Program for Appliance Standards: Certification Requirements, Labeling Requirements, and Enforcement Provisions for Certain Consumer Products and Commercial Equipment”, after agreeing to the motion to proceed. **Page S2644**

During consideration of this measure today, Senate also took the following action:

By 52 yeas to 46 nays (Vote No. 222), Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to consideration of the joint resolution. **Page S2644**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the joint resolution at approximately 10 a.m., on Wednesday, April 30, 2025; and that at 11:30 a.m., all debate time on the joint resolution be expired and Senate vote on passage of the joint resolution. **Page S2643**

Bisignano Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Frank Bisignano, of New Jersey, to be Commissioner of Social Security Administration for the term expiring January 19, 2031. **Pages S2642–43**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur on Thursday, May 1, 2025. **Pages S2642–43**

Prior to the consideration of this nomination, Senate took the following action:

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Legislative Session. **Page S2642**

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Executive Session to consider the nomination. **Page S2642**

Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

By 67 yeas to 29 nays (Vote No. EX. 215), David Perdue, of Georgia, to be Ambassador to the People’s Republic of China. **Pages S2620, S2678**

By 59 yeas to 39 nays (Vote No. EX. 217), Warren Stephens, of Arkansas, to be Ambassador to the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland. **Pages S2620–21, S2677**

During consideration of this nomination today, Senate also took the following action:

By 59 yeas to 39 nays (Vote No. EX. 216), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination. **Page S2620**

By 60 yeas to 36 nays (Vote No. EX. 219), Thomas Barrack, of Colorado, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Turkey. **Pages S2621–31, S2677**

During consideration of this nomination today, Senate also took the following action:

By 62 yeas to 36 nays (Vote No. EX. 218), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination. **Page S2621**

By 83 yeas to 14 nays (Vote No. EX. 221), Tilman Fertitta, of Texas, to be Ambassador to the Italian Republic, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador to the Republic of San Marino. **Pages S2631, S2678**

During consideration of this nomination today, Senate also took the following action:

By 84 yeas to 13 nays (Vote No. EX. 220), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination. **Page S2631**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

David Beck, of Tennessee, to be Deputy Administrator for Defense Programs, National Nuclear Security Administration.

Mark Brnovich, of Arizona, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Serbia.

Frances Brooke, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Treasury.

Thomas Gaiser, of Ohio, to be an Assistant Attorney General.

John Giordano, of Pennsylvania, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Namibia.

Jonathan Greenstein, of New York, to be a Deputy Under Secretary of the Treasury.

Amy Henninger, of Virginia, to be Director of Operational Test and Evaluation, Department of Defense.

Brent Ingraham, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Army.

Donald Korb, of Ohio, to be Chief Counsel for the Internal Revenue Service and an Assistant General Counsel in the Department of the Treasury.

Robert Law, of the District of Columbia, to be Under Secretary for Strategy, Policy, and Plans, Department of Homeland Security.

David Peters, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Commerce.

Kevin Rhodes, of Florida, to be Administrator for Federal Procurement Policy.

John Simermeyer, of North Carolina, to be Chairman of the National Indian Gaming Commission for the term of three years.

Anjani Sinha, of Florida, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Singapore.

Philip Weinberg, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Air Force.

Stanley Woodward, Jr., of the District of Columbia, to be Associate Attorney General.

Charles Young III, of West Virginia, to be General Counsel of the Department of the Army.

Routine lists in the Air Force, and Army.

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Messages from the House: **Page S2659**

Measures Referred: **Pages S2659–60**

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Authorities for Committees to Meet: **Page S2670**

Record Votes: Eight record votes were taken today. (Total—222) **Pages S2620–21, S2630–31, S2642, S2644**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, April 29, 2025, and adjourned at 12:02 a.m., on Wednesday, April 30, 2025, until 10 a.m. on Wednesday, April 30, 2025. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S2643.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Luke Lindberg, of South Dakota, to be Under Secretary for Trade and Foreign Agricultural Affairs, who was introduced by Senator Rounds, and Devon Westhill, of Florida, to be an Assistant Secretary, both of the Department of Agriculture, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

APPROPRIATIONS: CBO, GAO, GPO

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Legislative Branch concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2026 for Congressional Budget Office, the Government Accountability Office, and the Government Publishing Office, after receiving testimony from Phillip L. Swagel, Director, Congressional Budget Office; Gene L. Dodaro, Comptroller General of the United States, Government Accountability Office; and Hugh, N. Halpern, Director, Government Publishing Office.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Michael Cadenazzi, of Rhode Island, to be an Assistant Secretary of Defense, and Scott Pappano, of Pennsylvania, to be Principal Deputy Administrator, National Nuclear Security Administration, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Finance: Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of William Kimmitt, of Virginia, to be Under Secretary of Commerce for International Trade, and Kenneth Kies, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Treasury.

VETERANS' MENTAL HEALTH OUTREACH

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine bridging the gap, focusing on enhancing outreach to support veterans' mental health, after receiving testimony from Thomas O'Toole, Acting Assistant Under Secretary of Health for Clinical Services, and Mike Fischer, Chief Officer, Readjustment Counseling Service, both of the Vet-

erans Health Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs; Steffen Crow, Oklahoma Veterans United, Tulsa; Jim Lorraine, America's Warrior Partnership, Augusta, Georgia; Gilly Cantor, Syracuse University D'Aniello Institute for Veterans and Military Families, Syracuse, New York; Lindsay Church, Minority Veterans of America, Chicago, Illinois; Heather Barr, Key Largo, Florida; and Austin Lambright, Easley, South Carolina.

BUSINESS MEETING

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of Aaron Lukas, of Arkansas, to be Principal Deputy Director of National Intelligence, and Joseph Kent, of Washington, to be Director of the National Counterterrorism Center, Office of the Director of National Intelligence.

INTELLIGENCE

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee met in closed session to receive a briefing on certain intelligence matters from members of the intelligence community.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 35 public bills, H.R. 15, 3054–3087; and 5 resolutions, H.J. Res. 94; and H. Res. 357–360, were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors:

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Report Filed: A report was filed today as follows:

H. Res. 237, of inquiry requesting the President and directing the Secretary of Education to transmit, respectively, certain documents to the House of Representatives relating to the reduction in force and other downsizing measures at the Department of Education, adversely, with an amendment (H. Rept. 119–84).

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Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Alford to act as Speaker pro tempore for today.

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Recess: The House recessed at 10:47 a.m. and reconvened at 12 p.m.

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Recess: The House recessed at 1:22 p.m. and reconvened at 1:30 p.m.

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Suspensions—Proceedings Resumed: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures. Consideration began Monday, April 28th.

Transparency In Charges for Key Events Ticketing Act: H.R. 1402, to require sellers of event tickets to disclose comprehensive information to consumers about ticket prices and related fees, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ ye-and-nay vote of 409 yeas to 15 nays, Roll No. 107;

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Youth Poisoning Protection Act: H.R. 1442, amended, to ban the sale of products with a high concentration of sodium nitrite to individuals, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ ye-and-nay vote of 378 yeas to 42 nays, Roll No. 108; and

Pages H1709–10

Informing Consumers about Smart Devices Act: H.R. 859, to require the disclosure of a camera or recording capability in certain internet-connected devices, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ ye-and-nay vote of 415 yeas to 9 nays, Roll No. 109.

Pages H1710–11

Recess: The House recessed at 2:13 p.m. and reconvened at 4:15 p.m.

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Recess: The House recessed at 4:39 p.m. and reconvened at 5 p.m.

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Providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the National Park Service relating to “Glen Canyon National Recreation Area: Motor Vehicles”: The House passed H.J. Res. 60, providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the National Park Service relating to “Glen Canyon National Recreation Area: Motor Vehicles”, by a yea-and-nay vote of 219 yeas to 205 nays, Roll No. 110. **Pages H1706–09, H1711**

H. Res. 354, the rule providing for consideration of the joint resolutions (H.J. Res. 60), (H.J. Res. 78), (H.J. Res. 87), (H.J. Res. 88), and (H.J. Res. 89) was agreed to by a recorded vote of 216 yeas to 208 nays, Roll No. 106, after the previous question was ordered by a yea-and-nay vote of 215 yeas to 206 nays, Roll No. 105. **Pages H1693–H1704, H1704–06**

Quorum Calls—Votes: Five yea-and-nay votes and one recorded vote developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H1704–05, H1705–06, H1706, H1710, H1710–11 and H1711.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 7:57 p.m.

Committee Meetings

APPROPRIATIONS—JOHN C. STENNIS CENTER FOR PUBLIC SERVICE, OFFICE OF CONGRESSIONAL WORKPLACE RIGHTS, CONGRESSIONAL OFFICE FOR INTERNATIONAL LEADERSHIP

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Legislative Branch held a budget hearing on the John C. Stennis Center for Public Service, Office of Congressional Workplace Rights, and Congressional Office for International Leadership. Testimony was heard from Jane Sargus, Executive Director, Congressional Office for International Leadership; Martin J. Crane, Executive Director, Office of Congressional Workplace Rights; and Brian Pugh, Executive Director, John C. Stennis Center for Public Service.

MEMBER DAY

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies held a hearing entitled “Member Day”. Testimony was heard from Representatives Hageman and Flood.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE

Committee on Armed Services: Full Committee held a markup on Committee Print providing for reconciliation pursuant to H. Con. Res. 14, the Concurrent Resolution on the Budget for Fiscal Year 2025. Committee Print providing for reconciliation pursu-

ant to H. Con. Res. 14, the Concurrent Resolution on the Budget for Fiscal Year 2025 was ordered reported, as amended.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE

Committee on Education and Workforce: Full Committee held a markup on Committee Print to comply with reconciliation directives included in H. Con. Res. 14 Section 2001(b)(3). Committee Print to comply with reconciliation directives included in H. Con. Res. 14 Section 2001(b)(3) was ordered reported, as amended.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Full Committee held a markup on H.R. 2483, the “SUPPORT for Patients and Communities Reauthorization Act of 2025”; H.R. 1520, the “Charlotte Woodward Organ Transplant Discrimination Prevention Act”; H.R. 2319, the “Women and Lung Cancer Research and Preventive Services Act of 2025”; H.R. 1669, to amend the Public Health Service Act to reauthorize the Stop, Observe, Ask, and Respond to Health and Wellness Training Program; H.R. 1082, the “Shandra Eisenga Human Cell and Tissue Product Safety Act”; and H.R. 2484, the “Seniors’ Access to Critical Medications Act of 2025”. H.R. 2483 was ordered reported, as amended. H.R. 1520, H.R. 2319, H.R. 1669, H.R. 1082, and H.R. 2484 were ordered reported, without amendment.

REGULATORY OVERREACH: THE PRICE TAG ON AMERICAN PROSPERITY

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Financial Institutions held a hearing entitled “Regulatory Overreach: The Price Tag on American Prosperity”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

EXPOSING THE PROXY ADVISORY CARTEL: HOW INSTITUTIONAL SHAREHOLDER SERVICES AND GLASS LEWIS INFLUENCE MARKETS

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Capital Markets held a hearing entitled “Exposing the Proxy Advisory Cartel: How ISS and Glass Lewis Influence Markets”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

SHAPING THE FUTURE OF CYBER DIPLOMACY: REVIEW FOR STATE DEPARTMENT REAUTHORIZATION

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Europe Subcommittee held a hearing entitled “Shaping the Future of Cyber Diplomacy: Review for State Department Reauthorization”. Testimony was heard from Latesha Love-Grayer, Director, International Affairs and Trade,

Government Accountability Office; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE

Committee on Homeland Security: Full Committee held a markup on a Committee Print providing for reconciliation pursuant to H. Con. Res. 14, the Concurrent Resolution on the Budget for Fiscal Year 2025. Committee Print providing for the reconciliation pursuant to H. Con. Res. 14, the Concurrent Resolution on the Budget for Fiscal Year 2025 was ordered reported, as amended.

WHY THE WAIT? UNPACKING CALIFORNIA'S UNTIMELY ELECTION COUNTING PROCESS

Committee on House Administration: Full Committee held a hearing entitled "Why the Wait? Unpacking California's Untimely Election Counting Process". Testimony was heard from Donald Palmer, Chairman, Election Assistance Commission; and public witnesses.

EXPLORING THE POTENTIAL OF DEEP-SEA MINING TO EXPAND AMERICAN MINERAL PRODUCTION

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigation held a hearing entitled "Exploring the Potential of Deep-Sea Mining to Expand American Mineral Production". Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

LEGISLATIVE MEASURES

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Federal Lands held a hearing on H.R. 528, the "Post-Disaster Reforestation and Restoration Act of 2025"; H.R. 655, the "Dalles Watershed Development Act"; H.R. 1276, to remove restrictions from a parcel of land in Paducah, Kentucky; and H.R. 2876, the "University of Utah Research Park Act". Testimony was heard from Chairman Comer and Representative Bentz; Ellen Shultzabarger, Associate Deputy Chief, National Forest System, U.S. Forest Service, Department of Agriculture; Richard Mays, Mayor, The Dalles, Oregon; George P. Bray, Mayor, Paducah, Kentucky; Matthew M. McCombs, State Forester and Director, Colorado State Forest Service; and a public witness.

TRACKING PROGRESS: UPDATES TO DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE'S FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT SCORECARD

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Subcommittee on Government Operations held a hearing entitled "Tracking Progress: Updates to DoD's Financial Management Scorecard". Testimony was heard from Lieutenant General James H. Adams III,

Deputy Commandant for Programs and Resources, U.S. Marine Corps; Asif Khan, Director, Financial Management Assurance, Government Accountability Office; and Brett Mansfield, Deputy Inspector General for Audit, Office of Inspector General, Department of Defense.

MADE IN THE USA: IGNITING THE INDUSTRIAL RENAISSANCE OF THE UNITED STATES

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Subcommittee on Economic Growth, Energy Policy, and Regulatory Affairs held a hearing entitled "Made in the USA: Igniting the Industrial Renaissance of the United States". Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

SECURING THE SKIES: ADDRESSING UNAUTHORIZED DRONE ACTIVITY OVER U.S. MILITARY INSTALLATIONS

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Subcommittee on Military and Foreign Affairs held a hearing entitled "Securing the Skies: Addressing Unauthorized Drone Activity Over U.S. Military Installations". Testimony was heard from M. Roosevelt Ditlevson, Acting Assistant Secretary of Defense, Homeland Defense and Hemispheric Affairs, Department of Defense; and Rear Admiral Lower Half Paul Spedero, Jr., Vice Director for Operations, J3/Joint Chiefs of Staff, Department of Defense.

UNLOCKING GOVERNMENT EFFICIENCY THROUGH INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY MODERNIZATION

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Subcommittee on Cybersecurity, Information Technology, and Government Innovation held a hearing entitled "Unlocking Government Efficiency Through IT Modernization". Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology: Full Committee held a markup on H.R. 2984, the "ASTRO Act"; H.R. 2600, the "ASCEND Act"; H.R. 2313, the "Celestial Time Standardization Act"; H.R. 2613, the "Next Generation Pipelines Research and Development Act"; H.R. 1223, the "ANCHOR Act"; and H.R. 3029, the "Nucleic Acid Standards for Biosecurity Act". H.R. 2984, H.R. 2600, H.R. 2313, H.R. 2613, H.R. 1223, and H.R. 3029 were ordered reported, without amendment.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Full Committee held a business meeting on updated Subcommittee rosters reflecting changes on the Majority

side. The updated Subcommittee rosters were approved.

AMERICA BUILDS: THE NEED FOR A LONG-TERM SOLUTION FOR THE HIGHWAY TRUST FUND

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Highways and Transit held a hearing entitled “America Builds: The Need for a Long-Term Solution for the Highway Trust Fund”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

DIGNITY DENIED: THE CASE FOR REFORM AT STATE VETERANS HOMES

Committee on Veterans’ Affairs: Subcommittee on Health held a hearing entitled “Dignity Denied: The Case for Reform at State Veterans Homes”. Testimony was heard from Scottie R. Hartronft, M.D., Executive Director, Office of Geriatrics and Extended Care, Veterans Health Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs; Sharon Silas, Director, Health Care, Government Accountability Office; Colonel Charlton J. Meginley, U.S. Air Force (Retired), Secretary, Louisiana Department of Veterans Affairs; and a public witness.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, APRIL 30, 2025

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Appropriations: to hold hearings to examine biomedical research, focusing on keeping America’s edge in innovation, 10:30 a.m., SD–106.

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Airland, to receive a closed briefing on America’s Air Force, 4 p.m., SVC–217.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: business meeting to consider S. 29, to make daylight saving time permanent, S. 191, to require the Secretary of Transportation to modify certain regulations relating to the requirements for commercial driver’s license testing and commercial learner’s permit holders, S. 196, to improve online ticket sales and protect consumers, S. 259, to direct the Federal Communications Commission to publish a list of entities that hold authorizations, licenses, or other grants of authority issued by the Commission and that have certain foreign ownership, S. 320, to authorize the Earthquake Hazards Reduction Act of 1977, S. 580, to require the Secretary of Commerce to provide training and guidance relating to human rights abuses, including such abuses perpetrated against the Uyghur population by the Government of the People’s Republic of China, S. 606, to authorize the Administrator of the

National Aeronautics and Space Administration to reimburse the Town of Chincoteague, Virginia, for costs directly associated with the removal and replacement of certain drinking water wells, S. 688, to combat illegal, unreported, and unregulated fishing at its sources globally, S. 725, to direct the Federal Communications Commission to issue reports after activation of the Disaster Information Reporting System and to make improvements to network outage reporting, to categorize public safety telecommunications as a protective service occupation under the Standard Occupational Classification system, S. 769, to amend the Research and Development, Competition, and Innovation Act to clarify the definition of foreign country for purposes of malign foreign talent recruitment restriction, S. 1003, to require the Federal Communications Commission to issue an order providing that a shark attack is an event for which a wireless emergency alert may be transmitted, S. 1081, to require the Administrator of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration to submit certain reports to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation of the Senate and the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology of the House of Representatives, S. 1278, to require the Under Secretary of Commerce for Oceans and Atmosphere to conduct a project to improve forecasts of coastal marine fog, S. 1378, to enhance the use by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration of artificial intelligence for weather forecasting, S. 1433, to reauthorize the Northwest Straits Marine Conservation Initiative Act to promote the protection of the resources of the Northwest Straits, S. 1437, to require the Administrator of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration to establish a program to identify, evaluate, acquire, and disseminate commercial Earth remote sensing data and imagery in order to satisfy the scientific, operational, and educational requirements of the Administration, S. 1492, to require the Secretary of Commerce support the leadership of the United States with respect to the deployment, use, application, and competitiveness of blockchain technology, and the nominations of Olivia Trusty, of Maryland, to be a Member of the Federal Communications Commission, Jared Isaacman, of Pennsylvania, to be Administrator of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, and routine lists in the Coast Guard, 10 a.m., SR–253.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: business meeting to consider S. 714, to amend the Energy Act of 2020 to include critical materials in the definition of critical mineral, and the nominations of Preston Griffith, of Virginia, to be Under Secretary, and Dario Gil, of New York, to be Under Secretary for Science, both of the Department of Energy; to be immediately followed by hearings to examine the nominations of Leslie Beyer, of Texas, to be an Assistant Secretary, and Andrea Travnicek, of North Dakota, to be an Assistant Secretary, both of the Department of the Interior, and Theodore J. Garrish, of Maryland, to be an Assistant Secretary (Nuclear Energy), and Tristan Abbey, of Florida, to be Administrator of the Energy Information Administration, both of the Department of Energy, 9:30 a.m., SD–366.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: to hold hearings to examine opportunities to strengthen water infrastructure programs, focusing on the IJA's successes, 10 a.m., SD-562.

Committee on Finance: to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Rodney Scott, of Oklahoma, to be Commissioner of U.S. Customs and Border Protection, Department of Homeland Security, 10 a.m., SD-215.

Committee on Foreign Relations: business meeting to consider the nominations of Brian Burch, of Illinois, to be Ambassador to the Holy See, Brandon Judd, of Idaho, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Chile, Nicole McGraw, of Florida, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Croatia, Thomas DiNanno, of Florida, to be Under Secretary for Arms Control and International Security, Sarah Rogers, of New York, to be Under Secretary for Public Diplomacy, and Allison Hooker, of Georgia, to be an Under Secretary (Political Affairs), all of the Department of State, 10 a.m., S-116, Capitol.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: business meeting to consider S. 558, to provide for the consideration of a definition of antisemitism set forth by the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance for the enforcement of Federal antidiscrimination laws concerning education programs or activities, and S. 163, to require institutions of higher education participating in Federal student aid programs to share information about title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, including a link to the webpage of the Office for Civil Rights where an individual can submit a complaint regarding discrimination in violation of such title, 10 a.m., SD-430.

Committee on the Judiciary: to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Terrance Cole, of Virginia, to be Administrator of Drug Enforcement, and Gadyaces Serralta, of Florida, to be Director of the United States Marshals Service, both of the Department of Justice, 10:15 a.m., SD-226.

Select Committee on Intelligence: to receive a closed briefing on certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

Special Committee on Aging: to hold hearings to examine the rise of Antisemitism and supporting older Americans, 3:30 p.m., SH-216.

House

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government, oversight hearing on the U.S. Postal Service, 10 a.m., 2358-A Rayburn.

Committee on Armed Services, Subcommittee on Strategic Forces, hearing entitled "Missile Defense and Missile Defeat Programmatic Updates", 3 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Military Personnel, hearing entitled "Military Department Personnel Chiefs: Personal Posture", 3:30 p.m., 2212 Rayburn.

Committee on Education and Workforce, Subcommittee on Health, Employment, Labor, and Pensions, hearing entitled "Investing for the Future: Honoring ERISA's Promise to Participants", 10:15 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Communications and Technology, hearing entitled "Global Networks at Risk: Securing the Future of Communications Infrastructure", 10 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Energy, hearing entitled "Assuring Abundant, Reliable American Energy to Power Innovation", 10:15 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, Full Committee, markup on Financial Services Committee Print providing for reconciliation pursuant to H. Con. Res. 14, the Concurrent Resolution on the Budget for Fiscal Year 2025; and H. Res. 259, of inquiry requesting the President to provide certain documents in the President's possession to the House of Representatives relating to the access provided to the staff and advisers of, including any individual working for or in conjunction with, the Department of Government Efficiency to the systems, applications, and accounts, and any information contained therein, of the Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Foreign Affairs, Full Committee, hearing entitled "The Need for an Authorized State Department", 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on the Judiciary, Full Committee, markup on legislative proposals to comply with the reconciliation directive included in section 2001 of the Concurrent Resolution on the Budget for Fiscal Year 2025, H. Con. Res. 14, 2 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Natural Resources, Subcommittee on Water, Wildlife and Fisheries, hearing entitled "Advancing Federal Water and Hydropower Development: A Stakeholder Perspective", 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Subcommittee on Indian and Insular Affairs, hearing on H.R. 1451, the "Quapaw Tribal Settlement Act of 2025"; H.R. 2302, the "Shingle Springs Band of Miwok Indians Land Transfer Act of 2025"; H.R. 2389, the "Quinalt Indian Nation Land Transfer Act"; and H.R. 2400, the "Pit River Land Transfer Act of 2025", 2 p.m., 1324 Longworth.

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, Full Committee, markup on Fiscal Year 2025 Budget Reconciliation Committee Print providing for reconciliation pursuant to H. Con. Res. 14; H. Res. 264, of inquiry requesting the President transmit certain documents in his possession to the House of Representatives relating to the security clearances held by Elon Musk, members of the United States Department of Government Efficiency Service, and any other individual considered to be a member of the DOGE team; H. Res. 286, of inquiry requesting the President to transmit certain documents relating to the dangerous, unaccountable use of AI by the United States DOGE Service to jeopardize the private information and essential services of the American people; and H. Res. 316, of inquiry requesting the President to transmit certain documents relating to the use of insecure electronic communication platforms, including Signal, for official communications and to the compliance of the Administration with all Federal records laws, 10 a.m., HVC-210.

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology, Subcommittee on Energy, hearing entitled "Risky Business Part 2: The DOE Loan Guarantee Program", 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Small Business, Full Committee, markup on H.R. 1163, the "Prove It Act of 2025"; H.R. 2027, the "Returning SBA to Main Street Act"; H.R. 2987, the

“Capping Excessive Awarding of SBLC Entrants Act”; H.R. 2931, the “Save SBA from Sanctuary Cities Act”; H.R. 2968, the “Business over Ballots Act”; H.R. 2965, the “Small Business Regulatory Reduction Act of 2025”; and H.R. 2966, the “American Entrepreneurs First Act”, 9:45 a.m., 2360 Rayburn.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, Full Committee, markup on Committee Print providing for rec-

onciliation pursuant to H. Con. Res. 14, the Concurrent Resolution on the Budget for Fiscal Year 2025, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing entitled “Answering the Call: Examining VA’s Mental Health Policies”, 10 a.m., 360 Cannon.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

10 a.m., Wednesday, April 30

Senate Chamber

Program for Wednesday: Senate will continue consideration of H.J. Res. 42, Energy Conservation Program for Appliance Standards, and vote on passage of the joint resolution at 11:30 a.m.

Additional roll call votes are expected during Wednesday's session of the Senate.

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

10 a.m., Wednesday, April 30

House Chamber

Program for Wednesday: Consideration of H.J. Res. 87—Providing congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code; of the rule submitted by the Environmental Protection Agency relating to “California State Motor Vehicle and Engine Pollution Control Standards; Heavy-Duty Vehicle and Engine Emission Warranty and Maintenance Provisions; Advanced Clean Trucks; Zero Emission Airport Shuttle; Zero-Emission Power Train Certification; Waiver of Preemption; Notice of Decision”. Consideration of H.J. Res. 89—Providing congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Environmental Protection Agency relating to “California State Motor Vehicle and Engine and Nonroad Engine Pollution Control Standards; The ‘Omnibus’ Low NO_x Regulation; Waiver of Preemption; Notice of Decision”. Begin consideration of H.J. Res. 88—Providing congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Environmental Protection Agency relating to “California State Motor Vehicle and Engine Pollution Control Standards; Advanced Clean Cars II; Waiver of Preemption; Notice of Decision”.

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