

land on the border is privately owned. It is not owned by the Federal Government. Eminent domain? A lot of people on that side of the aisle don't like it, and we all know it would take a very long time to get it done.

For those reasons, it is not just Democrats who oppose the wall, many Republicans oppose the wall. According to a Wall Street Journal survey: "Not a single member of Congress who represents the territory on the southwest border said they support President Trump's request for \$1.4 billion to begin construction of his promised wall." That includes my friends Senators CORNYN, CRUZ, McCAIN, and FLAKE.

For the very same reasons, the American people don't support the idea of a border wall by almost a 2-to-1 margin. A recent Quinnipiac poll found that 64 percent of Americans oppose a wall on the border with Mexico, versus only 33 percent who favor it, and that poll didn't even include the fact that Mexico would not be paying for it under the President's plan.

Now, I say to my colleagues and to President Trump, we Democrats don't mind having a debate on the wall in regular order. We don't think it would pass, given the amount of opposition on both sides, but certainly a proposal with as many flaws as this one shouldn't be the thing the administration uses to hold the government hostage and certainly shouldn't be pushed through without debate, without regular order, without answers to these questions.

#### THE PRESIDENT'S FIRST ONE HUNDRED DAYS

Mr. SCHUMER. Mr. President, now, let's talk a little bit about the President's first 100 days. We are approaching the 100-day mark of the Trump Presidency. It is an appropriate time to take stock of what this President has accomplished so far. Unfortunately, it is not much.

In the first 100 days, so many of the promises the President made to working families during the campaign have either been broken outright or remain unfulfilled.

The President ran as a populist. I have said this to him. The President ran as a populist against both the Democratic and the Republican establishments, promising to stick up for the American worker. He talked like a different kind of Republican who might be willing to work with Democrats, particularly on issues like trade or infrastructure. Instead, the President has spent the first 100 days governing from the far right on behalf of the powerful and the special interests he once campaigned against, breaking his promise to be a President for the American worker—the forgotten men and women, as he called them. It sure didn't take long for the President to forget them too.

The President has broken promises or has yet to fulfill them in areas that

matter to so many of his voters and to so many Americans, whether they voted for him or not. He promised he would drain the swamp, right? He talked about it over and over again. He promised he would drain the swamp, but instead he has filled his Cabinet with billionaires and bankers. And listen to this: He has given out secret waivers that allow lobbyists to work in his administration on the very issues they previously lobbied on. That is not draining the swamp. That is filling it up to the brim, going far beyond what others have done.

He said he would deliver better healthcare that would cost less and provide more benefits. At one point, he said we are going to give healthcare to everybody, but his bill, TrumpCare, does the exact opposite, providing fewer benefits at higher costs, all to finance a massive tax break for the wealthy.

He promised a \$1 trillion infrastructure bill. We Democrats sent him our proposal—a \$1 trillion infrastructure bill, taking the number he talked about in the campaign—over a month ago. We haven't seen any proposal or gotten any response from the President.

The President promised he would be tough on trade, outsourcing, and jobs. He promised he would label China a currency manipulator and fight back against their rapacious trade policies which robbed America of millions of jobs and cost trillions of dollars of our wealth. He hasn't done that either.

The 2018 budget he proposed is a dagger to the heart of the middle class, cutting some of the programs that matter to the middle class most, including transportation, education, and scientific research.

So as we head into the 100-day mark, Democrats are going to hold the President accountable for the promises he made to working-class voters. We obviously disagreed with a lot of what he said in the campaign, but he made a number of promises to working-class voters that we could have helped him to accomplish. Unfortunately, he has abandoned those promises in favor of a hard-right, special interest agenda.

We can work together, but only if President Trump and Republicans actually seek Democratic input and are willing to compromise. Right now it seems the President's idea of compromise is never talk to Democrats, put forward his own Republican proposal, and pressure us to support it; never talk to Democrats, that is, about the issues he is moving forward. I have talked to him, but it is never on the issues that are before us. That is not the way our politics have ever worked. Unless the President's approach changes, the next 100 days will be just like the first: a whole lot of talk and no progress, a series of broken or unfulfilled promises to the working families of America.

#### NOMINATION OF ROD ROSENSTEIN

Mr. SCHUMER. Mr. President, finally, one final issue, the nomination of Rod Rosenstein to be Deputy Attorney General, which we will vote to proceed on later tonight.

I sat down with Mr. Rosenstein a few weeks ago and spent time asking him about his career, his views on the Department of Justice, and protecting the integrity of the Department. I came away with the impression that he is someone who is independent, who would stand up for the law, regardless of which party controlled the White House, and his career backs that up.

With respect to the executive branch investigation into ties between the Trump campaign and Russia, Mr. Rosenstein committed to me he would appoint a special counsel to conduct that investigation if one is required. He has developed a reputation for integrity. He has promised to give this issue careful consideration. I believe, if he studies the Department regulations, he will come to the same conclusion many of us have; that a special counsel is merited.

For those reasons, I will be voting for cloture this evening and voting for his confirmation.

Thank you, Mr. President.  
I yield the floor.

#### RESERVATION OF LEADER TIME

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the leadership time is reserved.

#### CONCLUSION OF MORNING BUSINESS

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Morning business is closed.

#### EXECUTIVE SESSION

#### EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the Senate will resume executive session for consideration of the following nomination, which the clerk will report.

The legislative clerk read the nomination of Sonny Perdue, of Georgia, to be Secretary of Agriculture.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the time until 5:30 p.m. will be equally divided in the usual form.

The Senator from Utah.

#### BEARS EARS NATIONAL MONUMENT

Mr. HATCH. Mr. President, last week, I had the opportunity to return home to visit the recently declared Bears Ears National Monument. This Federal designation encompasses roughly 1.35 million acres in Utah, and it is located in one of our country's most remote communities—Juan County.

For decades, this quiet county remained largely untouched by the tensions of modern life and the taint of