

for his tremendous work here. I have been here for 24 years, and every year I have been here, he has been a critical part of the work we do. Thank you, Tim, for the numerous issues you have helped us work our way through.

For me, when I was chairing the Budget Committee, which we all know is a very chaotic, long, and tedious process, Tim was there to make sure we did it right, that we were in order, and that things moved smoothly.

Tim, we could not have done it without you. Thank you for your 25 years of service and thank you to your family for allowing you to be here with us for 25 years of service, and I thank you for all you will continue to do in the future.

Thank you.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from New York.

Mr. SCHUMER. Mr. President, will the Democratic leader yield?

Mr. REID. I am happy to yield.

Mr. SCHUMER. Mr. President, every organization has what they call unsung heroes. On the battlefield, they are the soldiers, in the automobile plant, they are the assembly line workers, and in the hospital they may be the nurses. Those organizations can't go on without these people. They are the heart and soul of these organizations, and they do their work quietly but proudly. If you had to pick someone who personifies the unsung hero of this body, it would be Tim. He does his job every day. When you talk to him, you can see the pride and the knowledge he has in doing his job and doing it well.

BARBARA BOXER mentioned there are a lot of moments when everybody is in a stir but never Tim. He calmly and directly gives you the right advice. He is a hero—a hero not only to those of us who are here but to every Member of the Senate.

Tim, we love you. God bless.

TRIBUTE TO KRYSTA JURIS

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I want to switch from my friend Tim Mitchell to another friend I have. Ten years ago, I was in search of a scheduler. I needed someone to help with my scheduling and work here in my Capitol office. The office is just a few feet from here and it is extremely busy. We have people coming and going all day long, including the end of the night, and so I knew I needed someone who was good and would get better. Little did I realize that the woman I would hire didn't just get better, she has been the best. Her name is Krysta Juris.

I have a few months to go as a Member of Congress. I have been here 34 years, and I have had some remarkable employees. I have had such loyal staff with me now who have stayed until the bitter end, but it is hard to find a description for someone who is as capable, as nice, as competent, and as smart as Krysta Juris.

David McCallum, who helps me line up staff, told me he had a candidate

and thought she was really good. He gave me her background and told me she had worked in Senator Clinton's office and on her Presidential campaign. He told me—I guess this was the clincher—she was a collegiate lacrosse player. Lacrosse is a game I have gotten to know quite well because I have grandsons who play that sport. It is a really difficult, hard game. A college lacrosse player? I understand the difference between a high school lacrosse player and a college lacrosse player. Without knowing a lot more, I said she would be perfect. If she played lacrosse, she would know how to head a front office.

As I have indicated, serving as a scheduler for my office is not easy. She, as I indicated, was a college player. She played for the University of Maryland. They have excellent athletics there, generally.

She has had a demanding schedule for at least 10 years. She incurs long, long hours. Of course, it goes without saying that quickly she became the scheduler—not the assistant, not the deputy. To put it simply, to do this job you have to be really tough and fair. My colleagues who come to that office regularly—DURBIN, SCHUMER, MURRAY, and others—know Krysta. They always know that when they call Krysta, she tells them the truth: He is here; he is not here; he can see you; he can't see you. She is tough. She is strong and unafraid. She is not intimidated by some big-shot Senators. She handles them just fine.

She has been my gatekeeper and my loyal adviser, and she has performed phenomenally. She is the best at her job that I have ever seen in my many, many years of public service and as an attorney prior to my public service. For everything I have done, as far as setting the schedule, there is no one who is a close second.

She has been in the thick of things. She has been through my ups and my downs. She has been by my side. There are many, many examples. Some of us will never forget the snowstorm of 2009. It became so tense here that one of my Republican colleagues said that he hoped Senator Byrd would die during the night so we wouldn't have 60 Senators. With his being ill and having trouble navigating on his legs and living in Virginia and coming through the blizzard, we were worried. But he showed up. I told Krysta: Try to do all you can from home, because of this Snowmageddon, as we called it. We were in session. We had to finish the health care bill, and every day meant so very, very much. No, she did not stay home. She trudged through blocks and blocks of snow and snowdrifts to be here. She never missed a day. She spent many, many long, long nights in my office. I said: We will get someone to drive you or walk with you. She said: No, I am OK. I will be fine.

During the fiscal crisis of 2012, we were in session on New Year's Eve. She was at her desk working while the rest

of the world rang in the new year. Frankly, she was probably glad she was here. She has a little dog and those firecrackers and all that noise drives her little dog crazy. So she could be away from the firecrackers and keep her dog safe. She had reasons for being here during that period of time.

When the Republicans shut down the government for 17 days in 2013, she was here every day overseeing my schedule, making things run smoothly, even though no Senate employee was guaranteed that they would be paid for the work they were doing. As my colleagues will recall, many Senate employees didn't come to work.

On a more personal note, as happens in everyone's life, there are times of difficulty. The Reid family has had a few problems. As some will remember, I was engaged in my office trying to work out a deal with health care—the Affordable Care Act—and in walked Janice and Krysta and said there was a call: Your wife has been in an accident. It was very bad. It broke her neck in two places and her back, and her face was messed up. That was a hard time for us. Krysta was there. She was there. She helped with the scheduling. We got over that. Then Landra got an extremely aggressive form of breast cancer that went on for months. Krysta balanced my schedule here with my schedule with Landra. She made sure I had time with Landra to help. I will always remember her. I didn't have to ask her to do it; she did it.

When I had my unfortunate accident, Krysta knew how I had been hurt, and I did the best I could covering how I had been hurt. My three leaders—DURBIN, SCHUMER, AND MURRAY—helped me cover my disability for a while. She took care of things. My scheduling was done. I missed very, very few things because of her.

My children know her. My grandchildren know her. It is no surprise then to say that Krysta is and always will be part of my family.

Krysta's time is ending this week. It is kind of like my service here in the Senate. I wish it would never end. I wish Krysta could be with me always. But things change and things happen. But really with Krysta it is not time for distress or sadness; it is time for happiness because I have nothing but fond memories of this very beautiful woman—beautiful on the outside and on the inside. Why is it time for celebration? Because Krysta, at the ripe old age of 32, is having her first baby. She is so excited. I remember with all her babies, Landra wore the smocks that were kind of the style at that time. We don't do that anymore, and that is terrific. She is so pretty with her pregnancy, as she is without her pregnancy. She has never missed work because of her pregnancy. She has never complained about morning sickness or afternoon sickness or asked to go home early—never. So I am happy for her. I am happy for Trevor, her good husband.

Senator DURBIN has helped me on a number of occasions with things that he could help with regarding Krysta. He has been so thoughtful about making things work out.

So I am happy for Krysta. I am happy for Trevor. She is going to have a little girl. My hope is that that little girl will turn out to be just like her mom—a person everybody loves, a person who is dependable and trustworthy, and a person whose friendship is so important to those she knows.

My friendship with Krysta is not going to end when I leave the Senate. It is forever.

So thank you, Krysta, for a job well done. I wish you and your family the best that life has to offer.

Now back to some other things. I am sorry to have taken so long, but that is sometimes the way things are.

DONALD TRUMP

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I am very concerned about the integrity and the security of our democracy in America.

The United States is a nation that has always been and must always be governed by its people.

Later on today, I am going to see Ambassador Baucus. He is someone who has always talked about how we have to make sure the people determine what we do. America must never be subject to undue influence from foreign powers. Potential conflicts of interest involving our Nation's elected officials deserve our highest scrutiny. That is why I found yesterday's article by Kurt Eichenwald in *Newsweek* really frightening. I ask unanimous consent that the article be printed in the RECORD.

There being no objection, the material was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

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HOW THE TRUMP ORGANIZATION'S FOREIGN BUSINESS TIES COULD UPEND U.S. NATIONAL SECURITY

(By Kurt Eichenwald)

If Donald Trump is elected president, will he and his family permanently sever all connections to the Trump Organization, a sprawling business empire that has spread a secretive financial web across the world? Or will Trump instead choose to be the most conflicted president in American history, one whose business interests will constantly jeopardize the security of the United States?

Throughout this campaign, the Trump Organization, which pumps potentially hundreds of millions of dollars into the Trump family's bank accounts each year, has been largely ignored. As a private enterprise, its businesses, partners and investors are hidden from public view, even though they are the very people who could be enriched by—or will further enrich—Trump and his family if he wins the presidency.

A close examination by *Newsweek* of the Trump Organization, including confidential interviews with business executives and some of its international partners, reveals an enterprise with deep ties to global financiers, foreign politicians and even criminals, although there is no evidence the Trump Organization has engaged in any ille-

gal activities. It also reveals a web of contractual entanglements that could not be just canceled. If Trump moves into the White House and his family continues to receive any benefit from the company, during or even after his presidency, almost every foreign policy decision he makes will raise serious conflicts of interest and ethical quagmires.

THE MUMBAI SHUFFLE

The Trump Organization is not like the Bill, Hillary & Chelsea Clinton Foundation, the charitable enterprise that has been the subject of intense scrutiny about possible conflicts for the Democratic presidential nominee. There are allegations that Hillary Clinton bestowed benefits on contributors to the foundation in some sort of "pay to play" scandal when she was secretary of state, but that makes no sense because there was no "pay." Money contributed to the foundation was publicly disclosed and went to charitable efforts, such as fighting neglected tropical diseases that infect as many as a billion people. The financials audited by PricewaterhouseCoopers, the global independent accounting company, and the foundation's tax filings show that about 90 percent of the money it raised went to its charitable programs. (Trump surrogates have falsely claimed that it was only 10 percent and that the rest was used as a Clinton "slush fund.") No member of the Clinton family received any cash from the foundation, nor did it finance any political campaigns. In fact, like the Clintons, almost the entire board of directors works for free.

On the other hand, the Trump family rakes in untold millions of dollars from the Trump Organization every year. Much of that comes from deals with international financiers and developers, many of whom have been tied to controversial and even illegal activities. None of Trump's overseas contractual business relationships examined by *Newsweek* were revealed in his campaign's financial filings with the Federal Election Commission, nor was the amount paid to him by his foreign partners. (The Trump campaign did not respond to a request for the names of all foreign entities in partnership or contractually tied to the Trump Organization.) Trump's financial filings also indicate he is a shareholder or beneficiary of several overseas entities, including Excel Venture LLC in the French West Indies and Caribusiness Investments SRL, based in the Dominican Republic, one of the world's tax havens.

Trump's business conflicts with America's national security interests cannot be resolved so long as he or any member of his family maintains a financial interest in the Trump Organization during a Trump administration, or even if they leave open the possibility of returning to the company later. The Trump Organization cannot be placed into a blind trust, an arrangement used by many politicians to prevent them from knowing their financial interests; the Trump family is already aware of who their overseas partners are and could easily learn about any new ones.

Many foreign governments retain close ties to and even control of companies in their country, including several that already are partnered with the Trump Organization. Any government wanting to seek future influence with President Trump could do so by arranging for a partnership with the Trump Organization, feeding money directly to the family or simply stashing it away inside the company for their use once Trump is out of the White House. This is why, without a permanent departure of the entire Trump family from their company, the prospect of legal bribery by overseas powers seeking to influence American foreign policy, either through

existing or future partnerships, will remain a reality throughout a Trump presidency.

Moreover, the identity of every partner cannot be discovered if Trump reverses course and decided to release his taxes. The partnerships are struck with some of the more than 500 entities disclosed in Trump's financial disclosure forms; each of those entities has its own records that would have to be revealed for a full accounting of all of Trump's foreign entanglements to be made public.

The problem of overseas conflicts emerges from the nature of Trump's business in recent years. Much of the public believes Trump is a hugely successful developer, a television personality and a failed casino operator. But his primary business deals for almost a decade have been a quite different endeavor. The GOP nominee is essentially a licensor who leverages his celebrity into streams of cash from partners from all over the world. The business model for Trump's company started to change around 2007, after he became the star of NBC's *The Apprentice*, which boosted his national and international fame. Rather than constructing Trump's own hotels, office towers and other buildings, much of his business involved striking deals with overseas developers who pay his company for the right to slap his name on their buildings. (The last building constructed by Trump with his name on it is the Trump SoHo hotel and condominium project, completed in 2007.) In public statements, Trump and his son Donald Trump Jr. have celebrated their company's international branding business and announced their intentions to expand it. "The opportunities for growth are endless, and I look forward to building upon the tremendous success we have enjoyed," Donald Trump Jr. said in 2013. Trump Jr. has cited prospects in Russia, Ukraine, Vietnam, Thailand, Argentina and other countries.

The idea of selling the Trump brand name to overseas developers emerged as a small piece of the company's business in the late 1990s. At that time, two executives from Daewoo Engineering and Construction met with Trump at his Manhattan offices to propose paying him for the right to use his name on a new complex under development, according to former executives from the South Korean company. Daewoo had already worked with the Trump Organization to build the Trump World Tower, which is close to the Manhattan headquarters of the United Nations. The former Daewoo executives said Trump was at first skeptical, but in 1999 construction began on the South Korean version of Trump World, six condominium properties in Seoul and two neighboring cities. According to the two former executives, the Trump Organization received an annual fee of approximately \$8 million a year.

Shortly after the deal was signed, the parent company of Daewoo Engineering and Construction, the Daewoo Group, collapsed into bankruptcy amid allegations of what proved to be a \$43 billion accounting fraud. The chairman of the Daewoo Group, Kim Woo Choong, fled to North Korea; he returned in 2005, was arrested and convicted of embezzlement and sentenced to 10 years in prison. According to the two former Daewoo executives, a reorganization of Daewoo after its bankruptcy required revisions in the Trump contract, but the Trump Organization still remains allied with Daewoo Engineering and Construction.

This relationship puts Trump's foreign policies in conflict with his financial interests. Earlier this year, he said South Korea should plan to shoulder its own military defense rather than relying on the United States, including the development of nuclear weapons. (He later denied making that statement, which was video-recorded.) One of the