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The Senate met at 10 a.m., on the expiration of the recess, and was called to order by the President pro tempore (Mr. GRASSLEY).

PRAYER

The Chaplain, Dr. Barry C. Black, offered the following prayer:

Let us pray.

Eternal God, You are holy. We rejoice because we are sustained by Your strength. We receive honor because of the victories You bring to our lives.

Bless our lawmakers. Increase their faith in You. May they receive joy as they strive to follow Your guidance. Renew their lives with Your goodness. Empower them to make our Nation and world better as they receive inspiration by practicing Your precepts. Continue to be their mighty fortress in times of trouble.

Lord, we praise You for Your glorious power. We celebrate Your mighty acts.

We pray in Your marvelous 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. MULLIN). Under the previous order, the leadership time is reserved.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026—Continued

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the pending business.

The senior assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (S. 2296) to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2026 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes.

Pending:

Wicker-Reed amendment modified No. 3748, in the nature of a substitute.

Wicker (for Ernst) amendment No. 3427 (to amendment No. 3748), to require the Comptroller General of the United States to conduct a study on casualty assistance and long-term care programs.

Thune amendment No. 3863 (to Amendment No. 3427), relating to the enactment date.

Thune amendment No. 3864 (to the language proposed to be stricken by amendment No. 3748), relating to the enactment date.

Thune amendment No. 3865 (to amendment No. 3864), relating to the enactment date.

Motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Armed Services, with instructions, Thune amendment No. 3866, relating to the enactment date.

Thune amendment No. 3867 (to (the instructions) amendment No. 3866), relating to the enactment date.

Thune amendment No. 3868 (to amendment No. 3867), relating to the enactment date.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Iowa.

ACCELERATING KIDS' ACCESS TO CARE ACT

Mr. GRASSLEY. Mr. President, September is Childhood Cancer Awareness Month.

In the United States this year, over 9,000 new cases of cancer will be diagnosed among children from birth to age 14. While cancer rates and their deaths for children have declined by 70 percent from 1970 through 2020, cancer remains the leading cause of death from disease among children.

Access to timely pediatric care is critical to reducing cancer deaths. Children's hospitals specialize in certain types of cancer care. Unfortunately, gaining access to a children's

hospital across the country or in the State next-door can be a real challenge.

That is why I am the sponsor of the bipartisan Accelerating Kids' Access to Care Act.

Moms and dads seeking lifesaving cancer care for their kids should be able to access care quickly and wherever it is available. Now, sadly, sometimes it takes months for a child to get access to treatment if it is out of State. There is no excuse for that. In fact, it is pure bureaucratic redtape. Families shouldn't have to navigate redtape to get lifesaving care for their child with complex medical needs.

My bill simplifies this process so parents can ensure kids with cancer diagnoses get timely medical care. Our bill is the most cosponsored, bipartisan bill—I want to emphasize “bipartisan bill”—of all the Medicaid bills before the Senate Finance Committee. I look forward to making this bill become law.

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. 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.

GOVERNMENT FUNDING

Mr. SCHUMER. Mr. President, yesterday, Speaker JOHNSON and House Republicans released a partisan CR that failed to meet the needs of the American people.

Republicans have been calling their bill a clean CR, but “clean” is the wrong word. It is a partisan bill; it has had no input from Democrats; and, most importantly, because it has had

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no input from Democrats, it is a status quo bill. It is a status quo bill.

Americans don't want the status quo. With tens of millions being kicked off of health insurance, with healthcare premiums set to skyrocket next year, with people paying more for groceries, for energy costs, for rent and struggling because of Donald Trump's tariffs, people need help.

That is what they are telling us from one end of the country to the other. They are not happy with the direction America is going. American people want their leaders to address their needs, and that is just what Democrats are fighting for. The last thing the American people want is a status quo bill that continues the chaos and high costs of the last 9 months.

But the Republican bill, not only is it partisan, but it is a status quo bill. It changes nothing. It continues the chaos and high costs of the last 9 months.

Democrats say: No way. We need to answer people's needs. When they tell us prices are going through the roof, when they tell us their healthcare is at risk, they want us to be there. So we need to sit at the table and talk to our Republican colleagues so the American people's needs can be taken into account in a bipartisan negotiation.

But the Republican CR is certainly not the right answer. Republicans are causing a shutdown, creating it by not negotiating and by not being willing to answer the country's needs.

The American people deserve better than the Republicans' failed agenda. They deserve better than keeping the status quo because there has been such, such damage done in the last months.

Soon, Senate and House Democrats will release our own proposal to keep the government open with a short-term extension that properly meets the needs of the American people. Our bill will represent the right path to avoid a shutdown crisis by addressing healthcare costs and cuts, by preventing premiums from going up, by restoring and extending congressional funds for things like NIH that Donald Trump and Russell Vought are illegally halting.

Once both sides put forth proposals—and ours will be coming shortly—Republicans will face a choice: to keep following Donald Trump into a reckless shutdown that he seems to want or to finally come to the table and work with us.

Remember, it takes 60 votes to get anything passed in the Senate. That means Democratic input is a necessity to improve the lives and lower costs for the American people because Republicans are not doing a thing to make things better.

This is not optional; it is necessary. Republicans know that. Yet Donald Trump has told Republicans: Don't even bother. He said "Don't even bother negotiating with Democrats." And they have, unfortunately, dutifully, obeyed.

By not even bothering to talk to Democrats, Republicans are paving the road that leads to a shutdown. That is deeply troubling for the American people. They expect Donald Trump and Republicans to do their jobs and to address their needs and to keep the government open by working like adults with the other side, not just saying: It is my way or the highway, particularly when their way represents a status quo that the American people abhor. Mark my words, the American people will blame Donald Trump if a shutdown happens.

Finally, I will say it again because it is important: Democrats don't want a shutdown, but Republicans cannot shut Democrats out of the process and pretend like the last 9 months have been business as usual.

There is nothing business as usual about kicking 16 million people off healthcare. There is nothing business as usual about Donald Trump illegally stealing and canceling Federal investments approved by Congress, even for NIH research, which may save the lives of children with cancer. There is nothing business as usual about Donald Trump tearing up budgets, ignoring the law, picking winners and losers for things as vital as disaster relief.

Republicans know that these abuses can't just continue as if everything is just fine. Everyone knows that Americans are frustrated with the status quo, frustrated with costs going up and up and up, frustrated with Donald Trump injecting so much chaos into their lives. And Republicans think that that is OK, no questions asked, no negotiation or discussion? Give me a break.

In the Senate, it takes 60 votes. So that means Republicans will need to work with us. If they can't even bother to have a conversation with Democrats, it is Republicans, then, the American people will know, are causing the shutdown in 2 weeks. We still have some time. I pray it doesn't happen.

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. 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.

GOVERNMENT FUNDING

Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, Republicans continue to move forward on funding the government through a short-term CR, something that is routinely done around here in order to allow for more time for the Appropriations Committee to report bills out and for us to consider them on the floor and to fund the government in the way it should be funded.

And Democrats—well, Democrats seem intent on shutting it down. For

what reason I cannot imagine do they actually think that hard-working Americans are going to thank them for shutting down the government.

I understand that Democrats' far-left base is desperate to pick a fight with President Trump, but really, I don't think Democrats are going to win the next election by shutting down the government over a short-term, clean nonpartisan funding measure.

It is particularly hard to understand Democrats' determination to shut down the government when we are simply asking for a few more weeks to complete bipartisan—bipartisan—appropriations work.

I made it very clear from the moment that I became the leader that I wanted to fund the government through regular order, a process that gives voice to Members of both parties. That means taking appropriations bills through the committee process, where they have a chance to be discussed, debated, and amended, and then bringing them to the Senate floor for more debate and amendments.

We made a very good start on this before the August State work period, passing three appropriations bills by robust, bipartisan margins—something that hadn't been done here since 2018.

The reason we are considering a short-term, clean continuing resolution is to allow this process to continue so that we can fund the government the way it should be funded, under regular order. Regular order is good for Members of both parties, and it is good for the American people. I think a lot of Democrats, as well as Republicans, know that.

I could stand here on the floor for a long time and read quotes from the Democrat leader and other Democrat Senators on the many problems with shutdowns and what they cost Americans. I won't do that today, as I think the costs to the American people are pretty well established.

But it is incredible to me that Democrats are ignoring these very real costs and continuing to push ahead with shutdown threats over this clean continuing resolution.

As I said on Monday, I do not think it is likely that mainstream voters—the same voters that Democrats lost in the last election—are going to be thanking Democrats for shutting down the government over a short-term, clean nonpartisan CR—a short-term, clean nonpartisan CR with, I would remind my Democratic colleagues, much needed funding for Member security.

Democrats, of course, have decided to try and deflect blame by complaining that we are looking at a partisan CR—a partisan CR. Give me a break.

Republicans have deliberately chosen to keep the CR clean to ensure that there can be no possible reason for Democrats to object to funding the government. We are not looking at a vehicle for new Republican policies; we are looking at nothing more than a continuation of the status quo when it comes to funding the government.

Do the Democrats think that by calling this a partisan CR that they can somehow make it so? We all know Democrats have a sometimes Orwellian relationship with language, but really I don't think Democrats are going to get very far with this one because there really is no possible way to call this a partisan CR with a straight face. Everyone here on Capitol Hill and well beyond is abundantly aware that we are not looking at a partisan funding measure.

So Democrats have a choice to make. They can work with Republicans to pass this clean, short-term, non-partisan measure to fund the government while we continue work on the 2026 appropriations bills or they can shut down the government, with all that will mean for the American people.

And just to be clear—I heard the Democratic leader get up again today and talk about how there are no bipartisan discussions—there have been bipartisan discussions for months. The appropriations committees have been meeting, passing reported bills out to the floor. We picked up three of those bills in the month of July and passed them on the floor, something that hadn't been done since 2018. And the Republicans and the Democrats on the Appropriations Committee continue to work together on bipartisan appropriations bills that they can report to the floor so that we can consider more of them and fund the government in regular order, which is the way it is supposed to be funded. That is what this debate is really about.

Now, the Democratic leader is accustomed to a different business model. That is where they go in his office behind closed doors and make all these decisions there instead of putting bills on the floor.

We passed appropriations bills at this point in the year for the first time since 2018. We are consulting in a bipartisan way with Democrats through this entire process. So that is just flat wrong. It is just not telling the truth. Those discussions have been going on for months. And this is, for the first time in a long time, a normal appropriations process where Democrats and Republicans sit down at the committees, where it should happen, work together on bills that they report to the floor—most of them by big bipartisan margins—and then we pick them up. We have done that with three already, and there are a bunch more we ought to do.

This is the way it is supposed to work, but it takes consent. It takes cooperation. Obviously, it takes 60 votes to pass anything here in the Senate, which means that Democrats are going to have to help fund the government on a clean, bipartisan funding resolution to give the Appropriations Committee and all of us as Senators, on both sides of the aisle, an opportunity to consider more appropriations bills on the floor and fund the government the way it

should be funded, and that is the old-fashioned way: through the appropriations process.

And I would remind my colleagues that under the Biden administration and Democratic majorities here in the Senate, there were no fewer than 13—13—continuing resolutions, short-term funding measures to fund the government, and 96 percent of the Democrats in the Senate voted for all 13—13 continuing resolutions. When they had the majority and a Democrat in the White House, 13 continuing resolutions to fund the government for a short term, and 96 percent of the Democrats voted for all 13 of those funding resolutions.

So I don't know what has changed. At that time, they made all the quotes. I said I could quote them, and I can quote them. There are lists that go on infinitely of all the things that they said about funding the government and what a terrible thing it would be to have a government shutdown. And here we are offering them a short-term funding resolution that is bipartisan, that funds the government through November 21, in order to allow us to continue the work of funding the government through the appropriations process, which is the way this place ought to work in the first place. That is all this is about—nothing more, nothing less, nothing else. It is whether or not they want to work with us to fund the government in a bipartisan way and help keep the government open or block that funding resolution, not help get us the 60 votes that are necessary to pass it out of here and, therefore, shut the government down. That is the choice.

This isn't President Trump. This isn't about President Trump. There is nothing in here about President Trump. This is a clean funding resolution, bipartisan funding resolution, short term, to allow the Appropriations Committee to do its work. There is nothing partisan about it. There is nothing in here that they haven't—things that we agree on, both sides agree on. This is a short-term funding resolution, and it should be a very straightforward vote. Both sides should do what they did 13 times when they had the majority, and that is vote to keep the government open and to allow us, for the first time in years, to actually have a normal appropriations process.

And I will tell the Presiding Officer because you have probably heard this, too, from Members on their side of the aisle, they would like to have that too. They would actually like to have an appropriations process that works, where they get an opportunity—not only in the Appropriations Committee but here on the floor of the Senate—to have some input into and have an opportunity to vote on amendments that reflect the wishes of the people they represent in their States.

We should do that. We can do that. And it is going to be entirely up to the Senate Democrats as to whether or not we do.

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.

WAIVING QUORUM CALL

Mr. BARRASSO. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent to waive the mandatory quorum call with respect to the en bloc nominations provided for under the provisions of S. Res. 377.

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

NOMINATIONS

Mr. BARRASSO. Mr. President, today is Constitution Day, September 17. So I think it is a perfect day, today, to restore the Senate's constitutional duty of advice and consent because when a President is elected, he needs to put a team in place, a team in place to run the government. When a President wins, he gets to pick the team. Modern Presidents have over 1,000 positions to fill.

There is a role in the Senate for advice and consent, but Senate Democrats have done everything you can think of to prevent President Trump from putting his team in place. He needs to get these people on the job.

And let me be clear. Democrat obstruction ends today. This week, Republicans in the Senate will break the blockade and move America forward. Now, we are going to begin to confirm this backlog of President Trump's qualified nominees.

Historically, the Senate, acting as a body of the whole, has considered nominees pretty quickly after they have come out of the vetting in the committees. Most are confirmed right here on the Senate floor by voice vote or unanimous consent. In President Obama's first term, 856 nominees were confirmed that way; in President Trump's first term, 553. In Joe Biden's only term as President, the number was 530. Here we are in President Trump's second term—September of that second term—and that number confirmed that way is zero.

Well, why? Why has not a single nominee been confirmed by voice vote or by unanimous consent? Look, we know why, and it is the Democrat obstruction. Our country has never seen anything like this. Senate Democrats are freezing the Senate floor, freezing the Federal Government, and freezing our Nation's progress, and they are doing it intentionally. This harms our Nation's safety. It hamstring the President and the voting people's agenda.

This is what people voted for. They elected President Trump. He won all seven battleground States. Yet the Democrats have done everything they can to stop him from making progress. Democrats are currently holding up

more than 150 qualified nominees who have already been successfully approved through Senate committees. These nominees are critical to our Nation's future, our Nation's success, our Nation's progress, as well as our safety and security.

So let's take a look at some of the important roles that the Democrats have said: Nope, we are going to filibuster all of them. One is the Principal Deputy Administrator for the National Nuclear Security Administration. Another is the inspector general for the Central Intelligence Agency. Many are Ambassadors to our NATO allies. Then there is the Deputy Trade Representative. Even the Director of the National Counterintelligence and Security Center is being frozen out by Democrat obstruction. Every one of them is qualified because every one of those individuals has received bipartisan committee support, Republicans and Democrats voting for them after their hearings in the committee. Yet CHUCK SCHUMER, the Senate minority leader, is blocking critical nominees because he opposes President Trump, and he has done it at every step along the way.

Democrats failed to defeat President Trump in November at the ballot box, so instead they are trying to sabotage his team right here on the Senate floor. When Democrats filibuster nominees, they don't even bother to debate their qualifications—simply delay for the sake of delay and obstruction.

Our Senate committees have done their jobs on all of these nominees. Every one of these nominees that is being held up here on the Senate floor, every one of them has appeared at hearings in committee; they have answered a barrage of questions from Senators; they passed FBI background checks; they cleared Senate ethics investigations; and they have passed out of committee; many and every one that we are going to be voting on in this group this week had bipartisan support.

Let's be clear what that means. Democrats here on the floor, CHUCK SCHUMER, are blocking nominees whom Members of their own party already said: Yes, these are qualified; let's get them on the job.

This is unprecedented, and it is wrong.

Now, Democrats are free to vote no on nominees. That is OK. But an all-out obstruction weakens our country and wastes the Senate's time.

Don't take my word for it. Let's listen to what one of the Senators on the other side of the aisle said in 2013 when Barack Obama was President. That was Senator ELIZABETH WARREN from Massachusetts. She came to this very floor, stood over there at that very desk, and said:

Without a government that was staffed, justice would not be established, our common defense would be threatened, and the blessings of liberty [that] we hoped to secure through our laws would go unfulfilled.

That was 2013 and a different President. Well, what changed? Well, what

changed is that in November, Americans voted to get America back on track, and they elected Donald Trump as President to do it. Democrats' response was to shut down the Senate nomination process and to stop Senators from doing the people's business.

Today, Republicans are taking decisive action, and we are going to start voting on that in a few minutes. We are going to break the Senate's procedural logjam. We are returning to the long-established traditions and principles of the Senate.

Tomorrow, the Senate will vote on 48 nominees together in a single group. Each and every one of them has received bipartisan support in Senate committees. We are not going to stop there, though. Over 100 more nominees will be ready for confirmation by the end of this week—get that process moving.

It is time for the Senate to clear the nominations backlog and clear it quickly, and so we will. That way, the Senate can get back to the work of legislating, of working on behalf of the American people. We have important legislation to consider. We have appropriations bills. We have the National Defense Authorization Act, the farm bill, legislation to make our cities safe from violent criminals.

Senate Republicans are going to continue the work of the American people. We are going to continue to work to get America back on track.

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

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. SHEEHY). Without objection, it is so ordered.

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, and the provisions of S. Res. 377 (119th Congress), do hereby move to bring to a close debate on Executive Calendar Nos. 89, 105, 107, 121, 122, 123, 124, 132, 133, 135, 136, 137, 139, 141, 142, 152, 153, 154, 156, 157, 161, 177, 180, 185, 251, 276, 277, 278, 279, 283, 285, 289, 290, 297, 298, 303, 305, 324, 344, 346, 352, 356, 362, 365, 149, 286, 302, 350, en bloc. John Thune, Bernie Moreno, John Kennedy, Roger Marshall, Pete Ricketts, Mike Crapo, Bill Cassidy, Shelley Moore Capito, Jim Banks, Roger F. Wicker, Mike Rounds, John Cornyn, Tim Sheehy, Kevin Cramer, Eric Schmitt, John Barrasso, Cindy Hyde-Smith.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the mandatory

quorum call under rule XXII has been waived.

The question is, Is it the sense of the Senate that debate on the en bloc nominations provided for under the provisions of S. Res. 377 shall be brought to a close?

The yeas and nays are mandatory under the rule.

The clerk will call the roll.

The assistant bill clerk called the roll.

Mr. BARRASSO: The following Senator is necessarily absent: the Senator from Utah (Mr. LEE).

The yeas and the nays resulted—yeas 51, nays 48, as follows:

[Rollcall Vote No. 522 Leg.]

YEAS—51

Banks	Fischer	Moran
Barrasso	Graham	Moreno
Blackburn	Grassley	Mullin
Boozman	Hagerty	Murkowski
Britt	Hawley	Paul
Budd	Hoeven	Ricketts
Capito	Husted	Risch
Cassidy	Hyde-Smith	Rounds
Collins	Johnson	Schmitt
Cornyn	Justice	Scott (FL)
Cotton	Kennedy	Scott (SC)
Cramer	Lankford	Sheehy
Crapo	Lummis	Sullivan
Cruz	Marshall	Tillis
Curtis	McConnell	Tuberville
Daines	McCormick	Wicker
Ernst	Moody	Young

NAYS—48

Alsobrooks	Hickenlooper	Rosen
Baldwin	Hirono	Sanders
Bennet	Kaine	Schatz
Blumenthal	Kelly	Schiff
Blunt Rochester	Kim	Schumer
Booker	King	Shaheen
Cantwell	Klobuchar	Slotkin
Coons	Lujan	Smith
Cortez Masto	Markey	Thune
Duckworth	Merkley	Van Hollen
Durbin	Murphy	Warner
Fetterman	Murray	Warnock
Gallago	Ossoff	Warren
Gillibrand	Padilla	Welch
Hassan	Peters	Whitehouse
Heinrich	Reed	Wyden

NOT VOTING—1

Lee

The PRESIDING OFFICER. On this vote, the yeas are 51, the nays are 48.

Three-fifths of the Senators duly chosen and sworn not having voted in the affirmative, the motion is rejected.

The motion was rejected.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The majority leader.

VOTE ON MOTION TO RECONSIDER

Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, I move to reconsider the vote.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The question is on agreeing to the motion.

Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, 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 Utah (Mr. LEE) and the Senator from North Carolina (Mr. TILLIS).

Further, if present and voting: the Senator from North Carolina (Mr. TILLIS) would have voted "yea."

The result was announced—yeas 51, nays 47, as follows:

[Rollcall Vote No. 523 Leg.]

YEAS—51

Banks	Fischer	Moran
Barrasso	Graham	Moreno
Blackburn	Grassley	Mullin
Boozman	Hagerty	Murkowski
Britt	Hawley	Paul
Budd	Hoeven	Ricketts
Capito	Husted	Risch
Cassidy	Hyde-Smith	Rounds
Collins	Johnson	Schmitt
Cornyn	Justice	Scott (FL)
Cotton	Kennedy	Scott (SC)
Cramer	Lankford	Sheehy
Crapo	Lummis	Sullivan
Cruz	Marshall	Thune
Curtis	McConnell	Tuberville
Daines	McCormick	Wicker
Ernst	Moody	Young

NAYS—47

Alsobrooks	Hickenlooper	Rosen
Baldwin	Hirono	Sanders
Bennet	Kaine	Schatz
Blumenthal	Kelly	Schiff
Blunt Rochester	Kim	Schumer
Booker	King	Shaheen
Cantwell	Klobuchar	Slotkin
Coons	Lujan	Smith
Cortez Masto	Markey	Van Hollen
Duckworth	Merkley	Warner
Durbin	Murphy	Warnock
Fetterman	Murray	Warren
Gallo	Ossoff	Welch
Gillibrand	Padilla	Whitehouse
Hassan	Peters	Wyden
Heinrich	Reed	

NOT VOTING—2

Lee Tillis

The motion was agreed to.

(Mr. LANKFORD assumed the Chair.)

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. RICKETTS). The majority leader.

POINT OF ORDER

Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, I make a point of order that, consistent with the precedents of the Senate established on November 21, 2013, and September 11, 2025, the threshold for cloture on the en bloc consideration of nominations pursuant to an executive resolution with a calendar number on the Executive Calendar, other than those on level 1 of the executive schedule under 5 U.S.C. 5312 or article III judges, is a simple majority.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The precedents set on November 21, 2013, and September 11, 2025, do not apply to the consideration of en bloc nominations. The point of order is not well taken.

APPEALING THE RULING OF THE CHAIR

Mr. THUNE. I appeal the ruling of the Chair and ask for the yeas and nays.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there a sufficient second?

There appears to be a sufficient second.

The question is, Shall the decision of the Chair stand as the judgment of the Senate?

The clerk will call the roll.

The bill clerk called the roll.

Mr. BARRASSO. The following Senator is necessarily absent: the Senator from Utah (Mr. LEE).

The result was announced—yeas 47, nays 52, as follows:

[Rollcall Vote No. 524 Leg.]

YEAS—47

Alsobrooks	Hickenlooper	Rosen
Baldwin	Hirono	Sanders
Bennet	Kaine	Schatz
Blumenthal	Kelly	Schiff
Blunt Rochester	Kim	Schumer
Booker	King	Shaheen
Cantwell	Klobuchar	Slotkin
Coons	Lujan	Smith
Cortez Masto	Markey	Van Hollen
Duckworth	Merkley	Warner
Durbin	Murphy	Warnock
Fetterman	Murray	Warren
Gallo	Ossoff	Welch
Gillibrand	Padilla	Whitehouse
Hassan	Peters	Wyden
Heinrich	Reed	

NAYS—52

Banks	Graham	Mullin
Barrasso	Grassley	Murkowski
Blackburn	Hagerty	Paul
Boozman	Hawley	Ricketts
Britt	Hoeven	Risch
Budd	Husted	Rounds
Capito	Hyde-Smith	Schmitt
Cassidy	Johnson	Scott (FL)
Collins	Justice	Scott (SC)
Cornyn	Kennedy	Sheehy
Cotton	Lankford	Sullivan
Cramer	Lummis	Thune
Crapo	Marshall	Tillis
Cruz	McConnell	Tuberville
Curtis	McCormick	Wicker
Daines	Moody	Young
Ernst	Moran	
Fischer	Moreno	

NOT VOTING—1

Lee

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. SHEEHY). On this vote, the yeas are 47, the nays are 52.

The decision of the chair is not sustained.

VOTE ON CLOTURE MOTION UPON RECONSIDERATION

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The question now occurs on the motion to invoke cloture on the nominations en bloc provided under the provisions of S. Res. 377 upon reconsideration.

The yeas and nays are mandatory under the rule.

The clerk will call the roll.

The senior assistant legislative clerk called the roll.

Mr. BARRASSO. The following Senator is necessarily absent: the Senator from Utah (Mr. LEE).

The yeas and nays resulted—yeas 52, nays 47, as follows:

[Rollcall Vote No. 525 Leg.]

YEAS—52

Banks	Graham	Mullin
Barrasso	Grassley	Murkowski
Blackburn	Hagerty	Paul
Boozman	Hawley	Ricketts
Britt	Hoeven	Risch
Budd	Husted	Rounds
Capito	Hyde-Smith	Schmitt
Cassidy	Johnson	Scott (FL)
Collins	Justice	Scott (SC)
Cornyn	Kennedy	Sheehy
Cotton	Lankford	Sullivan
Cramer	Lummis	Thune
Crapo	Marshall	Tillis
Cruz	McConnell	Tuberville
Curtis	McCormick	Wicker
Daines	Moody	Young
Ernst	Moran	
Fischer	Moreno	

NAYS—47

Alsobrooks	Booker	Durbin
Baldwin	Cantwell	Fetterman
Bennet	Coons	Gallo
Blumenthal	Cortez Masto	Gillibrand
Blunt Rochester	Duckworth	Hassan

Heinrich	Murphy	Shaheen
Hickenlooper	Murray	Slotkin
Hirono	Ossoff	Smith
Kaine	Padilla	Van Hollen
Kelly	Peters	Warner
Kim	Reed	Warnock
King	Rosen	Warren
Klobuchar	Sanders	Welch
Lujan	Schatz	Whitehouse
Markey	Schiff	Wyden
Merkley	Schumer	

NOT VOTING—1

Lee

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The yeas are 52; the nays are 47. The motion is agreed to.

The motion was agreed to.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Cloture having been invoked pursuant to the provisions of S. Res. 377, the nominations listed therein are pending en bloc.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Vermont.

UNANIMOUS CONSENT REQUEST—S. RES. 224

Mr. WELCH. Mr. President, as if in legislative session and notwithstanding rule XXII, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Foreign Relations be discharged from further consideration and that the Senate now proceed to S. Res. 224; further, that the resolution be agreed to, the preamble be agreed to, and the motions to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there objection?

The Senator from Idaho.

Mr. RISCH. Mr. President, reserving the right to object, allow me to say some things.

As chairman of the Foreign Relations Committee, I oppose this measure.

Like everyone on this floor, we want—we all want the conflict in Gaza to end as quickly as possible. The reality is, Hamas has the ability to do so right now by releasing all the hostages and immediately laying down their weapons.

Let me say that again. We can have a cease-fire immediately, but it takes Hamas to do it. Hamas refuses to do so.

Hamas has the duty to do this. They started this. The entity that started this needs to end it, and they can end it by simply stopping the fighting and releasing the hostages. They refuse to do that and continue constant attacks. They have the duty to start this cease-fire.

One of the things that this measure does that I object to vehemently is the fact that it does not underscore the fact that all of this is the fault of Hamas. Every starvation, every injury, every death, every single thing that happens in this conflict is the fault of Hamas.

On October 7, when this invasion by Hamas started, Israel was doing nothing to deserve this. Instead, Hamas invaded the country. They killed 1,200 people. They took 251 hostages.

If that wasn't enough, the torture that they committed on that day was horrific. For those of you who haven't seen the film of what they did, I

strongly recommend you don't look at it because you won't sleep. It is inhuman, what Hamas did to the Israeli people.

The Israeli people believe they have to defend themselves and they have to eliminate Hamas.

Worse, Hamas has used previous pauses in humanitarian aid convoys to resupply their attacks at the expense of the Palestinian people, to include looting at gunpoint the majority of the trucks that crossed into Gaza.

This is pure evil. They show pictures of women and children starving. Those women and children are starving. They are not being starved by Israel; they are being starved by Hamas. The Hamas fighters you will see in the photography are well fed, well taken care of. They steal the food that is supposed to go in there and go to the women and children, who are not fighting.

This resolution fails to even mention this threat from Hamas, much less recognize the terrorism as the root cause of this conflict.

Additionally, we should be very cautious against getting ahead of the negotiations of both our President and our democratic ally Israel, who are working diligently to resolve this conflict. In fact, the administration has worked with Israel to establish a new system of aid distribution that prevents diversions by terrorists.

More aid was delivered into Gaza last month than in almost any other month of the past year. There is no blockade. Food is getting in. Hamas is stealing it, and what they steal, they either eat or they sell.

This resolution is incomplete, it is misleading, and unfortunately it is partisan. For these reasons, I object.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The objection is heard.

Mr. WELCH. Mr. President, I thank the gentleman from Idaho, the chair of our Foreign Relations Committee.

I join him. I join him enthusiastically in condemning the actions of Hamas—the invasion on October 7 of Israel, the slaughter of 1,200 innocent people, the taking of hostages, and the infliction of suffering that Hamas has inflicted on Palestinians within Gaza. But the situation is much different today than it was a few months ago.

Four months ago, I stood here, and I asked for unanimous consent in support of the Senate resolution on the humanitarian disaster in Gaza. The resolution called for an end to the siege, an end to the war, and the return of the hostages.

Since then, more than 400 people have died of starvation, including more than 100 children, and that is ongoing and accelerating. Thousands more have died under bombs and bullets at aid sites themselves.

At the time, I held up this picture of Jinan Iskafi. She died in her parents' arms, the victim of a military blockade on infant formula.

Here joining Jinan are children suffering from famine conditions that

exist right now, this month—Amer, Maryam, and Shamm.

There is an ongoing famine in Gaza, and the Netanyahu government has made a self-conscious decision to deny people the food and medicine they need to survive. Women waiting for C-sections are trapped in the middle of a bombing campaign. Children are forced to watch their mothers die slowly of cancer, with no access to medicine. The hospitals they need are being destroyed.

At the same time, the Netanyahu government has begun a new military operation to take complete control of Gaza City. In Gaza City, hundreds of civilians are living under nonstop bombardment. It is about destroying buildings that are left standing, and it is a bombing campaign that has as part of its objective to force them to leave.

The Netanyahu officials in his government acknowledge that they want people to move out. They acknowledge that their campaign is in significant part about displacing people who live in Gaza City and forcing them to move elsewhere. That is at a time when those folks are living in tents; the kids aren't going to school; where they have already moved six or seven times.

The decision a family has to make is horrific: Do they move to another place where there is no place to go and they have no guarantee of any kind of safety, or is it better for them and their family to stay where they are and risk that they will be in the path of the bombing campaign?

The definition of international terrorism in our law—title 18 section 2331—includes violent actions that are intended to intimidate or coerce a civilian population. And what is coercion and intimidation more than bombing where people live?

Mr. President, 46 Senators cosponsored this simple resolution months ago, and it is about trying to bring about an end to this relentless and needless suffering.

We must act. We must act so that an innocent son or daughter risking starvation does not starve. We must act to save someone's mother or father from a bomb dropped in Gaza into a place that is already unlivable. And we have to act as a body to do everything we can to end this war.

Now, the objection that my colleague made is about Hamas stealing food, and there is no doubt Hamas is stealing food. They care nothing about the Palestinians living under their oppression. But there is also no doubt that the Israeli Government, self-consciously, has restricted the aid that is necessary to get in, has interfered with organizations that were delivering aid, and it is resulting in an extension of the suffering.

Wars are terrible, not always avoidable. But after the horrors of World War II, we had, as part of the international community, the Geneva Conventions. It stated that collective pun-

ishment is a war crime; militaries would not be any longer allowed to use food as a weapon in order to press a battlefield advantage. And war may not be avoidable, but those waging war have limits on what they can do in waging even a just war.

So this is not just about Gaza. If we relinquish our commitment to the Geneva Conventions, we reopen society's acceptance of "anything goes" in causing the suffering of innocents to achieve some military advantage. We do not want to go there.

My colleagues have also objected to the declarations of famine, even though that is the declaration that experts—and I say "experts." It is people who have as their goal and life's work to try to feed people who are desperately in need of nutrition.

In order to hold that the children are not suffering, we would have to completely discount the consensus of every humanitarian expert and agency in the world, the organizations that in many cases were founded with the significant help of bipartisan efforts here in this U.S. Congress. I am talking about the World Food Programme, about UNICEF, about the Integrated Food Security Phase Classification, about Mercy Corps, about Doctors Without Borders. All of these organizations have documented the devastating starvation. So this is not a question of whether there is starvation or there isn't.

And yes, there can be fault, as the chairman indicated, with Hamas and the role they play, and I condemn that. But there is a significant actor here, and that is the Netanyahu government. When they bar aid trucks from going in, that leads to hunger, starvation, malnutrition, and lack of medicine for people who desperately need it.

I do want to thank folks who are continuing their efforts to do anything they can to help feed these starving kids in Gaza—the Catholic Relief Services, Refugees International, Friends Committee, Mercy Corps, Oxfam, Amnesty International, MedGlobal, Human Rights Watch, Norwegian Refugee Council, HIAS, CARE, and the dozens of faith-based organizations—for being here and always being available to brief Members of Congress but, more importantly, to get food to folks who desperately need it.

This resolution is going to be rejected today with the objection presented by the chairman, but from my perspective, we can't reject the facts because the facts won't be rejected in history books. Kids and innocent Palestinians are starving. We have seen enough to know that, right now, Prime Minister Netanyahu is leading a policy of mass, forced displacement. People are going from one place to another with whatever it is they can carry on their backs or in their arms. When they go to one place, they are displaced yet again, and there is active discussion about having all of the Palestinians out of Gaza itself. They are being

pushed by starvation, by bombing, and by shelling. That, in addition to the restriction on aid that has been imposed by the Netanyahu government, is shocking.

We know that the Netanyahu government's rules of engagement—and, by the way, using American bombs that are used in ways that have grossly disproportionate civilian casualties—over 64,000 people in Gaza already killed, many women and children. Nearly 20,000 children are dead. Some experts define these actions as ethnic cleansing. Others suggest it is genocide. And that includes, by the way, many Israeli experts, former intelligence and military officials and organizations: B'Tselem, Physicians for Human Rights—Israel, Combatants for Peace. They have said that what they see is genocide.

There are many labels that could apply to what is happening in Gaza today. Whatever label is used—a war crime or crimes against humanity or ethnic cleansing or genocide—one thing is clear: This must end. It is not about just giving a name or a label; it is about saving lives. The United States has a unique role because of the close relationship our country has had to Israel and the close relationship that our President has to Prime Minister Netanyahu.

And what matters the most are the actions we all take to make this suffering end. And that can end with a secure and democratic State of Israel, but it also must acknowledge that what is occurring has to stop because so many innocent people are victims of these bombs, of this starvation, of this forced displacement.

The Senate today can demand an end. I hope my colleagues will join me in passing this resolution.

I yield the floor.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. BANKS). The Senator from Michigan.

FEDERAL DEFICIT

Mr. PETERS. Mr. President, before we broke for the August recess, I came to the Senate floor to sound the alarm on our rising national debt and unsustainable fiscal trajectory. Today, I am here to continue this discussion and remind this body of the dangers we face if we do not change course.

In fact, just last week, the Congressional Budget Office announced that our Federal deficit this year alone has already surpassed \$2 trillion. If that holds, it will be the third largest deficit accrued in a single fiscal year in U.S. history, behind only the first 2 years of the COVID pandemic. To further put it into perspective, this debt has grown by \$700 billion in just the 6 weeks since I spoke about this issue on the floor. That trajectory is incredibly alarming.

So, in this case, time is money, and time is running out. And as we approach our next government funding deadline, it is important that we look back on how we got to this point and what we can do about it. Let's look

back. On September 30, 1996, Congress did something that no Congress had done in 30 years: It passed all 12 appropriations bills before the start of the next fiscal year. One year later, Congress built on that success by working with then-President Clinton to enact the Balanced Budget Act and set enforceable budget caps.

And what occurred after this series of bipartisan, commonsense cooperation: a 4-year period of budget surpluses. During that time, our economy grew, unemployment and inflation rates reached their lowest levels since the 1960s. Unfortunately, that was the first time since 1969 that our country had experienced a budget surplus, and unfortunately we have not achieved it since.

But the moral of the story is that progress is possible when we set politics aside, work in a bipartisan way, and enact commonsense solutions that benefit all of us.

Unfortunately, we did not stay on that bipartisan, fiscally responsible path for very long. So let's take a look at what happened next. In 2001, Congress and President George W. Bush enacted a series of tax bills. I certainly believe that a good tax bill is one that provides relief to middle-class families, which are the backbone of our economy, and ensures that everyone pays their fair share.

But the tax cuts passed during the Bush era did just the opposite, largely benefitting the highest income earners in our country, and in the process increased the Federal debt by trillions—trillions—of dollars. In fact, in just 3 years, these tax laws caused our country to double the amount of debt that it had accumulated since our Nation was founded, putting us on a worse financial footing when we later faced two major wars and a global financial crisis.

After the 2008 financial crisis, many, including myself, knew that we had to take action to restore fiscal stability, and in the following years, Congress pursued well-intentioned efforts to put us on a better financial path, from attempts to limit deficit spending to identifying fraud, waste, and abuse. But unfortunately, once again, politics got in the way.

Republicans threatened to default on our debt rather than come to the table, and this reckless approach led to a permanent extension of the Bush tax cuts and the first of what would be three downgrades—three downgrades—to our country's Federal credit rating.

Fast-forward to 2017 when, instead of working with Democrats to enact responsible tax reform, Republicans followed the same old, tired script. They pushed through a partisan law that benefitted the wealthiest Americans and—you guessed it—added \$2 trillion to the national debt. And like the Bush tax cuts, it left us unprepared as a country when we faced a generational public health crisis. The COVID-19 pandemic left our country in shambles,

with millions of people losing their jobs and shuttering hundreds of thousands of businesses all across our country.

Congress appropriately stepped up, passed several pieces of legislation to support American small businesses and workers, and helped the country to get back on track.

But instead of having the means to pay for this essential support, we had to incur additional debt. So fast forward now to 2023. Democrats tried to right the ship by passing the Inflation Reduction Act, which made a nearly \$250 billion downpayment on our national debt while improving energy security, lowering prescription drug costs, and creating a more equitable tax code.

This was the first legitimate effort to reduce the deficit since the Budget Control Act passed 11 years earlier. But, unfortunately, my Republican colleagues reversed course again by passing the "Big Beautiful Mess" earlier this summer.

Not only did this bill that was passed here this past summer kick millions of people off their healthcare and make it harder for families to put food on the table by cutting food assistance, it also added—let's hear this—it also added \$3.5 trillion to the Federal deficit.

For those doing the math at home, after our 4-year run of surpluses in 2001, the national debt stood at \$5.8 trillion. Today, we stand at more than \$37 trillion, all because my Republican colleagues are seemingly convinced that giving tax cuts to the ultrawealthy will, somehow, magically help the Nation.

But time and time again, we have seen the same script yield the same results. This approach simply does not work. Since 2001, \$31.6 trillion has been added to our total debt, and thanks to the "Big Bad Bill," that total is about to get supercharged.

It won't stop there.

Later this month, this body will once again be faced with an impending fiscal challenge funding the Federal Government. In doing so, it used to be the bare minimum requirement of Congress. The expectation of most Americans is we just pass the bare minimum and do that and fund the government. It has now become an annual struggle.

I stand ready to work with Republicans to pass a true bipartisan—true bipartisan government funding bill, one that ensures vital programs remain funded and that our government remains open. Failure to do so will mean economic catastrophe and a continuation of the trends of the past 30 years that we have just walked through.

We can't let that happen, and we must work to end these harmful patterns before it is too late. Working together on the upcoming fiscal package can be that start.

If the past three decades have shown us anything, it is that there is precedent for how to put our country on a more sustainable financial path. We

did it in the late 90s, and we even did it in the early 2010s when we came to several bipartisan compromises. But if we are going to solve this, it is going to take real political courage.

The roadmap is certainly there. Now it is just up to each and every one of us to follow that map.

I yield the floor.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Louisiana.

UKRAINE

Mr. KENNEDY. Mr. President, with me today is one of my colleagues from my Senate office, Ms. Erin Jarnagin.

I hate having to put this picture up. Let me tell you why I am putting it up. Washington, I think we can all agree, is a unique place. Some might call it unusual. Some might even argue and make an argument persuasively that normal in Washington, DC, is just a setting on the clothes dryer.

We have a deep-seated propensity in Washington, in the Federal Government, to look reality in the eye and to deny it. Sometimes that is dangerous. That is what is happening in Ukraine. We are looking reality in the eye, and we are denying it, and it is dangerous. And it is not fair to Ukraine. It is not fair to America, and it is not fair to anybody on God's green Earth that cares about freedom.

This is a picture of people in Ukraine burying their dead. And it is not pretty, but it is real. Now, for 8 months, President Trump has tried to talk to President Putin in Russia—8 months. And for 8 months, President Putin has made all kinds of promises—a lot of pretty words, a lot of play-acting—and he has done none of what he said he would do.

He has played—“he” meaning President Putin. He has played America like a banjo—like a banjo. President Putin says he wants peace, but he doesn't, and we know that now. That is what I mean when I say we have got to just look reality in the eye and accept that.

President Putin is not going to want peace until the costs of war are greater than peace. It is just that simple. For someone who has blood under his fingernails, for someone who has Stalin's taste for death—and I am, of course, referring to Putin—it is simply a cost-benefit analysis.

Does the benefit of continuing the war outweigh the cost? That is just a fact.

We are going to have to do something if we all want peace—and we all say we do, including the people of Ukraine. They don't want peace at any price—neither do I—but we all want peace. I know President Trump wants peace.

But in order to get peace and to get Putin to negotiate seriously, we are going to have to increase the costs and make the cost on him of prosecuting the war greater than the benefits of him being able to continue to do it.

Now, how do we do that? One option is sanctions. Putin has completely transformed Russia. Russia had—before the war, had some tendencies toward—

I don't want to overstate this, but I want to be fair—toward a democracy. At least, they got to vote, and not every vote was rigged. But that has all been changed.

Putin has turned Russia into a total authoritarian state. He controls the media. If you disagree with him, you go to jail. That is why you don't see much dissent. That is why you see virtually no dissent.

If you are his enemy and he thinks you have become too problematic, he just kills you—just poisons you. Russia today is as autocratic as China, and their security—their surveillance of their people—is just about as pervasive.

So Russia has changed. Putin has converted Russia into a war economy. That means that most of the GDP—not all of it but most of it, because people have to still live—but most of the GDP in Russia, much of it, is devoted to war, manufacturing weapons, paying money to people to go fight.

It is very expensive, and Putin affords it by selling oil. In fact, 40 percent of Putin's cash flow—the only way he has been able to prosecute this war is by selling oil. And one way to get him to the table is to cut off his cash flow. The only way to cut off his cash flow is to cut off his oil sales.

One way of doing that would be sanctions. Just say to people throughout the world, if you buy Russian oil, then you are no longer going to be able to do business with the United States of America and you are no longer going to be able to use the U.S. dollar. That is what President Trump has talked about doing.

But as you know, President Trump has also said—and I certainly see his point of view—if I am going to do it on behalf of America, by God, Europe's got to do it because they are the ones most at risk. And he said: I am not going to do sanctions and pass the bill that over 80 of us have joined here in the Senate—the President said, I am not going to do sanctions until all the Europeans do sanctions and stop buying Russian oil.

I understand where he is coming from, as I said.

The problem with it is you have some European countries—one is Hungary, another is Slovakia—they tend to be more aligned with Russia than anybody else in the European Union, and they buy oil, and it is going—from Russia, and it is going to take a while to convince them to stop it. It is going to take months.

Meantime, Putin is launching 800—not 80—800 drones and 800 missiles a night at the Ukrainian people, and he is not just aiming that weaponry at the Ukrainian soldiers. He is destroying the civilian population, the infrastructure. He is killing people.

In fact, it is escalating. The President met with Putin in Alaska, as we all know, and made a bunch of promises and completely reneged. And all we have gotten from that meeting is 800 missiles and drones a night.

So if sanctions are not going to work for now, it is going to take several months for us to work that out, what can we do? Well here is what I think we ought to do—and I am introducing legislation to do this. Joining with me will be Senator GRAHAM. It will be bipartisan legislation—Senator GRAHAM, Senator BLUMENTHAL, Senator WHITEHOUSE. There will be others who will join in the legislation. And we are going to move this legislation. We are going to move it.

We are going to seize Russian assets if our legislation passes, and we are going to give those assets to Ukraine to prosecute the war. Here is what I am talking about. Just about every country in the world has assets in other countries. They don't just keep all their money in their own country.

Oftentimes, those assets are liquid assets, and many times they are called foreign exchange reserves. You have probably heard that term, “foreign reserves.” They are used in trade to convert from one currency to another.

When the war—when Putin attacked Ukraine, Russia had \$300-plus billion—some say it is as high as \$320 billion—of assets in Europe and the United States; most of them are in Europe. About 90 percent of those assets are in Belgium, in Brussels. Some are in France; the rest are in the United States.

We are talking cash here. They originally were in debt securities, but we are talking cash now. There is over \$300 billion of cash that the United States and our European allies froze that belongs to Russia.

It has been sitting there, and it has been invested basically in money markets, and we have been sending the interest to Ukraine to help them fight the war. But we have left the principal, the \$300 billion a month. We haven't seized it; we just froze it.

The time has come to seize it. And I understand the arguments against it. Some in Europe will argue: Well, it will break international law. I get it. Russia has already broken international law. Russia has already seized European companies. Russia seized over \$400 million cash from JPMorganChase accounts they had in Russia. So Russia isn't bothered by international law. It is a violation of international law for them to have invaded Ukraine and to be massacring these people.

But I get it. We want to follow the rules even if Russia doesn't. But the time has come to look reality in the eye and no longer deny it, to admit it.

If our legislation passes, here is what we will do. We will seize that \$300 billion—no longer freeze it; we will seize it. We will give it in tranches, in smaller amounts as they need it, to Ukraine. Not all \$300 billion—we are still working on language but not all \$300 billion at once. We will give it to Ukraine in tranches.

Ukraine can use that money to buy their own drones and to buy their own missiles. Ukraine can use that money

not to kill Russian civilians, but Ukraine can use that money to buy missiles to take out every single refinery in Russia, cut off their cash flow, take out every single oil refinery in Russia. Ukraine can use that money to buy missiles to take out every single weapons production plant in Russia—every single one—and make President Putin understand that there is going to be a cost for him prosecuting this war.

We need to do that while we are working out what I think will be equally as effective—maybe more effective—this issue of sanctions, but we need to do it now because we can't wait months and months and months until we get the sanctions issue worked out.

So if our legislation passes—we will have to get the permission of our friends in Europe, but we have talked with many of them, and I think they will agree—we will give Ukraine an influx of \$300 billion—no taxpayer money from an American will be spent on this. This will all be Russian money. We are going to level the playing field. We are going to see what Mr. Putin is made of.

Now, I want to be clear—and I hope the White House is listening to this. I want to emphasize it: We are not spending any American money. This is Mr. Putin's money.

I know some people are worried about upsetting him, but he is not like the rest of us. He is not. He purely looks at this from cost and effect. Human life doesn't matter to him. We are going to make it very, very costly—if we do this—for him to prosecute that war.

I want to end on this note: Look, the American people I know are tired of overseas wars. I am tired of them. I know how people feel. I don't want the United States of America to be the world's policeman. I don't. But do you know what? I don't want Putin to be the world's policeman either. I don't want President Xi in China to be the world's policeman either. I don't want the Ayatollah in Iran to be the world's policeman.

Let me tell you what is going on here. The Presiding Officer knows this. We see it in classified information and nonclassified—unclassified information. And you can surmise it if you follow the news. Xi in China, Putin in Russia, and the Ayatollah in Iran are working together. Putin couldn't prosecute this war without China.

China sends infrastructure materials and technology every single day to Russia that can be used for civilian uses but also for military uses. China buys Russian oil to give them the money to run their weapons plants in Russia.

Putin and Xi and the Ayatollah are working together. The quarterback, in my opinion, is Xi; it is not Putin. And here is their goal: Their goal is to have Putin dominate Central and Eastern Europe, to have the Ayatollah dominate the Middle East, and Iran control the Middle East. Thank God for Israel. Israel has caused them to put that part of their plan on the back burner.

Their other objective is to have China dominate the Indo-Pacific, do whatever they want, and be free to roam, as they are doing as we talk today, in Sub-Saharan Africa and South America. And I am going to tell you, that is not a world that is safe for freedom. That is not a world that is safe for democracy.

This fight in Ukraine is not just about Ukraine. It is not. It is about the Indo-Pacific. It is about Finland. It is about Poland. It is about Sub-Saharan African countries. It is about South America and our hemisphere.

So I hope the Senate will pass our bill. We are going to move it. If you object to it, stand up in front of God and country and say so. But we have got to do something.

I can promise you, with \$300 billion of new capital—none of which will be American taxpayer money—Ukraine can buy some missiles and get Mr. Putin's attention, and he will be inviting us to a summit, and he will be paying for lunch.

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.

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

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

CANCER RESEARCH FUNDING

Mrs. MURRAY. Mr. President, this week, there are advocates here in Congress with the American Cancer Society to advocate for cancer research and prevention. This is lifesaving work, and no one does it better than our researchers.

In my home State of Washington, we have a lot of incredibly smart people who have been making a lot of incredible breakthroughs for patients, and we have a lot of passionate advocates who have been fighting to support their work. I have lost track of how many times I have visited the Fred Hutch Cancer Center, but every time, I am just blown away by the work they are doing. And they aren't the only ones.

This isn't just about advancing science though. It is about saving lives and finding new treatments and therapies and cures that give hope to help patients fighting for their lives.

Cancer research has a long history of bipartisan support here in Congress. But some of my colleagues across the aisle seem to need a reminder and a wake-up call because under President Trump, we have seen some reckless moves to undermine medical research, including cancer research. Research funding has been pulled without reason, without warning, and without any thought for the consequences.

This administration has tossed clinical trials into chaos, promising cures into limbo, and threatened to abandon our historic global research and leadership in medical research. Just this

week, a new report in the New York Times detailed how research into a rare pediatric brain cancer was totally upended because Trump yanked the funding. That research is halted and that researcher is forced to move on to topics that don't rely on NIH funding.

It is worth remembering, for many of our rare, deadly diseases, cures are not viewed as a payday for private investors, which makes NIH not just the best hope for finding a cure but the only hope for desperate patients, at least before Trump came along and stopped funding.

And that new article, which details other research Trump has sidetracked as well, is just scratching the surface of how bad this is. I have heard firsthand from researchers who have seen their work disrupted and students who are considering leaving the United States to continue their studies.

I have also received heartbreaking updates from patients, like a mom in my State fighting colon cancer who had her shot at a critical clinical trial taken away by Trump's chaotic, illegal funding cuts. And now, R.F.K., Jr., has cut off all Federal funding for mRNA research, one of the most promising new technologies for cancer treatments. This is so damaging.

In addition to supporting the research that finds new cures, we also need to make sure patients can actually access and afford those cures. That means we have to protect health coverage that helps cancer patients get care. That is why I am fighting to undo damaging Medicaid cuts Republicans passed and to extend the healthcare tax credits that are helping millions of families afford coverage right now.

We have to make a strong case for cancer research and prevention with facts, science, patient stories, and our voices. And I believe speaking out can have a real impact here because when I talk to colleagues on both sides, it is clear there is consensus we should not let years of leadership fall to the wayside. In fact, in our Senate funding bill, the bipartisan bill that we passed through the Appropriations Committee, we were able to reject some of these damaging cuts and make serious investments in cancer research.

But we do have more work ahead to get these bipartisan medical research investments signed into law. I will not stop pushing for that.

I yield the floor.

I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The senior assistant legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. HEINRICH. Mr. President, what is the status of the floor?

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senate is in a quorum call.

Mr. HEINRICH. I would ask unanimous consent to offer remarks as if in morning business.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senate is in a quorum call.

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

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

ROADLESS RULE

Mr. HEINRICH. Mr. President, when I draw a hunting tag, especially for elk, one of the first things that I do is to look at a map of the unit where I drew. I do that for a couple of reasons. I look to see where the public land is, and I also look to see where the roads are because the vast majority of time, that is where the elk aren't.

Elk need habitat security. If there is food and water and a place to securely bed on national forest land in New Mexico, and that spot is a couple of miles or more from an open road, the odds that elk live there are really, really high. So it is almost like the roadless rule was written for elk country because, in fact, it was.

And if you like to catch wild trout that have never seen the inside of a hatchery, you are probably familiar with some of the roadless refuges where these fish still thrive. In fact, 70 percent of the roadless areas in the Nation provide crucial habitat for native trout. So it is almost like the roadless rule was written by fishermen—because it was.

In fact, it was written by many hunters and fisherman, actually. One of them is, today, the President and CEO of Trout Unlimited, who served as the senior policy and communication advisor to the chief of the Forest Service when this rule was crafted back in 2001.

When my friends draw a coveted Coues deer tag in the Bootheel of New Mexico in what is a famous unit, Unit 27, where are they hunting? Chances are, they are hiking deep into inventoried roadless areas to glass for these deer that Jack O'Connor made famous when he referred to them in his writings as "the gray ghost."

So when the Trump administration advocates for eliminating the roadless rule, they are talking about endangering some of the last great wild game habitat on our national forests. These are the back-country places where we sit around a campfire under a sea of stars and pass our traditions down to the next generation of sports men and women.

Finalized in 2001, the roadless rule protects nearly 45 million acres of national forest land that belongs to each and every American. From the hazy blue peaks of the Appalachian Mountains to the imposing spires of the Rockies, from the saltwater estuaries of the Croatan National Forest in North Carolina to the towering Ponderosa Pines of the Santa Fe National Forest in my home State, across the country, many people's favorite hunting spots, their favorite hiking trails and biking routes, ATV trails, and fishing streams are in these protected roadless areas.

When the Nation debated the merits of the roadless rule 24 years ago, the Forest Service held 600 public meetings around the country. These were attended by tens of thousands of Ameri-

cans. I should know, I attended one of them. The Forest Service received more than 1.6 million comments, and over 95 percent of those were in favor of these roadless protections. You could ask a group of Americans about apple pie, and you wouldn't get a number that high. At the time, this was the largest response to a public comment request ever—ever—that any Agency had ever seen.

Fast-forward 2½ decades to today, and the Trump administration is threatening to throw the roadless rule into the dustbin of history, except this time, the process looks very different.

The administration opened the public comment period on August 19 and will close it Friday. Now, I know how slow and deliberate government can sometimes be, but there should be no shortcut to public engagement and to the democratic process. Yet a shortcut—or maybe more accurately a short circuit—is exactly what this administration has chosen.

With an underresourced and understaffed Forest Service, I know for a fact that the resource professionals and the scientists at the Forest Service do not support eliminating the roadless rule. This is being imposed upon them by people in the White House who, frankly, have never harvested a bull elk or released a native trout or otherwise experienced the wonder of God's creation in the very lands that represent the anvil on which our Nation's character was forged.

The truth is that the roadless rule protects us from wildfires; it ensures clean drinking water for communities; and it sustains wildlife habitat for wildlife and for sportsmen.

Wildfire prevention is at the heart of why the roadless rule is so important. Eighty-eight percent of wildfires are started by human activity, and 95 percent of human-caused fires begin within a half mile of a road. You can imagine why. It is not complicated. Cars backfire. Cigarette butts get thrown out a window. Trailer chains can spark on a rock. Sometimes campfires get mismanaged. These things happen where we can get with a car or a truck, so roads vastly increase the probability of wildfires rather than reducing them.

The roadless rule specifically allows for the removal of fuels that promote unnaturally intense wildfire. This helps to create a healthier forest and reduce wildfire risk.

The bottom line is that when we build new roads in protected areas, we risk more fires, not fewer.

In States like Idaho and Utah, more than 35 percent of roadless lands have had work done to help reduce fire in those roadless areas. In Montana, almost 30 percent of roadless areas have had similar treatments.

The idea that the roadless rule somehow prevents us from taking steps to lessen wildfire risk and from affecting human communities is patently wrong and inaccurate. The reality is that the Federal Government should be spend-

ing its scarce resources to focus on protecting communities closer to roads because that is where the people, homes, and towns are.

Can I talk for just a minute about the economics of building roads in roadless areas? The Forest Service maintains a more than \$8.6 billion—with a "b"—backlog on maintenance of its existing infrastructure and roads. Why would we countenance building new roads in back-country areas with low timber values and extremely high costs when we can't even take care of the existing roads that we already have?

Beyond wildfire prevention, the roadless rule protects the water sources that sustain our communities. Many people don't know that large cities like Atlanta and Denver and Los Angeles rely on water supplies from our national forests. In fact, some 180 million people—over 68,000 communities, large and small—rely on forested lands to capture and filter drinking water. That means that the Forest Service lands are the largest source of municipal water supply in the Nation, serving over 60 million people across 33 different States.

Roadless areas actually protect the headwaters of many municipal watersheds, and that includes places like the water supply for the city of Santa Fe, in my home State. When they rescind the roadless rule, it threatens access to clean water for millions of Americans.

Now, finally, the roadless rule preserves the fish and wildlife habitat and sustains the hunting, fishing, and recreation economy. Every year, I and millions of other hunters rely on public lands to feed our souls and to feed our families. The Sportsmen's Alliance estimates that in 2022, recreational hunters alone generated \$133 billion in economic output, created 1.3 million jobs, and supported more than \$80 billion in wages alone. And this is part of a larger pattern. The Bureau of Economic Analysis calculated that the economic output of outdoor recreation in 2023 was over \$1 trillion.

If the administration builds roads in these places, we not only lose these experiences, but our economies lose their customers. It is not just me saying this; constituents across my State are saying it to me too. Michael writes from Albuquerque. He says:

[T]his seems to be rushed without full considerations of the ramifications. I do not want the health and solitude of our forests compromised by opening the door to unwanted development.

Diane from Taos writes:

Please vote to stop the plan to rescind the Roadless Rule. I lead herb identification walks in the Taos area . . . so many people come to this state to enjoy the beauty of untrammelled forest. We need to . . . stop Trump and his abuse of our public lands.

Hannah writes from Santa Fe:

Our forests need our help now more than ever. It's hard to feel so hopeless to help them these days, and I hope you will defend our forests.

So I stand here today, supported by my own experiences and supported by

the voices of constituents, to defend these forests. But I am not only defending our forests. In fighting for the roadless rule, we are fighting for protections for our roadless areas and against putting special interests first. We are fighting for stronger local economies for all and against industrial development for a wealthy few.

Gifford Pinchot was the first Chief of the U.S. Forest Service, and he once said:

The vast possibilities of our great future will become realities only when we make ourselves responsible for that future.

We are responsible for that future, and the actions that we take today will reverberate for generations to come. I am fighting for the roadless rule, and I urge you to join me.

To my colleagues in the Forest Service, I ask that you extend the public comment period for the public so that we can hear their voices.

To the American people and my constituents in New Mexico, I urge you to engage in the public commenting process and make sure that your voices are heard.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. SCHMITT). The Senator from Tennessee.

MEMPHIS

Mrs. BLACKBURN. Mr. President, I want to say right off the top, it was truly an honor to join President Trump at the White House on Monday. He assembled Senator HAGERTY and I and some of the Federal Agencies in the Oval Office to sign an Executive order and to announce the deployment of the National Guard to Memphis.

It is going to be several Federal Agencies that are going into Memphis. Now, the reason for this is that Memphis has had the highest crime rate in the country. And for years, we have seen Democrats that have enacted soft-on-crime policies, and this has taken, truly, a tragic toll on Memphis. In many parts of the city, Memphians cannot walk outside without fear of being mugged, robbed, carjacked, murdered.

And what we know is this: Memphis, TN, is a historic city. It has a very rich cultural history. And it is also the logistics hub of our Nation. We have the Port of Memphis; we have FedEx; we have I-40 that goes from the east coast to the west coast that runs right through Memphis; and we are also home to all five class A railroads.

Now, Memphis also has a lot of major corporations. FedEx is located in Memphis. It was started in Memphis and has remained there. You also have St. Jude, which is so vital to medical research in our Nation; International Paper; so many other companies are located there.

But the crime crisis in Memphis has been driven by gang violence, and it has held that city and that West Tennessee region back for about 4 or 5 years now. There are actually about 100 gangs that are there in Memphis.

So President Trump is doing his best to help work to make Memphis safe again.

Now, we have had an FBI operation that has taken place in Memphis, and this marks the next phase of what is a multipronged, multi-Agency strategy to fight this crime.

This summer, the FBI, under Director Patel, conducted Operation Viper in Memphis, and the FBI worked with the Memphis Police Department and Chief Davis. And what they did was to surge Federal resources from the FBI into Memphis and Shelby County in order to actually arrest and get indicted and try these gang leaders.

So as we go into this next phase, you are going to see additional resources come to bear. You are going to see the ATF, the DEA, Homeland Security, continued sources from the FBI, Tennessee Highway Patrol, the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation, the U.S. Marshals Service. They are all going to be there to support the Memphis Police Department.

This is going to be important to do to make certain that this crackdown on crime—making Memphis safe—is going to continue.

Now, the National Guard is a part of this, as I said, and these National Guards men and women are going to help maintain order so that the Memphis police officers can be on the street and be tracking down and arresting these criminals, getting them off the street.

We saw this strategy succeed in Washington, DC, where in just over a month, the President's crime crackdown here in our Nation's Capital brought car thefts down 36 percent; robberies were down 62 percent; homicides were down 57 percent.

Tennesseans have been applauding this success that we have seen. Memphians are applauding this. I have talked to Memphians who have been here this week, and they are so pleased to see the President's commitment so that they know this is going to be a long-term effort to make certain that we address crime.

Now, in the Senate, we have several bills that are supporting this effort. My Ending Cashless Bail in our Nation's Capital Act, which would require Washington, DC, to use the highest level of cash bail necessary for dangerous offenders as a condition of pretrial release; my Keep Violent Criminals Off Our Streets Act, which would ban the award of certain Federal funds to States and localities across the country that limit the use of cash bail; my Federal Carjacking Enforcement Act would empower Federal prosecutors to hold carjackers accountable; my Restoring Armed Career Criminal Act would reinstate an important tool for prosecutors to seek enhanced penalties against violent, repeat offenders; Restoring Law and Order Act would increase funding for law enforcement and help keep violent criminals behind bars.

We should get all of these bills across the finish line and ensure that President Trump has the tools he needs to

restore law and order in this country. We should pass these bills so that our law enforcement, our judges, our DAs have every tool they need to get these career criminals, these gang leaders off the streets in Memphis, TN.

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

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

EVERGREEN HIGH SCHOOL SHOOTING

Mr. BENNET. Mr. President, last Wednesday, the uniquely American tragedy of gun violence struck Colorado yet again. At Evergreen High School in Jefferson County, a 16-year-old shot and injured two students and an administrator. Tonight, these three victims are still recovering, and their classmates and teachers and families are still reeling. Every elementary and middle school in the State is wondering whether they might be next.

It has been 26 years since the Columbine tragedy; 26 years since 2 gunmen murdered 13 students and a teacher and left many others physically and mentally wounded for life. Since that day, Jefferson County, CO, has done what no community should ever have to do: They have built some of the strongest systems in the Nation to prepare for and respond to mass shootings at their schools.

At Evergreen, teachers acted so quickly that when the shooter tried door after door, looking for students and teachers, he couldn't reach a single classroom. Law enforcement arrived on the scene in under 2 minutes and located the shooter in fewer than 5. Every single one of us should be grateful to every teacher, administrator, first responder, and student who acted with courage at Evergreen High School. Their bravery saved countless lives, and they now stand as a national example of how to respond to one of these terrible situations.

Mr. President, it should never have to be this way. I remember Columbine as if it were yesterday. I was in the Houston Airport coming home from a work trip when I saw our Colorado high school flashing on the screens of every single television set in the terminal. It filled me, as it did all Americans, with horror. How could something like this happen in America?

My wife Susan was 6 months pregnant with our oldest daughter Caroline, and all I could think about was getting home to my family. But Caroline and her two sisters, Halina and Anne, like millions of other American kids, have grown up in the shadow of Columbine. They have borne witness to an endless onslaught of mass shootings. Each tragedy is piled on top of the last one during their young lives.

In the summer of 2012, a gunman walked into a crowded theater in Aurora, CO, and killed 12 innocent people and wounded 58 more. We lost sons and daughters and friends and neighbors, all full of life and full of aspiration, loved by family and loved by friends.

A few months later, Sandy Hook shook the entire Nation to its knees. Twenty first graders—twenty first graders—and six teachers were killed in mere moments.

We hoped then that Congress would finally act. I can remember that balcony in the Chamber being filled with parents and children of people who had been massacred in their elementary school, hoping against all hope that this body would do something to respond; that Congress would finally pass background checks—something that 90 percent of the American people support. As everybody knows, to our everlasting shame, we didn't. We failed to act.

And somewhere along the Nation, we became numb to these tragedies. I will never forget in 2017, after a gunman slaughtered 58 people in Las Vegas who were across the street from his hotel, I sat through 5 or 6 meetings the next day before anybody mentioned that 58 people had been killed in that mass shooting. Ultimately, 60 lives were stolen as we carried on with business as usual here in Washington. We have become numb.

But, Mr. President, for the sake of our children, we cannot be numb. We need to understand that our children never can become numb. They won't become numb. They can't move on because this is their one chance to be an elementary school student; this is their one chance to be a middle school student; this is their one chance to be a high school student. When they witness, even at a distance, even from another town or another State, children being destroyed or wounded by something like the Aurora movie theater shooting or like Columbine or like the Evergreen shooting, the fear that enters their young lives is whether they might be next. That is what they carry to school day after day after day throughout their young lives.

The result of that and the result of our inaction is that America's children carry a burden unlike any generation before them or any other country in the industrialized world. They are the generation of school metal detectors, active shooter drills, and bulletproof backpacks. They live with the constant terror that they could be next.

Colorado's children have grown up in the shadow of Columbine, and 25 years later, we are still losing this fight. And they have the right to be terrified. Gun violence is now the leading cause of death for America's kids. Think about that, Mr. President. Think about that. Gun violence is the leading cause of death of America's kids. Twenty-five years ago when Columbine happened, it was car accidents. Now it is gun violence.

When I heard that statistic, I assumed that most of those gun deaths must be accidents, but only 5 percent were—only 5 percent were. The rest were homicides and suicides and mass shootings. In other words, the leading cause of death in America, in the richest country in the world, in the greatest country in the world, is violent shootings of our own children. There is no other country in the industrialized world where that is even close.

The indifference in this body is staggering. The claim that this is somehow the price of freedom is staggering or that this is what the Constitution of the United States requires for us, to fully embrace the rights enunciated by the Founders of this country. That is incomprehensible—the price of freedom.

What about the freedom of our children, the right of our children to be able to go to school with the freedom that they are not going to be gunned down, the freedom of the knowledge to know that their classmates are not going to be gunned down or that they could go there and be next on the list? What about that freedom? That seems as fundamental as any other freedom that is articulated in the Constitution of the United States, which, after all, guarantees us our rights as citizens in this Nation, including our children.

We may have become numb, Mr. President, but our children never will because they are as evergreen as Evergreen High School. This is the first time and the last time that they will be elementary school students and middle school students and high school students. I think we need to find a way to channel their raw emotion, their confusion, their anger, their fear, and their terror and summon the will to overcome our failures—this generation's failures.

My home State of Colorado has tried to do that, and we have made progress. After the massacre at Columbine, we closed the gun show loophole, which 90 percent of the American people support. After the tragedy in Aurora, we strengthened background checks in my State. In the wake of the shooting at Club Q, we raised the age to purchase a firearm from 18 to 21. This year, Governor Polis signed three commonsense gun violence prevention laws restricting the sale of certain semiautomatic firearms, requiring retailers to keep ammunition locked, and setting age limits for gun shows.

Colorado is making progress, but States can't do it alone. We can't do it alone in Colorado—a Western State that has a majority of unaffiliated voters in our purple State; that takes pride in our hunters and our anglers and our ranchers. If we can find the will to act, so can the U.S. Congress, and for the sake of our children, we must.

With deep, deep regret, I yield the floor.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Indiana.

TRIBUTE TO CLYDE MILLIGAN

Mr. YOUNG. Mr. President:

I would do anything for my country.

If an epitaph were ever written to the "greatest generation," that would be it:

I would do anything for my country.

These words were spoken by one of the remaining heroes from that selfless age. He celebrates his 100th birthday this week, and on this momentous occasion, we owe him thanks for his service.

There he is. His story is powerful. His example is certainly worth following.

At the end of 1941, a teenage attendant was knocked down when an air compressor knocked him off his feet. He was working at Hoosier Pete filling station in Indianapolis. That blast broke windows, it tore off the roof of a room, and it cracked a wall, but it could not keep Clyde Milligan down.

Shortly after the Japanese attacked Pearl Harbor, the minor explosion at that station was forgotten, but Clyde was on his feet at a military recruiting station. What was under his feet demonstrated his devotion to this country and his belief in it at a ripe age. You see, Clyde was 16 years old, and he was a sophomore at Ben Davis High School outside Indianapolis. The legal enlistment age at the time was 18, but Clyde could not tell a lie. Nothing was going to stop him from fighting for America, though, so before Clyde walked into that recruiting office, he wrote the No. 18 on the sole of his shoe, and when the recruiting officer asked him if he were over 18, Clyde, of course, said yes.

As a staff sergeant, Clyde guarded the beaches in Virginia and Maryland. That was a dangerous duty, as those beaches were vulnerable to U-boats. This assignment was made sufferable, he said, by the dances that were held at the camp, but those evenings and any other comforts were soon just faded memories by the time Clyde deployed to the South Pacific.

He was a soldier for the 111th Infantry Regiment. He crossed the Marshall Islands, leading a squadron during the allied invasion of Kwajalein. Clyde and his men helped secure American control of that island and destroyed a link in the Japanese defensive perimeter.

For his valor, Clyde was awarded numerous honors. The one he was the most proud of was the Combat Infantryman Badge. That was a few years into a young man's life, a long time ago, like so many of the boys who were asked to and did the impossible: storming the beaches of Normandy, liberating concentration camps, and island-hopping across the Pacific.

When the war ended, Clyde returned back home. This Hoosier boy married. He was wed for many years to his late wife Marie. He worked for and then owned a small business. He dedicated himself to his community and his church. He is still spending his energy to this day on behalf of New Hope Christian Church in Whitestown, IN.

Although the war had interrupted his education, in the 1990s, Clyde—representing his fellow World War II veterans who had left school to join the fight—Clyde was awarded an honorary high school diploma.

Clyde, you can see, has lived the American dream.

Like so many soldiers, he seldom speaks about his service during the war; he seldom references the sacrifices. He has said in the past that he witnessed things while serving in the South Pacific that no teenager should ever see. What he shared about his service, I am told, was his sense of duty, his commitment to the men he led, and his respect for those he fought under.

Whether he will admit it or not—I suspect the answer is no—Clyde Milligan is one of our best. You might even call him a hero—a hero for the way he answered his country's call in a time of peril and for the way he has lived his life since the war ended—a life guided by faith, full of achievements and friendships, and, as the Bible says, years.

There have been many great generations of Americans dating back to our founding, and I trust there will be many more. The patriotism and humility of one inspires the next. So let's continue to cherish and honor our "greatest generation" and the greatest of our generation. Let's inspire this generation and the generations that follow by recognizing these standout citizens—some of them citizen warriors who helped us win World War II—so that when future Americans are called to greatness, they, too, in Clyde Milligan's words, will do anything for their country.

On this monumental birthday, we all—from the U.S. Senate back to his church in Whitestown—send him our best wishes and enduring thanks.

I yield the floor.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. MORENO). The minority whip.

IMMIGRATION

Mr. DURBIN. Mr. President, today, the Judiciary Committee's Subcommittee on Immigration held a hearing entitled "Another Biden Blunder: Missing Unaccompanied Alien Children and Criminal Sponsors." I attended this hearing. It certainly begs the question, Why, now that they are in control, are Senate Republicans continuing to focus on the Biden administration instead of examining the policies of this administration?

When I was chair of the Senate Judiciary Committee, we held not one but two full committee hearings on the Biden administration's handling of unaccompanied children. It is a legitimate issue. We must do everything in our power to protect these kids, and that requires oversight of policies that are in place now, not stories of history.

Just look at yesterday's oversight hearing with FBI Director Kash Patel. Director Patel deflected my questions relating to his gutting of the unit in

the FBI that was investigating something known as the 764 group—an organization the FBI itself described as a "nihilistic violent extremist" group that seeks to blackmail children to perform vile acts on camera.

News reports released yesterday noted that nearly every agent on Baltimore's domestic terrorism squad was reassigned this year to work full time on immigration enforcement, forcing them to walk away from investigations of the 764 group.

This change at the FBI is dramatic in counterterrorism, in counterinsurgency—all of these areas where the FBI has expertise—and developed professionals are being told they have a new assignment: Go out and find undocumented people in the United States. There are 11 million of them. In fact, roughly 20 percent of all FBI agents reportedly have been diverted from their critical national security and public safety roles, including protecting children from extremists and traffickers, to work on President Trump's mass deportation effort.

Even worse, the data show that this administration is not focusing its immigration enforcement on the "worst of the worst," as the President says. Instead, they are picking up innocent, law-abiding people.

Just consider the recent raid of the Hyundai Metaplant in Georgia. Hundreds of agents from across the country raided this factory. The agents—many of whom work on priority counterterrorism and drug enforcement cases—did not have experience in low-priority immigration enforcement operations. They ended up arresting hundreds of South Korean nationals who were in the country to install equipment at the plant so that eventually American workers could go to work at that factory.

Now the South Korean Government is investigating human rights abuses during that raid, and construction on the facility is paused at least for another year, maybe two. Deputy Secretary of State Christopher Landau was reportedly forced to express "deep regret" over the incident in a meeting with his South Korean counterpart.

I have read some of the news accounts. The South Koreans are livid. Here is our government, begging them to put businesses and factories in the United States, and we raid this and take away 300 South Koreans who were there for the transition on that factory. Some of them were in shackles and handcuffs.

Americans want the immigrants who have committed serious crimes to be deported, but raiding factories, like the Hyundai factory, isn't going after criminal gangs or murderers.

The Georgia raid demonstrated that the Trump administration's priority is not really public safety but, rather, meeting White House Deputy Chief of Staff Stephen Miller's arrest quotas. Mr. Miller needs a body count to slake

his insatiable thirst to punish immigrants.

Miller has ordered ICE agents to focus on arresting individuals at Home Depots and 7-Elevens. Remember the categories we were looking for, rapists, murderers, terrorists, and the criminally insane? Go to that Home Depot parking lot, right? It doesn't make sense. His targets are not in those of President Trump's infamous litany. Brown skin and a Spanish surname is good enough.

In order to meet Miller's quotas, ICE is arresting first and asking questions later. DACA holders, immigrants with lawful status, and even U.S. citizens have been caught up in this disastrous effort. Even worse, a recent U.S. Supreme Court order has paved the way for ICE raids on any employer who hires someone with an accent for a low-wage job.

I have seen the devastating impacts of these policies in my State of Illinois. People are fearful of masked men in unmarked vans who could grab them at any time because of how they look or their accent. Parents are terrified to take their kids to school, and businesses are suffering as people are scared to go to work.

Just last weekend, I was in a section of Chicago known as Little Village. The chamber of commerce appealed to me: Senator, would you come out to dinner in our neighborhood next time you are on the road and have a place to pick? We need the business.

The President is ramping up his immigration raids in Chicago in the so-called Operation Midway Blitz. This operation is not going to make Illinois or America safer. In fact, 70 percent of the immigrants detained by Trump so far have no criminal convictions. Instead, this effort will deepen the fear in our communities, making hard-working immigrant families frightened to send their kids to school, go to the hospital, or report suspicious activity to the police.

The majority of Americans do not support these anti-immigrant actions. If it is a dangerous person, they have got to be gone. But these are people who are paying their taxes and going to work and sending their kids to school and sitting right behind you in church. They are not dangerous by any means.

Immigrants have been a key part of the American success story at every level. That is why, in Illinois, including in the great city of Chicago, we embrace immigrants as members of our community who pay their taxes and help make our economy thrive and our city strong. Our Nation needs immigrants more than ever.

Just last week, I had the major farm groups in Illinois meet with me—three different groups in the same day. After they made their presentations about how tough things are on the farm because of tariffs and their inability to sell on an international basis, I said to them: I want to ask you a favor. Each

and every one of you have told me you need immigrant labor on your farms to continue operating. Will you say it publicly? Will you let America know that immigrants perform a valuable function in dairy farms, livestock operations, orchards—farms of all kinds? They are an important part of the workforce.

Our Nation needs immigrants now more than ever. Look at the numbers. If DACA is struck down, experts predict that our economy will lose an estimated \$11.7 billion each year in wages.

What was DACA? An Executive order of President Obama's based on my bill, the Dream Act, that said if young people are brought here before age 18 and they have grown up in this country with no criminal record or question about their background, they ought to have a chance to stay here without fear of deportation for 2 years at a time.

Even these young people who are complying with that Executive order and carefully making sure they file on time are being subject to deportation by the Trump administration.

Without continued immigration, the U.S. working-age population is going to shrink by 6 million by the year 2040. People like Stephen Miller would cheer that information. I am fearful of it. We need a competent, large-enough workforce—not taking jobs from current Americans but providing for their future.

As Americans retire, this could lead to a 23-percent reduction in monthly Social Security payouts for retirees. When the immigrants are not working, they are not paying their taxes, of course, and they are not paying into Social Security. They are an important part of the future of this country.

So rather than costly operations to deport hard-working immigrants with no criminal convictions, I urge my colleagues to come to the table and work with us on a bipartisan basis to reform our immigration system and secure our border in a sensible, humane way.

It wasn't that long ago that I was part of a Group of 8. Senators John McCain, LINDSEY GRAHAM, Marco Rubio, and others were joining in a bipartisan effort to build a bipartisan immigration bill. It was a good bill. It passed with over 60 votes on the floor of the U.S. Senate. The House refused to take it up, and it is unfortunate because it would have solved many of the problems which have faced all of the Presidents since.

We can do the right thing for this country: make sure that dangerous people are not part of our future but that those who want to make America a greater country, as they have over and over again, have that opportunity.

I yield the floor.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from New Hampshire.

HEALTHCARE

Mrs. SHAHEEN. Mr. President, I come to the floor this afternoon to join a number of my colleagues because time is of the essence. If Congress

doesn't act to extend tax credits for the cost of health insurance, millions of Americans are going to lose their coverage and many more could see their costs go up by as much as 75 percent. And that is on top of the most recent inflation data that shows our economy is headed in the wrong direction.

Despite those numbers, everything that we have seen from this administration—from its tariff policy raising prices on cars to coffee to the passage of the One Big Beautiful Bill—or betrayal, as I call it—that ripped Medicaid away from millions of Americans to finance tax breaks for billionaires—all of those actions has made the affordability crisis for average Americans worse. For far too many American families, this growing affordability crisis includes the rising cost of healthcare. We in Congress must not let these concerns go unanswered, especially when we have the ability to act. And we have the solution to prevent healthcare costs from skyrocketing even further overnight.

That is why a number of my colleagues and I have worked in the Senate to introduce bicameral legislation that would permanently extend the enhanced premium tax credits, those benefits that allow so many Americans—our neighbors, our small businesses, our friends—who rely on that help to keep their premium costs low to be able to afford health insurance.

Extending the tax credits has been a priority, and we have been calling attention to the looming expiration of these vital tax credits since last year. In fact, three times during this past year, my Democratic colleagues and I have tried to pass our legislation to offer some real relief to working families grappling with the high cost of living. Unfortunately, our colleagues on the other side of the aisle have blocked each and every one of these efforts.

Now, this program to provide that help that families need to cover their cost of health insurance is set to expire at the end of the year, and there is no plan in sight to replace it and to help families afford health insurance. Allowing these tax credits to expire is going to harm the record enrollment in the ACA Marketplace that so many people have worked so hard to achieve, and this past year there has been record enrollment in the ACA.

Now, what does it mean for Americans if we allow these tax credits to expire? It means that 24 million Americans will see their health insurance costs go up. It means that 4 million Americans could lose their coverage entirely. And that is not an exaggeration because that is based on the non-partisan data from the Congressional Budget Office.

Now, according to a report that a number of us commissioned from the Georgetown Center on Health Insurance Reforms, eliminating these tax credits will disproportionately hurt older people, those who live in rural

areas, and small business owners—those people who can least afford to pay additional costs for their health insurance. On average, Marketplace premiums will rise by 75 percent, roughly \$700 a year. That is the biggest increase in over a decade, and this price increase affects the very people who can least afford rising costs right now.

I spoke with one of my constituents last week, Paul from Canaan. Canaan is a small town in the northern part of New Hampshire. He is one of those people who we talk about and who Georgetown University Center talked about when they talked about the impact of those cost increases on Americans. Paul's employer-sponsored insurance would be prohibitively expensive for him and his family. Not only that, it is not accepted by a lot of the providers in his area. His wife also has an autoimmune disease, and his son needs insurance coverage in order to attend the University of New Hampshire.

So that means that those enhanced premium tax credits, the benefits that we provided in Congress to ensure that families like Paul's could afford their health insurance, they have been a lifeline for him. He told me that thanks to the credits, he no longer fears that one single emergency room visit could bankrupt his family. But sadly, without those enhanced premium tax credits, not only Paul but millions of Americans will have to make difficult choices about what they can live without so they can afford health insurance. That should be unacceptable to all of us in the United States of America.

The American people are rightfully concerned about the soaring costs of healthcare coverage, and they are looking to Congress; they are asking us to work together to get this done. I am here to remind all of our colleagues—along with Senator WELCH and those of us who are speaking to this—but mostly our Republican colleagues, some of whom I know are very aware of what an issue this is for their constituents. They are also aware that the clock is ticking. Some Republicans in Congress keep saying: Let's wait. We have time to deal with this later.

Unfortunately, we now know that there is a cost to waiting. Just yesterday, the CBO, the Congressional Budget Office, estimated that if we don't act, if we wait until the end of the year to pass an extension, that 1.5 million more people will go uninsured, premiums will still go up, and waiting actually costs the Federal Government an additional \$10 billion.

So for all of our colleagues on the other side of the aisle who were so anxious to cut different aspects of our government because they want to fund their tax decrease for the wealthiest in this country, they ought to care about an additional \$10 billion that it is going to cost if we wait to address this issue. Waiting to act is going to leave more Americans uninsured; it is going to cost patients more from their hard-

earned income; and it is going to be more expensive for the Federal Government.

So while I am encouraged by some of the public reporting that several of our Republican colleagues are interested in extending the ACA enhanced premium tax credits, the time for us to act is now. The President's own pollsters have warned that not extending these tax credits would be a political catastrophe for the GOP.

I would hope that we could all agree that addressing the affordability crisis that Americans are facing because of the increasing costs of everything from groceries to rent to electricity shouldn't be partisan issues.

I know there are many of our colleagues on the other side of the aisle who understand these stakes, who are worried about what is happening with their constituents. So let's come together. Let's address the American people's concerns. Let's put aside the politics and work to keep healthcare premiums affordable. Let's support the small business owners who power local economies all across the country and create two-thirds of the jobs in America. Let's preserve this vital program that keeps Americans healthy and safe.

I yield the floor.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Vermont.

Mr. WELCH. Mr. President, I thank my colleague, the senior Senator from New Hampshire. I really appreciate her very practical presentation about a common concern that we have—Republicans and Democrats—and that is that we do no harm when it comes to the profound insecurity people are feeling about having access to healthcare for themselves, for their partners, for their kids.

And we have got real differences in this Chamber. Little introductory remarks about the One Big Beautiful Bill—I do think it is a terrible bill. I do think that we have taken money from healthcare and other areas to fund a tax cut for very wealthy people. I think it is bad for the economy and creates a lot of insecurity.

We are also having a big battle about the funding of government, which is the responsibility that we all have. And I want to be candid. I take significant issue with the President when he says: Don't even bother dealing with Democrats.

This always is a budget issue that has to involve Democrats and has to involve Republicans. If we don't talk, we don't resolve differences and we are not even in a position to do our job and find common ground. So we are in a pickle. That creates some hard feelings as we try to work through this. And I don't want to dwell on that because we do have different points of view on that.

But we have a situation here, as the senior Senator from New Hampshire described, where if these healthcare premium supports expire, every American who has come to depend on access

to healthcare through ObamaCare, which is now accepted as an important element in our healthcare system, every person on that is in incredible jeopardy.

And I know that every single Member of this Senate is very concerned about access to healthcare for the people they represent. There is no alternative for folks out there that is even being discussed if we don't continue the premium support for people who are getting their healthcare through the Affordable Care Act.

So I want to focus on this as the Senator did. I don't want to focus on the partisan differences; I want to focus on the concrete reality that a family is going to face if the Affordable Care credits expire.

No. 1, as Senator SHAHEEN said, this can't wait. The date is going to arrive; the tax credits expire; people depending on that healthcare won't have it. Twenty-four million Americans will face higher costs.

Again, I want to emphasize that is not 24 million Democratic families; that is not 24 million Republican families; it is 24 million families. It is in both our States. It is not political. It is about healthcare, which every single citizen, we want them to have it and have it be affordable.

Premiums are going to increase, on average, about 75 percent as the Senator said. One in four people who have a chronic condition are going to lose out on coverage; 3.3 million small businessowners will see their premiums increase.

I just want to stop on that point for a moment because the Senator, my colleague here, has done so much for small business, and that is because she knows, as I do and I know as you do, Mr. President, small businesses are so vital to the well-being of our community.

One of the things I have learned from my visits to small businesses is really pretty inspiring because I see those Vermont small businessowners; their employees are like family to them. The most important thing for them is to make sure their employees are doing well.

One of the things that is really important to our employers is that they can provide healthcare, but with the premiums going up like this, it is a wicked decision and discussion between the businessowner and the employees about a raise versus picking up the high cost of a premium increase. That is going to be aggravated if these tax credits expire; 1.6 million of those folks in small businesses would lose coverage.

Again, I want to make this concrete now. In Vermont, 27,000 people who rely on the tax credits will lose their health insurance. They just won't be able to afford it.

Let me give you a couple of examples of the real world here in Vermont. The annual premium increase for a 60-year-old couple in Vermont that earns

\$82,000 a year—and that is tough to get by if you have a family on that amount of money—but the premium increase is going to be \$23,000. That is a fact. That is a 335-percent increase, but that is like \$2,000 a month.

So what that says to that family is you are on your own, no healthcare.

In Nebraska, 112,000 folks rely on the Affordable Care monthly premium tax credits. The annual premium increase for a Nebraska family, a 60-year-old couple that is earning \$82,000, \$83,000 a year, \$23,000—pretty much the same as Vermont.

In California, there are 1.5 million folks relying on the ACA premium tax credit. That 60-year-old couple making \$82,000, it is going to be an additional \$17,000.

In Connecticut, 112,000 folks are going to lose access to healthcare with these increases. That 60-year-old couple with \$82,000 in income, a \$28,000 premium increase; 541 percent.

Mrs. SHAHEEN. Will my colleague yield for a question?

Mr. WELCH. I will.

Mrs. SHAHEEN. I think one of the things that people don't understand—and I don't know if you agree with me—is that what is going on here is that as these costs go up and as it becomes harder for people to enroll in the Affordable Care Act marketplace because of other changes that were made in that "Big Betrayal Bill," that the risk pool—a lot of healthy people don't sign up again.

And so the risk pool includes a lot more people who are sicker, who have illnesses. And as the insurance companies are looking at those projections, they are saying: Well, we got to raise rates because if we don't, we are not going to be able to cover the people that need help. That doesn't just affect those people who have those health insurance costs, but all of the rest of us are going to pay more for our health insurance too.

Would you agree that is part of what is going on? That is what we heard from Georgetown University Center on Health Insurance Reform.

Mr. WELCH. I am so glad that you brought that up because what drives everyone crazy is the so-called cost shift. A lot of our community hospitals, they get underreimbursed, oftentimes on Medicare or Medicaid. And then the employer-sponsored premiums are the only place the providers can go to cover their legitimate costs.

So there is a huge spike in the cost. If you have all these folks without healthcare and they are showing up and getting free care, then somebody has got to pay, and that is going to be the employer-sponsored and private pay.

The Senator from New Hampshire was right in pointing out we have got this broken system that we are making worse with this effort. So thank you so much for that, the Senator from New Hampshire.

I wanted to go back to these numbers too. In Alaska, 23,000 folks, they can

lose their healthcare or they are going to have a premium increase. That family with \$82,800 in income, it is \$44,000. So that is a 554-percent increase.

In Wyoming, 40,000 folks rely on the ACA tax credits. That 60-year-old couple with an \$82,000 income, their premium is going up \$37,000. That is \$3,000 a month.

In West Virginia, 49,000 folks losing. That 60-year-old couple, \$82,000 income, \$39,000 premium increase; \$3,000 a month.

What we know is that can't happen. It cannot happen. You are literally, through passivity in this U.S. Senate, where we have the option to act or we have the option to hide, the second option is sending a direct premium increase to our families, up to \$40,000 in a year for people who make \$80,000. So this happens, this is on us. If this happens, it is on us.

Mr. DURBIN. Will the Senator yield for a question?

Mr. WELCH. I will yield to the Senator.

Mr. DURBIN. I would like to ask, through the Chair, a basic question of my friend from Vermont.

You have been involved in politics a few years. So have I. I am trying to understand if I were a Republican Senator who voted for this kind of premium increase for people in my State, more than a handful—a lot of people in my State—how I would explain it. Do you know?

Mr. WELCH. Well, if you are a billionaire, it works out. The fact is, it can't be explained. It hasn't happened yet. This is about to go into effect if we don't act as the Senate.

Mr. DURBIN. Excuse me, Senator.

Mr. WELCH. Yes.

Mr. DURBIN. When you say it is just about to happen, is it the announcement of the premium or the actual imposition of the premium increase?

Mr. WELCH. It is the actual imposition of the premium increase. The only way we can spare this heartache—literally, taking away people's healthcare—is by extending the premium tax credits. So that is a decision this body has to make.

Mr. DURBIN. Through the Chair, you used an example of Wyoming.

Mr. WELCH. I did.

Mr. DURBIN. You said 60,000 people in Wyoming.

Mr. WELCH. Let me get that number for you but go ahead.

Mr. DURBIN. Well, I was trying to figure out if someone is making \$82,000 a year, I think that was your reference point.

Mr. WELCH. Right.

Mr. DURBIN. And they qualified for the Affordable Care Act health insurance, they currently can receive a subsidy to help with the payments based on their income.

Mr. WELCH. That is right.

Mr. DURBIN. And you are saying the change in the big beautiful Trump budget by our Republican colleagues is going to result in an increase in

monthly premiums in Wyoming of a person making \$82,000 a year of \$3,000 a month?

Mr. WELCH. That is right; \$37,000 a year, and there are 40,000 as you mentioned.

This is really about the Affordable Care tax credits that expire. This was not in the Big Beautiful Bill. The Big Beautiful Bill took a trillion dollars away from the Medicaid Program, but now we have pending before us the imminent cliff where the premium increases that were passed by this body on a bipartisan basis to help during COVID, those expire.

When that expires, those families in Wyoming are going—who are on the Affordable Care Act and who are 60 years old and they have \$82,000 in income, they are going to see a premium increase of \$37,193.

Mr. DURBIN. This is not a casual increase; this is for real.

Mr. WELCH. That is a loaded gun. It is the heart of the family and their ability to carry on. This just can't happen. It can't happen. We are the body that has the option of ignoring the hardship and the catastrophic consequences of this on the families we represent or sparing them and allowing them to continue having access to healthcare they depend on.

Mr. DURBIN. Let me ask you this question: Since we have the continuing resolution being considered, which would go into effect September 30, if we agree on one, if you took care of this tax credit issue, you could spare that family in Wyoming from a \$3,000-a-month addition to their hospitalization premium; is that correct?

Mr. WELCH. That is exactly right. That is exactly right. That is within the power. This is the wonderful thing of those of us that have this job. We have the power to do something that can help the people we represent. They need healthcare. Republican families need it. Democratic families need it. People who don't care anything about the political process, they need it. And in this country, they should be entitled to it.

We can act. It is not a partisan thing. It is not a victory for one side or the other. It is really a lifesaver for these families—the Wyoming families, the Vermont families, the Illinois families. So I urge this body to come together to do something that the people we represent—every single one of them—need and would benefit by.

Mr. DURBIN. Let me ask the Senator from Vermont his own personal experience. Mine was that last year, I decided to replace my knee—my football knee from high school—and my hip, same year.

I started receiving these projected bills and how much I might, personally, owe if I didn't have any health insurance. We are talking about thousands and thousands of dollars. Now, these were basically elective surgeries but much more than the average person has available on hand to pay a bill.

Imagine if instead of an elective surgery, I had, God forbid, broken my leg, ended up in the emergency room, and needed help with surgery when it was all over. The net result of it is a bill which most families would struggle to pay if they had no health insurance protection.

Mr. WELCH. Right.

Mr. DURBIN. This seems like the reality of the situation. It is your money or your life is the Republican proposal. We are either going to have you pay \$3,000 or more a month in premiums or you are going to have to gut it out and hope you don't get sick or don't have an accident that could cost thousands and thousands of dollars.

Mr. WELCH. Well, you know, you are exactly right because that family making \$82,000 a year, they are struggling to pay the premium as it is. If they have to pay \$3,000 more a month, most of those families are going to say they would like to but can't because they are uninsured.

I will give a story of my own. My first wife died of cancer, Senator. She had cancer for 9 years. We had terrific healthcare. She had a rare form of cancer.

One night, my car broke down, and the wrecker guy picked me up. We had a long ride. We got to talking. It turned out that his wife—and he had two kids, younger kids—had the same form of rare cancer and his wife died and we talked about that.

But there was a difference. We had insurance through the University of Vermont where my wife was a professor. He had no insurance. He was working late nights, long hours, raising these two kids by himself, and he was trying to pay off a \$335,000 medical bill. That is not right.

But that example you just mentioned or this Wyoming family or Vermont family or Illinois family, they are faced with \$3,000 a month. They don't have the money; they go without healthcare. Somebody gets sick. It is a serious illness. They get medical debt.

(Mr. JUSTICE assumed the Chair.)

They get anxiety—anxiety on top of the anxiety that always accompanies a serious illness in a family, where all of your attention, if it is your partner, if it is your child, is about your partner, your child.

On top of that, you have the incredible stress of bill collectors calling up: Where's the money? We don't have to allow this to happen. We don't, and we shouldn't.

And I just want to emphasize, it is not a Republican, Democratic deal; it is a mutual responsibility that this U.S. Senator has to the people of this country in your State and in my State.

So I urge us to get a solution. And I talked about West Virginia, the Presiding Officer's great State, where folks will face enormously high premium increases if these Affordable Care Act subsidies are expired. It will be brutal. I told the Presiding Officer about my visit to West Virginia, my respect for the coal miners, those hard-

working folks there. And I know how highly important it is to the Presiding Officer about healthcare access. So let's act as a body. Let's do it together and make certain that folks do have healthcare, just don't have the anxiety and uncertainty and the bills that are just going to cripple them. I want to thank the Senator from Illinois. I want to thank my colleagues in the Senate.

I yield the floor.

Mr. DURBIN. I thank the Senator from Vermont as well as the Senator from New Hampshire for organizing this block. I am going just say that people have contacted me from Illinois and are scared to death about what is going to happen on October 1. This big beautiful budget bill of President Donald Trump, unfortunately, is not going to extend the tax credits available to reduce premium costs. Families are asking me: How in the world, Senator, are we supposed to pay these increased costs of thousands of dollars each month?

I don't have an answer for them, but the Senate has the answer. The Senate can change that. We can restore this tax credit. There are a lot of priorities for a lot of people, but I will tell you, if you have ever lived without health insurance, you understand it is a basic priority.

You never know tomorrow what you are going to end up paying in a medical bill, and if you aren't prepared for it, it can wipe out your savings in no time flat.

I just want to thank my colleagues from Vermont and New Hampshire for organizing this floor block.

Access to healthcare is one of the most important issues facing Americans today, and it is an issue near and dear to my heart—because I know what it is like to live without health insurance.

I will never forget being the father of a new baby, who had a serious medical condition but I didn't have any health insurance. I never felt more helpless than I did in that moment. It is a terrible feeling and something I do not wish on anybody.

Unfortunately, Republicans in Congress are preparing to subject millions of Americans to the stress-filled, sleepless nights, that come from knowing your family does not have health insurance. If Congress fails to renew the Affordable Care Act's enhanced premium tax credits before the end of this year, the cost of health insurance will spike for almost every American who relies on an ACA Marketplace plan. Increased premiums will create financial hardship for middle-income families across the Nation and cause millions of Americans to lose their health insurance.

There has been a lot of confusion surrounding these tax credits, and I want to make clear who is at risk of being affected by these cuts. More than 90 percent of families with a Marketplace plan receive the ACA's premium tax credits to lower their monthly premiums. That is 22 million Americans

who rely on these tax credits to afford healthcare.

Without these subsidies, 22 million people will see the cost of their insurance premiums rise rapidly. For most families, the cost will skyrocket 75 percent. That means that a family of four making only \$32,150 a year will see a nearly \$400 annual increase in their healthcare costs. A family earning \$64,300 will see their premiums rise to \$905 a year from \$180—more than a 400-percent increase.

The imminent expiration of these tax credits, combined with the devastating Medicaid cuts passed earlier this year by Republicans, will devastate families of limited means and hospitals. The increase in premiums will be too much to bear for many families. The Congressional Budget Office estimates that if the ACA credits expire, 4 million people will become uninsured. And that is in addition to the more than 10 million set to lose their healthcare as a result of the so-called "One Big Beautiful Bill's" Medicaid cuts.

Last night, on the Senate Floor, I shared two messages my office received from Illinois constituents who are terrified about the upcoming tax credit expiration. The first message was from Kristen, from Rochester. She is a freelance writer, who has recently been diagnosed with a long-term degenerative disease. She said, "I depend on the ACA Marketplace for insurance. Without it, one of my multiple medications could cost \$7,500. Without these subsidies, I would be unable to cover the cost of my care."

The second message was from Zach. He is a small business owner and father of four from Highland. Zach wrote, "The Affordable Care Act has been a lifesaver for my family. It would ruin us if we lost the benefits from the Affordable Care Act. It would ruin us economically and physically if we lost these big, beautiful benefits from the ACA."

These are real stories, from real people, who will be affected by the callous inaction of my Republican colleagues. But Kristen and Zach are not the only ones who are living in fear because of the upcoming expiration of these tax credits.

Melanie, from Elmhurst, wrote to my office and said, "Without the tax credit my monthly payment is unaffordable, plain and simple."

Vivien, from Evanston, emphasized that "We cannot go back to the years when millions of Americans could not afford to get insurance."

I could not have said it better. The end of the year is approaching, and my colleagues from the other side of the aisle seem uninterested in extending these lifesaving healthcare subsidies for Americans in red, blue, and purple States. I am calling on my colleagues, both Democrats and Republicans, to come together on a bipartisan basis to extend these subsidies and offer families some financial relief.

Senate and House Democrats will soon introduce a bill that would keep

the government open and permanently extend these tax credits. We can do both. And we should do both. I ask my Republican colleagues to join us in these efforts. In doing so, I am reminded of something my former boss, the late Senator Paul Douglas, said after the creation of Medicare and Medicaid. He said, "We will indulge in no comments about those who came at the 11th hour to the support of the measure . . . All can share in the thrill of victory. We merely ask that we all work together to make this measure a success."

I hope my colleagues will heed his words and protect the tax credits that so many Americans rely on to afford their healthcare.

I yield the floor.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Ohio.

UNANIMOUS CONSENT AGREEMENT—S.J. RES. 71

Mr. MORENO. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that notwithstanding rule XXII, at a time to be determined by the majority leader, following consultation with the Democratic leader, no later than Friday, October 10, S.J. Res. 71 be discharged from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources and that the Senate proceed to its consideration; further, that there be 6 hours for debate only, with the time equally divided between the leaders or their designees on the joint resolution and that following the use or yielding back of that time, the joint resolution be read a third time and the Senate vote on the resolution.

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

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

MORNING BUSINESS

Mr. MORENO. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to legislative session and be in a period of morning business with Senators permitted to speak therein for up to 10 minutes each.

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

WELCOMING ECUMENICAL PATRIARCH BARTHOLOMEW

Mr. CASSIDY. Mr. President, I rise today to welcome to America His All-Holiness Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew, the spiritual leader of the world's second-largest Christian Church—Orthodox Christianity—which encompasses over 250 million faithful worldwide.

We in Louisiana take particular pride in welcoming His All-Holiness, given that the very first Greek Orthodox Church in America, Holy Trinity Church, was established in 1864 by Greek merchants in New Orleans. This historic church welcomed Orthodox Christians of various nationalities and backgrounds. To this day, Orthodox

Christians throughout Louisiana who worship in churches across our State are held in high regard by their fellow citizens.

We are pleased that during this visit to America, Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew will, as he has during previous trips, meet with our President at the White House and with the leadership of both Houses of Congress from both parties. We recognize that His All-Holiness is among the very few world leaders who commands such high-level access to the leadership of our Nation.

The U.S. Congress expressed its profound respect and admiration for His All-Holiness in 1997 when it awarded him the Congressional Gold Medal, Congress' highest honor. This distinguished award has been bestowed upon such luminaries as George Washington and Winston Churchill. Remarkably, the legislation for His All-Holiness's Gold Medal attracted more of the Members of Congress as cosponsors than any other bill introduced during that entire congressional session. This Gold Medal also recognized the significant international and historical role the Ecumenical Patriarch has played throughout his lifetime. Historic international figures who received the Congressional Gold Medal immediately before and after His All-Holiness were Mother Teresa and Nelson Mandela.

We also acknowledge the extraordinary historic role His All-Holiness has served as the longest tenured Ecumenical Patriarch in history. It is significant that Jesus Christ's first Apostle Andrew and his brother Peter each established distinct spheres of Christian influence. The Apostle Andrew established his ministry in the region that encompasses present-day Turkey, and Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew stands as the 269th direct successor of the Apostle Andrew. Similarly, the Apostle Andrew's brother the Apostle Peter traveled to what is today the Vatican, and Pope Leo XIV serves as the 267th successor of the Apostle Peter.

WELCOMING ECUMENICAL PATRIARCH BARTHOLOMEW

Mr. PETERS. Mr. President, I rise to offer remarks to welcome His All-Holiness Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew to the United States. He is the spiritual head of the second largest Christian Church in the world and the leader of over 1 million Greek Orthodox in the United States, including many of my constituents in the State of Michigan. Michigan is home to a vibrant Greek Orthodox community, whose presence in the State stretches all the way back to the late 1800s with the arrival of the first Greek immigrants to Michigan. Today, the community is represented across the State, with 23 parishes spanning from metro Detroit to the Upper Peninsula.

His All-Holiness is in the United States this month to meet with the President and Members of the House

and Senate leadership. He is also set to receive the distinguished Templeton Prize for his years of dedicated service as Ecumenical Patriarch. Throughout this time, His All-Holiness has sought to bring together people of all faiths to combat religious intolerance and enhance understanding between the faiths.

One of his major efforts during his first years as Patriarch was to convene an interfaith international conference on peace and religious tolerance in Istanbul. The conference brought together faith leaders from around the world to find ways to encourage understanding and peaceful coexistence. Moreover, he has advanced Christian-Muslim relations by advocating for peace-building measures in conflict affected regions like the Balkans.

The Templeton Prize is not the first recognition His-Holiness has received for his years of profound service. The Patriarch has also been honored by the United Nations, the European Union, and dozens of governments, universities, and institutions for his bold efforts to promote peace and understanding, especially between the East and West. In 1997, he was honored in Washington, DC, with the Congressional Gold Medal, the highest congressional award.

Once again, I would like to extend a warm welcome to His All-Holiness Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew. His work to strengthen ties between communities of differing faiths is critical in helping combat religious intolerance.

WELCOMING ECUMENICAL PATRIARCH BARTHOLOMEW

Mr. KELLY. Mr. President, I rise today to welcome His All-Holiness Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew to Washington, DC. He is the spiritual leader of Orthodox Christianity, the second largest Christian Church in the world, with more than 250 million members worldwide and over 1 million here in the United States.

His All-Holiness is the 269th successor of the Apostle Andrew and the longest serving Ecumenical Patriarch in history. He is recognized across the globe for his leadership in promoting peace, advancing religious freedom, and speaking out on environmental stewardship. He has been honored with the Congressional Gold Medal and will receive the Templeton Prize during this visit.

In Arizona, the Greek Orthodox community is an important part of our State's civic and cultural life. Parishes across the State serve as places of worship, education, and service, and they host traditions that strengthen families and connect generations. Their contributions are an important part of Arizona's diversity and character.

I am proud to join Orthodox Christians in Arizona and across the country in welcoming His All-Holiness to the United States and to Congress. His

visit is a point of pride for many Arizonans and a reminder of the shared values of faith, service, and community that strengthen our country.

RECOGNIZING THE BOSTON PASSPORT AGENCY

Mr. MARKEY. Mr. President, I rise today to recognize and congratulate the Boston Passport Agency on its 100th anniversary. For a century, the dedicated public servants at the Boston Passport Agency have connected the people of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts—and travelers from across New England—to the wider world. Today, the agency continues to safeguard the integrity of the U.S. passport and ensure families, students, service-members, business leaders, and humanitarian workers can safely travel across the globe.

I celebrate the Boston Passport Agency's centennial milestone on September 17, 2025, which marks Constitution Day and Citizenship Day. On this day, every year, we recognize the adoption of the U.S. Constitution and celebrate those who have become, or are on their path to becoming, U.S. citizens. Every American—whether they were born on U.S. soil or immigrated to our shores—offers their own unique story, traditions, faith, and values to the fabric of our Nation. For the last 100 years, the Boston Passport Agency has taken part in the incredible task of honoring American stories—one passport at a time.

The Boston Passport Agency tirelessly serves the public trust. Day in and day out, agency professionals uphold the highest standards of security, while delivering the responsive, compassionate service Commonwealth residents have come to know and appreciate. Whether it is assisting a college student preparing for a semester abroad, a grandmother traveling to welcome a new grandchild, or a family navigating the urgency of a medical or humanitarian emergency, the agency meets the moment with expertise, diligence, and care.

Over the decades—and especially in recent years—the Boston Passport Agency has displayed remarkable resilience and innovation. During periods of unprecedented demand and global uncertainty, including public health disruptions that strained travel systems worldwide, the agency's personnel adapted operations and devised creative ways to serve the public, all without compromising security. In partnership with local communities, elected officials, and Department of State leadership, the agency's staff helped reduce backlogs, protect against fraud, and strengthen processes essential to both national security and individual liberty.

The economic and cultural impact of the Boston Passport Agency's work reverberates far beyond the walls of its office. By powering international research collaborations, trade and tourism, and educational exchanges, the

Boston Passport Agency enriches our region's institutions, industries, and communities. The agency enables small businesses to reach new markets, assists families in cultivating bonds across borders, and supports Americans in representing our Nation's values abroad.

We also honor the great people who make up this institution; their professionalism and diligence have made possible the extraordinary journeys of so many. On behalf of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, I extend my heartfelt gratitude to the leadership and staff of the Boston Passport Agency—past and present—for a century of exemplary service and stewardship.

I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating the Boston Passport Agency on its 100th anniversary and in wishing its team continued success in the years ahead.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

RECOGNIZING JAZZ ST. LOUIS

• Mr. SCHMITT. Mr. President, today, I rise to recognize and congratulate Jazz St. Louis, a mainstay of the St. Louis music community. Since its founding 30 years ago, the organization has served as a cornerstone of Missouri culture, hosting over 200 jazz performances annually from both renowned and rising musicians. In no small part due to their team's diligent efforts, St. Louis has remained a key player in America's music heritage. Through its daily, unwavering work to renew enthusiasm in this uniquely American art form, Jazz St. Louis has not only kept the spirit and rich tradition of jazz alive but has continually provided inspiration and exceptional education to individuals passionate about jazz.

I appreciate Jazz St. Louis's committed work to honoring and carrying forward the creative tradition of the jazz style and wish their entire team the very best as they begin the Miles Davis Centennial celebration to commemorate the St. Louis region's very own jazz legend.●

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 1:49 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 2721. An act to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to establish and carry out a pilot program to furnish a headstone or burial marker to veterans who died on or before November 1, 1990, and for other purposes.

H.R. 4922. An act to limit youth offender status in the District of Columbia to individuals 18 years of age or younger, to direct the Attorney General of the District of Columbia to establish and operate a publicly accessible website containing updated statistics on juvenile crime in the District of Columbia, to amend the District of Columbia Home Rule Act to prohibit the Council of the District of

Columbia from enacting changes to existing criminal liability sentences, and for other purposes.

H.R. 5140. An act to lower the age at which a minor may be tried as an adult for certain criminal offenses in the District of Columbia to 14 years of age.

MEASURES REFERRED

The following bill was read the first and the second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

H.R. 2721. An act to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to establish and carry out a pilot program to furnish a headstone or burial marker to veterans who died on or before November 1, 1990, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

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-1829. 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; Wyoming; R-35 Wyoming Air Quality Standards and Regulations Rule Package" (FRL No. 12942-02-R8) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 15, 2025; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1830. A communication from the Associate Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Maryland: Final Approval of State Underground Storage Tank Program Revisions, Codification, and Incorporation by Reference" (FRL No. 12797-02-R3) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 15, 2025; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1831. A communication from the Associate Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Minnesota: Final Approval of State Underground Storage Tank Program Revisions, Codification, and Incorporation by Reference" (FRL No. 12762-02-R5) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 15, 2025; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1832. 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; New Jersey; Memorandum of Agreement to address NOx SIP Call Requirements" (FRL No. 12760-02-R2) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 15, 2025; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1833. 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; Guam; Clean Data Determination for the Piti-Cabras Nonattainment Area for the 2010 1-Hour Sulfur Dioxide National Ambient Air Quality Standard" (FRL No. 12752-02-R9) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 15, 2025; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1834. A communication from the Associate Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Authorization of State Hazardous Waste Management Program Revisions: California" (FRL No. 12239-02-R9) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 15, 2025; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1835. A communication from the Associate Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Arizona Underground Injection Control (UIC) Program; Class I-VI Primacy" (FRL No. 11786-02-OW) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 15, 2025; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1836. A communication from the Associate Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Trichloroethylene; Regulation under the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA); Compliance Date Extension" (FRL No. 8317.2-01-OCSPP) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 15, 2025; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1837. A communication from the Assistant for Legislative Affairs, Army Corps of Engineers, Department of the Army, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Civil Monetary Penalty Inflation Adjustment Rule" (RIN0710-AB57) received in the office of the President of the Senate on September 11, 2025; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1838. 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 Barrio 18 as a Foreign Terrorist Organization received in the office of the President pro tempore; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-1839. A communication from the Administrative Assistant, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; Laguna Madre, South Padre Island, TX" ((RIN1625-AA00) (Docket No. USCG-2025-0462)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 15, 2025; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1840. A communication from the Administrative Assistant, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; Beltway 8 Bridge Construction, Houston Ship Channel, Houston, TX" ((RIN1625-AA00) (Docket No. USCG-2025-0678)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 15, 2025; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1841. A communication from the Administrative Assistant, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; Francis Scott Key Bridge, Patapsco River, Baltimore, MD" ((RIN1625-AA00) (Docket No. USCG-2025-0680)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 15, 2025; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1842. A communication from the Administrative Assistant, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; Intracoastal Waterway, Palm Beach, FL" ((RIN1625-AA00) (Docket No. USCG-2025-0690)) received in the Office of

the President of the Senate on September 15, 2025; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1843. A communication from the Administrative Assistant, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Drawbridge Operation Regulation; Southern Branch of the Elizabeth River, Chesapeake, Virginia” ((RIN1625-AA00) (Docket No. USCG-2025-0182)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 15, 2025; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1844. A communication from the Administrative Assistant, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Safety Zone; Lake Michigan, Sheboygan, WI” ((RIN1625-AA00) (Docket No. USCG-2025-0654)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 15, 2025; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1845. A communication from the Administrative Assistant, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Safety Zone; Port Huron Float Down; St. Clair River, Port Huron, MI” ((RIN1625-AA00) (Docket No. USCG-2025-0672)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 15, 2025; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1846. A communication from the Administrative Assistant, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Security Zone; Electric Boat Shipyard, Narragansett Bay, Quonset Point, North Kingstown, RI” ((RIN1625-AA87) (Docket No. USCG-2024-0994)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 15, 2025; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1847. A communication from the Administrative Assistant, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Regulated Navigation Area; Ludington Harbor Channel and Pere Marquette Lake, Ludington, MI” ((RIN1625-AA11) (Docket No. USCG-2024-1102)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 15, 2025; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1848. A communication from the Administrative Assistant, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Safety Zone; Gulf of America; Sand Key Beach, Clearwater, FL” ((RIN1625-AA00) (Docket No. USCG-2025-0274)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 15, 2025; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1849. A communication from the Administrative Assistant, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Safety Zone; Maumee River, Toledo, OH” ((RIN1625-AA00) (Docket No. USCG-2025-0735)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 15, 2025; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1850. A communication from the Administrative Assistant, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Safety Zone; West of Cyril E. King Airport, St. Thomas, VI” ((RIN1625-AA00) (Docket No. USCG-2025-0578)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 15, 2025; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1851. A communication from the Administrative Assistant, U.S. Coast Guard,

Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Fixed and Moving Safety Zone, Vicinity of the M/V ZHEN HUA 29; Freeport Ship Channel, Freeport TX” ((RIN1625-AA00) (Docket No. USCG-2025-0667)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 15, 2025; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1852. A communication from the Administrative Assistant, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Special Local Regulation; Cuyahoga River, Cleveland, Ohio” ((RIN1625-AA08) (Docket No. USCG-2025-0646)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 15, 2025; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1853. A communication from the Administrative Assistant, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Security Zone; Intracoastal Waterway, Palm Beach, FL” ((RIN1625-AA87) (Docket No. USCG-2025-0319)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 15, 2025; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1854. A communication from the Administrative Assistant, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Safety Zone; Ohio River, Owensboro, KY” ((RIN1625-AA00) (Docket No. USCG-2025-0784)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 15, 2025; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1855. A communication from the Administrative Assistant, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Safety Zone; Bay St. Louis, MS” ((RIN1625-AA00) (Docket No. USCG-2024-1001)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 15, 2025; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1856. 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 D and E Airspace Over Hickory and Morgantown, NC” ((RIN2120-AA66) (Docket No. FAA-2025-0946)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 11, 2025; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1857. A communication from the Acting Division Chief, Office of Economics and Analytics, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Review of the Commission’s Assessment and Collection of Regulatory Fees for Fiscal Year 2025. Assessment and Collection of Space and Earth Station Regulatory Fees for Fiscal Year 2025” ((RIN3060-AK64) (MD Docket Nos. 25-190, 24-85)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 10, 2025; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1858. A communication from the Deputy Chief, Public Safety and Homeland Security Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Resilient Networks; Amendments to Part 4 of the Commission’s Rules Concerning Disruptions to Communications; New Part 4 of the Commission’s Rules Concerning Disruptions to Communications; DIRS Modernization NPRM and Order on Reconsideration” ((PS Docket Nos. 21-346 and 15-80) (FCC25-45)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 10, 2025; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1859. A communication from the Chair of the National Transportation Safety Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Board’s 2024 Annual Report to Congress; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1860. A communication from the Assistant Division Chief, Wireline Competition Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Implementation of the National Suicide Hotline Act of 2018” ((FCC 25-42) (WC Docket No. 18-336)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 10, 2025; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1861. 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 39-23115” ((RIN2120-AA64) (Docket No. FAA-2025-0213)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 8, 2025; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1862. 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 39-23117” ((RIN2120-AA64) (Docket No. FAA-2025-0748)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 8, 2025; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1863. 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 39-23116” ((RIN2120-AA64) (Docket No. FAA-2025-0925)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 8, 2025; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1864. 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; Viking Air Limited (Type Certificate Previously Held by Bombardier Inc. and de Havilland, Inc.) Airplanes; Amendment 39-23118” ((RIN2120-AA64) (Docket No. FAA-2025-1107)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 8, 2025; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1865. 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; Leonardo S.p.A. Helicopters; Amendment 39-23120” ((RIN2120-AA64) (Docket No. FAA-2025-2264)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 8, 2025; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1866. 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; ATR-GIE Avions de Transport Regional Airplanes” ((RIN2120-AA64) (Docket No. FAA-2025-0210)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 8, 2025; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1867. 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 39-23114” ((RIN2120-AA64) (Docket No. FAA-2025-0200)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 8, 2025; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1868. 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 Canada Limited Partnership (Type Certificate Previously Held by C Series Aircraft Limited Partnership (CSALP); Bombardier, Inc.); Airplanes; Amendment 39-23111” ((RIN2120-AA64) (Docket No. FAA-2025-0911)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 8, 2025; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1869. 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 D and E Airspace; Elkhart and Goshen, IN” ((RIN2120-AA66) (Docket No. FAA-2025-1275)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 8, 2025; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1870. 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 “Revocation of Class D and Class E4 Airspace; Establishment of Class E2 Airspace; Amendment of Class E5 Airspace, Aberdeen, MD” ((RIN2120-AA66) (Docket No. FAA-2025-0400)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 8, 2025; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1871. 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 39-23112” ((RIN2120-AA64) (Docket No. FAA-2025-0615)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 8, 2025; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1872. 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 39-23113” ((RIN2120-AA64) (Docket No. FAA-2025-1737)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 8, 2025; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1873. 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; ATR-GIE Avions de Transport Regional Airplanes; Amendment 39-23125” ((RIN2120-AA64) (Docket No. FAA-2025-2267)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 8, 2025; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1874. 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 39-23110” ((RIN2120-AA64) (Docket No. FAA-2025-1733)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on Sep-

tember 8, 2025; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1875. 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 “Standard Instrument Approach Procedures, and Take-off Minimums and Obstacle Departure Procedures; Miscellaneous Amendments” ((RIN2120-AA65) (Docket No. 31621)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 8, 2025; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1876. 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 “Standard Instrument Approach Procedures, and Take-off Minimums and Obstacle Departure Procedures; Miscellaneous Amendments” ((RIN2120-AA65) (Docket No. 31620)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 8, 2025; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1877. 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; Siam Hiller Holdings, Inc.; Amendment 39-23089” ((RIN2120-AA64) (Docket No. FAA-2024-2555)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 8, 2025; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1878. 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; Various Airplanes; Amendment 39-23107” ((RIN2120-AA64) (Docket No. FAA-2024-0230)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 8, 2025; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1879. 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 39-23109” ((RIN2120-AA64) (Docket No. FAA-2025-1731)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 8, 2025; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1880. 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 39-23103” ((RIN2120-AA64) (Docket No. FAA-2025-0342)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 8, 2025; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1881. 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 39-23108” ((RIN2120-AA64) (Docket No. FAA-2025-0755)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 8, 2025; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1882. 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 39-23104” ((RIN2120-AA64)

(Docket No. FAA-2025-0907)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 8, 2025; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EXECUTIVE REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following executive reports of nominations were submitted:

By Mr. RISCH for the Committee on Foreign Relations.

* Somers Farkas, of New York, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of Malta.

Nominee: Somers White Farkas.

Post: United States Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary to the Republic of Malta.

(The following is a list of members of my immediate family. I have asked each of these persons to inform me of the pertinent contributions made by them. To the best of my knowledge, the information contained in this report is complete and accurate.)

Contributions, amount, date, and donee:

Somers Farkas donor: \$1,000.00, 8/29/2024, Team McCormick; \$1,000.00, 8/29/2024, Friends of Dave McCormick; \$10,000.00, 7/28/2024, Log Cabin Republicans; \$5,000.00, 4/10/2024, Save America; \$123,900.00, 4/10/2024, Republican National Committee; \$41,300.00, 4/10/2024, Republican National Committee; \$53,200.00, 4/10/2024, Republican National Committee; \$10,000.00, 4/10/2024, Michigan Republican Party; \$3,300.00, 4/10/2024, Never Surrender, Inc.; \$3,300.00, 4/10/2024, Never Surrender, Inc.; \$230,000.00, 4/10/2024, Trump 47 Committee, Inc.; \$10,000.00, 4/10/2024, Republican Party of Arkansas; \$10,000.00, 4/10/2024, Alabama Republican Party; \$3,200.00, 4/10/2024, Oklahoma Leadership Council; \$10,000.00, 4/10/2024, Maine Republican Party; \$10,000.00, 4/10/2024, Massachusetts Republican Party; (\$53,200.00), 4/10/2024, Republican National Committee; \$1,000.00, 3/31/2024, Emmer for Congress; \$1,000.00, 3/27/2024, Emmer Majority Builders; \$90,000.00, 3/4/2024, Make America Great Again Inc.; \$500.00, 12/20/2023, Arch Capito (Winred R); \$500.00, 9/24/2023, Nicole for New York; \$250.00, 6/30/2022, Ted Budd for Senate; \$250.00, 6/30/2022, Budd NC Victory Fund; \$500.00, 5/31/2022, John Kennedy for US; \$1,500.00, 5/18/2022, Doctor Oz for Senate; \$500.00, 5/1/2022, Nicole for New York; (\$100.00), 2/23/2022, Doctor Oz for Senate; \$100.00, 2/1/2022, Doctor Oz for Senate; \$2,900.00, 2/1/2022, Doctor Oz for Senate; \$1,000.00, 5/12/2021, Thw G Team; \$1,000.00, 5/12/2021, Greitens for US Senate.

Jonathan Farkas donor: \$104.10, 10/29/2024, WinRed; \$10.41, 10/29/2024, Republican National Committee; \$93.69, 10/29/2024, Never Surrender Inc.; \$104.10, 10/29/2024, Trump National Committee JFC, Inc.; \$104.10, 10/13/2024, WinRed; \$10.41, 10/13/2024, Republican National Committee; \$93.69, 10/13/2024, Never Surrender, Inc.; \$10,000.00, 9/27/2024, Trump Committee, Inc.; \$93.69, 9/24/2024, Never Surrender, Inc.; \$104.10, 9/24/2024, WinRed; \$104.10, 9/24/2024, Trump National Committee JFC, Inc.; \$10.41, 9/24/2024, Republican National Committee; \$93.69, 9/7/2024, Never Surrender, Inc.; \$104.10, 9/7/2024, WinRed; \$104.10, 9/7/2024, Trump National Committee JFC, Inc.; \$10.41, 9/7/2024, Republican National Committee; \$500.00, 7/29/2024, John Kennedy for US; \$93.69, 7/11/2024, Never Surrender, Inc.; \$104.10, 7/11/2024, WinRed; \$104.10, 7/11/2024, Trump National Committee JFC, Inc.; \$93.69, 7/5/2024, Never Surrender, Inc.; \$104.10, 7/5/2024, WinRed; \$104.10, 7/5/2024, Trump National Committee JFC, Inc.; \$93.69, 6/21/2024, Never Surrender, Inc.; \$104.10, 6/21/2024, WinRed; \$104.10, 6/21/2024, Trump National Committee

JFC, Inc.; \$234.23, 6/15/2024, Never Surrender, Inc.; \$260.25, 6/15/2024, Trump National Committee JFC, Inc.; \$234.23, 5/31/2024, Never Surrender, Inc.; \$260.25, 5/31/2024, Trump National Committee JFC, Inc.; \$2,000.00, 5/16/2024, Friends of Matt Gaetz; \$5,000.00, 4/10/2024, Save America; \$20,000.00, 4/10/2024, Trump 47 Committee, Inc.; \$3,300.00, 4/10/2024, Never Surrender, Inc.; \$3,300.00, 4/10/2024, Never Surrender, Inc.; \$8,400.00, 4/10/2024, Republican National Committee; \$10,000.00, 3/4/2024, Make America Great Again, Inc.; \$1,000.00, 10/17/2022, Doctor Oz for Senate; \$2,900.00, 8/18/2022, Doctor Oz for Senate; \$100.00, 2/23/2022, Doctor Oz for Senate; \$2,800.00, 2/1/2022, Doctor Oz for Senate.

*Nicole McGraw, of Florida, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of Croatia.

Nominee: Nicole McGraw.

Post: Republic of Croatia.

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Committee Name, date of contribution, amount, and contribution type:

Self: GOP Winning Women—Florida, 10/11/2022, \$2,000.00, Contribution; Amanda Adkins for Congress, 10/11/2022, \$250.00, Transfer from authorized committee; Committee to Elect Jennifer-Ruth Green, 10/11/2022, \$250.00, Transfer from authorized committee; Lori Chavez-Deremer for Congress, 10/11/2022, \$250.00, Transfer from authorized committee; Scheller for Congress, Inc., 10/11/2022, \$250.00, Transfer from authorized committee; Salazar for Congress, 10/11/2022, \$250.00, Transfer from authorized committee; Cassidy for Congress, 10/19/2022, \$250.00, Contribution; Monica for Congress, 10/19/2022, \$250.00, Transfer from authorized committee; Kiggans for Congress, 10/19/2022, \$250.00, Transfer from authorized committee; Trump 47 Committee, Inc., 5/29/2024, \$200,000.00, Contribution; Republican National Committee, 5/29/2024, \$23,200.00, Transfer from authorized committee; Republican National Committee, 5/29/2024, \$123,900.00, Transfer from authorized committee; Save America, 5/29/2024, \$5,000.00, Transfer from authorized committee; Republican National Committee, 5/29/2024, \$41,300.00, Transfer from authorized committee; Never Surrender, Inc., 5/29/2024, \$3,300.00, Transfer from authorized committee; Never Surrender, Inc., 5/29/2024, \$3,300.00, Transfer from authorized committee; Trump 47 Committee, Inc., 5/30/2024, \$100,000.00, Contribution; Republican National Committee, 5/30/2024, \$100,000.00, Transfer from authorized committee; WinRed, 8/8/2024, 100.00, Contribution; Trump 47 Committee, Inc., 8/19/2024, \$53,000.00, Contribution; Republican National Committee, 8/19/2024, \$49,835.00, Transfer from authorized committee; Never Surrender, Inc., 8/19/2024, \$3,165.00, Other Receipts; WinRed, 9/16/2024, \$104.10, Contribution; Trump 47 Committee, Inc., 9/27/2024, \$125,000.00, Contribution; Republican National Committee, 9/27/2024, \$73,930.00, Transfer from authorized committee; Republican Party of Guam, 9/27/2024, \$800.00, Transfer from authorized committee; Connecticut Republican State Central Committee, 9/27/2024, \$10,000.00, Transfer from authorized committee; DC Republican Party Federal Account, 9/27/2024, \$10,000.00, Transfer from authorized committee; Georgia Republican Party, Inc., 9/27/2024, \$10,000.00, Transfer from authorized committee; Alaska Republican Party, 9/27/2024, \$10,000.00, Transfer from authorized committee; Republican Party of Guam, 9/27/2024, \$135.00, Transfer from authorized committee; Mississippi Re-

publican Party, 9/27/2024, \$10,000.00, Transfer from authorized committee; WinRed, 9/30/2024, \$100.00, Contribution; WinRed, 10/3/2024, \$96.00, Contribution; WinRed, 10/31/2024, \$96.00, Contribution; Oklahoma Leadership Council, 10/31/2024, \$4,533.70, Transfer from authorized committee; Republican Party of Guam, 10/31/2024, \$9,065.00, Transfer from authorized committee; Republican Party of Louisiana, 10/31/2024, \$10,000.00, Transfer from authorized committee; Republican Party of Kentucky, 11/8/2024, \$10,000.00, Transfer from authorized committee.

Spouse: Wesley Hunt Victory Fund, 2/3/2025, \$25,000.00, Contribution; Bernie Moreno for Senate, 10/29/2024, \$100.00, Contribution; Bernie Moreno for Senate, 6/20/2024, \$500.00, Transfers from authorized committee; Team Moreno, 6/14/2024, \$500.00, Contribution; Steve Chabot for Congress, 9/20/2022, \$250.00, Contribution; Steve Chabot for Congress, 4/7/2022, \$500.00, Contribution; Jane Timken for Ohio, 1/24/2022, \$1,000.00, Contribution.

*Leandro Rizzuto, of Florida, to be Permanent Representative of the United States of America to the Organization of American States, with the rank of Ambassador.

Nominee: Leandro Rizzuto.

Post: Ambassador to OAS.

Nominated: March 10, 2025.

(The following is a list of members of my immediate family. I have each of these persons to inform me of the pertinent contribution made by them. To the best of my knowledge the information contained in this report is complete and accurate.)

Contributions, amount, date, and donee:

Self, \$2,700.00, 2016-05-31, Donald J Trump for President Inc; \$2,700.00, 2016-05-31, Donald J Trump for President Inc; \$2,700.00, 2018-09-18, Rand Paul for Senate; \$2,500.00, 2018-10-09, Mike Braun for Indiana; \$2,700.00, 2018-09-13, Maria Elvira Salazar for Congress; \$12,500.00, 2018-10-09, Growing our Senate Majority; \$2,500.00, 2018-10-09, Morrissey for Senate Inc; \$1,000.00, 2017-06-28, Citizens for Monetti; \$2,700.00, 2018-08-30, Rick Scott for Florida; \$2,500.00, 2018-10-09, Josh Hawley for Senate; \$2,500.00, 2018-10-09, Mcsally for Senate Inc; \$2,500.00, 2018-10-09, Cramer for Senate; \$2,700.00, 2018-08-06, Marino for Congress; \$2,700.00, 2018-07-27, Jim Jordan for Congress; \$2,700.00, 2018-05-12, Ted Cruz for Senate; \$2,700.00, 2018-05-12, Ted Cruz for Senate; \$2,700.00, 2018-05-12, Rand Paul for US Senate; \$1,000.00, 2019-01-29, Devin Nunes Campaign Committee; \$1,000.00, 2019-01-29, Kevin McCarthy for Congress; \$1,000.00, 2019-01-28, Ted Cruz for Senate; \$1,000.00, 2019-01-29, Scalise for Congress; \$1,000.00, 2019-01-19, America First Action Inc; \$500.00, 2020-10-12, Mast for Congress; \$2,800.00, 2020-10-05, Biggs for Congress; \$2,800.00, 2020-10-05, Friends of Matt Gaetz; \$2,800.00, 2020-10-05, Salazar for Congress; \$2,800.00, 2020-10-05, Kevin McCarthy for Congress; \$2,800.00, 2020-10-05, Scalise for Congress; \$500.00, 2020-10-09, Nancy Mace for Congress; \$2,800.00, 2020-10-12, Nancy Mace for Congress; \$2,800.00, 2020-10-05, Patriots for Perry; \$2,800.00, 2020-10-05, Jim Jordan for Congress; \$2,800.00, 2020-10-05, Devin Nunes Campaign Committee; \$500.00, 2020-11-19, Georgians for Kelly Loeffler; \$500.00, 2020-11-19, Perdue for Senate; \$1,000.00, 2021-12-10, Greitens for US Senate; \$1,500.00, 2022-10-20, Amanda Adkins for Congress; \$1,500.00, 2022-11-04, Monica for Congress; \$10,000.00 2022-09-15, Liberty Champions; \$50,000.00 2022-09-23, Liberty Champions; \$10,000.00 2022-08-26, Liberty Champions; \$2,900.00, 2022-10-06, Marco Rubio for Senate; \$2,900.00, 2022-05-20, Doctor Oz for Senate; \$5.00, 2022-05-14, Doctor Oz for Senate; \$5.00, 2022-05-11, Doctor Oz for Senate; \$1,500.00, 2022-10-20, Committee to Elect Jennifer Ruth Green; \$2,900.00, 2022-01-08, Rand Paul for U.S. Senate; \$2,900.00, 2022-10-21, Leora Levy for U.S. Senate Inc.; \$2,900.00,

2022-01-08, Rand Paul for U.S. Senate; \$5,600.00, 2021-01-11, Rand Paul for U.S. Senate; \$2,800.00, 2021-01-04, Rand Paul for Senate; \$1,500.00, 2022-10-20, Scheller for Congress Inc; \$2,895.00, 2022-10-05, Doctor Oz for Senate; \$1,500.00, 2022-10-20, Salazar for Congress; \$2,900.00, 2022-05-11, John Kennedy for US; \$2,900.00, 2022-05-06, Friends of Matt Gaetz; \$1,000.00, 2022-10-30, Bolduc 2022, Inc; \$2,900.00, 2022-04-01, Friends of Mike Lee Inc; \$850.00, 2022-04-01, Friends of Mike Lee Inc; \$2,900.00, 2022-09-13, Rand Paul for Senate; \$2,900.00, 2022-10-21, Red Senate; \$50,000.00 2022-05-07, Make America Great Again, Again Inc; \$1,000.00, 2022-09-14, Laxalt for Senate; \$10,000.00 2022-10-20, House Freedom Action; \$1,500.00, 2022-11-04, Kiggans for Congress; \$13,200.00 2023-11-25, Kari Lake for Senate; \$400.00, 2023-09-26, Friends of Matt Gaetz; \$2,900.00, 2023-01-15, Friends of Matt Gaetz; \$6,600.00, 2024-05-01, Friends of Matt Gaetz; \$1,000.00, 2023-12-26, Friends of Matt Gaetz; \$1,000.00, 2023-10-26, Friends of Matt Gaetz; \$6,600.00, 2024-05-10, Greene for Congress; \$3,300.00, 2023-09-15, Ted Cruz for Senate; \$2,300.00, 2023-09-15, Ted Cruz for Senate; \$600.00, 2023-09-26, Friends of Matt Gaetz; \$5,000.00, 2023-01-15, Rick Scott for Florida; \$3,300.00, 2024-05-10, Friends of Matt Gaetz; \$500,000.00 2024-03-25, Right for America; \$3,300.00, 2024-04-23, Elise for Congress; \$2,950.00, 2024-04-23, Elise for Congress; \$3,300.00, 2023-10-06, Matt Rosendale for Montana; \$1,700.00, 2023-10-06, Matt Rosendale for Montana; \$495.00, 2024-02-04, Mazi for Congress; \$1,700.00, 2024-04-29, Brian Jack for Congress; \$3,300.00, 2024-04-29, Brian Jack for Congress; \$25,000.00 2024-06-18, Constitutional Conservatives Fund; \$500,000.00 2024-05-31, Right for America; \$3,300.00, 2024-06-14, Patriots for Perry; \$3,300.00, 2024-06-16, Colby Jenkins for Congress; \$1,000.00, 2023-09-27, Bernie Moreno for Senate; \$1,000.00, 2023-11-26, Friends of Matt Gaetz; \$5,208.65, 2024-05-01, Friends of Matt Gaetz; \$3,300.00, 2024-05-10, Friends of Matt Gaetz; \$1,000.00, 2024-01-26, Friends of Matt Gaetz; \$3,300.00 2023-11-25, Kari Lake for Senate; \$50,000.00 2024-07-01, House Freedom Action; \$1,000.00, 2024-10-21, Tim Sheehy for Montana; \$1,000.00, 2024-10-21, Hovde for Wisconsin.

*Herschel Walker, of Georgia, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Commonwealth of The Bahamas.

Nominee: Herschel Junior Walker.

Post: Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Commonwealth of The Bahamas.

Nominated: March 24, 2025.

(The following is a list of members of my immediate family. I have asked each of these persons to inform me of the pertinent contributions made by them. To the best of my knowledge, the information contained in this report is complete and accurate.)

Immediate family:

Herschel Junior Walker: No contributions made.

Julie Walker (spouse): amount, date, donee:

\$100.00, 4/3/23, Trump Save America Joint Fundraising Committee; \$99.00, 12/4/22, Team Herschel, Inc.; \$99.00, 12/4/22, Team Herschel, Inc.; \$2.00, 12/4/22, Team Herschel, Inc.; \$1.00, 12/4/22, John Kennedy for US; \$1.00, 12/4/22, Tim Scott for Senate; \$100.00, 11/29/22, Team Herschel, Inc.; \$34.00, 11/28/22, Team Herschel, Inc.; \$35.00, 11/28/22, Team Herschel, Inc.; \$49.50, 11/24/22, Team Herschel, Inc.; \$0.50, 11/24/22, Ted Cruz for Senate; \$12.50, 11/23/22, Team Herschel, Inc.; \$35.00, 11/23/22, 2022 Georgia Victory Committee; \$35.00, 11/23/22, 2022 Georgia Victory Committee; \$34.00, 11/20/22, Team Herschel, Inc.; \$12.50, 11/20/22, Team Herschel, Inc.; \$10.00, 11/20/22, Team Herschel,

Inc.; \$34.00, 11/20/22, Team Herschel's People's Champion Committee; \$12.50, 11/20/22, 2022 Georgia Victory Committee; \$12.50, 11/20/22, Georgia Republican Party; \$12.50, 11/20/22, NRSC; \$34.00, 11/16/22, Team Herschel, Inc.; \$5.00, 8/22/22, Team Herschel, Inc.; \$20.00, 8/22/22, Team Herschel, Inc.; \$5.00, 8/15/22, Team Herschel's People's Champion Committee; \$20.00, 8/15/22, Team Herschel's People's Champion Committee.

\$5.00, 7/25/22, Team Herschel, Inc.; \$50.00, 7/25/22, Team Herschel, Inc.; \$5.00, 7/25/22, Team Herschel, Inc.; \$100.00, 7/25/22, Team Herschel, Inc.; \$90.00, 7/25/22, Team Herschel, Inc.; \$90.00, 7/18/22, Team Herschel's People's Champion Committee; \$50.00, 7/18/22, Team Herschel's People's Champion Committee; \$5.00, 7/18/22, Team Herschel's People's Champion Committee; \$100.00, 7/18/22, Team Herschel's People's Champion Committee; \$5.00, 7/18/22, Team Herschel's People's Champion Committee; \$25.00, 7/8/22, RNC; \$25.00, 7/8/22, RNC; \$250.00, 6/1/22, Cicely Davis for Congress; \$10.00, 3/12/22, Team Herschel, Inc.; \$50.00, 3/12/22, Team Herschel, Inc.; \$100.00, 2/14/22, Team Herschel, Inc.; \$34.00, 12/26/21, Team Herschel, Inc.; \$34.00, 9/9/21, Team Herschel, Inc.; \$50.00, 8/31/21, Team Herschel, Inc.; \$50.00, 8/25/21, Team Herschel, Inc.; \$50.00, 8/24/21, Team Herschel, Inc.; \$50.00, 8/21/21, Team Graham; \$25.00, 7/28/21, Cicely Davis for Congress; \$50.00, 6/24/21, Team Graham; \$45.00, 1/11/21, Trump Make America Great Again Committee.

*Stacey Feinberg, of California, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg.

Nominee: Stacey Woolf Feinberg.

Post: U.S. Ambassador to Luxembourg.

Nominated: March 24, 2025.

(The following is a list of members of my immediate family. I have asked each of these persons to inform me of the pertinent contributions made by them. To the best of my knowledge, the information contained in this report is complete and accurate.)

Contributions, donee, amount, date:

Self, 1. Trump 47 Committee, Inc., \$50,000.00, 07/30/2024; 2. Trump 47 Committee, Inc., \$75,000.00, 07/30/2024; 3. Trump 47 Committee, Inc., \$100,000.00, 05/30/2024; 4. Byron Donalds for Congress, \$3,300.00, 04/23/2024; 5. Byron Donalds for Congress, \$3,300.00, 04/17/2024; 6. Chief James Craig for Governor, \$100.00, 07/22/2021; 7. Burgess 4 Utah, \$2,900.00, 03/31/2021; 8. Take Back the House 2022, \$25,000.00, 03/30/2021.

*Kenneth Howery, of Texas, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Kingdom of Denmark.

Nominee: Kenneth Alan Howery.

Post: Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Kingdom of Denmark.

Nominated: March 24, 2025.

(The following table covers my federal campaign contributions, followed by those by members of my immediate family. I have asked each of my immediate family members to inform me of the pertinent contributions they made. To the best of my knowledge, the information contained in this report is complete and accurate.)

Contributor, amount, date, and recipient:

1. Kenneth Alan Howery, \$2,900, March 27, 2022, Blake Masters for Senate; \$2,900, March 27, 2022, Blake Masters for Senate; \$36,500, September 22, 2022, Republican National Committee; \$13,500, September 22, 2022, Republican National Committee (Headquarters Account); \$41,300, October 13, 2023, Republican National Committee (Operating Account); \$58,700, October 13, 2023, Republican National Committee (Headquarters Account).

\$100,000, October 13, 2023, Daines Senate Majority Fund; distributed to: \$3,300, October 13, 2023, Steve Daines for Montana; \$3,300, October 13, 2023, Steve Daines for Montana; \$41,300, October 13, 2023, NRSC; \$47,100, October 13, 2023, NRSC; \$5,000, October 13, 2023, Big Sky Opportunity PAC; \$41,300, February 23, 2024, Republican National Committee (Operating Account); \$123,900, February 23, 2024, Republican National Committee (Headquarters Account); \$123,900, February 23, 2024, Republican National Committee (Legal Proceedings Account); \$123,900, February 23, 2024, Republican National Committee (Convention Account).

\$11,600, February 23, 2024, Trump Save America Joint Fundraising Committee; distributed to: \$5,000, February 23, 2024, Save America; \$3,300, February 23, 2024, Never Surrender, Inc.; \$3,300, October 20, 2024, Never Surrender, Inc.

\$100,000, May 14, 2024, Cornyn Victory Committee; distributed to: \$3,300, May 14, 2024, Texans for Sen. John Cornyn Inc; \$3,300, May 14, 2024, Texans for Sen. John Cornyn Inc; \$3,300, May 14, 2024, Rick Scott for Florida; \$3,300, May 14, 2024, Rick Scott for Florida; \$3,300, May 14, 2024, Wicker for Senate; \$3,300, May 14, 2024, Deb Fischer for Senate; \$3,300, May 14, 2024, Deb Fischer for Senate; \$3,300, May 14, 2024, Cramer for Senate; \$3,300, May 14, 2024, Cramer for Senate; \$3,300, May 14, 2024, Ted Cruz for Senate; \$3,300, May 14, 2024, Nella for Senate; \$3,300, May 14, 2024, Nella for Senate; \$3,300, May 14, 2024, Hogan for Maryland, Inc.; \$3,300, May 14, 2024, Friends of Dave McCormick; \$3,300, May 14, 2024, Bernie Moreno for Senate; \$20,000, May 14, 2024, NRSC (Operating Account); \$3,300, May 14, 2024, Jim Justice for Senate; \$5,000, May 14, 2024, Alamo PAC; \$22,200, May 14, 2024, NRSC (Legal Fund Account).

\$3,300, May 14, 2024, JD Vance for Senate Inc.

\$5,000, May 14, 2024, Team Rick Scott; distributed to: \$5,000, May 14, 2024, Lets Get to Work PAC.

\$5,000, May 14, 2024, Working for Ohio.

\$100,000, May 28, 2024, 2024 Thune Republican Senate Victory; distributed to: \$3,300, May 28, 2024, Pete Ricketts for Senate; \$3,300, May 28, 2024, Marsha for Senate; \$3,300, May 28, 2024, Marsha for Senate; \$3,300, May 28, 2024, Friends of John Barrasso; \$3,300, May 28, 2024, Friends of John Barrasso; \$3,300, May 28, 2024, Banks for Senate; \$3,300, May 28, 2024, Tim Sheehy for Montana; \$3,300, May 28, 2024, Tim Sheehy for Montana; \$3,300, May 28, 2024, Hovde for Wisconsin; \$3,300, May 28, 2024, Hovde for Wisconsin; \$3,300, May 28, 2024, Rogers for Senate; \$3,300, May 28, 2024, Sam Brown for Nevada; \$3,300, May 28, 2024, Sam Brown for Nevada; \$3,300, May 28, 2024, Curtis for UT Senate Republican Nominee Fund 2024; \$40,600, May 30, 2024, NRSC (Legal Fund); \$3,300, May 30, 2024, NRSC (Legal Fund); \$3,300, June 28, 2024, Friends of John Thune; \$3,300, June 28, 2024, Friends of John Thune.

\$10,000, May 28, 2024, Republican Party of Arizona, LLC; \$10,000, May 28, 2024, Georgia Republican Party Inc.; \$10,000, May 28, 2024, Washington State Republican Party; \$10,000, May 28, 2024, Republican Federal Committee of Pennsylvania; \$10,000, May 28, 2024, NY Republican Federal Campaign Committee; \$6,600, May 28, 2024, Oregon Republican Party; \$6,600, May 28, 2024, West Virginia Republican Party, Inc.; \$10,000, May 28, 2024, Michigan Republican Party; \$10,000, May 28, 2024, Nevada Republican Central Committee.

\$10,000, May 29, 2024, Illinois Republican Party-Federal; \$10,000, May 29, 2024, Indiana Republican State Committee, Inc.; \$10,000, May 29, 2024, Maine Republican Party; \$10,000, May 29, 2024, Missouri Republican State Committee-Federal; \$10,000, May 29,

2024, New Hampshire Republican State Committee; \$10,000, May 29, 2024, North Carolina Republican Party; \$6,600, May 29, 2024, Republican Party of Iowa; \$5,000, May 29, 2024, Republican Party of Louisiana; \$10,000, May 29, 2024, Republican Party of Minnesota-Federal; \$3,400, May 30, 2024, Connecticut Republican State Central Committee, Inc.; \$3,800, May 30, 2024, Connecticut Republican State Central Committee, Inc.; \$6,600, May 30, 2024, California Republican Party; \$10,000, May 30, 2024, Oklahoma Leadership Council; \$6,600, May 30, 2024, Republican State Committee of Delaware; \$5,000, May 30, 2024, DC Republican Party Federal Account; \$10,000, May 30, 2024, Rhode Island Republican State Central Committee; \$10,000, May 31, 2024, New Jersey Republican State Committee; \$10,000, May 31, 2024, Alaska Republican Party; \$10,000, May 31, 2024, Republican Party of Wisconsin; \$10,000, May 31, 2024, Montana Republican State Central Committee; \$6,600, May 31, 2024, Republican Party of Florida.

\$10,000, June 01, 2024, Mississippi Republican Party; \$6,600, June 01, 2024, Tennessee Republican Party Federal Election Account; \$10,000, June 01, 2024, South Carolina Republican Party; \$10,000, June 03, 2024, Republican Party of Kentucky; \$10,000, June 03, 2024, Republican Party of Virginia, Inc.; \$3,300, June 13, 2024, Jim Risch for U.S. Senate Committee; \$3,300, June 13, 2024, Jim Risch for U.S. Senate Committee.

\$100,000, June 14, 2024, Hudson Victory Fund; distributed to: \$5,000, June 14, 2024, First in Freedom PAC; \$3,300, June 14, 2024, Hudson for Congress; \$41,300, June 14, 2024, NRCC; \$50,400, June 14, 2024, NRCC (Headquarters Account).

\$250,000, June 20, 2024, America PAC; \$250,000, June 21, 2024, America PAC; \$5,000, June 21, 2024, PAC for America; \$250,000, June 24, 2024, America PAC; \$250,000, June 25, 2024, America PAC; \$75,000, October 07, 2024, MAHA Alliance; \$3,300, October 11, 2024, Rubio Victory Committee; \$3,300, October 11, 2024, Team Rand; \$3,300, October 11, 2024, Tim Scott Victory Fund; \$3,300, October 11, 2024, Team Todd; \$25,000, October 17, 2024, MAHA Alliance.

\$50,000, October 17, 2024, Trump 47 Committee, Inc.; \$50,000, October 17, 2024, Trump 47 Committee, Inc.

\$50,000, October 17, 2024, Trump 47 Committee, Inc.; distributed to: \$3,300, October 17, 2024, Never Surrender, Inc. (Recount Account); \$2,800, March 5, 2025, Connecticut Republican State Central Committee, Inc.; \$5,000, Distribution pending, DC Republican Party Federal Account; \$10,000, October 17, 2024, Republican Party of Guam; \$3,400, March 5, 2025, Republican State Committee of Delaware; \$3,400, March 5, 2025, Tennessee Republican Party Federal Election Account; \$10,000, November 14, 2024, South Dakota Republican Party; \$3,400, March 5, 2024, Utah Republican Party; \$3,400, March 5, 2025, Republican Party of Iowa; \$3,400, March 5, 2025, Oregon Republican Party; \$10,000, March 5, 2025, Ohio Republican Party State Central & Executive Committee; \$3,400, March 6, 2025, California Republican Party; \$3,400, March 5, 2025, Republican Party of Florida; \$3,400, March 5, 2025, West Virginia Republican Party, Inc.; \$10,000, March 5, 2025, Alabama Republican Party; \$10,000, March 5, 2025, Republican Party of Arkansas; \$10,000, March 5, 2025, Colorado Republican Committee; \$10,000, Distribution pending, Idaho Republican Party; \$1,700, Distribution pending, Refund from Trump 47 Committee, Inc.; \$10,000, March 5, 2025, Nebraska Republican Party; \$10,000, March 5, 2025, North Dakota Republican Party; \$10,000, March 5, 2025, Republican Party of Texas; \$10,000, March 5, 2025, Wyoming Republican Party, Inc.

\$1,000,000, December 9, 2024, Trump Vance Inaugural Committee, Inc.

\$3,000,

September

27, 2024, Trump 47 Committee Inc.; distributed to: \$3,000, September 27, 2024, Never Surrender, Inc.; \$250, October 14, 2024, Ted Cruz for Senate: Janet Howery (father's wife): None; Karen Elaine Howery: None.

2. Spouse: N/A.

3. Children and Spouses: N/A.

4. Parents: Charles Kenneth Howery: N/A.

5. Grandparents (all deceased).

6. Brothers and Spouses: N/A.

7. Sister and Spouses: Christian Ann Howery: None; John Philip McLellan: None.

END NOTES

1. Note: we are currently working with this Committee to resolve certain allocation issues. The disclosures set out above reflect distributions made to date, as well as our understanding of the Committee's current plans to distribute funds, including certain distributions that are still pending. Where a previously made distribution is being reallocated, we identify the new distribution only to avoid confusion.

2. Note: we are currently working with this Committee to resolve certain allocation issues. The disclosures set out above reflect distributions made to date, as well as our understanding of the Committee's current plans to distribute funds, including certain distributions that are still pending. Where a previously made distribution is being reallocated, we identify the new distribution only to avoid confusion.

3. Note: we are currently working with this Committee to resolve certain allocation issues. The disclosures set out above reflect distributions made to date, as well as our understanding of the Committee's current plans to distribute funds, including certain distributions that are still pending. Where a previously made distribution is being reallocated, we identify the new distribution only to avoid confusion.

4. Note: the distributions provided are for the aggregate \$150,000 contributed to the Joint Fundraising Committee on October 17, 2024.

*Richard Buchan III, of Florida, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Kingdom of Morocco.

Nominee: Richard Buchan III.

Post: Morocco.

(The following is a list of members of my immediate family. I have asked each of these persons to inform me of the pertinent contributions made by them. To the best of my knowledge, the information contained in this report is complete and accurate.)

Contributions, amount, date, and donee:

1. Self: \$230,400, 8/9/2024, Trump 47 Committee, Inc.; \$5,000, 6/18/2024, Team Rick Scott; \$15,000, 2/27/2024, Whatley for RNC; \$100,000, 2/12/2024, RNC Victory; \$413,000, 1/29/2024, RNC; \$50,000, 3/31/2023, RNC; \$100,000, 2/1/2022, RNC; \$5,000, 11/5/2021, True North PAC; \$1,000, 11/3/2021, Team Rick Scott; \$36,500, 8/20/2021, RNC; \$1,000, 8/4/2021, Republican Governors Association; \$2,500, 8/3/2021, National Republican Congressional Committee; \$2,500, 8/3/2021, NRSC; \$5,800, 5/21/2021, Take Back the House (Team McCarthy).

2. Spouse: \$118,400, 8/9/2024, Trump 47 Committee, Inc.; \$125,000, 6/18/2024, Trump 47 Committee, Inc.; \$50,000, 3/31/2023, RNC; \$5,000, 3/10/2023, Team Rick Scott; \$5,800, 3/31/2022, Leora Levy for Senate; \$1,000, 2/25/2022, Ron Johnson Victory; \$100,000, 2/1/2022, RNC; \$36,500, 11/24/2021, RNC; \$1,000, 8/4/2021, Republican Governors Association; \$2,500, 8/3/2021, National Republican Congressional Committee; \$2,500, 8/3/2021, NRSC.

3. Joint w/Spouse: \$13,200, 9/23/2024, Trump for President 2024; \$10,000, 2/6/2024, NCGOP; \$5,800, 5/21/2021, Ambassador Carla Sands (PA) Penn Patriots Committee.

4. HGI DB Fund I LLC: \$25,000, 4/24/2024, Project Rescue; \$50,000, 1/24/2024, Log Cabin Republicans; \$75,000, 12/21/2021, Friends of Ron DeSantis;

5. PPRE LLC: \$100,000, 11/7/2022, Mamas on a Mission, Friends of Ron DeSantis; \$25,000, 12/2/2022, Rona for Chair.

6. Children: Catherine Swift Buchan (Daughter), None; Richard Duke Buchan IV (Son), None; John Francis Buchan (Son), None.

7. Parents: Richard Duke Buchan, Jr. (Father), Deceased—None; Betty Joanne Buchan (Mother), Deceased—None.

8. Grandparents: Richard Duke Buchan, Sr. (Grandfather), Deceased—None; Catherine Mangum Buchan (Grandmother), Deceased—None; Charles Gray Stainback, Jr. (Grandfather), Deceased—None; Rose Thompson Stainback (Grandmother), Deceased—None.

9. Brothers and Spouses: N/A.

10. Sisters and Spouses: Jo Dee DiRuzza (Sister), None; Barry Santi DiRuzza (Brother-in-Law), None.

*Bill Bazzi, of Michigan, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of Tunisia.

Nominee: Bill Bazzi.

Post: Tunisia.

Nominated: 3/24/2025.

(The following is a list of members of my immediate family. I have asked each of these persons to inform me of the pertinent contributions made by them. To the best of my knowledge, the information contained in this report is complete and accurate.)

Contributions, amount, date, donee:

None.

*Lynda Blanchard, of Alabama, to be U.S. Representative to the United Nations Agencies for Food and Agriculture, with the rank of Ambassador.

Nominee: Lynda C. Blanchard.

Post: United States Representative to the UN Agencies for Food and Agriculture with rank of Ambassador.

(The following is a list of members of my immediate family. I have asked each of these persons to inform me of the pertinent contributions made by them. To the best of my knowledge, the information contained in this report is complete and accurate.)

Organization, amount, date, and year:

1. Self and Spouse: Republican National Committee, \$100,000.00, 2/4/2021, 2021; NRSC, \$35,000.00, 2/25/2021, 2021; Trump Graham Majority Fund, \$60,000.00, 5/2/2021, 2021; Tuberville Victory Fund, \$21,600.00, 5/5/2021, 2021; Alabama House Majority PCA, \$10,000.00, 6/24/2021, 2021; Lynda Blanchard for Senate Inc., \$1,159,323.66, 12/3/2021, 2021; Lynda Blanchard for Senate Inc., \$8,700.00, 6/29/2021, 2021; Make America Great Again Action Inc., \$500,000.00, 9/3/2021, 2021; Lynda Blanchard for Alabama Governor, \$5,000,015.67, 2021; Lynda Blanchard for Alabama Governor, \$5,984,838.55, 2022; Make American Great Again, Action Inc., \$100,000.00, 2/17/2022, 2022; Republican National Committee, \$100,000.00, 9/8/2022, 2022; Make American Great Again, Action Inc., \$100,000.00, 9/16/2022, 2022; Make American Great Again Inc., \$1,000,000.00, 10/14/2022, 2022; Winston County Republican Party, \$350.00, 3/3/2022, 2022; Ala GOP, \$5,000.00, 9/27/22, 2022; Stock PAC, \$30,000.00, 10/14/2022, 2022; American 1st, \$250,000.00, 2/24/2023, 2023; MAGA, \$250,000.00, 7/5/2023, 2023; Ala GOP, \$60,000.00, 7/26/2023, 2023; Tuberville for Senate, \$5,000.00, 8/21/2023, 2023; Wheels Up, \$100,000.00, 8/30/2023, 2023; Alabama Federation of Republican Women, \$5,000.00, 8/31/2023, 2023; Ala GOP, \$15,000.00, 9/15/2023, 2023; RNC, \$100,000.00, 10/30/2023, 2023; Republican Party of Florida, \$2,000.00, 11/7/2023, 2023; Republican Party of Florida, \$10,000.00, 11/7/2023, 2023; Ala GOP,

\$14,200.00, 2/14/2024, 2024; Trump National Committee JFC, Inc., \$1,267.38, 9/20/2024, 2024; Winred, \$326.36, 9/20/2024, 2024; Winred, \$104.10, 10/20/2024, 2024; Trump National Committee JFC, Inc., \$1,249.22, 10/20/2024, 2024; Trump National Committee JFC, Inc., \$1,145.12, 11/20/2024, 2024; Trump National Committee JFC, Inc., \$1,145.12, 12/20/2024, 2024; Winred, \$104.10, 12/20/2024, 2024; Trump 47, \$430,000.00, 8/13/2024, 2024.

2. Children and Spouses: Christopher John Blanchard—deceased; Benjamin Nicholas Blanchard, \$0; Wongani Mtika-Blanchard, \$0; Haleyann Denise Blanchard, \$0; Keren Cesia Blanchard, \$2,900.00, 3/24/2021, Lynda Blanchard for Senate, Inc.; \$2,900.00, 6/29/2021, Lynda Blanchard for Senate, Inc.; Jennifer Ruth Blanchard, \$2,900.00, 3/24/2021, Lynda Blanchard for Senate, Inc.; \$2,900.00, 6/29/2021, Lynda Blanchard for Senate, Inc.; Gracie Mae Blanchard, \$2,900.00, 3/24/2021, Lynda Blanchard for Senate, Inc.; \$2,900.00, 6/29/2021, Lynda Blanchard for Senate, Inc.; Lizbeth Lucero Blanchard, \$2,900.00, 3/24/2021, Lynda Blanchard for Senate, Inc.; \$2,900.00, 6/29/2021, Lynda Blanchard for Senate, Inc.

3. Parents: Peggy Cleveland Powell, \$2,900.00, 3/30/2021, Lynda Blanchard for Senate, Inc.; Dwight Merrill Cleveland—deceased; John Miller Powell (step), \$2,900.00, 3/30/2021, Lynda Blanchard for Senate, Inc.

4. Grandparents: Oscar Hale—deceased; Stella Hale—deceased; Richard Scales (step)—deceased; Ann Scales—deceased; Mr. ———— Cleveland—deceased when father was a child, did not know him.

5. Brothers and Spouses: Mitchell Tyson Powell (step), \$0; Michelle Brenny Powell, \$0; John M. Powell, III—deceased.

6. Sisters and Spouses: Yvonne Annette Hawkins Schneckenberger, \$0; Donald Michael Schneckenberger, \$0; Cynthia Cleveland Burnside, \$2,900, 3/30/21, Lynda Blanchard for Senate, Inc.; \$2,900, 3/30/2021, Lynda Blanchard for Senate, Inc.; \$11,600, 2022, Blanchard for Governor; \$1,650, 9/30/2023, Trump Save America JFC; \$1,650, 9/30/2023, Trump Save America JFC; \$1,250, 7/10/2024, Alabama Republican Party; \$62.81, 2024, AFRW; \$500, 1/22/2025, Alabama Republican Party; \$2,097, 1/22/2025, Alabama Republican Party; Sheldon John Burnside, \$2,900, 3/20/2021, Lynda Blanchard for Senate, Inc.; \$2,900, 3/28/2021, Lynda Blanchard for Senate, Inc.; \$2,900, 3/30/2021, Lynda Blanchard for Senate, Inc.; \$1,650, 9/30/2023, Trump Save America JFC; \$1,650, 9/30/2023, Trump Save America JFC.

*Howard Brodie, of Florida, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of Finland.

Nominee: Howard Brodie.

Post: Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States to the Republic of Finland.

Nominated: March 24, 2025.

(The following is a list of members of my immediate family. I have asked each of these persons to inform me of the pertinent contributions made by them. To the best of my knowledge, the information contained in this report is complete and accurate.)

Self, Jimena Aparicio Hernandez (wife), Shandel Brodie (child), Michal Brodie (child), Solomon Aparicio Brodie (minor child).

Contributions, date, amount, and donee:

Self, 7/18/2022, \$5,000, Abraham Lincoln PAC; 7/18/2022, \$10,800, Rubio Victory Committee, Marco Rubio for Senate, \$5,800, Republican Party of Florida, \$5,000; 7/18/2022, \$5,000, Team LaHood; 7/22/2022, \$5,000, Heartland Values PAC; 7/25/2022, \$2,500, Big Sky Opportunity PAC; 7/25/2022, \$5,000, Republican Majority Fund: State and Local; 7/25/2022,

\$5,800, Friends of Allan Fung; 7/26/2022, \$2,900, Bennet for Colorado; 7/27/2022, \$2,900, Laxalt for Senate; 8/9/2022, \$2,900, Marc for US Inc.; 9/16/2022, \$2,900, Carlos Gimenez for Congress; 9/16/2022, \$2,900, Ron Johnson for Senate, Inc.; 9/16/2022, \$2,900, Doctor Oz for Senate; 9/16/2022, \$2,900, Scheller for Congress, Inc.; 9/16/2022, \$2,900, Salazar for Congress; 9/16/2022, \$2,900, Friends of Jeremy Shaffer; 9/16/2022, \$2,900, Kean for Congress Inc.; 9/16/2022, \$2,900, Bognet for Congress; 9/16/2022, \$2,900, Van Drew for Congress; 9/16/2022, \$2,900, JD Vance for Senate Inc.; 9/21/2022, \$2,900, Ted Budd for Senate; 3/29/2023, \$6,600, Cotton for Senate, Inc. (transfer from Cotton Victory); 3/29/2023, \$700,000, Protect the House 2024, Transfers from Protect the House 2024; 3/29/2023, \$6,600, Steil for Wisconsin, Inc.; 3/29/2023, \$6,600, John Duane for Congress, 3/29/2023, \$6,600, Kevin McCarthy for Congress, 3/29/2023, \$9,975, Oregon Republican Party, 3/29/2023, \$9,975, North Carolina Republican Party, 3/29/2023, \$11,600, Cotton Victory, 3/29/2023, \$41,300, NRCC, 3/29/2023, \$123,900, NRCC, 3/29/2023, \$123,900, NRCC, 3/29/2023, \$6,600, Brandon For Congress NY22, 3/29/2023, \$6,600, Nancy Mace for Congress, 3/29/2023, \$5,000, Republican Majority Fund, 3/29/2023, \$6,600, Marc for US Inc., 3/29/2023, \$6,600, Ciscomani for Congress, 3/29/2023, \$6,600, Patriots for Perry, 3/29/2023, \$5,000, Congressional Leadership Fund, 3/29/2023, \$6,600, Ashley Hinson for Congress, 3/29/2023, \$6,600, Zinke for Congress, 3/29/2023, \$6,600, Kiggans for Congress, 3/29/2023, \$9,975, Republican Party of Texas, 3/29/2023, \$5,000, Majority Committee—PAC MC PAC, 3/29/2023, \$10,000, New Jersey Republican State Committee, 3/29/2023, \$6,600, Lori-Chavez Deremer for Congress, 3/29/2023, \$9,975, Republican Party of Arizona, LLC, 3/29/2023, \$9,975, Nevada Republican Central Committee, 3/29/2023, \$3,300, Lauren Boebert for Congress, 3/29/2023, \$6,600, Friends of David Schweikert, 3/29/2023, \$10,000, Republican Party of Florida, 3/29/2023, \$6,600, Michelle Steel for Congress, 3/29/2023, \$6,600, Iowans for Zach Nunn, 3/29/2023, \$6,600, Miller-Meeks for Congress, 3/29/2023, \$9,975, Washington State Republican Party, 3/29/2023, \$9,975, Colorado Republican Committee, 3/29/2023, \$9,975, Republican Party of Virginia Inc., 3/29/2023, \$9,975, Washington State Republican Party, 3/29/2023, \$9,975, Ohio Republican Party State Central & Executive Committee, 3/29/2023, \$9,975, Illinois Republican Party—Federal, 3/29/2023, \$9,975, Republican Party of Iowa, 3/29/2023, \$10,000, NY Republican Federal Campaign Committee, 3/29/2023, \$6,600, Ken Calvert for Congress Committee, 3/29/2023, \$6,600, Desposito for New York, 3/29/2023, \$6,600, Lawler for Congress, Inc., 3/29/2023, \$6,600, Brian Fitzpatrick for All of Us, 3/29/2023, \$6,600, Van Orden for Congress, 3/29/2023, \$9,975, New Hampshire Republican State Committee, 3/29/2023, \$6,600, Chuck Edwards for Congress, 3/29/2023, \$6,600, Kevin Kiley for Congress, 3/29/2023, \$6,600, John James Congress, Inc., 3/29/2023, \$10,000, Republican Federal Committee of Pennsylvania, 3/29/2023, \$6,600, Valadao for Congress, 4/1/2023, \$6,600, Mike Garcia for Congress, 6/27/2023, \$6,600, Kean for Congress Inc., 6/30/2023, \$6,600, Don Bacon for Congress, 6/30/2023, \$9,975, Republican Campaign Committee of New Mexico, 6/30/2023, \$9,975, Republican Party of Minnesota-Federal, 6/30/2023, \$6,600, Monica for Congress, 6/30/2023, \$6,600, Anna Paulina Luna for Congress; 11/16/2023, \$3,300, Mario Diaz-Balart for Congress; 7/11/2024, \$844,600, Trump 47 Committee, Transfers from Trump 47 Committee; 7/11/2024, \$5,000, Save America, 7/11/2024, \$10,000, Republican Party of Iowa, 7/11/2024, \$10,000, Connecticut Republican State Central Committee, Inc., 7/11/2024, \$10,000, Maine Republican Party, 7/11/2024, \$10,000, Oklahoma Leadership Council, 7/11/2024, \$10,000, West Virginia Republican Party, Inc., 7/11/2024, \$10,000, California Republican Party

Federal Account, 7/11/2024, \$10,000, Republican Party of Louisiana, 7/11/2024, \$10,000, Republican Party of Arizona, LLC, 7/11/2024, \$41,300, Republican National Committee, 7/11/2024, \$123,900, Republican National Committee, 7/11/2024, \$123,900, Republican National Committee, 7/11/2024, \$123,900, Republican National Committee, 7/11/2024, \$10,000, Georgia Republican Party Inc., 7/11/2024, \$10,000, Illinois Republican Party—Federal, 7/11/2024, \$10,000, Kansas Republican Party, 7/11/2024, \$10,000, Ohio Republican Party State Central & Executive Committee, 7/11/2024, \$10,000, Republican State Committee of Delaware, 7/11/2024, \$10,000, Michigan Republican Party, 7/11/2024, \$10,000, Indiana Republican State Committee, Inc., 7/11/2024, \$10,000, Mississippi Republican Party, 7/11/2024, \$10,000, Oregon Republican Party Inc., 7/11/2024, \$10,000, Tennessee Republican Party Federal Election Account, 7/11/2024, \$10,000, Nevada Republican Central Committee, 7/11/2024, \$10,000, Montana Republican State Central Committee, 7/11/2024, \$10,000, Republican Party of Guam, 7/11/2024, \$10,000, New Jersey Republican State Committee, 7/11/2024, \$10,000, Massachusetts Republican Party, 7/11/2024, \$10,000, North Carolina Republican Party, 7/11/2024, \$10,000, Republican Party of Wisconsin, 7/11/2024, \$6,600, Never Surrender, Inc., 7/11/2024, \$10,000, Republican Party of Florida, 7/11/2024, \$10,000, Rhode Island Republican State Central Committee, 7/11/2024, \$10,000, South Carolina Republican Party, 7/11/2024, \$10,000, NY Republican Federal Campaign Committee, 7/11/2024, \$10,000, Alaska Republican Party, 7/11/2024, \$10,000, Missouri Republican State Committee-Federal, 7/11/2024, \$10,000, Republican Federal Committee of Pennsylvania, 7/11/2024, \$10,000, Washington State Republican Party, 7/11/2024, \$10,000, Republican Party of Virginia Inc, 7/11/2024, \$10,000, DC Republican Party Federal Account, 7/11/2024, \$10,000, Maryland Republican State Central Committee, 8/19/2024, \$10,000, New Hampshire Republican State Committee, 8/27/2024, \$10,000, Republican Campaign Committee of New Mexico, 8/27/2024, \$10,000, Republican Party of Kentucky, 8/27/2024, \$10,000, South Dakota Republican Party, 8/27/2024, \$10,000, Utah Republican Party; 8/30/2024, \$3,300, Hern for Congress; 8/30/2024, \$3,300, Hogan for Maryland Inc.; 8/30/2024, \$3,300, Guy for Congress (Earmarked via American Israel Public Affairs Committee Political Action Committee); 8/30/2024, \$3,300, Lawler for Congress, Inc. (Earmarked via American Israel Public Affairs Committee Political Action Committee); 8/30/2024, \$3,300, Emmer for Congress (Earmarked via American Israel Public Affairs Committee Political Action Committee); 8/30/2024, \$3,300, Young Kim Congress (Earmarked via American Israel Public Affairs Committee Political Action Committee); 8/30/2024, \$3,300, Friends of Dave Joyce; 9/3/2024, \$79,611, United Democracy Project ("UDP"); 9/7/2024, \$3,300, John James for Michigan (Earmarked via American Israel Public Affairs Committee Political Action Committee); 9/7/2024, \$3,300, Mission First People Always PAC (Transfer from John James for Michigan); 9/9/2024, \$3,300, Mario Diaz-Balart for Congress (Earmarked via American Israel Public Affairs Committee Political Action Committee); 9/9/2024, \$3,300, Brian Fitzpatrick for All of Us (Earmarked via American Israel Public Affairs

Committee Political Action Committee); 9/12/2024, \$3,300, MVL PAC; 9/12/2024, \$3,300, Womack for Congress Committee (Earmarked via American Israel Public Affairs Committee Political Action Committee); 12/4/2024, \$13,200, Cotton Majority Committee, 12/4/2024, \$5,000, Republican Majority Fund (Transfer from Cotton Majority Committee), 12/4/2024, \$8,200, NRSC (Transfer from Cotton Majority Committee).

I did not make any state or local contributions during the covered time period.

Shaindel Brodie, 2/8/24, \$78, Trump Save America Joint Fundraising Committee (via WinRed).

*Arthur Fisher, of North Carolina, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of Austria.

Nominee: Arthur Fisher.

Post: Republic of Austria.

(The following is a list of members of my immediate family. I have asked each of these persons to inform me of the pertinent contributions made by them. To the best of my knowledge, the information contained in this report is complete and accurate.)

Contributions, amount, date, and donee:

Committee name, report year, report type, date of contribution, contribution receipt amount, and contributor aggregated YTD: Missouri First, 2021, YE, 8/9/2021, 5,000, 5,000; The G Team, 2021, Q3, 8/9/2021, 10,800, 10,800; Bernie Moreno for Ohio, 2021, Q2, 5/7/2021, 5,800, 5,800; Bernie Moreno for Ohio, 2021, Q2, 5/7/2021, -2,900, 5,800; Bernie Moreno for Ohio, 2021, Q2, 5/7/2021, 2,900, 5,800; Nevada Republican Central Committee, 2022, 12G, 9/30/2022, 2,900, 2,900; Team Ronny, 2021, YE, 11/6/2021, 2,900, 2,900; Bo Hines for Congress, 2022, Q2, 5/16/2022, 5,800, 5,800; Bo Hines for Congress, 2022, Q2, 5/16/2022, -2,900, 2,900; Bo Hines for Congress, 2022, Q2, 5/16/2022, -2,900, 2,900; Bo Hines for Congress, 2022, Q2, 5/16/2022, 2,900, 5,800; NRCC, 2021, M4, 3/28/2021, 10,000, 10,000; Jim Banks for Congress, Inc., 2022, Q2, 6/28/2022, 2,900, 2,900; Stand for America PAC, 2021, MY, 2/10/2021, 5,000, 5,000; Young Kim for Congress, 2021, Q3, 7/3/2021, 2,900, 2,900; Tim Scott for Senate, 2021, Q2, 6/13/2021, 5,800, 5,800; Tim Scott for Senate, 2021, Q2, 6/13/2021, -2,900, 5,800; Tim Scott for Senate, 2021, Q2, 6/13/2021, 2,900, 5,800; Texans for Ronny Jackson, 2021, YE, 11/6/2021, 2,900, 2,900; Cawthorn Triumph Committee, 2021, MY, 3/28/2021, 10,000, 10,000; Noem Victory Fund, 2021, YE, 8/13/2021, 4,000, 4,000; Friends of McCormick, 2021, Q1, 2/10/2021, 2,900, 5,800; Friends of McCormick, 2021, Q1, 2/10/2021, 2,900, 5,800; Friends of McCormick, 2021, Q3, 9/7/2021, 2,900, 8,700; Friends of Todd Young, Inc., 2021, Q3, 7/4/2021, 5,800, 5,800; Doctor Oz for Senate, 2022, 30G, 10/28/2022, 2,900, 2,900; Greitens for US Senate, 2021, Q3, 8/9/2021, 2,900, 2,900; Greitens for US Senate, 2021, Q3, 8/9/2021, 2,900, 5,800; The Pat McCrory Committee, 2021, Q3, 8/24/2021, 2,900, 5,800; Sands for Senate, 2021, Q3, 9/27/2021, -2,900, 5,800; Sands for Senate, 2021, Q3, 9/18/2021, 5,800, 5,800; Sands for Senate, 2021, Q3, 9/27/2021, 2,900, 5,800; Salazar for Congress, 2022, 30G, 11/3/2022, 2,900, 2,900; Laxalt Victory Committee, 2022, Q3, 9/30/2022, 5,800, 5,800; The Pat McCrory Committee, 2021, Q3, 8/24/2021, 5,800, 5,800; Missouri First, 2021, YE, 8/9/2021, 5,000, 5,000; The G Team, 2021, Q3, 8/9/2021, 10,800, 10,800; Bernie Moreno for Ohio, 2021, Q2, 5/7/2021, 5,800, 5,800; Bernie Moreno for Ohio, 2021, Q2, 5/7/2021, -2,900, 5,800; Bernie Moreno for Ohio, 2021, Q2, 5/7/2021, 2,900, 5,800; Nevada Republican Central Committee, 2022, 12G, 9/30/2022, 2,900, 2,900; Team Ronny, 2021, YE, 11/6/2021, 2,900, 2,900; Bo Hines for Congress, 2022, Q2, 5/16/2022, 5,800, 5,800; Bo Hines for Congress, 2022, Q2, 5/16/2022, -2,900, 2,900; Bo Hines for Congress, 2022, Q2, 5/16/2022, 2,900, 2,900; NRCC, 2021, M4, 3/28/2021, 10,000, 10,000; Jim Banks for Congress, Inc., 2022, Q2, 6/28/2022, 2,900, 2,900; Stand for America PAC,

2021, MY, 2/10/2021, 5,000, 5,000; Young Kim for Congress, 2021, Q3, 7/3/2021, 2,900, 2,900; Tim Scott for Senate, 2021, Q2, 6/13/2021, 5,800, 5,800; Tim Scott for Senate, 2021, Q2, 6/13/2021, -2,900, 5,800; Tim Scott for Senate, 2021, Q2, 6/13/2021, 2,900, 5,800; Texans for Ronny Jackson, 2021, YE, 11/6/2021, 2,900, 2,900; Cawthorn Triumph Committee, 2021, MY, 3/28/2021, 10,000, 10,000; Noem Victory Fund, 2021, YE, 8/13/2021, 4,000, 4,000; Friends of McCormick, 2021, Q1, 2/10/2021, 2,900, 5,800; Friends of McCormick, 2021, Q1, 2/10/2021, 2,900, 5,800; Friends of McCormick, 2021, Q3, 9/7/2021, 2,900, 8,700; Friends of Todd Young, Inc., 2021, Q3, 7/4/2021, 5,800, 5,800; Doctor Oz for Senate, 2022, 30G, 10/28/2022, 2,900, 2,900; Greitens for US Senate, 2021, Q3, 8/9/2021, 2,900, 2,900; Greitens for US Senate, 2021, Q3, 8/9/2021, 2,900, 5,800; The Pat McCrory Committee, 2021, Q3, 8/24/2021, 2,900, 5,800; Sands for Senate, 2021, Q3, 9/27/2021, -2,900, 5,800; Sands for Senate, 2021, Q3, 9/18/2021, 5,800, 5,800; Sands for Senate, 2021, Q3, 9/27/2021, 2,900, 5,800; Salazar for Congress, 2022, 30G, 11/3/2022, 2,900, 2,900; Laxalt Victory Committee, 2022, Q3, 9/30/2022, 5,800, 5,800; The Pat McCrory Committee, 2021, Q3, 8/24/2021, 5,800, 5,800; The Pat McCrory Committee, 2021, Q3, 8/24/2021, -2,900, 5,800; Team Graham, Inc., 2022, Q3, 9/27/2022, 900, 900; Salazar Victory Committee, 2022, 30G, 11/3/2022, 7,900, 7,900; Team Herschel, Inc, 2021, Q3, 9/30/2021, -2,900, 2,900; Team Herschel, Inc, 2021, Q3, 9/30/2021, 2,900, 5,800; Team Herschel, Inc, 2021, Q3, 9/30/2021, 5,800, 5,800; Making a Difference in Service to our Nation PAC, 2021, Q1, 1/29/2021, -2,700, 5,600; Making a Difference in Service to our Nation PAC, 2021, Q1, 1/29/2021, 2,700, 5,600; Making a Difference in Service to our Nation PAC, 2021, Q3, 8/17/2021, 200, 5,800; Laxalt for Senate, 2022, Q3, 9/30/2022, 2,900, 2,900; The Pat McCrory Committee, 2021, Q3, 8/24/2021, -2,900, 5,800; Team Graham, Inc., 2022, Q3, 9/27/2022, 900, 900; Salazar Victory Committee, 2022, 30G, 11/3/2022, 7,900, 7,900; Team Herschel, Inc, 2021, Q3, 9/30/2021, -2,900, 2,900; Team Herschel, Inc, 2021, Q3, 9/30/2021, 2,900, 5,800; Team Herschel, Inc, 2021, Q3, 9/30/2021, 5,800, 5,800; Making a Difference in Service to our Nation PAC, 2021, Q1, 1/29/2021, -2,700, 5,600; Making a Difference in Service to our Nation PAC, 2021, Q1, 1/29/2021, 2,700, 5,600; Making a Difference in Service to our Nation PAC, 2021, Q3, 8/17/2021, 200, 5,800; Laxalt for Senate, 2022, Q3, 9/30/2022, 2,900, 2,900.

*Melinda Hildebrand, of Texas, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of Costa Rica.

Nominee: Melinda Hildebrand.

Post: U.S. Ambassador to Costa Rica.

(The following table covers my federal campaign contributions since 2021, as well as those made by my husband, Jeffery Hildebrand. I have asked my husband to inform me of the pertinent contributions he made. To the best of my knowledge, the information contained in this report is complete and accurate.)

Contribution, amount, date, and recipient:
Jeffery & Melinda Hildebrand (Jointly), \$100,000, 2021, Cornyn Victory Committee; Jeffery Hildebrand, \$5,000, 2021, Country Roads PAC; Melinda Hildebrand, \$10,000, 2021, Dan Crenshaw Victory Committee; Melinda Hildebrand, \$5,800, 2021, Hunt for Congress; Melinda Hildebrand, \$5,800, 2021, Lauren Boebert for Congress; Jeffery Hildebrand, \$5,800, 2021, Lauren Boebert for Congress; Jeffery Hildebrand, \$5,800, 2021, Manchin for West Virginia; Melinda Hildebrand, \$1,000, 2021, Rand Paul Victory; Melinda Hildebrand, \$180,000, 2021, Republican National Committee; Melinda Hildebrand, \$5,000, 2021,

Stand for America PAC; Jeffery & Melinda Hildebrand (Jointly), \$5,000, 2021, Stand for America PAC; Jeffery Hildebrand, \$250,000, 2021, Take Back the House; Melinda Hildebrand, \$2,900, 2021, Texans for Henry Cuellar; Jeffery Hildebrand, \$5,000, 2021, Tony Gonzales Victory Fund; Melinda Hildebrand, \$2,500, 2021, Westerman for Congress; Jeffery Hildebrand, \$2,500, 2021, Westerman for Congress; Jeffery Hildebrand, \$75,000, 2022, Alaskans for L.I.S.A.; Jeffery Hildebrand, \$2,900, 2022, Arrington Victory Committee; Jeffery Hildebrand, \$500,000, 2022, Congressional Leadership Fund; Jeffery & Melinda Hildebrand (Jointly), \$216,906, 2022, Cornyn Victory Committee; Jeffery & Melinda Hildebrand (Jointly), \$25,000, 2022, Cruz 25 for 22 Victory Fund; Jeffery Hildebrand, \$5,000, 2022, Dan Crenshaw Victory Committee; Melinda Hildebrand, \$5,800, 2022, Dan Crenshaw Victory Committee; Jeffery Hildebrand, \$3,900, 2022, Doctor Oz for Senate; Melinda Hildebrand, \$5,800, 2022, Doctor Oz for Senate; Melinda Hildebrand, \$5,800, 2022, John James for Michigan; Jeffery Hildebrand, \$7,900, 2022, John Thune Victory Committee; Melinda Hildebrand, \$2,900, 2022, Lauren Boebert for Congress; Melinda Hildebrand, \$2,900, 2022, Nicole Hasso for Congress; Melinda Hildebrand, \$250,000, 2022, Republican National Committee; Jeffery & Melinda Hildebrand (Jointly), \$50,000, 2022, Senate Leadership Fund; Melinda Hildebrand, \$125,000, 2022, Senate Leadership Fund; Melinda Hildebrand, \$5,800, 2022, Sinema for Arizona; Jeffery Hildebrand, \$5,800, 2022, Sinema for Arizona; Melinda Hildebrand, \$5,000, 2022, Stand for America PAC; Jeffery Hildebrand, \$5,000, 2022, Stand for America PAC; Jeffery Hildebrand, \$250,000, 2022, Take Back the House; Melinda Hildebrand, \$50,000, 2022, Targeted State Victory; Melinda Hildebrand, \$5,800, 2022, Team Herschel; Jeffery Hildebrand, \$2,900, 2022, Team McCaul Texas Victory; Melinda Hildebrand, \$2,000, 2022, Texans for Morgan Luttrell; Jeffery Hildebrand, \$5,000, 2022, Texas Republican Voter Engagement PAC; Melinda Hildebrand, \$5,800, 2022, Tony Gonzales Victory Fund; Melinda Hildebrand, \$25,000, 2023, Cornyn Victory Committee; Jeffery & Melinda Hildebrand (Jointly), \$100,000, 2023, Cornyn Victory Committee; Melinda Hildebrand, \$6,600, 2023, Dan Crenshaw Victory Committee; Jeffery Hildebrand, (\$2,700), 2023, Dan Crenshaw Victory Committee (REFUND); Melinda Hildebrand, \$3,300, 2023, Restore Our Nation PAC (RON PAC); Jeffery Hildebrand, \$3,300, 2023, Doug Burgum for America; Jeffery Hildebrand, \$25,000, 2023, Hispanic Leadership Alliance; Jeffery Hildebrand, \$12,500, 2023, Hispanic Leadership Trust Partnership; Melinda Hildebrand, \$12,500, 2023, Hispanic Leadership Trust Partnership; Melinda Hildebrand, \$5,000, 2023, Hunt for Congress; Jeffery Hildebrand, \$6,600, 2023, Jim Banks for Senate; Melinda Hildebrand, \$6,600, 2023, Kevin McCarthy for Congress; Melinda Hildebrand, \$5,400, 2023, Lauren Boebert for Congress; Melinda Hildebrand, \$3,300, 2023, Mike Pence for President; Jeffery Hildebrand, \$3,300, 2023, Mike Pence for President; Melinda Hildebrand, \$3,300, 2023, Luttrell Victory Fund; Melinda Hildebrand, \$3,300, 2023, Nikki Haley; Jeffery Hildebrand, \$11,600, 2023, Pfluger Victory Committee; Jeffery & Melinda Hildebrand (Jointly), \$250,000, 2023, Protect the House 2024; Melinda Hildebrand, \$191,300, 2023, Republican National Committee; Melinda Hildebrand, \$3,300, 2023, Rick Allen for Congress; Jeffery & Melinda Hildebrand (Jointly), \$250,000, 2023, Senate Leadership Fund; Melinda Hildebrand, \$1,000, 2023, Stand for America PAC; Jeffery Hildebrand, \$11,600, 2023, Sullivan Victory Committee; Jeffery Hildebrand, \$11,600, 2023, Team Cramer;

Melinda Hildebrand, \$5,800, 2023, Ted Cruz Victory Committee; Jeffery Hildebrand, \$5,800, 2023, Ted Cruz Victory Committee; Jeffery & Melinda Hildebrand (Jointly), \$102,600, 2023, Ted Cruz Victory Fund; Jeffery Hildebrand, \$6,600, 2023, Texans for Henry Cuellar; Jeffery Hildebrand, \$5,000, 2023, Texas First PAC; Melinda Hildebrand, \$3,300, 2023, Tim Scott for America; Melinda Hildebrand, \$23,200, 2023, Tony Gonzales Victory Fund; Jeffery Hildebrand, \$2,900, 2023, Wicker for Senate; Jeffery Hildebrand, \$6,600, 2023, Zinke for Congress; Jeffery & Melinda Hildebrand (Jointly), \$20,000, 2024, Arrington Victory Committee; Jeffery Hildebrand, \$6,870.71, 2024, Brian Jack for Congress; Melinda Hildebrand, \$6,330, 2024, Brian Jack for Congress; Jeffery Hildebrand, \$3,300, 2024, Cole Combined Committee; Jeffery Hildebrand, \$5,000, 2024, Common Values PAC; Jeffery & Melinda Hildebrand (Jointly), \$150,000, 2024, Congressional Leadership Fund; Jeffery Hildebrand, \$250,000, 2024, Congressional Leadership Fund; Melinda Hildebrand, \$250,000, 2024, Congressional Leadership Fund; Melinda Hildebrand, \$100,000, 2024, Cornyn Victory Committee; Jeffery Hildebrand, \$3,300, 2024, Craig Goldman for Congress; Melinda Hildebrand, \$3,300, 2024, Craig Goldman for Congress; Melinda Hildebrand, \$6,600, 2024, Elise Victory Fund; Jeffery Hildebrand, \$1,567.38, 2024, Friends of John Barrasso; Jeffery Hildebrand, \$275,000, 2024, Grow the Majority; Melinda Hildebrand, \$250,000, 2024, Grow the Majority; Melinda Hildebrand, \$3,300, 2024, Hogan Victory Fund; Melinda Hildebrand, \$5,000, 2024, Hunt for Congress; Melinda Hildebrand, \$12,075.79, 2024, Jason Smith for Congress; Jeffery Hildebrand, \$3,300, 2024, Jeff Hurd for Congress; Melinda Hildebrand, \$3,300, 2024, Jeff Hurd for Congress; Melinda Hildebrand, \$6,600, 2024, Lauren Boebert for Congress; Jeffery Hildebrand, \$6,600, 2024, Lawler for Congress; Melinda Hildebrand, \$6,600, 2024, Lawler for Congress; Jeffery Hildebrand, \$316,100, 2024, NRSC Victory; Melinda Hildebrand, \$250,700, 2024, National Republican Senatorial Committee; Melinda Hildebrand, \$3,300, 2024, Nella Victory Fund; Jeffery Hildebrand, \$5,000, 2024, Pfluger Victory Committee; Jeffery Hildebrand, \$413,000, 2024, Republican National Committee; Melinda Hildebrand, \$50,000, 2024, Scalise Leadership Fund 2024; Jeffery Hildebrand, \$100,000, 2024, Scalise Leadership Fund 2024; Melinda Hildebrand, \$500,000, 2024, Senate Leadership Fund; Jeffery Hildebrand, \$500,000, 2024, Senate Leadership Fund; Melinda Hildebrand, \$6,000, 2024, Team Rick Scott; Melinda Hildebrand, \$56,300, 2024, Ted Cruz Victory Fund; Jeffery Hildebrand, \$56,300, 2024, Ted Cruz Victory Fund; Melinda Hildebrand, \$6,600, 2024, Tony Gonzales Victory Fund; Jeffery Hildebrand, \$511,600, 2024, Trump 47 Committee; Melinda Hildebrand, \$210,121, 2024, Trump 47 Committee; Jeffery & Melinda Hildebrand (Jointly), \$1,000,000, 2024, Trump Vance Inaugural Committee, Inc.; Melinda Hildebrand, \$125,000, 2024, Truth and Courage PAC; Jeffery Hildebrand, \$125,000, 2024, Truth and Courage PAC; Melinda Hildebrand, \$250,000, 2024, Truth and Courage PAC; Melinda Hildebrand, (\$58,300, 2024, National Republican Senatorial Committee (REFUND); Melinda Hildebrand, \$11,600, 2025, Tony Gonzales Victory Fund; Melinda Hildebrand, \$25,000, 2025, Defend Our Majority; Melinda Hildebrand, \$100,000, 2025, Grow The Majority; Melinda Hildebrand, \$3,500, 2025, Jeff Hurd for Congress; Jeffery & Melinda Hildebrand (Jointly), \$100,000, 2025, Last Frontier PAC; Melinda Hildebrand, \$6,600, 2025, Lawler Victory Committee; Jeffery Hildebrand, \$25,000, 2025, Nick Begich Victory Committee; Jeffery Hildebrand, \$25,000, 2025, Sullivan Victory Committee; Jeffery Hildebrand, \$443,000, 2025, Republican National Committee.

*Michel Issa, of Florida, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Lebanese Republic.

Nominee: Michel Issa.

Post: Ambassador to Lebanon.

(The following is a list of members of my immediate family. I have asked each of these persons to inform me of the pertinent contributions made by them. To the best of my knowledge, the information contained in this report is complete and accurate.)

Contributions, amount, date, and donee:
None.

*Nicholas Merrick, of Texas, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Czech Republic.

Nominee: Nicholas A. Merrick.

Post: Ambassador to Czech Republic.

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Contributions, amount, date, and donee:

Lance Gooden For Congress Committee, \$1,000, 10/25/24, Nicholas A. Merrick; Friends of Dave McCormick, \$3,300, 12/20/23, Nicholas A. Merrick; Save America (Trump), \$330, 11/17/23, Nicholas A. Merrick; Trump Save America Joint Fundraising Committee, \$3,300, 11/17/23, Nicholas A. Merrick; Never Surrender, Inc. (Trump), \$2,970, 11/17/23, Nicholas A. Merrick; Dave McCormick for U.S. Senate, \$1,000, 2/15/22, Nicholas A. Merrick; Moran Victory Committee, \$500, 8/16/21, Nicholas A. Merrick; Moran for Kansas, \$500, 8/16/21, Nicholas A. Merrick.

Save America (Trump), \$330, 11/17/23, Leslie Merrick—spouse; Trump Save America Joint Fundraising Committee, \$3,300, 11/17/23, Leslie Merrick; Never Surrender, Inc. (Trump), \$2,970, 11/17/23, Leslie Merrick; Ron Johnson For Senate, Inc., \$500, 4/26/22, Leslie Merrick; Ron Johnson Victory, \$500, 4/26/22, Leslie Merrick.

*Roman Pipko, of Florida, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of Estonia.

Nominee: Roman Pipko.

Post: Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of Estonia.

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Contributions, amount, date, and donee:

Trump National Committee JFC: \$1800, 10/30/2024, Roman Pipko; Bolduc 2022 Inc., \$80, 11/7/2022, Roman Pipko; \$180, 11/4/2022, Roman Pipko.

*Thomas Rose, of Florida, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of Poland.

Nominee: Thomas A. Rose.

Post: Republic of Poland.

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Contributions, amount, date, and donee:

Rose, Thomas, \$360.00, 07/23/2024, Trump 47 Committee Inc.; \$330.00, 06/04/2024, Never Surrender, Inc.; \$3,300.00, 06/04/2024, Never Surrender, Inc.; \$5,000.00, 06/04/2024, Save America; \$26,700.00, 06/04/2024, Trump 47 Com-

mittee, Inc.; \$18,070.00, 06/04/2024, Republican National Committee; \$330.00, 05/30/2024, Republican National Committee; \$3,300.00, 05/30/2024, Trump National Committee JFC. Inc.; \$100.00, 01/29/2024, WinRed; \$2,000.00, 10/09/2023, WinRed; \$1,000.00, 08/25/2023, Mike Pence for President; \$100.00, 07/22/2023, Mike Pence For President; \$100.00, 07/22/2023, WinRed; \$100.00, 07/21/2023, WinRed; \$100.00, 07/21/2023, WinRed.

*William White, of New York, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Kingdom of Belgium.

Nominee: William Bryan White.

Post: Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Kingdom of Belgium.

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Contributions, amount, date, and donee:

Never Surrender, Inc., \$3,300, 4/1/2023, Bryan Eure; Trump Save America Joint Fundraising Committee, \$11,600, 4/1/2023, Bryan Eure; Save America, \$5,000, 4/1/2023, Bryan Eure; Never Surrender, Inc., \$3,300, 4/1/2023, Bryan Eure; Kari Lake for Senate, \$5,000, 11/2/2023, Bryan Eure; Winred, \$47, 2/25/2024, Bryan Eure; Winred, \$48.93, 2/25/2024, Bryan Eure; Kari Lake for Senate, \$1,600, 10/24/2024, Bryan Eure; Kari Lake Victory Fund, \$10,000, 10/24/2024, Bryan Eure; Make America Great Again Inc., \$50,000, 5/8/2023, Joseph Eure; Trump 47 Committee, Inc., \$516.53, 6/1/2024, Joseph Eure; Never Surrender, Inc., \$516.53, 6/1/2024, Joseph Eure; Winred, \$60.24, 6/24/2024, Joseph Eure; Never Surrender, Inc., \$3,300, 4/1/2023, Bill White; Trump Save America Joint Fundraising Committee, \$11,600, 4/1/2023, Bill White; Save America, \$5,000, 4/1/2023, Bill White; Never Surrender, Inc., \$3,300, 4/1/2023, Bill White; Marsha for Senate, \$1,000, 5/15/2023, Bill White; Abe for Arizona, \$2,000, 3/19/2024, Bill White; Trump 47 Committee Inc., \$6,600, 4/8/2024, Bill White; Trump 47 Committee Inc., \$50,000, 4/29/2024, Bill White; Hardworking Americans Inc., \$1,000, 8/23/2024, Bill White; Hardworking Americans Inc., \$1,000, 9/17/2024, Bill White; Republican National Committee, \$38,400, 7/31/2024, Bill White; Kari Lake for Senate, \$5,000, 11/2/2023, William White; Make America Great Again, Inc., \$25,000, 3/7/2024, William White; Never Surrender, Inc., \$3,300, 7/31/2024, William White; Never Surrender, Inc., \$3,300, 7/31/2024, William White; Trump 47 Committee, Inc., \$50,000, 7/31/2024, William White; Save America, \$5,000, 7/31/2024, William White; Republican National Committee, \$6,600, 4/8/2024, William White; Republican National Committee, \$3,700, 4/29/2024, William White; Republican National Committee, \$41,300, 4/29/2024, William White; Republican National Committee, \$5,000, 4/29/2024, William White.

*John Giordano, of Pennsylvania, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of Namibia.

Nominee: John Giordano.

Post: Ambassador to the Republic of Namibia.

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Contributions, amount, date and donee:

Trump 47 Committee, Inc., \$10,000.00, 10/23/2024, Self; Trump 47 Committee, Inc., \$5,000.00, 10/18/2024, Self; Trump 47 Committee, Inc., \$5,000.00, 9/24/2024, Self; Trump 47 Committee, Inc., \$5,000.00, 9/09/2024 Self;

Sapraicone Victory Fund, \$1,000.00, 8/28/2024, Self; Trump 47 Committee, Inc., \$25,000.00, 7/31/2024, Self; Trump 47 Committee, Inc., \$76,000.00, 7/16/2024, Self; Republican National Committee, \$5,000.00, 07/02/2024, Self; NY Republican Federal Campaign Committee, \$750.00, 06/17/2024, Self; Trump 47 Committee, Inc., \$24,000.00, 06/14/2024, Self; Republican National Committee, \$12,400.00, 06/14/2024, Self.

*Anjani Sinha, of Florida, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of Singapore.

Nominee: Anjani Sinha.

Post: Singapore.

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Contributions, amount, date, and donee:

End Citizens United, 1,000, 7-29-2021, Filer; Maggie for NH, 1,000, 7-29-2021, Filer; Maggie for NH, 1,950, 1-31-2022, Filer; Friends of Reema Rasool, 500, 8-18-2022, Filer; Maggie Hassan Victory, 5,800, 9-13-2022, Filer; NH Dem Party, 2,900, 9-13-2022, Filer; Maggie for NH, 2,900, 9-13-2022, Filer; Never Surrender Inc, 3,300, 4-9-2024, Filer; Never Surrender Inc, 3,300, 4-9-2024, Filer; Krystle Kaul for VA, 3,300, 4-9-2024, Filer; Save America, 5,000, 4-9-2024, Filer; Trump Save America, 23,200, 4-9-2024, Filer; NDTC, 3,300, 4-30-2024, Filer; Ro for Congress, 3,300, 9-9-2024, Filer; SMP, 2,500, 9-12-2024, Filer.

*Michael G. Waltz, of Florida, to be the Representative of the United States of America to the United Nations, with the Rank of Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary, and the Representative of the United States of America in the Security Council of the United Nations.

Nominee: Michael Waltz.

Post: U.S. Representative to the United Nations.

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Spouse, Julia Nesheiwat.

Contributions, amount, date, and donee:

Julia Nesheiwat, Inc. PAC, \$242.30, 11/30/2023, Transcanada USA Services; \$242.30, 12/31/2023, Transcanada USA Services; \$242.30, 1/31/2024, Transcanada USA Services; \$242.30, 2/29/2024, Transcanada USA Services; \$374.37, 3/31/2024, Transcanada USA Services; \$249.58, 4/30/2024, Transcanada USA Services; \$249.58, 5/31/2024, Transcanada USA Services; \$249.58, 6/30/2024, Transcanada USA Services; \$249.58, 7/31/2024, Transcanada USA Services; \$374.37, 8/31/2024, Transcanada USA Services; \$249.58, 9/30/2024, Transcanada USA Services; \$124.79, 10/16/2024, Transcanada USA Services; \$374.37, 11/25/2024, Transcanada USA Services; \$249.58, 12/31/2024, Transcanada USA Services; \$374.37, 1/31/2025, Transcanada USA Services; \$249.58, 2/28/2025, Transcanada USA Services; \$258.94, 3/31/2025, Transcanada USA Services.

*Sean O'Neill, of Virginia, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Kingdom of Thailand.

Nominee: Sean Kotaro O'Neill.

Post: Thailand.

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Contributions, amount, date, and donee:
Sean O'Neill: None.
Sachiyo Kubo (Spouse): None.

*Julie Stuftt, of Ohio, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of Kazakhstan.

Nominee: Julie M. Stuftt.
Post: Kazakhstan.

Nominated: July 9, 2025.

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Contributions, amount, date and donee:
None, Julie Stuftt.
None, Timothy Stuftt.

*Dan Negrea, of Connecticut, to be Representative of the United States of America on the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations, with the rank of Ambassador, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as an Alternate Representative of the United States of America to the Sessions of the General Assembly of the United Nations.

Nominee: Dan Negrea.

Post: Representative of the United States of America on the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations, with the rank of Ambassador, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as an Alternate Representative of the United States of America to the Sessions of the General Assembly of the United Nations.

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Contributions, amount, date, and donee:

Contributor name, Recipient, State, Employer, Receipt date, Amount:

Negrea, Dan Mr., Republican National Committee, CT, Retired, 04/02/2025, \$5,700.00; Republican National Committee, CT, Retired, 04/02/2025, \$19,300.00; Republican National Committee, CT, Retired, 02/14/2025, \$25,000.00.

Negrea, Dan, Utah Republican Party, CT, Retired, 11/14/2024, \$10,000.00; Mississippi Republican Party, CT, Retired, 11/14/2024, \$10,000.00; South Dakota Republican Party, CT, Retired, 11/14/2024, \$10,000.00; Republican Party of Kentucky, CT, N/A, 11/08/2024, \$10,000.00; Republican Campaign Committee of New Mexico, CT, Retired, 11/08/2024, \$7,600.00; Republican Campaign Committee of New Mexico, CT, Retired, 11/08/2024, \$2,400.00; Republican Party of Minnesota—Federal, CT, Retired, 10/30/2024, \$2,400.00.

Negrea, Dan Mr., Trump 47 Committee, Inc., CT, Retired, 10/30/2025, \$10,000.00.

Negrea, Dan, Nevada Republican Central Committee, CT, Retired, 10/23/2024, \$10,000.00; Washington State Republican Party, CT, Retired, 10/23/2024, \$10,000.00; Republican Party of Florida, CT, Retired, 10/23/2024, \$7,600.00; Republican Federal Committee of Pennsylvania, CT, Retired, 10/23/2024, \$10,000.00; South Carolina Republican Party, CT, Retired, 10/23/2024, \$10,000.00; New Hampshire Republican State Committee, CT, Retired, 10/23/2024, \$10,000.00; New Jersey Republican State Committee, CT, Retired, 10/23/2024, \$10,000.00; Missouri Republican State Committee—Federal, CT, Retired, 10/23/2024, \$10,000.00; Republican Party of Louisiana, CT, Retired, 10/23/2024, \$10,000.00; Republican Party of Guam, CT, Retired, 10/23/2024, \$10,000.00; Alaska Republican Party, CT, Retired, 10/23/2024, \$10,000.00; Republican State Committee of Delaware, CT, Retired, 10/23/

2024, \$10,000.00; Republican Party of Iowa, CT, Retired, 10/23/2024, \$10,000.00; North Carolina Republican Party, CT, Retired, 10/23/2024, \$10,000.00; Republican Party of Minnesota—Federal, CT, Retired, 10/23/2024, \$7,600.00; Republican Party of Wisconsin, CT, Retired, 10/23/2024, \$10,000.00; Georgia Republican Party Inc., CT, Retired, 10/23/2024, \$10,000.00; Republican Party of Florida, CT, Retired, 10/23/2024, \$2,400.00; Rhode Island Republican State Central Committee, CT, Retired, 10/23/2024, \$10,000.00.

Negrea, Dan Mr., Republican National Committee, CT, retired, 10/23/2024, \$13,000.00.

Negrea, Dan, Indiana Republican State Committee, Inc., CT, Retired, 10/23/2024, \$10,000.00; Tennessee Republican Party Federal Election Account, CT, Retired, 10/23/2024, \$10,000.00.

Negrea, Dan Mr., Trump 47 Committee, Inc., CT, Retired, 10/23/2024, \$300,000.00.

Negrea, Dan, Ohio Republican Party State Central & Executive Committee, CT, Retired, 10/23/2024, \$10,000.00; Illinois Republican Party—Federal, CT, Retired, 10/23/2024, \$10,000.00; Maryland Republican State Central Committee, CT, Retired, 10/23/2024, \$10,000.00; NY Republican Federal Campaign Committee, CT, American Geostrategy, 08/15/2024, \$10,000.00; McGuire for Virginia, CT, Foreign Policy Analyst, 06/05/2024, \$300.00; McGuire Victory Fund, CT, Atlantic Council, 05/30/2024, \$300.00.

Negrea, Dan Mr., Republican National Committee, CT, Freedom and Prosperity Center Atlantic, 05/22/2024, \$100,000.00; Trump 47 Committee, Inc., CT, Atlantic Council, 05/22/2024, \$100,000.00.

Negrea, Dan, Republican Party of Arizona, LLC, CT, Atlantic Council, 05/16/2024, \$10,000.00; Oregon Republican Party, CT, Atlantic Council, 05/16/2024, \$10,000.00; Wyoming Republican Party, Inc., CT, Atlantic Council, 05/16/2024, \$10,000.00; Connecticut Republican State Central, CT, Atlantic Council, 05/16/2024, \$10,000.00; Oklahoma Leadership Council, CT, Atlantic Council, 05/16/2024, \$10,000.00; California Republican Party Federal Acct., CT, Atlantic Council, 05/16/2024, \$10,000.00.

Negrea, Dan Mr., Republican Party of Arkansas, CT, Atlantic Council, 05/16/2024, \$10,000.00.

Negrea, Dan, Maine Republican Party, CT, Atlantic Council, 05/16/2024, \$10,000.00; Alabama Republican Party, CT, Atlantic Council, 05/16/2024, \$10,000.00.

Negrea, Dan Mr., Republican National Committee, CT, Freedom and Prosperity Center Atlantic, 05/16/2024, \$123,900.00; Republican National Committee, CT, Freedom and Prosperity Center Atlantic, 05/16/2024, \$73,601.08; Republican National Committee, CT, Freedom and Prosperity Center Atlantic, 05/16/2024, \$2,498.92; Trump 47 Committee, Inc., CT, Atlantic Council, 05/16/2024, \$200,000.00.

Negrea, Dan, DC Republican Party Federal Account, CT, Atlantic Council, 05/16/2024, \$3,900.00.

Negrea, Dan Mr., Republican National Committee, CT, Retired, 05/16/2024, —\$123,900.00.

Negrea, Dan, Colorado Republican Committee, CT, Atlantic Council, 05/16/2024, \$10,000.00.

Negrea, Dan, Michigan Republican Party, CT, Atlantic Council, 05/16/2024, \$10,000.00.

Negrea, Dan, Massachusetts Republican Party, CT, Atlantic Council, 05/16/2024, \$10,000.00.

Negrea Dan Mr., Republican National Committee, CT, Freedom and Prosperity Center Atlantic, 04/29/2024, \$8,401.08; Republican National Committee, CT, Freedom and Prosperity Center Atlantic, 04/29/2024, \$50,298.92; Republican National Committee, CT, Freedom and Prosperity Center Atlantic, 04/29/2024, \$41,300.00; Trump 47 Committee, Inc.,

CT, Atlantic Council, 04/29/2024, \$100,000.00; Save America, CT, Atlantic Council, 02/21/2024, \$5,000.00.

Negrea, Dan, Never Surrender Inc., CT, Retired, 02/21/2024, \$3,300.00; Trump Save America Joint Fundraising Committee, CT, Atlantic Council, 02/21/2024, \$23,200.00; Make America Great Again Inc., CT, Atlantic Council, 02/09/2024, \$75,000.00; Save America, CT, Atlantic Council, 12/29/2023, \$343.54; Save America, CT, Atlantic Council, 12/29/2023, \$10.00; Save America, CT, Atlantic Council, 12/29/2023, \$1.00; Save America, CT, Atlantic Council, 12/29/2023, \$0.50; Save America, CT, Atlantic Council, 12/29/2023, \$0.10; Save America, CT, Atlantic Council, 12/29/2023, \$0.10; Save America, CT, Atlantic Council, 12/29/2023, \$0.10; Trump Save America Joint Fundraising Committee, CT, Atlantic Council, 12/29/2023, \$3,435.35; Trump Save America Joint Fundraising Committee, CT, Atlantic Council, 12/29/2023, \$100.00; Trump Save America Joint Fundraising Committee, CT, Atlantic Council, 12/29/2023, \$10.00; Trump Save America Joint Fundraising Committee, CT, Atlantic Council, 12/29/2023, \$5.00; Trump Save America Joint Fundraising Committee, CT, Atlantic Council, 12/29/2023, \$1.00; Trump Save America Joint Fundraising Committee, CT, Atlantic Council, 12/29/2023, \$1.00; Trump Save America Joint Fundraising Committee, CT, Atlantic Council, 12/29/2023, \$1.00; Never Surrender, Inc., CT, Atlantic Council, 12/29/2023, \$3,091.82; Never Surrender, Inc., CT, Atlantic Council, 12/29/2023, \$90.00; Never Surrender, Inc., CT, Atlantic Council, 12/29/2023, \$9.00; Never Surrender, Inc., CT, Atlantic Council, 12/29/2023, \$4.50; Never Surrender, Inc., CT, Atlantic Council, 12/29/2023, \$0.90; Never Surrender, Inc., CT, Atlantic Council, 12/29/2023, \$0.90; Never Surrender, Inc., CT, Atlantic Council, 12/29/2023, \$0.90; Winred, CT, Atlantic Council, 12/29/2023, \$1.00; Winred, CT, Atlantic Council, 12/29/2023, \$110.00; Winred, CT, Atlantic Council, 12/29/2023, \$1.00; Winred, CT, Atlantic Council, 12/29/2023, \$100.00; Winred, CT, Atlantic Council, 12/29/2023, \$5.00; Winred, CT, Atlantic Council, 12/29/2023, \$10.00; Winred, CT, Atlantic Council, 12/29/2023, \$1.00; Parkinson for Senate, CT, Atlantic Council, 08/08/2023, \$1,000.00; Lawler for Congress, Inc., CT, Atlantic Council, 06/28/2023, \$500.00; Leora Levy for U.S. Senate, Inc., CT, Retired, 10/23/2022, \$250.00; Leora Levy for U.S. Senate, Inc., CT, Retired, 10/23/2022, \$2.50; Winred, CT, Atlantic Council, 10/23/2022, \$2.50; John Gibbs Great Lakes Committee, CT, Atlantic Council, 10/09/2022, \$500.00; John Gibbs for Congress, Inc., CT, Atlantic Council, 10/09/2022, \$500.00; Marter for Congress, CT, Atlantic Council, 06/22/2022, \$250.00; John Gibbs for Congress, Inc., CT, American Geostrategy, 03/12/2022, \$250.00; Leora Levy for U.S. Senate, Inc., CT, Retired, 02/27/2022, \$5.00; Leora Levy for U.S. Senate, Inc., CT, Retired, 02/27/2022, \$1,000.00; Winred, CT, Retired, 02/27/2022, \$5.00; Patrick Witt for Congress, CT, American Geostrategy, 11/30/2021, \$500.00; Claudia Tenney for Congress, CT, MTN Capital, 09/30/2021, \$1,000.00; Tim Scott for Senate, CT, American Geostrategy, 08/20/2021, \$250.00.

Negrea, Nicole, Republican National Committee, CT, GGD, 10/25/2024, \$1,800.00; Trump 47 Committee Inc., CT, GGD, 10/25/2024, \$25,000.00; Never Surrender Inc., CT, GGD, 10/23/2024, \$3,300.00; Republican National Committee, CT, GGD, 10/23/2024, \$10,000.00; Trump 47 Committee, Inc., CT, GGD, 10/23/2024, \$10,000.00; Republican National Committee, CT, GGD, 10/18/2024, \$30,000.00; Republican National Committee, CT, GGD, 10/18/2024, \$35,000.00; Trump 47 Committee Inc., CT,

GGD, 10/18/2024, \$30,000.00; Trump 47 Committee Inc., CT, GGD, 10/18/2024, \$35,000.00; Republican National Committee, CT, GGD, 09/24/2024, \$10,000.00; Trump 47 Committee Inc., CT, Greenwich Garden Design, 09/19/2024, \$30,000.00; Republican National Committee, CT, GGD, 09/19/2024, \$30,000.00; Republican National Committee, CT, Greenwich Garden Design, 09/13/2024, \$22,900.00; Trump 47 Committee Inc., CT, Greenwich Garden Design, 09/13/2024, \$30,000.00; Republican National Committee, CT, GGD, 09/13/2024, \$7,100.00; Republican National Committee, CT, GGD, 09/13/2024, \$22,900.00; Republican National Committee, CT, Greenwich Garden Design, 09/10/2024, \$18,400.00; Trump 47 Committee, Inc., CT, Greenwich Garden Design, 09/10/2024, \$30,000.00; Republican National Committee, CT, GGD, 09/10/2024, \$18,400.00; Republican National Committee, CT, GGD, 09/10/2024, -\$18,400.00.

*Sergio Gor, of Florida, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of India.

Nominee: Sergio Gor.
Post: New Delhi, India.

(The following is a list of members of my immediate family. I have asked each of these persons to inform me of the pertinent contributions made by them. To the best of my knowledge, the information contained in this report is complete and accurate.)

Contributions, amount, date, and donee:

Self: \$500, 5/21/2020, TRUMP VICTORY; \$500, 5/21/2020, DONALD J. TRUMP FOR PRESIDENT, INC.; \$500, 10/12/2022, FRIENDS OF MIKE LEE INC.; \$1,000, 12/6/2023, KARI LAKE FOR SENATE; \$1,025, 5/22/2024, REPUBLICAN PARTY OF FLORIDA; \$1,000, 6/27/2024, BRIAN JACK FOR CONGRESS.

*Stephanie Hallett, of Florida, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Minister-Counselor, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Kingdom of Bahrain.

Nominee: Stephanie L. Hallett.
Post: Ambassador to the Kingdom of Bahrain.

Nominated: September 2, 2025.

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Contributions, amount, date and donee:

Self: None.

Spouse: 2022 Congressional Primary (MD), \$250, 07/07/22, Matthew Foldi for Congress.

*James Holtsnider, of Iowa, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Counselor, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan.

Nominee: James Holtsnider.

Post: Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan.

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Contributions, amount, date and donee:

James Holtsnider, None.

Nana Holtsnider, None.

*Jacob Helberg, of Florida, to be an Under Secretary of State (Economic Growth, Energy, and the Environment).

*Benjamin Black, of New York, to be Chief Executive Officer of the United States International Development Finance Corporation.

*Thomas DiNanno, of Florida, to be Under Secretary of State for Arms Control and International Security.

*Paul Kapur, of California, to be Assistant Secretary of State for South Asian Affairs.

*Caleb Orr, of Texas, to be an Assistant Secretary of State (Economic and Business Affairs).

*Chris Pratt, of Utah, to be an Assistant Secretary of State (Political-Military Affairs).

*Sarah Rogers, of New York, to be Under Secretary of State for Public Diplomacy.

*Michael DeSombre, of Illinois, to be an Assistant Secretary of State (East Asian and Pacific Affairs).

*Michael G. Waltz, of Florida, to be Representative of the United States of America to the Sessions of the General Assembly of the United Nations during his tenure of service as Representative of the United States of America to the United Nations.

*Riley Barnes, of Texas, to be Assistant Secretary of State for Democracy, Human Rights, and Labor.

*Todd Wilcox, of Florida, to be an Assistant Secretary of State (Diplomatic Security).

By Mr. CRUZ for the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

Neil Jacobs, of North Carolina, to be Under Secretary of Commerce for Oceans and Atmosphere.

*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.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. PAUL, from the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, without amendment:

S. 854. A bill to amend title 31, United States Code, to establish the Life Sciences Research Security Board, and for other purposes.

By Mr. PAUL, from the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, with amendments:

S. 855. A bill to require executive branch employees to report certain royalties, and for other purposes.

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. BALDWIN (for herself and Ms. MURKOWSKI):

S. 2826. A bill to direct the Secretary of Health and Human Services to dedicate sufficient resources for the support of LGBTQ+ youth seeking help from the 9-8-8 suicide prevention hotline, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. KAINE (for himself, Mr. SCHIFF, Mr. PADILLA, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Ms. SMITH, Mr. MURPHY, Mr. MERKLEY, Mr. BENNET, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. FETTERMAN, Mrs. MURRAY, and Mr. WYDEN):

S. 2827. A bill to amend the Fair Housing Act to prohibit discrimination based on source of income, veteran status, or military

status; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mrs. FISCHER (for herself, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Ms. COLLINS, and Mr. HICKENLOOPER):

S. 2828. A bill to amend the Child Care and Development Block Grant Act of 1990 to reauthorize and update the Act, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. KING:

S. 2829. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide coverage of preventive home visits under Medicare, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. KING:

S. 2830. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to improve the annual wellness visit under the Medicare program; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. KING:

S. 2831. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide coverage for certain fall prevention items under the Medicare program; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. HICKENLOOPER (for himself, Mr. SULLIVAN, Ms. HIRONO, and Mr. MULLIN):

S. 2832. A bill to establish an Office of Native American Affairs within the Small Business Administration, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.

By Mr. KING (for himself and Mr. ROUNDS):

S. 2833. A bill to amend the Older Americans Act of 1965 to improve falls prevention research and activities, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. BOOKER (for himself, Mr. MARSHALL, Mr. CASSIDY, and Ms. SMITH):

S. 2834. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to establish a Medically Tailored Home-Delivered Meals Program to test a payment and service delivery model under part A of Medicare to improve clinical health outcomes and reduce the rate of readmissions of certain individuals; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. WELCH (for himself and Mr. HICKENLOOPER):

S. 2835. A bill to support communities that host transmission lines and to promote conservation and recreation, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. MERKLEY (for himself, Ms. WARREN, and Mr. MARKEY):

S. 2836. A bill to prohibit health insurance issuers and certain health care providers under Medicare from being under common ownership, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. WARNER (for himself, Mr. VAN

HOLLEN, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. SCHATZ, Mr. PADILLA, Ms. ALSOBROOKS, Mr. KAINE, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. BENNET, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Ms. BLUNT ROCHESSTER, Mr. BOOKER, Ms. CANTWELL, Ms. CORTEZ MASTO, Mr. COONS, Ms. DUCKWORTH, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. FETTERMAN, Mr. GALLEGO, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Ms. HASSAN, Mr. HEINRICH, Mr. HICKENLOOPER, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. KELLY, Mr. KIM, Mr. KING, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. LUJÁN, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. MERKLEY, Mr. MURPHY, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. OSSOFF, Mr. PETERS, Mr. REED, Ms. ROSEN, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. SCHIFF, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Ms. SLOTKIN, Ms. SMITH, Mr. WARNOCK, Ms. WARREN, Mr. WELCH, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, and Mr. WYDEN):

S. 2837. A bill to nullify certain Executive orders relating to exclusions from Federal labor-management relations programs, and

for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. SCHIFF (for himself, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. KIM, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. PADILLA, Mr. GALLEG0, Ms. ALSOBROOKS, Mr. SANDERS, and Ms. HIRONO):

S. 2838. A bill to protect our democracy by preventing abuses of Presidential power, restoring checks and balances and accountability and transparency in government, and defending elections against foreign interference, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Ms. CORTEZ MASTO (for herself and Mr. HAGERTY):

S. 2839. A bill to provide for the establishment of a Critical Minerals Security Alliance, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. HAGERTY (for himself and Mr. GALLEG0):

S. 2840. A bill to amend the Investment Company Act of 1940 to postpone the date of payment or satisfaction upon redemption of certain securities in the case of the financial exploitation of specified adults, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. KING (for himself, Mr. LANKFORD, Mr. WICKER, and Mr. KAINE):

S. 2841. A bill to amend the American History and Civics Education program under the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to require hands-on civic engagement activities for teachers and students and programs that educate students about the history and principles of the Constitution of the United States, including the Bill of Rights; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. BLUMENTHAL (for himself, Mr. MARSHALL, and Mr. KELLY):

S. 2842. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide for congenital Cytomegalovirus screening of newborns; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. SCOTT of Florida:

S. 2843. A bill to require congressional approval for all capital expenditures requested by the Federal Reserve, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. MARSHALL (for Mr. LEE) (by request):

S. 2844. A bill to clarify United States policy with respect to limitations on the domestic dissemination of program material about the United States that was prepared or disseminated by the United States Agency for Global Media or its component networks; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. WYDEN (for himself, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Ms. WARREN, Mr. SANDERS, Ms. SMITH, Mr. LUJÁN, Mr. WELCH, Ms. ALSOBROOKS, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Ms. DUCKWORTH, Mr. FETTERMAN, Mr. HEINRICH, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. MERKLEY, Mr. MURPHY, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. REED, Mr. SCHATZ, and Mr. VAN HOLLEN):

S. 2845. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to eliminate tax loopholes that allow billionaires to defer tax indefinitely through planning strategies such as “buy, borrow, die”, to modify over 30 tax provisions so that billionaires are required to pay taxes annually, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Ms. ROSEN (for herself, Mr. KAINE, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, Ms. CORTEZ MASTO, Mr. SCHIFF, Ms. DUCKWORTH, Mr. BOOKER, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. HEINRICH, and Mr. SANDERS):

S. 2846. A bill to amend the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 to modify treatment activities for assistance to combat HIV/AIDS; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Ms. HASSAN (for herself and Mr. SCOTT of South Carolina):

S. 2847. A bill to clarify coverage of occupational therapy under the Medicare program; to the Committee on Finance.

By Ms. ALSOBROOKS (for herself and Mr. VAN HOLLEN):

S. 2848. A bill to require amounts used to pay the costs of the renaming the Department of Defense to be derived from the travel budget of the Secretary of Defense, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. COTTON:

S. 2849. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to prohibit certain foreign nationals from serving on the board of directors of tax-exempt organizations; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. WYDEN:

S. 2850. A bill to improve the safety and security of Members of Congress, immediate family members of Members of Congress, and congressional staff; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. WYDEN:

S. 2851. A bill to improve the safety and security of Members of Congress, immediate family members of Members of Congress, and congressional staff, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. KIM:

S. 2852. A bill to prohibit Federal officials from owning covered investments, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. MORAN (for himself and Mr. BLUMENTHAL):

S. 2853. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to extend certain authorities and requirements relating to health care and benefits furnished by the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. SCHIFF (for himself, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mr. KING, Mr. WELCH, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. KIM, and Mr. BOOKER):

S.J. Res. 78. A joint resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States relating to the authority of Congress and the States to regulate contributions and expenditures intended to affect elections and to enact public financing systems for political campaigns; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. MULLIN (for himself, Mr. TUBERVILLE, Mr. COTTON, Mr. JUSTICE, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. MARSHALL, Mrs. FISCHER, Mr. DAINES, Mr. CRAMER, Mr. SCOTT of Florida, Mr. HOEVEN, Mrs. CAPITO, Mr. BUDD, Mrs. MOODY, Mr. HAWLEY, Mr. RICKETTS, Mr. CASSIDY, Mr. BOOZMAN, and Mr. SCHMITT):

S.J. Res. 79. A joint resolution honoring the sacrifice of Marine Corps Lance Corporal David L. Espinoza, Marine Corps Sergeant Nicole L. Gee, Marine Corps Staff Sergeant Darin Taylor Hoover, Army Staff Sergeant Ryan Christian Knauss, Marine Corps Corporal Hunter Lopez, Marine Corps Lance Corporal Rylee J. McCollum, Marine Corps Lance Corporal Dylan R. Merola, Marine Corps Lance Corporal Kareem M. Nikoui, Marine Corps Corporal Daegan W. Page, Marine Corps Sergeant Johanny Rosario, Marine Corps Corporal Humberto A. Sanchez, Marine Corps Lance Corporal Jared M. Schmitz, and Navy Petty Officer Third Class Maxton W. Soviak; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following concurrent resolutions and Senate resolutions were read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. BANKS (for himself and Mr. MERKLEY):

S. Res. 397. A resolution expressing support for the designation of September as “Dystonia Awareness Month” to promote public awareness and understanding of dystonia; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. TILLIS (for himself, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. CASSIDY, Mr. FETTERMAN, and Mr. KAINE):

S. Res. 398. A resolution condemning the treatment of Dr. Gubad Ibadoghlu by the Government of Azerbaijan and urging his immediate release; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. WELCH (for himself, Mr. TILLIS, Mrs. SHAHEEN, and Mr. RICKETTS):

S. Res. 399. A resolution congratulating the people of North Macedonia on the 34th anniversary of their independence and celebrating the 30th anniversary of diplomatic relations between North Macedonia and the United States; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. REED (for himself, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. KING, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, and Mr. DURBIN):

S. Res. 400. A resolution expressing support for designation of the week of September 14 through 20, 2025, as “National Adult Education and Family Literacy Week”; considered and agreed to.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 163

At the request of Mr. CASSIDY, the name of the Senator from Nevada (Ms. CORTEZ MASTO) was added as a cosponsor 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 discrimination in violation of such title, and for other purposes.

S. 419

At the request of Mr. HAWLEY, the name of the Senator from Georgia (Mr. OSSOFF) was added as a cosponsor of S. 419, a bill to amend the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to reauthorize grants to support law enforcement officers and families, and for other purposes.

S. 554

At the request of Mr. SULLIVAN, the name of the Senator from Oklahoma (Mr. MULLIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 554, a bill to enhance bilateral defense cooperation between the United States and Israel, and for other purposes.

S. 556

At the request of Mr. SULLIVAN, the name of the Senator from Oklahoma (Mr. MULLIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 556, a bill to impose sanctions with respect to persons engaged in logistical transactions and sanctions

evasion relating to oil, gas, liquefied natural gas, and related petrochemical products from the Islamic Republic of Iran, and for other purposes.

S. 611

At the request of Mr. BLUMENTHAL, the name of the Senator from Washington (Mrs. MURRAY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 611, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve and to expand eligibility for dependency and indemnity compensation paid to certain survivors of certain veterans, and for other purposes.

S. 1677

At the request of Ms. BALDWIN, the name of the Senator from Nevada (Ms. ROSEN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1677, a bill to provide health insurance benefits for outpatient and inpatient items and services related to the diagnosis and treatment of a congenital anomaly or birth defect.

S. 1816

At the request of Mr. MARSHALL, the name of the Senator from Missouri (Mr. SCHMITT) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1816, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to establish requirements with respect to the use of prior authorization under Medicare Advantage plans.

S. 2269

At the request of Mr. SCHMITT, the name of the Senator from Idaho (Mr. RISCH) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2269, a bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to increase the criminal penalties for assaulting, resisting, or impeding an officer or employee of U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement.

S. 2426

At the request of Mr. THUNE, the names of the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. HEINRICH), the Senator from New Hampshire (Mrs. SHAHEEN), the Senator from West Virginia (Mrs. CAPITO) and the Senator from Nebraska (Mrs. FISCHER) were added as cosponsors of S. 2426, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide pharmacy payment of certain services.

S. 2561

At the request of Mr. CASSIDY, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire (Ms. HASSAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2561, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to reform the payment rules regarding skin substitute products.

S. 2613

At the request of Mr. MARKEY, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. FETTERMAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2613, a bill to establish protections for warehouse workers, and for other purposes.

S. 2687

At the request of Mr. CRUZ, the names of the Senator from South Carolina (Mr. GRAHAM) and the Senator from Florida (Mr. SCOTT) were added as cosponsors of S. 2687, a bill to repeal the Comprehensive Policing and Justice Reform Amendment Act of 2022 en-

acted by the District of Columbia Council.

S. 2720

At the request of Mr. WARNER, the names of the Senator from Hawaii (Mr. SCHATZ) and the Senator from Virginia (Mr. KAINE) were added as cosponsors of S. 2720, a bill to provide technical assistance and grants for faith-based organizations, institutions of higher education, and local governments to increase the supply of affordable rental housing, and for other purposes.

S. 2817

At the request of Mr. GALLEGO, the name of the Senator from Virginia (Mr. WARNER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2817, a bill to amend the Federal Reserve Act to prohibit dual appointments of employees of the Federal Reserve System, and for other purposes.

S.J. RES. 71

At the request of Mr. KAINE, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island (Mr. REED) was added as a cosponsor of S.J. Res. 71, a joint resolution terminating the national emergency declared with respect to energy.

S. RES. 389

At the request of Ms. ROSEN, the name of the Senator from Oregon (Mr. WYDEN) was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 389, a resolution condemning the extreme anti-vaccine policies of Secretary of Health and Human Services Robert F. Kennedy, Jr., strongly opposing the policies of the State of Florida that roll back immunization requirements, and expressing the sense of the Senate that vaccines are critical to protecting public health, eliminating preventable illness and death, and reducing hospitalizations and severity of illness, work best when adopted at a high level within each community, and must be made available to the public.

S. RES. 393

At the request of Mr. KING, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire (Ms. HASSAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 393, a resolution designating September 25, 2025, as "National Lobster Day".

AMENDMENT NO. 3210

At the request of Ms. DUCKWORTH, the name of the Senator from Oregon (Mr. MERKLEY) was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 3210 intended to be proposed to S. 2296, an original bill to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2026 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes.

AMENDMENT NO. 3288

At the request of Ms. DUCKWORTH, the name of the Senator from Georgia (Mr. WARNOCK) was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 3288 intended to be proposed to S. 2296, an original bill to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2026 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military

construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes.

SUBMITTED RESOLUTIONS

SENATE RESOLUTION 397—EX-PRESSING SUPPORT FOR THE DESIGNATION OF SEPTEMBER AS "DYSTONIA AWARENESS MONTH" TO PROMOTE PUBLIC AWARENESS AND UNDERSTANDING OF DYSTONIA

Mr. BANKS (for himself and Mr. MERKLEY) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions:

S. RES. 397

Whereas dystonia is a neurological movement disorder that causes excessive, involuntary muscle contractions, resulting in abnormal muscle movements and body postures;

Whereas dystonia affects an estimated 250,000 to 300,000 individuals in the United States, though the true number may be higher due to underdiagnosis and misdiagnosis;

Whereas dystonia can affect people of all ages, genders, and backgrounds, and may appear as a standalone condition or as a symptom of other neurological disorders;

Whereas there are multiple forms of dystonia, including focal, segmental, and generalized dystonias, that may impact a person's ability to walk, speak, see, or perform daily tasks;

Whereas dystonia can cause significant physical disability, social isolation, emotional distress, and financial hardship for individuals and families;

Whereas, although there is no cure for dystonia, treatments such as botulinum toxin injections, oral medications, deep brain stimulation, and supportive therapies can help manage symptoms and improve quality of life;

Whereas greater awareness and understanding of dystonia will lead to earlier diagnosis, expanded research, improved treatments, and better support for individuals and families living with this condition;

Whereas medical researchers and clinicians are working diligently to increase awareness and advance knowledge of dystonia through outreach, education, and scientific study;

Whereas servicemembers and veterans may experience dystonia as a result of traumatic brain injury, exposure to certain medications, or other service-related conditions, underscoring the importance of research, treatment access, and care within the health systems of the Department of Defense and Department of Veterans Affairs; and

Whereas the Peer Reviewed Medical Research Program of the Department of Defense has awarded competitive research grants supporting studies on dystonia, reflecting the recognition of its impact on the health of servicemembers, veterans, and the general population: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) expresses support for the designation of September as "Dystonia Awareness Month";

(2) recognizes the need for further research to discover new treatments and a cure for dystonia;

(3) commends the efforts of medical professionals and researchers who work to improve the lives of individuals with dystonia; and

(4) encourages the people of the United States to observe Dystonia Awareness Month

with appropriate programs and activities to raise public awareness and understanding of dystonia.

**SENATE RESOLUTION 398—CON-
DEMNING THE TREATMENT OF
DR. GUBAD IBADOGLU BY THE
GOVERNMENT OF AZERBAIJAN
AND URGING HIS IMMEDIATE
RELEASE**

Mr. TILLIS (for himself, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. CASSIDY, Mr. FETTERMAN, and Mr. KAINE) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations:

S. RES. 398

Whereas recent diplomatic progress in peace accords between Armenia and Azerbaijan has raised hopes for a more stable and prosperous future in the South Caucasus;

Whereas that progress presents an important opportunity for Azerbaijan to strengthen its global partnerships and demonstrate its commitment to international norms;

Whereas that progress cannot be fully realized while wrongful detentions and human rights violations persist in Azerbaijan;

Whereas Dr. Gubad Ibadoghlu, a respected academic and economist, and his wife, Irada Bayramova, were arrested by Azerbaijani authorities on July 23, 2023, and severely beaten while in police custody;

Whereas Dr. Ibadoghlu was dubiously accused of multiple criminal acts without evidence, imprisoned in extremely poor conditions, and denied adequate medical care, resulting in significant health deterioration;

Whereas, although transferred to house arrest on April 22, 2024, Dr. Ibadoghlu has been denied a trial date, left in legal limbo, and subjected to repeated violations of due process and access to counsel;

Whereas the Department of State, the United States Embassy in Baku, leading academic institutions, Members of Congress, and respected international organizations have all expressed deep concern and called for the immediate release of Dr. Ibadoghlu;

Whereas the Government of Azerbaijan's continued practice of wrongful detention, including cases such as those of Bakhtiyar Hajiyev, Avaz Zeynalli, Ulviyya Guliyeva, Farid Mehralizada, and Elchin Sadigov, undermines the credibility of its commitments to peace and partnership with the community of democracies; and

Whereas Azerbaijan has sought to highlight its international engagement and prestige through events such as the Formula 1 Grand Prix and other global forums, but those efforts are fundamentally at odds with the continued detention of political prisoners and the denial of basic humanitarian standards: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) commends the progress made in peace negotiations between Armenia and Azerbaijan, and expresses hope that such progress will lead to lasting peace and greater international engagement;

(2) condemns—

(A) the treatment of Dr. Ibadoghlu and other political prisoners by the Government of Azerbaijan;

(B) the Government of Azerbaijan's practice of wrongful detention; and

(C) the suppression of academic freedom and peaceful expression;

(3) calls for the immediate and unconditional release of political prisoners in Azerbaijan, including Dr. Ibadoghlu, and specifically urges his release in advance of Azerbaijan's hosting of international events such as the Formula 1 Grand Prix, further under-

scoring that until such release occurs, the United States cannot treat those events as positive opportunities for partnership and will instead continue to highlight in such forums the persistence of wrongful detentions and human rights concerns; and

(4) urges all responsible officials and agencies of the United States Government, including the Department of State, the Department of the Treasury, and other relevant entities, to make Dr. Ibadoghlu's well-being and release a priority in all engagements with the Government of Azerbaijan, reinforcing that genuine peace must be accompanied by respect for human rights and academic freedom.

**SENATE RESOLUTION 399—CON-
GRATULATING THE PEOPLE OF
NORTH MACEDONIA ON THE 34TH
ANNIVERSARY OF THEIR INDE-
PENDENCE AND CELEBRATING
THE 30TH ANNIVERSARY OF DIP-
LOMATIC RELATIONS BETWEEN
NORTH MACEDONIA AND THE
UNITED STATES**

Mr. WELCH (for himself, Mr. TILLIS, Mrs. SHAHEEN, and Mr. RICKETTS) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations:

S. RES. 399

Whereas the Republic of North Macedonia peacefully asserted and achieved independent statehood on September 8, 1991, and has since become a secure, democratic, and prosperous country and a key United States ally and strategic partner in the Western Balkans;

Whereas North Macedonia affirmed its commitment to joining the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) in 1993, adopted major defense reforms, built a modern, professional defense force, and became the 30th NATO alliance member on March 27, 2020;

Whereas, in 1993, the State of Vermont and North Macedonia established a partnership under the National Guard State Partnership Program;

Whereas, in 1995, the United States and North Macedonia established full diplomatic relations;

Whereas, in 2008, the United States signed a Declaration of Strategic Partnership and Cooperation with North Macedonia;

Whereas, in June 2022, North Macedonia held a strategic dialogue with the United States, marking a significant bilateral milestone and step toward implementation of the Declaration of Strategic Partnership and Cooperation;

Whereas, on May 29, 2025, United States Secretary of State Marco Rubio met with North Macedonia Minister of Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade Timco Mucunski, commended the strong relationship between the two countries, and highlighted mutual interests in regional stability, economic cooperation, and NATO;

Whereas North Macedonia has demonstrated its importance to the European Union and the United States as a security partner and NATO ally, providing Ukraine with humanitarian aid and considerable military equipment, voting in favor of United Nations Security Council and General Assembly resolutions against Russian aggression, and adopting all European Union sanctions on the Russian Federation;

Whereas the resolution of the naming dispute between Greece and North Macedonia paved the way for North Macedonia's NATO membership and candidacy for membership in the European Union;

Whereas the Government of North Macedonia has demonstrated its commitment to Euro-Atlantic integration through alignment with the Common Foreign and Security Policy of the European Union; and

Whereas September 8, 2025, marks the 34th anniversary of the independence of North Macedonia, a moment to reflect on the country's achievements in establishing and maintaining a resilient democracy in the service of the freedom and prosperity of the people of North Macedonia: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) extends congratulations and best wishes to the people of North Macedonia as they celebrate the 34th anniversary of their independence;

(2) honors the bond of friendship between the United States and North Macedonia and the shared values of freedom, democracy, and good governance;

(3) recognizes the cooperation between the State of Vermont and North Macedonia and the partnership between the Vermont National Guard and the Army of the Republic of North Macedonia;

(4) appreciates North Macedonia's continued commitment to the Prespa Agreement;

(5) honors five years of shared security, collective defense, and joint military alliance with North Macedonia as a member of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization;

(6) appreciates North Macedonia's active role in fostering peace and stability in Eastern Europe and the Western Balkans and advancing democratic reforms and Euro-Atlantic integration, and its alignment with positions of the European Union and the United States on security and foreign policy; and

(7) looks toward many more decades of shared prosperity, peace, cooperation, and friendship.

**SENATE RESOLUTION 400—EX-
PRESSING SUPPORT FOR DES-
IGNATION OF THE WEEK OF SEP-
TEMBER 14 THROUGH 20, 2025, AS
“NATIONAL ADULT EDUCATION
AND FAMILY LITERACY WEEK”**

Mr. REED (for himself, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. KING, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, and Mr. DURBIN) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

S. RES. 400

Whereas new data released in December 2024 by the Program for the International Assessment of Adult Competencies reported that nearly 59,000,000 adults in the United States lack the basic literacy, numeracy, and digital skills necessary to succeed at home, in the workplace, and in society;

Whereas data from the 2023 American Community Survey indicated that nearly 21,000,000 adults in the United States lack a high school credential and another 20,000,000 adults in the United States lack adequate English-language skills;

Whereas the literacy of the people of the United States is essential for the economic and societal well-being and the national security of the United States;

Whereas the United States reaps the economic benefits of individuals who improve their literacy, numeracy, and English-language skills;

Whereas literacy, numeracy, and digital skills are necessary for individuals to fully benefit from the range of opportunities available in the United States;

Whereas the economy and position of the United States in the world marketplace depend on having a literate, skilled population;

Whereas the unemployment rate in the United States is highest among those without a high school diploma or an equivalent credential, demonstrating that education is essential for economic recovery;

Whereas the educational skills of the parents of a child and the practice of reading to a child have a direct impact on the educational success of the child;

Whereas parental involvement in the education of a child is a key predictor of the success of a child, and the level of parental involvement in the education of a child increases as the educational level of the parent increases;

Whereas parents who participate in family literacy programs become more involved in the education of their children and gain the tools necessary to obtain a job or find better employment;

Whereas, as a result of family literacy programs, the lives of children become more stable and the success of children in the classroom and in future endeavors becomes more likely;

Whereas adults need to be part of a long-term solution to the educational challenges faced by the people of the United States;

Whereas many older individuals in the United States lack the reading, numeracy, or English-language skills necessary to read a prescription and follow medical instructions, which endangers the lives of older individuals and the lives of their loved ones;

Whereas many individuals who are unemployed, underemployed, or receive public assistance lack the literacy skills necessary to obtain and retain employment, to continue their education, or to participate in job training and career development programs;

Whereas many high school dropouts do not have the literacy skills necessary to complete their education, transition to postsecondary education or career and technical training, or obtain work that provides a living wage;

Whereas a large portion of individuals in prison have low educational skills, and individuals without educational skills are more likely to return to prison once released;

Whereas many immigrants in the United States do not have the literacy skills necessary to succeed in the United States; and

Whereas National Adult Education and Family Literacy Week highlights the need to ensure that each individual in the United States has the literacy, numeracy, and digital skills necessary to succeed at home, at work, and in society: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) supports the designation of the week of September 14 through 20, 2025, as “National Adult Education and Family Literacy Week”, to raise public awareness about the importance of adult education, workforce skills, and family literacy;

(2) encourages people across the United States to support programs that assist individuals in need of adult education, workforce skills, and family literacy programs;

(3) recognizes the importance of adult education, workforce skills, and family literacy programs; and

(4) calls on public, private, and nonprofit entities to support increased access to adult education and family literacy programs to ensure a fully literate society.

AMENDMENTS SUBMITTED AND PROPOSED

SA 3899. Mr. GRAHAM (for himself and Mr. VAN HOLLEN) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 3748 proposed by Mr. WICKER (for himself and Mr. REED) to the bill S. 2296, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2026 for military ac-

tivities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 3900. Mr. KELLY (for himself and Mr. CURTIS) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 2296, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

TEXT OF AMENDMENTS

SA 3899. Mr. GRAHAM (for himself and Mr. VAN HOLLEN) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 3748 proposed by Mr. WICKER (for himself and Mr. REED) to the bill S. 2296, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2026 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the end of section 6211 of division E, insert the following:

(b) REPORT.—Not later than 90 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, and every 180 days thereafter for the following 4 years, the President or his designee shall submit to Congress an unclassified report, with a classified annex if necessary, that certifies whether the Government of Syria—

(1) has committed itself to the goal of eliminating the threat posed by ISIS and other terrorist groups and has worked in partnership with the United States to join as a member of the Global Coalition To Defeat ISIS;

(2) is making progress in providing security for religious and ethnic minorities in Syria and includes representation from religious and ethnic minorities in the government;

(3) is not taking unilateral, unprovoked military action against its neighbors, including the State of Israel, and continues to make progress towards international security agreements, as appropriate;

(4) is not knowingly financing, assisting (monetarily or through weapons transfers), or harboring individuals or groups (including foreign terrorist organizations and specially designated global terrorists) that are harmful to the national security of the United States or allies and partners of the United States in the region;

(5) has removed, or has taken steps to remove, foreign fighters from senior roles in the Government of Syria, including those in the state and security institutions of Syria; and

(6) is in the process of investigating and has committed to prosecuting those that have committed serious abuses of internationally recognized human rights since December 8, 2024, including those responsible for the massacre of religious minorities.

(c) NOTIFICATION TO THE GOVERNMENT OF SYRIA.—The President or his designee shall inform the Government of Syria of the findings of the report required under subsection (b).

(d) SENSE OF CONGRESS ON REIMPOSITION OF SANCTIONS.—If the President or his designee is unable to make an affirmative certification under subsection (b) for two consecutive reporting periods, it is the sense of Congress that sanctions under the Caesar Syria Civilian Protection Act of 2019 (title LXXIV of division F of Public Law 116-92; 22 U.S.C. 8791 note) should be reimposed and remain in

effect until the President or his designee makes an affirmative certification under subsection (b).

SA 3900. Mr. KELLY (for himself and Mr. CURTIS) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 2296, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2026 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the end of subtitle C of title III, add the following:

SEC. 330. DEPOT-LEVEL MAINTENANCE COORDINATION IN MULTINATIONAL EXERCISES.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Each year, the Secretary of the Air Force shall incorporate in at least one multinational exercise conducted in the area of operations of the United States Indo-Pacific Command—

(1) depot-level maintenance, repair, and sustainment considerations, including binational or multinational planning sessions with covered nations on—

(A) identifying opportunities to cooperate on depot-level maintenance and repair in ways that minimize transportation requirements in such area of operations and determining the authorities necessary to deliver necessary joint capabilities;

(B) facilitating real-time coordination between the United States and covered nations to maintain munitions stock levels and resupply routes in such area of operations;

(C) mutual recognition of airworthiness and maintenance certification between the United States and covered nations; and

(D) emergency tabletop exercises, such as when an aircraft of a covered nation breaks down in United States territory, and vice versa, in a contested logistics environment.

(2) coordination with the Air Force Sustainment Center, including the participation of representatives of—

(A) the United States Indo-Pacific Command;

(B) the United States Pacific Air Forces;

(C) the United States Air Mobility Command; and

(D) the Air Force Sustainment Center.

(b) REPORT.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than one year after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of the Air Force shall submit to Congress a report summarizing the lessons learned from carrying out an exercise in accordance with subsection (a) with respect to the Republic of Korea and the Commonwealth of Australia.

(2) ELEMENTS.—The report required by paragraph (1) shall include the following:

(A) A list of candidate systems for co-sustainment with the Republic of Korea and the Commonwealth of Australia.

(B) A list of depot-level repair workload opportunities to undertake with the Republic of Korea and the Commonwealth of Australia, including testing equipment or line replaceable units.

(C) Opportunities to incorporate Korean and Australian industry partners in depot-level maintenance repair activities, including through public-private partnerships.

(D) An identification of any potential logistical challenges that could arise with the host country, including with respect to workforce, housing, and location of workload.

(E) An identification of any potential impediments involving intellectual property or

data rights between original equipment manufacturers and the Department of the Air Force or between the Department of the Air Force and the Republic of Korea or the Commonwealth of Australia.

(F) An identification of any potential impediments related to International Traffic in Arms Regulations and related statutes.

(G) Any additional recommendations to Congress that would ease the facilitation of depot-level maintenance repair partnerships with the Republic of Korea and the Commonwealth of Australia, including changes to existing status of forces agreements.

(H) An analysis of current maintenance and repair capabilities and gaps in the organic industrial base of the Republic of Korea and the Commonwealth of Australia.

(I) An assessment of the types of maintenance and repair activities (including depot-level, preventative, and corrective) that may be most appropriate for a partnership with the Republic of Korea or the Commonwealth of Australia.

(J) An assessment of how any such partnership may contribute to allied contingency operations, interoperability, and regional posture resilience in the Indo-Pacific region.

(K) A consideration of planning factors related to the evolving force generation models of the Air Force, future-generation aircraft programs, deployment schedules, statutory maintenance thresholds, and other relevant operational requirements.

(c) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

(1) COVERED NATION DEFINED.—The term “covered nation” means any of the following:

(A) The Commonwealth of Australia.

(B) Canada.

(C) Japan.

(D) New Zealand.

(E) The Republic of Korea.

(F) The United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.

(G) Any other nation as designated as a covered nation for the purposes of this section by the Secretary of the Air Force.

(2) INTERNATIONAL TRAFFIC IN ARMS REGULATIONS.—The term “International Traffic in Arms Regulations” means subchapter M of chapter I of title 22, Code of Federal Regulations (or successor regulations).

NOTICES OF INTENT TO NOT OBJECT

I, Senator CHUCK GRASSLEY, do not object to the consideration of Brian Morrissey, Jr., of Virginia, to be General Counsel for the Department of the Treasury, dated September 17, 2025.

I, Senator CHUCK GRASSLEY, do not object to the consideration of Francis Brooke, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Treasury, dated September 17, 2025.

I, Senator CHUCK GRASSLEY, do not object to the consideration of Jonathan McKernan, of Tennessee, to be an Under Secretary of the Treasury, dated September 17, 2025.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

Mr. MORENO. Mr. President, I have 12 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 Sen-

ate, the following committees are authorized to meet during today's session of the Senate:

COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, SCIENCE, AND TRANSPORTATION

The Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation is authorized to meet in executive session during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, September 17, 2025, at 10 a.m.

COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, SCIENCE, AND TRANSPORTATION

The Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, September 17, 2025, at 10:10 a.m., to conduct a subcommittee hearing on nominations.

COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND PUBLIC WORKS

The Committee on Environment and Public Works is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, September 17, 2025, at 9:50 a.m., to conduct a business meeting.

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

The Committee on Foreign Relations is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, September 17, 2025, at 9:15 a.m., to conduct a business meeting.

COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, EDUCATION, LABOR, AND PENSIONS

The Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, September 17, 2025, at 10 a.m., to conduct a hearing.

COMMITTEE ON INDIAN AFFAIRS

The Committee on Indian Affairs is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, September 17, 2025, at 2:30 p.m., to conduct a hearing.

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

The Committee on the Judiciary is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, September 17, 2025, at 10:15 a.m., to conduct a hearing on nominations.

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

The Committee on the Judiciary is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, September 17, 2025, at 2 p.m., to conduct a hearing.

COMMITTEE ON SMALL BUSINESS AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP

The Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, September 17, 2025, at 2:30 p.m., to conduct a hearing.

COMMITTEE ON VETERANS' AFFAIRS

The Committee on Veterans' Affairs is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, September 17, 2025, at 4 p.m., to conduct a hearing.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON AGING

The Special Committee on Aging is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, September 17, 2025, at 3:30 p.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 Wednesday, September 17, 2025, at 3 p.m., to conduct a closed briefing.

EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR DESIGNATION OF THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 14 THROUGH 20, 2025, AS NATIONAL ADULT EDUCATION AND FAMILY LITERACY WEEK

Mr. MORENO. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the consideration of S. Res. 400, which was submitted earlier today.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the resolution by title.

The bill clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 400) expressing support for designation of the week of September 14 through 20, 2025, as “National Adult Education and Family Literacy Week”.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the resolution.

Mr. MORENO. I ask unanimous consent that the resolution be agreed to, the preamble be agreed to, and that the motions to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table with no intervening action or debate.

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

The resolution (S. Res. 400) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

(The resolution, with its preamble, is printed in today's RECORD under “Submitted Resolutions.”)

ORDERS FOR THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2025

Mr. MORENO. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it stand in recess until 10 a.m. on Thursday, September 18; that following the prayer and pledge, the Journal of proceedings be approved to date, and the time for the two leaders be reserved for their use later in the day; further, following leader remarks, the Senate proceed to executive session and resume consideration of the nominations en bloc pursuant to S. Res. 377; finally, that all time during recess and leader remarks count postcloture on the nominations en bloc.

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

ORDER FOR RECESS

Mr. MORENO. Mr. President, if there is no further business to come before the Senate, I ask that it stand in recess under the previous order, following the remarks of my Democratic colleagues.

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

The Senator from Wisconsin.

HEALTHCARE

Ms. BALDWIN. Mr. President, folks in this Chamber may know this, but

the fight for affordable healthcare is deeply personal to me.

When I was just 9 years old, I had a very serious childhood illness. It was a diagnosis similar to spinal meningitis—that wasn't the exact diagnosis—but I was actually in the hospital for 3 months. And even though I made a full recovery, my family was not able to find health insurance for me at any price, and that is because I had been labeled as a child with a preexisting health condition.

At that time, insurance companies were allowed to refuse coverage for people because they had preexisting health conditions, but because of the Affordable Care Act, we changed that and gave Americans with preexisting conditions some serious protections.

We gave families like mine hope. We gave young people hope allowing them to stay on their parents' health insurance until age 26—a provision I crafted in the House of Representatives. And we gave small business owners hope, ensuring that their employees could get affordable care.

And since then, I am proud to say that we have actually built on the success of the Affordable Care Act. One of those wins has been giving families a tax break when they buy their insurance through the marketplace to help make their healthcare more affordable.

For small businesses, like our restaurants, manufacturers, and childcare providers, the small group health insurance market isn't just a huge administrative burden, it is also expensive. The open marketplace is the difference between being able to hire and retain and keep doors open and losing staff to jobs at companies that have the wherewithal to provide health insurance.

But this tax break is all on the line right now. If Republicans don't act with us, this tax break will end at the end of this year, jacking up premium costs for 24 million people in America, including pricing about 4 million Americans out of the market altogether.

Yes, you heard me right, 4 or more million people will see their healthcare terminated. These numbers have very real people behind each of them, with very real stories.

Take Amanda. Amanda is a broker's assistant in a real estate office in Wisconsin who relies on the enhanced premium tax credits on the Affordable Care Act. Amanda, who has lupus, needs weekly shots to manage the autoimmune disease.

Or take Madison chef and restaurant owner Evan Dannels who has about a dozen employees who all get their care from the Affordable Care Act.

He said that if that weren't an affordable option, his employees would be looking at corporate employers that can afford big insurance packages.

The stories go on and on of Wisconsinites who rely on the Affordable Care Act to get just that: affordable healthcare.

But these are the people who will have their premiums skyrocketing, forcing some like Amanda to lose care altogether and forcing others like Evan to lose employees.

The upside is that there is a very simple way to fix this, and it is right in front of us: pass the bill that Senator SHAHEEN and I lead to make these tax breaks permanent.

Time is of the essence. Families and businesses are going to get those dreaded letters in the mail any day now saying their premiums are going up 75 percent. Families will have to make really tough choices. Small businesses will be left holding the bag as employees leave for corporations that are able to afford insurance plans.

So we are left with one question: Will Republicans refuse to act and increase healthcare costs for tens of millions of Americans? So far, their answer has been yes. They have had opportunity after opportunity—in fact, three different times on the Senate floor this year—but again they chose not to do anything.

When Republicans were putting together their huge sweeping tax bill, you would think that including tax breaks for tens of millions of families to afford healthcare would be their centerpiece, right? Wrong.

As families are slated to get notices of how much their premiums are going to go up any day now, Republicans had yet another chance this week to help address this pressing issue. House Republicans unveiled a bill just yesterday to fund the government, but it does absolutely nothing to lower healthcare costs or prevent millions from being kicked off of their insurance.

This agenda to strip healthcare for millions and raise healthcare costs for tens of millions is not what the American people are clamoring for, I can assure you.

Wisconsinites have been crystal clear that they need lower costs. The last thing they need is their healthcare premiums to be jacked up or, worse, not even being able to afford them. If Republicans fail to act, Wisconsinites know who to thank when their premiums go up next year and millions are priced out of healthcare.

I yield the floor.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Washington.

HEALTHCARE

Ms. CANTWELL. Mr. President, I appreciate my colleague from Wisconsin talking about her own healthcare experience and why those in Wisconsin want to see us take action to help keep insurance affordable.

I rise today because Americans are facing a massive wave of healthcare costs. Those increases are swamping the family budget, and they are hurting our healthcare system by increasing uncompensated care.

But before I did that, I wanted to make a comment on today's HELP

Committee hearing with the former CDC Director, Director Susan Monarez, who was fired by Secretary of Health and Human Services Robert F. Kennedy because she refused to rubberstamp what he wanted to have happen.

Dr. Monarez basically confirmed what we already knew today, and that was that instead of basing vaccines on hundreds of years of science, instead the Secretary of Health is trying to replace that with a pseudoscience. He is basically trying to say, instead of 100 years of evidence about vaccines for measles and other childhood diseases, that now a new group is going to come up with recommendations and, thereby, I think, confusing people.

So I am glad that the West Coast Alliance of scientists today put out a statement talking about, what is the science that has been the basis for the United States for several years. Those are important things to understand, but this is an assault on our healthcare system if we don't continue to follow science in the most specific way.

So I appreciate Dr. Monarez basically coming before the Senate today, making sure that people understand that she was fired because she didn't want to go along with this, and I think that she made some important statements today about saying that we need to base science on evidence and not ideology. I agree with that, and I think people in the Northwest want to see this alliance in our State and, in California and Oregon, continue to advocate for good science when it comes to vaccines.

But I wanted to also talk tonight about our healthcare system and the assault on it. Last week, the Washington State Office of the Insurance Commissioner approved a 21-percent increase in the 2026 ACA marketplace insurance premium.

So what does that mean? It means that our State said that insurance rates could go up. Why are they saying they could go up? Because this is the largest single increase since 2018, nearly double last year's increase. And why are they saying this? Well, they are saying this—insurers in Washington are saying this because they are pointing to a couple of things: the Trump tariffs, the rising cost of the delivery system, and most importantly, the failure of our colleagues to extend the tax credits that would make health insurance more affordable for about 22 million Americans.

In our State, 80,000 Washingtonians are expected to drop their health insurance coverage because they will no longer be able to afford it. That is a tragedy because we don't want to see people losing health insurance because, when they do, it means there is just a lot more uncompensated care and it means the cost of health insurance goes up for everybody. For everyone else, they will pay an average of \$129 more per month, or \$1,548 per year, just to keep the same health insurance plan.

So how did we get here? Why are Americans facing this looming threat? When the Affordable Care Act passed in 2010, the health insurance through Medicaid, the marketplace exchange was now available to millions of Americans. By making coverage affordable year after year, we saw more and more people covered by insurance.

The rate of those uninsured in the United States dropped from 15 percent before the ACA to an alltime low of over 7 percent in 2023. So we basically cut that in half. We cut the number of uninsured in half. We could have done more, in my opinion; there were a couple of things we left on the table that would have lowered that uninsured rate even more significantly.

But today, 44 million Americans get their health insurance through the ACA. That is about one in six people under the age of 65. In our State, it provides coverage for an additional 626,000 Medicaid recipients and nearly 300,000 beneficiaries on the exchange. In 2023, the uninsured rate in our State was just 4.8 percent. So that means people are covered. You don't have uncompensated care, you don't have emergency room visits, you don't have the problems that we are seeing.

So what happens now, though, is that millions of Americans, as I said, are now facing these skyrocketing costs of healthcare. And that is because data shows, when more people have health insurance and our providers spend less on compensated care, the system is more affordable. But according to a Kaiser Foundation study, aggregated uncompensated care dropped by \$20 billion in the 7 years after the Affordable Care Act passed. But the tax credits that help make coverage affordable for those who need it the most are essential to driving down the cost for everyone.

So if you don't keep the tax credits, we are now going to face skyrocketing healthcare costs, unless we extend those subsidies. That is the point. We did a good job—we lowered uncompensated care, we lowered the cost of insurance, and instead, now we are facing basically the end of subsidies that we are now going to make that go up and cost all of us.

As I mentioned, I have spoken to many of my constituents. One I just spoke to—Leslie, who has a connection to Three Rivers Hospital in Brewster, WA—she told me that her husband relies on the ACA premium credits to afford his marketplace insurance. Without the subsidy, his monthly premium would increase from \$200 to \$700 a month, and he will no longer be able to afford his insurance next year. He also needs to have surgery soon, so they are trying to figure out how to get that done fast. And Leslie and her husband run a small business. They don't have the luxury of waiting and paying more just to get basic healthcare in a very rural part of our State. She understands the healthcare system, and she knows that we need to fix this, so she

is calling on all of us to step up and get a certainty to the ACA tax credit.

I am worried about the additional 80,000 Washingtonians who are expected to lose access to checkups and preventive care. We know that people without healthcare insurance wait to get care until their condition worsens to a point where they end up in the emergency room. That costs them and everyone else more. And more people will also end up in the emergency department just because they can't afford preventive care or regular services. Treating a patient in the ER can be 10 times more expensive than treating a patient in a normal doctor's office, and these are costs that are being passed along in the form of higher healthcare premiums for all Washingtonians, no matter what type of health insurance they get.

So these Republican policies making it harder for us to hold down healthcare costs should stop. According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, the cost of the healthcare system has already risen 4.2 percent in the last 6 months, much higher than the rate of inflation. So we see these costs compared to other costs in our system. Obviously, energy costs are rising, but in addition to the cost of food and household essentials, Americans are facing these higher bills in general. I think the Trump administration is ignoring these real life impacts on families.

Congress should be working together to make healthcare less expensive, and we know that we, the Congress, in the Republican-passed bill also created a lot of uncertainty as to the Medicaid marketplace and what is happening, and we already met with hospitals today from rural parts of Washington, that are saying they are seeing the impacts already of that bill—on individuals not having certainty or, in one instance, basically a hospital needed to have some construction work done, and the person who was supposed to provide the construction and the financing of that said, "Are you really going to have the money to even do this?" So it is sending a ripple through the entire system.

So we can't afford to go back to a situation we had before the Affordable Care Act, when one of every seven Americans didn't have health insurance. We can't afford the wave of uncompensated care costs that will hit hospitals and, eventually, all of us; and we can't afford the loss of lives and the medical bills that people are seeing every day.

And we need Americans to understand that we should be listening to what they are saying. Seventy-two percent of Americans say they want an enhanced premium tax credit extension. That is those who are strongly in favor and somewhat in favor. That is what the American people are telling us. They want this healthcare to continue just like they want their Medicaid coverage to continue.

So let's do our jobs. Let's quickly act to extend the ACA tax credits. Let's do

everything we can to make health insurance more affordable. Let's make a bipartisan effort to show the American people that we hear them, that a very big percentage of them want more affordable healthcare—now, for all Americans, let's get it done.

I yield the floor.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Michigan.

HEALTHCARE

Ms. SLOTKIN. Mr. President, I rise today to talk about a very simple idea: that in the most powerful country in the world, every American should have access to healthcare they can afford.

Protecting Michiganders' healthcare is why I ran for the House originally. It is why I am here in the Senate.

I, frankly, never thought I would run for political office. But, in 2017, I watched on CNN as my then-Representative smiled and cheered in the Rose Garden as President Trump repealed the Affordable Care Act in the U.S. House. I looked at my TV screen, and I said: No, you don't get to do that. You don't get to ignore your constituents, vote against their interest, and keep your job.

I am a former CIA officer. I served alongside the military. In the military, they have a term for this. It is "dereliction of duty." It is a fireable offense. I ran that year to fire him, and, in 2018, we did just that.

This issue has particular salience for me because of my mom. My mom passed away in 2011 from ovarian cancer, and she had survived breast cancer many, many years ago, when I was a little girl. So she had that preexisting condition for the rest of her life.

She lost her job. She had financial issues. She couldn't afford the insurance that was on offer to her and walked into an emergency room and was diagnosed with stage IV ovarian cancer.

It was like a grenade went off in our lives. It is something I would not wish upon my worst enemy.

I took a leave of absence. I came home to Michigan. And at the same time that she was fighting for her life to get tests and emergency surgery, it was the same moment that we were fighting the insurance company so that she could get care.

She fought hard for 18 months, but she passed away in 2011. And that experience drives the work that I did in the House and, certainly, why I am here on this floor today.

Sadly, we are nearly a decade after that original attempt by President Trump to repeal the ACA, and we are in a similar place. President Trump and my Republican colleagues are doing everything in their power to cut healthcare for average Americans. They are just doing it in different and creative ways because they know it is politically unpopular to tell you to your face.

We are coming up on a big deadline here. We all know that. On September

30, the government runs out of money. I don't know a single person who wants a government shutdown. After almost 16 years in the Federal Government, where I was on the receiving end of those shutdowns, I do not want our government to run out of money. But if my Republican colleagues want my vote on that bill, they are going to need to act like adults and come talk to me about it.

And what I will say to the State that I am representing, as well as to my colleagues, is that if you want that vote, you are going to have to talk to me about healthcare. That is the place to start.

If we would roll the tape back to just a couple of months ago, the President and my colleagues voted on the Big Beautiful Bill. The Big Beautiful Bill did important things to change the face of healthcare in the United States, and we are only now just starting to feel the effects.

So if you want my vote next week or in the next couple of weeks, we are going to have to talk about the significant Medicaid cuts that you made, the ending of a bunch of subsidies for the marketplace, or Obamacare, and talk to me about putting money back into things like cancer research that you slashed, because there are few things as fundamental as providing healthcare to your family, and yet there are few systems in America that are as broken as healthcare in America.

I don't know of a single person who thinks that our healthcare system is working well. Do you know a single person who thinks they are paying too little for healthcare?

And then, on top of that, we don't even get the health outcomes they get in other countries.

And, now, President Trump has made these cuts even worse. As I mentioned, in the Big Beautiful Bill, they did two really important things: They cut Medicaid, and they cut the subsidies for Obamacare.

Why did they do that? That was the math that they needed in order to pay for permanent tax cuts for the very wealthy. Right? They didn't want to say that out loud: that in order to pay for those tax cuts for the very wealthy—those permanent tax cuts—they had to cut healthcare in America. They had to, in order to make the math work.

But we know that those kinds of cuts could potentially shutter hospitals, particularly in the rural parts of my State. Community health centers could close. Every hospital I have talked to is talking about which services are they going to have to cut, particularly things like birth and delivery services. You are going to have communities that have to drive 30, 40, 50 miles just to have a baby or to make it to the ER.

And, now, Michiganders on the other side of the ledger—those who have private insurance—are starting to feel the heat, because if you cut those other programs, if you cut Medicaid and

Obamacare—and maybe you say to yourself: Well, I am not on Medicaid. Well, I am not on the marketplace. I don't have Obamacare. The healthcare companies have already started, for their private insurance, increasing the rates, starting January 1.

They are starting to send out letters, like this one I have in front of me. This was sent to a man in Macomb County, in Sterling Heights. I met him this past weekend.

I said: I am really concerned that private, employer-provided healthcare is going to go up starting January 1.

He is like: I have already got my letter.

His letter here says: Last year, the cost of your healthcare program in total was \$36,969—so almost \$37,000. Starting January 1, if you want to continue this program, it is \$43,000.

That is happening across the State of Michigan already. So if you thought that the Big Beautiful Bill was cutting someone else's healthcare, that cost—which is so personal to so many people because it is whether we can provide health to our loved ones—is now going to go up. So every single American is either at risk of losing their health insurance or having the price of their health insurance go up.

Other Michiganders are going to see an even bigger price hike than those who are in private insurance, especially if they are one of the half million Michiganders who get their coverage through the ACA marketplace or ObamaCare. Open season is this November 1. They are going to start to feel that pain immediately. We are hearing stories of people who are going to get a 79-percent increase in their bill starting January 1.

I had the head of a big Michigan private insurance company come in today. She was telling me that other insurers have just decided to get out of the business of providing healthcare plans for people on the marketplace. You are going to have fewer choices. Companies like HAP, Molina, and Meridian have already decided, because of the bill President Trump pushed for in July, they are no longer going to be offering plans through the ObamaCare marketplace. So less choice, higher prices.

Just to put this in perspective, here is an example of what President Trump and my Republican colleagues have brought to working Americans: A family of four making \$129,000 a year, two kids, if they are on the marketplace plan, they are going to see their healthcare plan go up by \$5,000 next year starting January 1. That is how much they will pay just for the increase.

And a 60-year-old couple, two elderly folks—or 60-year-old folks, not elderly—living on about \$85,000 a year, they are empty nesters. Their kids have left home. They will see their premiums go up by over \$10,000 next year. What do you do if you are 60 years old, and there are two of you? Your plan was already expensive. Now you have another \$10,000 on top of that.

You know that those people are thinking to themselves: You know what? I am just going to go without insurance. I can't—he is raising my bills in every single category, and so I am just going to take the risk. I am going to go without health insurance and hope that I don't get into a car crash or into a major accident.

President Trump literally campaigned on lowering your costs. That was what this election was about. He said he was going to put more money in your pocket. Can anyone name a single place, if you are a working American, where your costs have gone down and not up since January of this year?

And many Michiganders are going to end up in the position my mom was in—walking into an ER, getting that diagnosis—your brother, your mother, your child—needing care and having to choose between bankruptcy and getting some sort of care for that terminal illness.

We can't end the fight there. I am willing to negotiate with my colleagues. I know that plenty of my colleagues on the other side of the aisle think that it is absolutely insane to raise the price of healthcare; that they don't want to be associated with that. There are so many people who feel that way. We have people retiring on the other side of the aisle.

But the only way that we move the needle is if we get loud about it. That is exactly what happened in 2017. Why is it that cutting healthcare was President Trump's signature campaign goal in 2016? Why did he talk about it obsessively every day in 2017? While the House of Representatives on the other side of this building did repeal ObamaCare, but we still have it today—why is that? It is because the public said no. The public said: You are not going to take away my healthcare, my protections for preexisting conditions, and get away with it.

And the public turned so hard against the Republicans on that issue that in this body, on this floor, John McCain cast the deciding vote, thumbs down, on repealing ObamaCare. That is why we have it today because of the bravery of that man.

I wish and pray for the bravery of someone like John McCain to be back in this body on the other side of the aisle who has the ability to say: No matter what my party, I am not going to charge Americans more for their healthcare.

President Trump has done the opposite of that. If you want to understand what happens when you get your letter—and they are all coming. October for Michiganders is when we understand the plans are sending out their letters. When you get that letter and gasp how your price has gone up on your private insurance, your employer-provided healthcare, you understand exactly who gave you that price increase, exactly who put you in that position, exactly who told you that he was going to lower your costs, and now

you are going to have to eat that cost starting January 1. That is Donald Trump. That is my Republican colleagues who sit across the aisle. That is everyone who said: I am going to do the political thing instead of what is right for the average American.

Healthcare is something that this country should be providing to its citizens so that everyone can afford it. That is just a basic thing we should do as the most powerful Nation in the world.

All I ask my colleagues across the aisle, especially as we hit this September 30 deadline, is ask yourself: What would John McCain do? What would John McCain have done on the Big Beautiful Bill and what would he do if he had the chance to restore people's healthcare and he had that moment on the Senate floor?

Please, grow some spine and help your constituents. Let's have a conversation about healthcare.

I yield the floor.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Minnesota.

HEALTHCARE

Ms. KLOBUCHAR. Mr. President, I join my colleague from Michigan as well as Senators WELCH and SHAHEEN and the others that come before this body today to talk about what is really happening out there.

Well, what is really happening out there is that we are in a healthcare crisis, and that is because the big beautiful betrayal of a bill will kick 15 million Americans off their healthcare, force hospitals, health clinics, and nursing homes to close. This is already happening with the premium notices, with what they are already seeing. It is raising costs for everyday Americans.

And now, if Congress doesn't act to extend the Affordable Care Act's health tax credits before they expire, more than 20 million Americans will see their premiums soar, putting their coverage at risk.

I go to all 87 counties in my State every single year, and I visit rural hos-

pitals. I know what is happening out there. I know what is happening to people who are in small businesses, who rely on the Affordable Care Act, who are already seeing increased grocery costs, already seeing increased electricity costs, and are already seeing dried-up markets because of these tariffs. This is all hitting them at once.

At the end of the day, everything from regular checkups and lifesaving prescriptions to hospital visits and long-term care is under threat—not for the wealthiest. They are going to be able to handle it. Maybe not even for people in some of the big cities, but for people out there in rural right now, they are barely holding on as it is.

And this is on top of the funding cuts to public health and medical research that extinguish hope for lifesaving cures and jeopardize America's global leadership and medical innovation. Those people are holding on too.

Just last weekend, I went with the Parkinson's Association on their charity walk. Those people are holding on for hope in their wheelchairs. They are holding on for hope. They are daughters and sons; they are brothers and sisters. We are so close in so many areas because of the mapping of the human genome, because of AI—as this is coming from the home of the Mayo Clinic, MN—that we do not want to go backward when it comes to investment in research.

That is why my Democratic colleagues and I are fighting to restore healthcare in this upcoming budget bill. Right now, healthcare access for more than 20 million Americans who benefited from healthcare tax credits are at risk, as I just noted. As a result, a record number of Americans, 24 million people, have been enrolled in this Affordable Care Act, but all of them are going to see this increase if something isn't done.

This will be a massive hit to working families. It will be especially harmful to middle-class families, small business owners, and entrepreneurs, seniors, and people living in rural communities. It

will force States to reduce coverage and shift resources away from other priorities like education and public safety. In Minnesota, at least nine rural hospitals are at immediate risk of having to shut their doors and stop providing care.

Medicare, Medicaid, and enhanced healthcare tax credits are overwhelmingly supported by Americans. Why? Because this is about their families. This is about the fact that they know that healthcare—over the years, they have seen the prices and what has happened with pharmaceuticals, and they expect us to do better than what is happening now. They expect us to do better than putting forward what is in this bill that just happened that hurts their rural hospitals or throws people off of their coverage or stops lifesaving research on these cures that has always been so bipartisan or the rhetoric around vaccines, which so many of them know their kids need. I just found out this year I had no immunity to measles. I got the shot, but it was at the wrong time. So I got that vaccine. Right now, so many people don't even know. They turn on the TV, and they hear the HHS Secretary question these vaccines against the belief of a number of people on the other side of the aisle, the Senators, Republican Senators, including those who are doctors. This is just creating massive chaos.

Costs are up. Chaos is up. Confusion is up. We must do better. More insured Americans is good for patients, good for families, and good for our country. More research paves the way for cutting-edge treatment and the cures of tomorrow.

I yield the floor.

RECESS UNTIL 10 A.M. TOMORROW

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the Senate stands in recess until 10 a.m. tomorrow.

Thereupon, the Senate, at 6:41 p.m., recessed until Thursday, September 18, 2025, at 10 a.m.